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**Present:** Cr Anderson (Mayor/Chairman), Cr Patterson, Cr Corrigan, Cr Campbell, Cr Winn, Cr Fekete, Cr Batros, Cr Senise.

**Staff:** General Manager, Acting Director Works & Services (Manager Engineering, Director Governance & Outcomes, Director Development & Environment, Manager Development, Administration Officer.

**APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Cr McFadden from this meeting.

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Patterson that leave of absence be granted to Cr McFadden for this meeting.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES**

Darryl Wells addressed Council regarding motorcycle riding in the bush corridor at Gundangarra Reserve.

*Moved Cr Senise, seconded Cr Winn that an extension of two minutes be granted.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 27 OCTOBER, 2003**

*Moved Cr Winn, seconded Cr Corrigan that the confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of 27 October, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be included in the Order of Business and be confirmed and adopted.*

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**1. Management Plan Review – 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2003**  
(3568/2) (Director Governance &Outcomes)

Council prepares the Management Plan annually together with the Annual Budget, which sets strategies and actions for the next 3 years.

The Local Government Act requires quarterly reports be submitted to Council showing progress to date on strategies and actions within the Management Plan, falling due within each quarter.

Attached is a list of the various Strategies and Actions as contained in the 2003-2004 Management Plan for the information of Councillors (refer to **Tabled Document “BPA 1”**).

Recommended: That the information be noted.

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Batros that the information be noted.*

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**2. MACROC Charter - Councillor Representation**  
(2488/15) (General Manager)

At the MACROC Board Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2003, it was resolved to amend the MACROC Charter as follows:

“Increase the representation of each member Council to four delegates, one being the Mayor of the day, with each Council still having one alternative delegate. A quorum shall consist of a majority of elected delegates with each Council having at least one representative. A delegate cannot be represented by a proxy.”

In order for the alteration to be effected, each member Council is required to consider and agree to the amendment. Council’s delegates were present at the meeting and recommend Council accepts the change as outlined above.

Recommended: That Council agree to the amendment to the MACROC Charter and advise MACROC accordingly.

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Corrigan that Council agree to the amendment to the MACROC Charter and advise MACROC accordingly.*

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**3. Councillors Attendance at Conferences Conducted by UDIA and PIA**

(File TC 653) (Director, Development & Environment Division)

**Purpose of Report**

This report recommends that Council consider attendance at conferences conducted by the UDIA and PIA in view of the information and education offered by both in relation to development of new release areas and other relevant local government planning and development issues.

**Summary of Recommendation**

The report recommends Councillors consider their attendance at either or both conferences and that payment of registration and attendance expenses for any interested Councillors be approved.

**Report**

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) and the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) hold annual conferences which provide an opportunity for practitioners, Councillors, the development industry and other interested parties to gain an understanding of current issues associated in planning and development. Both conferences are well conducted and offer a range of interesting speakers from Australia and overseas. Both conferences were attended by staff and Councillors earlier this year and were found to be beneficial, particularly in relation to the development of release areas.

**UDIA Conference**

This conference will be held on the Gold Coast from March 8-11, 2004 and its theme is "Achieving Balance". It will provide information on master-planned communities and redevelopment projects. International and well-known Australian speakers will address the conference including Gary Hoover from USA, Alan Kell from the UK and Sydney architect Philip Cox. Tours of new developments are also proposed. The conference will follow three streams, economic, lifestyle and environment. As these streams reflect some of the planks of Council's Strategic Plan the conference should be relevant to Camden.

**PIA Conference**

PIA will hold their national planning congress in Hobart from February 22-26 2004. Its theme is "Planning on the Edge" and includes recognition of the "Year of the Built Environment". The conference theme reflects planning at the leading edge of

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thinking and practice and also follows three themes, the Built Environment, Resource Management and Built Environment and Cultural Heritage. These issues are all of relevance to Camden.

**Costs**

The total costs involved taking into account Early Bird registrations and advance purchase airfares are \$2200 for the PIA Conference. Whilst exact prices are not known at this stage it is considered the cost of attending the UDIA conference would be in the vicinity of \$2500 per delegate as registration costs for this conference are usually higher than PIA.

**Conclusion**

Both conferences will offer Councillors and staff exposure to current planning and development issues and should provide valuable learning experience for those who attend. They are particularly relevant to issues facing Camden.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council authorise the attendance and expenditure necessary to allow any Councillors wishing to attend the UDIA and PIA conferences.
- (ii) Any Councillors wishing to attend the conference/s advise the Director, Development & Environment by December 12, 2003 to allow registration at “Early Bird” rates.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Winn that

- (i) Council authorise the attendance and expenditure necessary to allow any Councillors wishing to attend the UDIA and PIA conferences.
- (ii) Any Councillors wishing to attend the conference/s advise the Director, Development & Environment by December 12, 2003 to allow registration at “Early Bird” rates.

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(Cr Batros voted against the Motion).

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**Delegated Committees**

Development Committee – Held 27 October 2003

Development Committee – Held 10 November 2003

Resources & Services Committee – Held 10 November 2003

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Fekete that the Minutes of the Development Committee of the 27 October, 2003, and the 10 November, 2003, and the Minutes of the Resources & Services Committee of the 10 November, 2003 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

**Other Committees**

Traffic Committee – Held 10 November 2003

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Winn that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee Meeting of the 10 November, 2003 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

**MOTION**

*Moved Cr Fekete, seconded Cr Corrigan that Item 10 be referred back for discussion to the next Traffic Committee Meeting.*

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**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

**Motorcycles in Gundungarra Reserve**

Cr Corrigan asked if Mr Wells could contact his office he will talk to the police about ensuring operations are carried out in relation to the trail bike riders in the Bush Corridor relating to Gundungarra Reserve.

