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HELD 25 AUGUST, 2003, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET,
CAMDEN – 8.00PM**

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

Staff: Acting General Manager (Director Governance & Outcomes), Director Works & Services, Director Development & Environment, Manager Community Services, Manager Engineering, Senior Governance Officer.

Apologies: An apology was received from Cr Corrigan from this meeting.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Winn, seconded Cr Senise that leave of absence be granted to Cr Corrigan for this meeting.

089/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations.

GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Mr L Muller addressed the Council in relation to the boat ramp at Belgenny Reserve.

M/s Catherine Fryers addressed the Council in relation to the draft Narellan DCP.

MOTION

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

090/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 28 JULY, 2003

Moved Cr Winn, seconded Cr Batros that confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of 28 July, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

091/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

1. MAYORAL MINUTE - 2003 Macarthur Small Business Awards

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On Friday 15th August, 2003, the presentation of the 2003 Macarthur Small Business Awards was held at Campbelltown. At the presentation evening, attended by over 1000 people, businesses within the Camden LGA did extremely well to take 11 of the 26 categories. It is a great result, when an area representing only 20% of the region's population is able to win 42% of the categories within the competition.

The winning businesses from our area are:

- ◆ Adams Automotive - Argyle Street, Camden
- ◆ Giorgio's Cut Price Deli – Narellan Town Centre
- ◆ Cedarwood Building Services – Pindari Avenue, Camden
- ◆ Razorback Surf & Skate – Narellan Town Centre
- ◆ The Gym Total Health & Fitness – Narellan Business Park
- ◆ Designer Bathroomware – Yarmouth Place, Narellan
- ◆ Mt Annan Vet Hospital – Main Street, Mt Annan
- ◆ Narellan Chemmart Pharmacy – Narellan Town Centre
- ◆ Combined Real Estate – Camden Valley Way, Narellan
- ◆ Enzo's Italian Restaurant – John Street, Camden
- ◆ Travelscene – Argyle Street, Camden

I have written to all of the local winners on behalf of Council and I would like to publicly congratulate them now.

Recommended: That Council endorse the actions of the Mayor and formally congratulate all Camden Businesses on winning categories at the 2003 Macarthur Small Business Awards.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Anderson, seconded Cr McFadden that Council endorse the actions of the Mayor and formally congratulate all Camden Businesses on winning categories at the 2003 Macarthur Small Business Awards.

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**2. MAYORAL MINUTE - General Manager – Contract Of
Employment – Performance Review**

(TC/4307, P/508)

The July 2002 to June 2003 performance review of Council's General Manager was completed on 21 August 2003 by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The General Manager's contract sets out the process for the annual review and this current review has been undertaken in accordance with this. Ms Dudley's performance, in relation to each of the items listed in the current Agreement, has been assessed against the criteria set down in her Contract of employment with Council and the Performance Agreement. Issues raised by individual Councillors were also addressed at the review.

Councillors agree that Ms Dudley has met all of the performance criteria set out in her Contract and continues to seek to advance Council's objectives in a manner, which generally exceeds expectations.

A review of industry remuneration levels has been conducted and the proposed total remuneration package is in accordance with industry standards.

Council agrees that the position of General Manager continues to be fulfilled by Ms Dudley in a manner, which significantly contributes to Camden now being recognised as a leading edge Council. In recognition of this performance it is recommended that her total remuneration package be set at \$175,000 plus \$5,000 bonus.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council endorse the annual performance review carried out on 21 August, 2003 by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- (ii) Council commend Ms Dudley on her performance during the review period July 2002 to June 2003.
- (iii) Council agree to Ms Dudley's total remuneration package being \$175,000 plus \$5,000 bonus effective from the first pay period following 1 July, 2003.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Anderson, seconded Cr Senise that

- (i) Council endorse the annual performance review carried out on 21 August, 2003 by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.*
- (ii) Council commend Ms Dudley on her performance during the review period July 2002 to June 2003.*
- (iii) Council agree to Ms Dudley's total remuneration package being \$175,000 plus \$5,000 bonus effective from the first pay period following 1 July, 2003.*

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1. Local Government Elections – March, 2004

(2811/11)(Director Governance & Outcomes)

The State Electoral Office have issued a Circular outlining the timetable for the lead up to the March 2004 elections as follows:

Electoral Rolls Close	16 th February
Nominations Open	9 th February
Close of Nominations	25 th February 5pm
Nomination Day (Ballot paper draw by Returning Officer)	27 th February 12 noon
Postal voting applications open	27 th February
Postal voting applications close	22 nd March
Pre-Poll voting period	15 th March to 26 th March
Polling day	27 th March
Closing time for return of Postal votes	29 th March

Council's Website will be updated with a separate page dedicated specifically to 2004 Election issues and will be updated with the above timetable and more current information as the Election draws closer.

Further details relating to Election will be reported to Council as the information becomes available.

Recommended: That the information be noted.

