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SEPTEMBER, 2004 CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET, CAMDEN
8.00PM**

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Present: Cr Funnell (Deputy Mayor/Chairperson) Cr Dewberry, Cr Elliott, Cr Campbell, Cr Kernohan, Cr Whiteman, Cr Cagney.

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

Apologies: An apology was received from Crs Anderson and Johnson from this meeting.

MOTION

Moved Cr Whiteman, seconded Cr Elliott that leave of absence be granted to Crs Anderson and Johnson from this meeting.

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*THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.***

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest or Conflicts of Interest.

GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Mr. Shayne Bell addressed the Council in relation to Item 4.
Mr. Frank Paterson also addressed the Council in relation to Item 4.
Mr. Matt Leighton addressed the Council in relation to Item 5.
Mr. Alan French addressed the Council in relation to Item 5.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question

Bicentennial Equestrian Park Master Plan

In relation to the advertising of the Information sessions for the Master Plan, on what date and which newspapers were the Sessions advertised. It is felt not enough notice has been given. Can the Meetings be rescheduled.

Answer

The Manager Community Services stated a check will be made of the newspaper advertisements. However, a mail out did occur to the Equestrian group and the Chamber of Commerce. Additional sessions can be rescheduled or additional sessions held.

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Question

Underground mining – effect on Nepean River

Reference was made to Item 5 of the Development Committee meeting held earlier this evening. Could the newsletter produced by BHP Billiton be made available to the community.

Answer

The Acting Director of Development and Health stated the newsletter was a public document and copies would be made available

Question

Footpath at The Watermark and The Cascades

Reference was made to the Item 4 on the Council Agenda this evening, have all Councillors taken the opportunity to inspect the park before voting on the matter.

Answer

The Mayor stated the matter could be possibly deferred for an inspection. North Ward Councillors do inspect properties before the meeting and all Councillors will do likewise.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING
23rd AUGUST, 2004.**

Moved Cr. Dewberry seconded Cr Whiteman that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23rd August, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING 20th SEPTEMBER, 2004.**

Moved Cr Dewberry seconded Cr Kernohan that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 20th September, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

DELEGATED COMMITTEES

Development Committee held 23rd August, 2004.

Moved Cr Cagney seconded Cr Whiteman that Minutes of the Development Committee held on 23rd August, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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Development Committee held 13th September, 2004

Moved Cr Whiteman seconded Cr Cagney that Minutes of the Development Committee held on 13th September, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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Resources and Services Committee held 13th September, 2004

Moved Cr Kernohan seconded Cr Cagney that Minutes of the Resources and Services Committee held on 13th September, 2004, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

OTHER COMMITTEES

Traffic Committee (13th September, 2004)

Moved Cr Cagney seconded Cr Whiteman that the Minutes of the Traffic Committee held on 13th September, 2004, be confirmed and adopted.

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

MAYORAL MINUTE

Item 1 -

Hire of Camden Civic Centre (Acting Mayor)

A request has been received to make the Camden Civic Centre available free of charge for a meeting to be held on Tuesday, 9th November, 2004 for a public meeting to be chaired by South West Sydney Area Health Service & Camden area Resources Centre Inc.

Recommended: That the Camden Civic Centre be made available to the South West Sydney Area Health Service and Camden Area Resource Centre Inc on 9th November, 2004 free of charge.

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MOTION

Moved Cr Fennell seconded Cr Campbell That the Camden Civic Centre be made available to the South West Sydney Area Health Service and Camden Area Resource Centre Inc on 9th November, 2004 free of charge.

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Item 2 -

Donation to Relay for Life 2004 (Mayor)

Purpose of Report

That Council support the Cancer Council Macarthur Relay for Life by way of a donation of \$1,000.

Background

A letter was received by the Mayor from Macarthur Cancer Carers Committee seeking sponsorship for the Macarthur Relay for Life to be held on 16th and 17th October, 2004.

Main Report

The Macarthur Relay for Life is an event where teams of 10 to 15 people take turns in walking or running around an oval to raise funds for cancer research, education, support services and advocacy.