**Motorcycles in Gundungarra Reserve**

Cr Campbell asked who is responsible for policing the Gundungarra Reserve.

The Director Development & Environment answered Council rangers have on occasions responded to complaints relating to the area and believed the Manager Engineering had dealt with the majority of the incoming correspondence. The Manager Engineering informed Council officers had responded to the correspondence and it had also been forwarded to the police who have patrolled the area for trail bike riders. This issue will also be included in the Plan of Management which will be reported to Council in the near future.

Cr Campbell asked if Council officers had the authority to issue fines to the bike riders in the Bush Corridor/Reserve areas.

The Director Development & Environment and General Manager informed Council has the authority to fine the offenders but in accordance to their expertise and resources the pursuit to apprehend the offenders is a police matter.

Cr Campbell asked if residents who had observed the trail bike riders and wished to report the incident would know who to contact at Council and the number.

The Acting Director Works & Services (Manager Engineering) informed correspondence has been forwarded to residents with his name and contact number and the General Manager added the Council number gives residents 24hr contact with Council.

Cr Campbell asked if Councillors could inspect the access points to resolve ways to stop access for the bike riders onto the Gundungarra Reserve.

The Director Development & Environment answered this has been discussed including the issue of cattle escaping into the area from the Landcom property in Spring Farm and various options including a budget bid to fence the area with suitable cable is proposed.

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**School Fencing**

Cr Campbell asked whether a school abutting a public carpark has to get Council approval to establish a gate to facilitate pedestrian access onto the carpark.

The Director Development & Environment answered in the affirmative.

**Larkin Place Carpark**

Cr Campbell requested she be notified when approval is given for the major access point into the Larkin Place carpark to the abutting school.

The Director Development & Environment answered in the affirmative.

**Graffiti on Bridges**

Cr Winn thanked Council officers for their efforts in removing the graffiti under the bridges in the area and asked if the community had been made aware of the benefits in reporting graffiti.

The General Manager informed press releases have been issued and will continue to be issued and commended the matter to the press in attendance for their assistance in making the matter more widely know.

**Motorcycles in Gundungarra Reserve**

Cr Batros asked what action was taken by Council after the letter box drop regarding the issue of trail bike riders in the Bush Corridor relating to Gundungarra Reserve.

Acting Director Works & Services (Manager Engineering) informed Cr Batros the responses received out of the letter box drop and also staff investigations were passed on to the police and other issues have been taken up in the Plan of Management.

Cr Batros asked if a Ranger could be sent on occasions after school hours to patrol Gundungarra Reserve.

The Director Development & Environment informed Rangers do make and will continue to make regular patrols at these times and during school holidays but their ability to catch the riders is not as effective as the police who have specialised skills and resources.

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**Election Material on Telegraph Poles**

Cr Fekete asked if the electioneering material remaining on the telegraph poles on Cowpasture Rd, Leppington be removed.

The Director Development & Environment answered in the affirmative.

**Illegal Bike Riding**

Cr Fekete asked if when a bike rider is caught illegally riding in an area does the law allow for the bike to be confiscated.

Council officers did not know the answer at this point in time and will investigate and bring an answer back to Cr Fekete.

**Motorcycles in Gundungarra Reserve**

Cr Campbell asked if Council had approached the local schools for assistance regarding the issue of the trail bike riders in the Bush Corridor relating to Gundungarra Reserve.

Acting Director Works & Services (Manager Engineering) informed as yet Council had not but he would pursue the issue with the schools.

**Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park & Camden Town Farm Funding**

Cr Anderson requested a report be brought to the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2003 Resources and Services Committee Meeting supplying a summary of spending of the Sustainable Regions Funding for Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park and Camden Town Farm.

The General Manager answered the agreement had just been signed for Camden's Bicentennial Equestrian Park and no money had been handed over at this stage so the report will only contain the information for the monies expended relating to Camden Town Farm.

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**CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

Council may, by resolution, deem it necessary to close the meeting to the public during discussion of the following item dealing with a Deed of Release.

The Local Government Act, 1993, as amended, permits the closure under Section 10A(2)(d)(i).

Council may, by resolution, allow members of the public to make representations as to whether the meeting should be closed before any part of the meeting is closed to the public. A representation by a member of the public as to whether a part of the meeting should be closed to the public can only be made for a fixed period immediately after the motion to close the part of the meeting is moved and seconded. That period would be determined by resolution of the committee.

Members of the public will be readmitted to the meeting immediately after the closed section is completed and if the Council passes a resolution during that part of the meeting that is closed to the public, the Chairperson will make the resolution public as soon as practicable after that closed part of the meeting has ended.

In the event that the Council does determine to close part of the meeting, a suitable resolution would be:

“That the meeting be closed to the public to discuss a report dealing with a Deed of Release, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993”.

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Campbell that the meeting be closed to the public to discuss a report dealing with a Deed of Release, in accordance with the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

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**CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The General Manager received no objections when submissions from the Public and press were invited on the closure of the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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**MOTION**

*Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Corrigan to reopen the meeting.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

**OPEN COUNCIL**

***All Councillors as previously recorded were present in the Chamber when Council resumed at 8.55pm.***

***The General Manager informed the Gallery of the resolution passed by Council during the closed committee.***

**Deed of Release**

*Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Patterson that the Seal of Council be affixed to the Deed.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

Meeting closed 8.58pm