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2. Camden Skateboard Facility

(File 3102/10) [Director, Works and Services]

Background

At its meeting of 25 November 2002, Council considered a report regarding the proposed development of a skateboard facility at Kirkham Park, Elderslie. It was resolved that

- (i) Public consultation be undertaken to inform interested parties of the proposal to construct a permanent skateboard facility at Kirkham Park (site “A” as attached **Tabled Document “BPA 1”**)

- (ii) additional funding for the construction of a skateboard Subject to public consultation accepting the proposed skateboard facility construction the following items be referred to the 2003/2004 budget process:
 - facility at Kirkham Park \$200,000
 - relocation of existing skateboard facility from Onslow Park to Kirkham Park \$ 8,900

Consultation

Council held a meeting of Kirkham Park stakeholders on 9 April 2003, where the following user groups were invited to attend;

- Camden District Netball Association,
- Camden Rugby League Football Club – Senior,
- Camden Rugby League Football Club – Junior,
- Camden District Senior Cricket Association,
- Camden District Junior Cricket Association,
- Oztag,
- Macarthur BMX Club,
- Harrington Park Soccer Club, and
- Elderslie High School

Also invited were stakeholder representatives from the surrounding Elderslie Release Area (including developer representatives and major land holders).

The meeting was conducted at Council’s Narellan Offices and was chaired by an independent facilitator; a copy of the minutes are attached as **Tabled Document “BPA 2”**.

As part of the consultation process, Council also held an open information/exhibition session on Saturday 12 April 2003, in a marquee within Kirkham Park at the site of the proposed skateboard facility; plans of the proposed facility were on display and Council Officers were available to discuss the proposed facility.

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The information session was widely advertised in the local paper, the community notice boards, at the Camden Area Recreational Trailer (CART), through the schools and through Macarthur Youth Services Network (MYSN), inviting those interested to visit the display and comment on the proposed skateboard facility, design and location. The display was visited by 25 members of the community. A skateboard fact sheet was provided on the day, a copy of this sheet forms **Tabled Document “BPA 3”**.

Feedback

Below is a summary of issues/responses raised throughout the consultation process undertaken in relation to the proposed development of a skateboard facility at Kirkham Park;

Camden District Netball Association

Camden District Netball Association are not opposed to the construction of a skateboard facility in the Camden Area but are strongly opposed to its siting at Kirkham Park. The Netball Association requests Council to consider an alternate site. Some matters raised by the Netball Association are existing issues which need to be addressed notwithstanding the proposed development of a skateboard facility. With respect to issues specifically related to the proposed facility their concerns are summarised below;

- There is a need for better communication between user groups and Council in order to better manage the resource (Kirkham Park).
- Netball Association members, in particular girls, are being harassed by youths on bikes. This problem has only arisen since the introduction of the BMX track and may increase with the introduction of the skateboard facility.
- Lack of lighting. Vandalism and graffiti have increased with the introduction of the BMX track.
- Security and frequency of police patrols.
- An overall Masterplan needs to be prepared as the whole facility (Kirkham Park) needs attention.
- The possible 24hr access to the complex (Kirkham Park) is seen as an issue requiring attention.
- Netball Association often administers First Aid to BMX riders and this need is likely to occur with skate boarders.
- Carparking to the proposed site.
- This area is becoming grossly overcrowded and on weekends during sporting seasons traffic and parking are horrific.
- Lack of toilet facilities.
- More sporting facilities will limit any possibility of expansion for netball at Kirkham Park.
- Suggested alternate locations includes an indoor facility.

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Macarthur BMX Club Inc.

The Macarthur BMX Club did not oppose the facility but made note of a number of issues of concern;

- Location seen to be a problem, lack of supervision, no drinking facilities, lack of garbage facilities, toilet facilities tend to be locked the majority of the time.
- Location in close proximity to the current temporary storage of the BMX Club's canteen trailer.
- Will SP4C be run as a club?
- Graffiti, muggings, assault and supervision.
- Remoteness of proposed site.

Camden Rugby League Football Club

Camden Rugby League Club are:

“not opposed to the facility as such but would rather an alternative location because of the following :-

1. Proximity to Club House and Canteen – probable damage and theft
2. No Surveillance
3. Limits the future expansion of the Rugby League
4. Overuse now of Kirkham Park
5. Can become an eyesore attracting unsavoury elements of the community to target kids.”

The Rugby League Club suggested alternate locations such as in an industrial area, located within a building and/or leased to operator.

WRARG (Wilson Richardson Area Residents Group)

WRARG advises that they object to the proposed skate park at Kirkham Park and

“Although we believe a skate park is vital for the area's youth, we believe Council should retain the skate park at its current location in Camden”.

Points of concern include:

- Camden has better and more centrally located transport facilities.
- There are no shops at hand at Kirkham Park unlike Camden.
- Anti-social behaviour; Camden is closer to the police.
- Little or no adult participation hence no supervision.
- Facility needs to be close to amenities.
- There is a risk of adverse impact upon the existing and future amenity of the neighbourhood (including the proposed Elderslie Infill Development).
- Community based management plan introduced at the Great Lakes Council facility at Tuncurry has lessened the problems.

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SP4C (Skate Park 4 Camden)

SP4C have been keen proponents of a skatepark for Camden and strongly support the development of a skateboard facility as proposed at Kirkham Park, Elderslie.