The first Relay was held in 2000 and since that time has raised over \$300,000 of which 40% remains in the Macarthur region.

The Macarthur Relay for Life will be held on 16th and 17th October, 2004 at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Recommended: That Council support the Macarthur Relay for Life by way of a \$1,000 donation.

Several Councillors advised the Meeting that this matter may have been dealt with by Council previously this year. The General Manager advised the matter will be investigated.

THE MAYORAL MINUTE WAS **WITHDRAWN.**

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**1. Expenditure Revotes to be carried forward to the
2004/05 Budget**

(Director Governance & Outcomes)

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to revoke a list of specific projects that were incomplete as at 30 June 2004.

Introduction

At the end of each financial year a review is undertaken to identify the status of specific projects with a view to having funds carried forward in order to complete the works.

Most of the projects have been committed in terms of works or services rendered but not yet paid for by Council as at 30 June 2004.

All projects submitted for revoke have satisfied the criteria outlined in Council's adopted 'Expenditure Revotes Policy' and have been determined as essential to meet either the strategic or operational requirements of Council.

Total Value of Expenditure Revotes

The reports titled 'Budget Review as at 31 December 2003' and 'Budget Review as at 31 March 2004' identified a list of projects totalling \$2,381,022 that would require funds to be carried forward (ie revoke) in order to complete the works.

The final list of projects totals \$3,342,613 and whilst the final result of year ending 30 June 2004 is yet to be formally audited, a preliminary review of all income and expenditure allocations indicate a surplus sufficient to fund all additional expenditure revotes.

Please Note: Council has already adopted a list of projects totalling \$2,381,022 that were identified in the December and March Reviews. It is only the additional \$961,591 (\$3,342,613 less the \$2,381,022) that requires Council's authorisation.

The following table shows a comparison of the combined December and March Review revoke estimates to the actual year-end revoke required. The shaded column highlights the **additional revotes** requiring Council's authorisation:

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| Source of Funds | December & March Review Estimate | Actual Year-end Revote Required | Additional Revotes Requiring Authorisation |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Section 94 Contributions | 942,235 | 1,311,525 | 369,290 |
| Grants | 573,957 | 832,445 | 258,488 |
| Trust/Reserves | 849,830 | 773,270 | (76,560) |
| Sale of Assets | 0 | 145,000 | 145,000 |
| General Revenue (ie Council Funds) | 15,000 | 280,373 | 265,373 |
| TOTAL | 2,381,022 | 3,342,613 | 961,591 |

Comparison with Previous Year's Expenditure Revotes

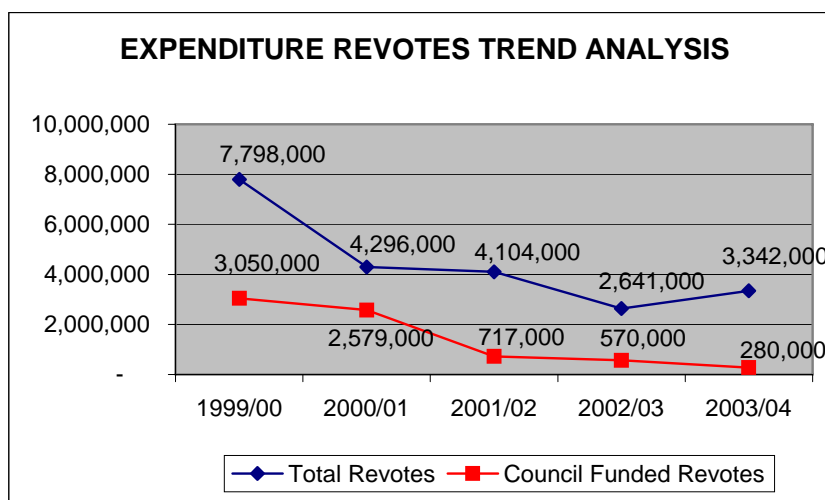
The total value of expenditure revotes for 2003/04 is higher than the 2002/03 figure but significantly lower than the 1999/2000, 2000/01 and 2001/02 figures.