Tabled Document “BPA 4” provides copies of the letters of support secured by SP4C from;

- Federal Member for Macarthur, the Hon Mr Pat Farmer MP,
- State Member for Camden Mr Geoffrey Corrigan MP,
- former Member for Camden Dr Liz Kernohan,
- Camden Chamber of Commerce & Industry,
- Camden Local Youth Group (CLYG), and
- Macarthur Community Forum Inc.

Camden Police

Council sought input and comment from the Camden Police regarding the proposed development of a skateboard facility at Kirkham Park. In response Camden Police prepared an assessment of the site and requested comments from other Crime Prevention Officers.

The Camden Local Area Command Crime Prevention Officer has prepared a “Risk Assessment for proposed Skate Park at Kirkham Park, Camden Valley Way, Elderslie” (May 2003). A copy of the assessment **was forwarded to Councillors separately.**

Following consultation with other Police Crime Prevention Officers and consideration of several aspects including location, surveillance, bicycles, street furniture, environmental maintenance, landscaping, alcohol, parking and lighting, the assessment concludes that *“I do not see any valid reasons to object to this Skate Park in the proposed location”*.

Response to Issues Raised

Overall Management of Kirkham Park

Council is currently working with the Kirkham Park stakeholders to address existing issues of concern; Council has met the park users on several occasions to identify areas of concern and will continue to meet with the various user groups to resolve/address such issues.

Ultimately a Master Plan and Plan of Management for Kirkham Park will be established catering for the existing and future expansion of the facility as part of the Elderslie Infill development.

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The issue of lighting was identified during the consultation process and as a result lighting will be considered as part of the Master Planning process for Kirkham Park. In consultation with the stakeholders Council will determine an appropriate time for the lights to be operational, dependent upon funding.

Vandalism/Graffiti/Anti-Social Behaviour

As with most community facilities, the proposed skatepark may potentially attract vandalism, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. Council will work closely with SP4C, the users, Police and stakeholders to address such issues. Council will investigate options to manage the level of graffiti, such as those which have been established at other skateboard facilities.

Security/Surveillance/Supervision/Remoteness

The proposed site was chosen and is appropriate because of the level of passive supervision which is implicit in its location beside the collector road serving the Elderslie Infill development.

24 Hour Access to Kirkham Park

Kirkham Park is a sporting facility which provides free access at all times to members of the community. The existing gates at the Hilder Street entrance are managed by the various user groups to restrict vehicle access to the facility outside of the times when the facilities are in use (e.g. training and competition).

First Aid

First Aid will be required to be provided during organised activities at the proposed skateboard facility. However, as with other sporting and community facilities which are freely open to the public, the onus is on the users to take appropriate measures to ensure their individual safety.

Council will be erecting appropriate warning and recommended safety equipment signage at proposed facility.

Carparking

Council will consider the construction of additional formalised carparking adjacent to the proposed facility as part of the Master Planning of Kirkham Park. It is anticipated that the majority of visitors will arrive via alternate means (e.g walk, skate, ride, dropped off, public transport).

Amenities

As part of the development of a skateboard facility at this site, Council will consider the construction of amenities such as toilets and drinking fountains in this vicinity as part of the Master Planning of Kirkham Park. Sufficient garbage receptacles will be provided to encourage responsible disposal of rubbish.

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Future Expansion

The future development of Kirkham Park as a regional park will create opportunities to expand the operations of existing and other sporting groups within Camden.

Proximity to temporary storage of BMX Canteen Trailer

Council will work with the BMX and Rugby League Club to find an alternate location for the temporary storage of the BMX Club's canteen trailer.

Impact on Amenity of proposed Elderslie residential development

The location of the proposed skateboard facility will provide a valuable and convenient asset to all youth within the Camden LGA including those immediately adjoining within the Elderslie Infill development. Skateboard "riders" within the Camden area have been requesting the establishment of an appropriate facility for a number of years.

In addition, the establishment of a skateboard facility within Kirkham Park, being a multi-sport community facility at this time (i.e preceding the abutting residential development) is seen to promote the range and use of this reserve throughout the year. Establishment at this time alerts potential buyers to the full range of sporting uses within this park (including extending lighting for training purposes) and that the reserve is a focal point for many sports each weekend throughout the year attracting significant numbers of visitors.

The location of the proposed facility in relation to the Elderslie Infill development is considered sufficiently removed, being located within a larger sporting "park", not to have a direct impact on the amenity of the area.

Financial Implications

As identified within previous reports, the construction of the proposed skate facility has been estimated to cost \$250,000 in total. This estimate is for the construction of the skateboard facility only; budgetary allocations for items such as lighting, amenities, car parking, security (if necessary), graffiti management and general maintenance will be additional.

SP4C had previously secured funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation totalling \$18,000. However, given that the available funds were not spent within an appropriate timeframe, these monies were relinquished to the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Available Funds

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- In the late 1990's Council allocated funds (in the order of \$30,000) towards the construction of a skateboard facility, \$23,580 remains. (This funding has so far provided the design of the facility; originally designed for Mount Annan Site).
- Council has committed an additional \$130,000 from within the 2003/2004 budget.
- Council understands that the original Camden Lions Club funding of \$10,000 is still available.

Proposed Funding of the Facility

Council will seek 1:1 funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation's Regional Sports Facility Program towards the construction of the skateboard facility. Applications close in September and Council will seek to secure funding to match its available funds of \$153,580. The success of the submission will be advised prior to the end of 2003.

Should the submission be successful, the available Council funds, complemented by grant funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation and from the Camden Lions will provide a total of \$317,160 towards the establishment of a skate board facility at Kirkham Park. The table below summarises the anticipated available funds towards the skateboard facility;

Source of Funds	Budget
Original Council vote	\$23,580
Council 2003/2004 Budget	\$130,000
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>\$153,580</i>
Dept. Of Sport & Rec funding 1:1 (subject to approval)	\$153,580
Camden Lions	\$10,000
Total	\$317,160

As stated above, the construction of the skateboard facility is estimated to cost \$250,000.

As identified through the stakeholder consultation process, the lack of amenities within Kirkham Park is of concern. This matter will be addressed as part of the master planning process for Kirkham Park with consideration to the significant expansion and embellishment of this sporting facility as part of the adjoining Elderslie Infill development. In the meantime, Council will work with the stakeholders to establish a suitable solution to the issue of access to amenities within the reserve; this will include the establishment of suitable facilities adjacent to the skateboard facility as described previously.

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From the stakeholders meeting of 9 April 2003, the facilitator observed;

“What appears obvious from the comments of some of the user groups is that a plan of management for the Kirkham complex is required, particularly if additional uses are to be introduced onto the site.

The issues of access to amenities (toilets, water) and rubbish collection and removal should be addressed as a matter of some concern”.

It therefore appears that a detailed Master Plan and separate Plan of Management for Kirkham Park (including the proposed extension of the park for the Elderslie Infill Development) is required. However, it is considered that the development of these plans are not required in order to pursue the development of the proposed skateboard facility.

Council will work with the Kirkham Park stakeholders to address the issues of concern as described within this report.

Recommended: That Council

- (i) Pursue the development of a skateboard facility as proposed at Site “A” including lodging of a Development Application for same.
- (ii) Council seek, through the preparation of a Master Plan and Plan of Management for Kirkham Park, amicable resolutions to the issues raised by the existing users of this facility.
- (iii) Notify all stakeholders and respondents of Council’s resolution.
- (iv) Make application to the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation for a 1:1 grant of \$153,580 to construct a skateboard facility at Kirkham Park.
- (v) Write to the Member for Camden seeking representation to the Department of Sport and Recreation supporting Council’s grant application.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Batros that Council

- (i) *Pursue the development of a skateboard facility as proposed at Site “A”, dependent on a review taking into account the Police comments to move the site closer to Camden Valley Way including lodging of a Development Application for same.*

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- (ii) *Council seek, through the preparation of a Master Plan and Plan of Management for Kirkham Park, amicable resolutions to the issues raised by the existing users of this facility.*
- (iii) *Notify all stakeholders and respondents of Council's resolution.*
- (iv) *Make application to the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation for a 1:1 grant of \$153,580 to construct a skateboard facility at Kirkham Park.*
- (v) *Write to the Member for Camden seeking representation to the Department of Sport and Recreation supporting Council's grant application.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Anderson, Cr Fekete and Cr McFadden voted against the Motion).

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3. Camden Cultural Map

(File 4606) (Director Works and Services)

Purpose

This report advises Council of the completion of the cultural mapping project and provides a summary of the project outcomes.

Background

In 2001 Council received partial funding from the New South Wales Ministry for the Arts, with the balance provided by Council to undertake a Cultural Mapping project.

A special project officer was employed by Council to undertake the project over the following 18 months. The project involved preliminary research, quantitative research; and qualitative research through creative workshops to identify places of value through postcards, mono-prints, creative writing, random face-to-face interviews, public meeting, arts industry questionnaire, cultural audit, public art, and film interviews. This information was then collated into various documents, the key document being "Mapping the Cultural Social Fabric of the Camden Local Government Area 2002"

Discussion

What is the Cultural Map?

The Cultural Map provides a snap shot of the people who live in the Camden local government area. The Map:

- provides current cultural information;
- identifies art and cultural practitioners in the region;
- reveals the cultural experience of citizens;
- sets out location of facilities, resources and activities;
- identifies unique characteristics of the area;
- provides intrinsic information for Council to inform strategic plans and policies; and
- provides an insight as to how Camden's citizens live and behave in their community.

The Map consists of a written document, CD ROM of the map in PDF format and a PowerPoint presentation, video, and album documenting the process; and a stain glass/ lead light box containing images gathered through the consultation process.

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How will the Map be used?

The content of the Map provides an inventory of cultural information for integrated planning and policy considerations in relation to:

- who and what is in our community - 'gives a face' to the community;
- assisting the development of the new Camden Community / Social Plan;
- developing community cultural development projects and programs;
- establishing partnerships with key cultural institutions to develop educational and environmental awareness programs through community cultural development processes ;
- provides information for funding opportunities; and
- springboard for cultural initiatives and tourism strategies.

Communication strategy

The Map will be of interest to the community as well as a cross section of government and non-government agencies. As such a range of strategies have been developed to ensure that the Map is communicated as widely as possible including:

- an official launch will take place shortly with invitations issued to all those who participated in the mapping project;
- press releases when the Map is launched;
- provision of the map in variety formats including hard copy and CD-ROM; and
- promotion of the Map on Council's web page and in Council's libraries.

A brief post card has also been produced to promote the map and how to access it.

Conclusion

'Mapping the Cultural Fabric of the Camden Local Government Area 2002' provides a people scape of Camden's people and culture. It provides a snap shot in time of how Camden's citizens identify with and participate in the community; what makes Camden's citizens feel that they belong, gives them a sense of well being and place; and what they truly value in their community.

Recommended: That Council endorse 'Mapping the Cultural Fabric of the Camden Local Government Area 2002'.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Fekete that Council endorse 'Mapping the Cultural Fabric of the Camden Local Government Area 2002'.

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(Cr Winn voted against Motion).

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**4. Appointment of Catherine Field Community Hall and
Field 355 Community Management Committee**
(File 3811/1) (Director Works and Services)

Purpose

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the membership of the Catherine Field Community Hall and Field 355 Community Management Committee for 2003/2004.

Discussion

The 355 Management Committee held its Annual General Meeting in June 2003 and have subsequently recommended to Council seven (7) people to participate on the 355 management Committee. The Committee wishes Council to formally appoint the members listed in the recommendation and on the list circulated separately to Councillors.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council endorse the appointment of the following members: Kathy van Bueren, George Wheatley, Fran Jemison, Greg French, Arnold Miedema, Evelyn Winnall and George Winnall to the Catherine Field Community Hall and Field 355 Community Management Committee for 2003/2004;
- (ii) Councillor Fekete remain as Council's delegate to the Committee; and
- (iii) Council sign and affix the seal to the Deed of Delegation.

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

- (i) Council endorse the appointment of the following members: Kathy van Bueren, George Wheatley, Fran Jemison, Greg French, Arnold Miedema, Evelyn Winnall and George Winnall to the Catherine Field Community Hall and Field 355 Community Management Committee for 2003/2004;
- (ii) Councillor Fekete remain as Council's delegate to the Committee; and
- (iii) Council sign and affix the seal to the Deed of Delegation.

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**5. Request to waive fees for the use of Mount Annan
Community Cottage by Camden Area Youth Services
(formally Camden Local Youth Group)**

(File 3459) (Director Works and Services)

Purpose

This report advises Council of a request received from Camden Area Youth Service (CAYS) to waive fees for the hire of the Mount Annan Cottage for the period 3 February to 30 June 2003.

Background

At its meeting held on 24 March, 2003, Council was advised of the Camden Area Youth Services (CAYS) relocation to the Mount Annan Community Cottage, Welling Drive Mount Annan. The youth group has exclusive access to the rear room of the cottage and the office.

Discussion

Council officers advised CAYS at a meeting held on 12 December 2002, that Council will need to charge a minimal weekly rent of \$27.50 for the space in the Community Centre as this was consistent with other community organisations occupying Council facilities, such as the Camden Area Community Resource Centre. At the time CAYS expressed concern about that and enquired about the possibility of having the fees waived, for a short period of time to assist in the move. CAYS were advised that any decision to waive fees must be provided in writing and would need to be referred to Council for their consideration.

Current Hire Arrangements

CAYS currently pay \$27.50 per week or \$1,430 per annum for exclusive use of the rear room, office, shared use of front activity room and storage. CAYS are responsible for paying full replacement costs to any damages or breakages to the building, fittings and contents and surrounding grounds. CAYS are also responsible for the full cost of any additional cleaning required and the cost for making any repairs or alterations to return the facility back to its original condition.

Council pays for operating and maintaining the community premises, the provision of a cleaner once a week, security, and any alterations or improvements to the facility that have been requested and approved through Council. The fee charged is token only to assist in meeting some of the costs associated with the facility.

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Request from CAYS

CAYS have requested that fees for a 21-week period, which equates to \$577.50, be waived so that this money can be directed towards program costs to assist in meeting the needs of young people living in Camden.

The CAYS is solely funded by the NSW State Department of Community Services (DOCS). Generally State government funding provides for a rental component, however Council officers have been advised verbally by DOCS that there is no rental component allocated to CAYS, as the service is located in a Council owned facility.

Council previously has applied the principle that it does not fund services or programs that are State Government responsibilities. As such it is recommended that the request for the waiving of the fees not be granted, but rather that Council write in support of an increase to CAYS funding to meet the rental component.

Recommended: That:

- (i) Fees and charges be applied for the period of 3 February to 30 June 2003 being \$577.50 in total, and the fees outlined in Council's fees and charges schedule continue to be applied thereafter;
- (ii) Council write to CAYS and advise of the decision and their support for CAYS in seeking additional funds to cover the rental component; and
- (iii) Council writes to the NSW Department of Community Services in support of CAYS being provided with additional funding to meet the rental costs.

MOTION

Moved Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Winn that

- (i) *Council waive the fees for the period 3rd February to 30th June, 2003, and the fees for the period 1 July, 2003 to 30 June, 2004. The fees be reassessed after that time if funding becomes available from Department of Community Services, whichever occurs first.*

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- (ii) *Council write to CAYS and advise of the decision and their support for CAYS in seeking additional funds to cover the rental component; and*
- (iii) *Council writes to the NSW Department of Community Services in support of CAYS being provided with additional funding to meet the rental costs.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Campbell, Cr Batros and Cr Fekete voted against the Motion).

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**6. Appointment of Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park
355 Management Committee**

(Director Works and Services) (File: 1500/660/2)

Purpose

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the membership of the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park – 355 Management Committee for 2002-2003.

Discussion

At its Annual General Meeting on the 27 November 2002, a committee was formed following a period of public notice and a call for expression of interest for membership from the community.

It is recommended to Council that the following members be formally adopted as members of the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park 355 Committee.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council endorse the appointment of the following members: Antony Olds, Jack Allan, Elva Plantzos, Paul Frean, Annette Arany, Raymond Moore, Jennifer Frankhum, Robert Blacker, Jennifer Hodgson, David Head (Show Society Representative), Ken Sharpe (Show Society Alternate Representative);
- (ii) Councillor Campbell remain as Council's delegate to the Committee; and
- (iii) Council sign and affix the seal to the Deed of Delegation.

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

- (i) Council endorse the appointment of the following members: Antony Olds, Jack Allan, Elva Plantzos, Paul Frean, Annette Arany, Raymond Moore, Jennifer Frankhum, Robert Blacker, Jennifer Hodgson, David Head (Show Society Representative), Ken Sharpe (Show Society Alternate Representative);
- (ii) Councillor Campbell remain as Council's delegate to the Committee; and
- (iii) Council sign and affix the seal to the Deed of Delegation.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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7. Funding for Bicentennial Equestrian Park from the Commonwealth Sustainable Regions Program

(Director Works and Services) (File: 1500/660/2)

Purpose

This report advises Council of the success of a grant application under the Commonwealth Sustainable Regions Program.

Discussion

Council submitted a grant application under the Commonwealth government's sustainable regions program for the Bicentennial Equestrian Park in July 2002. Since this time Council Officers have continued to provide advice and meet with representatives from Camden - Campbelltown Sustainable Regions Committee and the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services, with a revised application submitted in March 2003.

Council received advice of the success of the grant, which will provide \$360,000 to Council for the development of the Park. The grant will provide a range of infrastructure to the park, that is, stables, clubrooms, catering facilities, bridge, grandstand, office, storage areas, power and sewerage.

This infrastructure will substantially increase the park's ability to host major events such as the 2006 National Polocrosse Championships, which are anticipated to bring over 2,000 competitors and 25,000 spectators to the region over a 2 weeks period.

Recommended: That:

- (i) Council authorise the execution of funding agreements with the Commonwealth for the provision of the grant for Bicentennial Equestrian Park; and
- (ii) Council write to the Sustainable Regions Committee and the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services expressing appreciation for their support.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Fekete that:

- (i) Council authorise the execution of funding agreements with the Commonwealth for the provision of the grant for Bicentennial Equestrian Park; and*
- (ii) Council write to the Sustainable Regions Committee and the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Services expressing appreciation for their support.*

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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Confirmation of Item 1 – Council Meeting - 23rd June, 2003.

At the Council Meeting on 28th July, 2003, confirmation of Item 1 of the Council Meeting of 23rd June, 2003 relating to “Capital Budget Issues – Camden Car Park and Camden Swimming Pool” was deferred pending clarification of the Pecuniary Interest declarations made by Councillors Campbell, Patterson and Winn. It was agreed the exact statements made by the Councillors be provided for inclusion in the Minutes and to date, the wording has not been provided by the Councillors.

It is recommended that the Minutes of Item 1 of the Council Meeting of 23rd June, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

(Extract of Minutes of Item 1 Council Meeting 23rd June, 2003)

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr Corrigan, seconded Cr Batros that:

- (i) Based upon the fact that several Councillors have declared an interest in relation to the car park matter, consideration of this report be made in two parts;*
- (ii) Those sections dealing with the Camden Swimming Pool and the Community Bus be dealt with first in order to permit all Councillors to participate in the debate;*
- (iii) Those Councillors with an interest in the car park matter be invited to return to the Chamber for discussion of the pool and the community bus;*
- (iv) The matter of the Camden car park be dealt with as a separate item and those Councillors with an interest in that issue again retire from the Chamber and take no part in debate on that Item.*

062/03 THE PROCEDURAL MOTION ON BEING
***** PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Winn, Cr Patterson and Cr Campbell returned to the Chamber – the time being 8.30pm).

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MOTION

Moved Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Campbell that

- (i) Council approve \$15,000 for the Engineering report into the current status of the Camden Swimming Pool and a report be provided back to Council within three (3) months;
- (ii) Council approve up to \$1,000,000 for repairs to the Camden Swimming Pool structure. Upon completion a further report be provided to determine further restoration of the facilities as required;
- (iii) A longer term funding strategy be developed for the collection of funds to develop a heated, indoor pool in Camden.

063/03 *THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS*
***** **CARRIED.**

FURTHER MOTION

Moved Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Winn that

- (i) Council provide an additional \$45,000 in the 2003/2004 Management Plan and Budget for the upgrading of the community bus with a 22 seat replacement.

064/03 *THE FURTHER MOTION ON BEING PUT*
***** *WAS* **CARRIED.**

(At this stage Cr Winn, Cr Patterson and Cr Campbell having previously declared a pecuniary interest in part of this Item relating to the proposed car park, took no part in discussion or voting on the rest of this Item and left the Chamber – the time being 8.49pm).

FURTHER MOTION

Moved Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Corrigan that Council approve the construction of a decked car parking structure in the John/Murray Street car park and the seeking of appropriate loan approvals from the Minister for Local Government and consider the allocation of funds in the 2003/04 Budget.

065/03 *THE FURTHER MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS*
***** **CARRIED.**
(Cr Batros and Cr Fekete voted against the Further Motion).

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(Cr Winn, Cr Patterson and Cr Campbell returned to the Chamber – the time being 9.08pm).

MOTION

Moved Cr Batros, seconded Cr Fekete that the Minutes of Item 1 of the Council meeting held 23rd June, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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Delegated Committees

Development Committee held 28 July, 2003

Development Committee held 11 August 2003

Resources & Services Committee held 11 August 2003

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Batros, seconded Cr Winn that the Minutes of the Development Committee of the 28 July, 2003 and 11 August, 2003 and the Minutes of the Resources & Services Committee of the 11 August, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

102/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

Other Committees

Traffic Committee held 11 August 2003

(Cr Campbell declared a Pecuniary Interest in this matter as being associated with the owner of 69-74 Argyle Street, Camden and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter and left the Chamber – the time being 9.49pm).

ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION

Moved Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Senise that Item 1 of the Traffic Committee held 11 August, 2003 be dealt with at this stage.

103/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

1. Business Arising from the Committee's Last Report Dated 10 June, 2003.

Report to Council meeting 23 June 2003. - Resolution 078/03.

Signage of Private Driveway Between 65 and 71 Argyle Street, Camden

This item reported to the June Traffic Committee was taken up by Council at its June 2003 Council meeting when, as part of its consideration of the Traffic Committee minutes it was noted:

“that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee of the 10 June, 2003, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted with the exception of Item 1 to be referred back to the Traffic Committee for further discussions with Merchants to resolve the issues.”

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A meeting was held on Friday 25 July 2003 between two Council officers, the owners of “Looking Class” 71 Argyle Street, and the Manager of Camden Starr Real Estate at 64 Argyle Street to discuss the operations of this private driveway and signage of the driveway which formally denotes the legislation forbidding parking across the driveway.

Topics covered during the on-site meeting were:

The siting of the sign poles from the driveway edges
Parking practices of drivers in Argyle Street at the driveway
The operation of the private driveway by both parties
Operation of the gate across the drive
History of traffic impeding the driveway

- Delivery to nearby shops
- Practices of delivery vehicles
- Practices of private drivers in picking up purchases
- Signage of the driveway on the opposite side of Argyle Street between Nos. 60 and 62
- Signage to the other access points in Argyle Street namely:
 - Crown Hotel (No. 187) Furniture One Store (No. 185) and Woolworth’s exit
 - Post Office (No. 135)
 - Camden Toyworld (No. 38)
 - Butlers Funeral Director (No. 23)

The owners of 65 Argyle Street are firmly of the belief that signing the driveway is unnecessary, and although aware that some minor infringements of the parking legislation have occurred, do not see the need to formally sign the driveway.

The manager of 71 Argyle Street was equally of the opinion that the signage will make drivers aware of the need to keep the driveway free for access. He indicated a need to access the driveway throughout the day by the business.

No consensus could be achieved through the on-site meeting. Both parties were offered the opportunity to put their position in writing so that the matter could be considered by the Traffic Committee and Council. At the time of writing no correspondence has been received. Any letter will naturally be tabled at the meeting should it arrive prior to this Traffic Committee.

One further point to note is that the driveway / access points to the above noted sites in Argyle Street are each signposted with “No Stopping” signs (the only exception being to Butler Funerals which is un-signed).

TC69/03 **Recommended:** *That*

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- (i) Council reaffirm the need to sign the private driveway between 65 and 71 Argyle Street as a matter of conformity with other similar access points in the main street of Camden as per Delegated Authority 2003/6.
- (ii) The driveway adjacent properties Nos. 60 and 62 Argyle Street be altered from “No Parking” to “No Stopping”.
- (iii) The merchants of Nos. 65 and 71, and 60 and 62 be advised of this action.

MOTION

Moved Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Senise that the Traffic Committee recommendation above relating to Item 1 of the Meeting of 11 August, 2003 be confirmed.

104/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Campbell returned to the Chamber the time being 9.53pm).

FURTHER MOTION

Moved Cr Patterson, seconded Cr McFadden that the balance of the recommendations of the Traffic Committee of 11 August, 2003 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

105/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Senise voted against the Motion).

Special Traffic Committee held 18 August 2003

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Winn that the Minutes of the Special Traffic Committee held 18 August, 2003 copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

106/03

THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Batros voted against the Motion).

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings – “Undercroft”

(TC/3281)

Cr Campbell requested to be advised of the Council recommendation regarding the holding of Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings in the Undercroft.

The Mayor advised the time for allocation of these meetings was drawing to a close and the Country Women’s Association was going to assist Alcoholics Anonymous in holding meetings.

The Director Works & Services stated the recommendation will be provided.

Back Fencing Conditions

(TC/491)

Cr Campbell requested advice on back fencing conditions and on building envelopes Council has been imposing on blocks to preserve the view corridor from the streets deemed to be significant for the community’s retention. What can Council do as solid fences are being erected between houses and solid side fences in front of the back fences. Council is not achieving the result it was aiming for.

Director Development & Environment stated the issue referred to was reported to Council and there had been a problem with the consent issued for the particular dividing fence. Council in the future would be mindful of the need to include restriction on the type of gates as well as fencing in future cases.

Anti Graffiti Kit

(TC/4149)

Cr Winn advised of a new kit on the market referring to the banning of selling of spray paint cans from 1st September, 2003. Could Council take the Kit and pass on to the Chambers of Commerce for use.

The Manager of Community Services stated Council’s Senior Community Officer is visiting local shop owners and obtaining kits from Department of Fair Trading to take on the visits.

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Draft Narellan DCP

(TC/4711)

Cr Winn asked if an extension of the exhibition period of the draft Narellan DCP could be arranged.

The Acting General Manager stated the draft DCP is the subject of probably the longest and most detailed consultation that Council has undertaken. A more formal response will be provided. In terms of the Public Address earlier in the meeting, most of the assertions made during the address are rejected and Council will look into the issues raised and will be making a full report back to Council as soon as possible.

Bin Cleaning – Argyle Street

(TC/1947)

Cr Winn commended Council staff on the purchase and use of the new Bin cleaning device and many positive comments have been received.

Toilets – Onslow Park

(PF1500.100)

Cr Winn reiterated the toilets in Onslow Park have been an ongoing issue for several years and understood the refurbishment of the toilets was provided in previous Budgets. What is the current position?

Director of Works and Services advised the work is contained in the current Budget and will be completed by 30th June 2004 and will attempt to bring the work forward.

Lighting – Remembrance Drive

(TC/817)

Cr Winn referred to recent letters on the above matter and requested to be advised if Council is responsible for the street lighting along Remembrance Drive.

The Director Works & Services advised it is Council's responsibility. Council has been paying electricity accounts for many years. However, the standard of the lighting was the centre of the discussion. The standard was set by Prospect County Council years ago and the lighting standard has recently been lifted. Council is currently doing an assessment of Camden's position.

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Boat Ramp – Belgenny Oval

(TC/3555)

Cr Batros requested a copy of Mr. Muller's letter and Council's reply referred to the Public Address earlier in the meeting. The Scouts have also raised the difficulty of children carrying canoes and the key issue should be considered.

The Director Works and Services stated the correspondence will be provided. In the past, there has been heavy vandalism in the area. If Council wishes keys issued to users, a report could be provided to Council.

Pedestrian Refuge – Leppington Shopping Centre

(TC/3281)

Cr Fekete requested an update on the pedestrian refuge at the Leppington Shopping Centre.

The Director Works and Services stated Council will endeavour to obtain an answer, not much information is known. The RTA will be building the crossing.

Solar Lighting for Parks

(TC/866)

Cr Fekete asked has Council received costing for Solar lighting.

The Director Works and Services stated solar lighting has been considered over the years. Two issues are cost and maintenance of panels and the fact the panels are frequently stolen.

Traffic issues – Bringelly Road/Camden Valley Way

(TC/1702)

Cr Fekete drew attention to the problem of vehicles entering this intersection from Cowpasture Road and general congestion. Could Council write to the RTA concerning this intersection.

The Director of Works and Services stated the intersection is not in Council's area, however, a letter could be written.

Currans Hill Lake System.

(TC/3281)

Cr McFadden drew attention to the poor water quality and general condition of vegetation and rubbish surrounding the lake area.

The Director Works and Services stated an inspection will be made.

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Cr Senise drew attention to the address by Mr Muller earlier in the evening and stated people were accessing the river from Cowpasture Bridge and was Council overlooking OH & S responsibilities.

The Director Works and Services stated people do put canoes into the river in inappropriate places. There is a venue at Belgenny which is viable. It was opened for 12 months and has been vandalised in the past. It is the safest site. No problem in relation to O.H.& S Act. There are safe working conditions and practices are maintained.

The Acting General Manager stated Council has a common law duty of care to recreational users of the river but Council does not owe a duty of care to anyone who is not an employee of Council.

The meeting closed at 10.40pm.