There are a number of factors that have influenced the revotes result for 2003/04. The following is a summary of those factors:

- Grants – Council received (or budgeted to receive) a number of substantial grants (eg Bicentennial Equestrian Park Grant) with restrictions/conditions associated with them. These funds must be carried forward as they are tied to specific works
- Section 94 – Some section 94 funded works (eg Harrington Park Lakes) scheduled for commencement in 2003/04 have been delayed for reasons outside Council's control.
- Asset Sales – Plant assets sales have not been recognised due to the delays in the delivery of several major plant items imported from overseas. These items were ordered in May 2004 but did not arrive until September 2004. The offsetting trade-in (asset sale) cannot be recognised until Council takes receipt of the plant.

A very pleasing aspect of the revotes is the fact that the General Revenue (Council funded) portion is the lowest it has been in the last 5 years. Refer to the following graph for trend analysis.

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The total value of works to be revoted equates to 5.58% of the 2003/04 Adopted Budget. This figure is slightly higher than the Local Government industry benchmark of 5% and the result recorded for 2002/03 (4.58%) but is a marked improvement on the results of 1999/2000 (17.69%) and 2000/01 (11.92%).

The attached table represents the list of projects requiring Council's approval for revote.

If approved by Council, the General Revenue (ie Council funds) portion will be transferred to the 'Works in Progress Reserve' in 2003/04 and transferred from this Reserve in 2004/05 to fund the completion of projects. This is in accordance with procedures as set out in Council's adopted Expenditure Revotes Policy.

Recommended That

- (i) Council adopt the list of projects requiring revote as identified in the attached table.
- (ii) That these projects be added to the 2004/05 Budget and the necessary additional funding be sourced from the following areas

| Source of Funds | \$ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Section 94 Contributions | 369,290 |
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MOTION

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2. Declarations of Political Contributions and Electoral Expenditure – Candidates – 27 March, 2004 Council Elections

(Director Governance & Outcomes) (2811/9)

Council has received copies of the “Summary of Declaration of Political Contributions received and Electoral Expenditure incurred” as lodged by candidates with the Election Funding Authority in respect of the Council Elections held on 27 March, 2004. It is noted summaries from several candidates are yet to be received and are currently being processed by the Authority. It is anticipated these will be received in the next few weeks.

The Expenditure Summaries are drawn to the attention of Council as required and are public documents under Section 12(1) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Arrangements can be made to have the documents made available for public inspection by contacting Council’s Corporate Services Branch.

Recommended: That the “Summary of Declaration of Political Contributions received and Electoral Expenditure incurred” as lodged by candidates be received and noted.

MOTION

Moved Cr Campbell seconded Cr Kernohan that the “Summary of Declaration of Political Contributions received and Electoral Expenditure incurred” as lodged by candidates be received and noted.

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3. Bush Fire Management Committee Amalgamation

(File 584) [Director Works and Services]

Macarthur Rural Fire Service has requested Council consent to the disbandonment of the Camden Bush Fire Management Committee.

Such approval will formally permit the amalgamation of the BFM Committees of Camden, Campbelltown and Liverpool under the single committee initially nominated to be the Macarthur Zone Bush Fire Management Committee.

The Macarthur Rural Fire Service advised that the BFM Committees cannot disband themselves, and most member agencies have indicated their support for the amalgamation to the Macarthur Zone RFS through formal written means or attendance at the individual committees.

The RFS Bush Fire Co-ordinating Committee, could amalgamate the committees, but have an internal policy of requiring the agreement of each Council to amalgamation.

It is considered appropriate to support the disbandonment of the Camden Bush Fire Management Committee and to support the formation of the amalgamated Macarthur Zone Bush Fire Management Committee.

Recommended: That Council approve the disbandonment of the Camden Bush Fire Management Committee and the formation of the amalgamated Macarthur Bush Fire Management Committee.

MOTION

Moved Cr Cagney seconded Cr Whiteman that Council approve the disbandonment of the Camden Bush Fire Management Committee and the formation of the amalgamated Macarthur Bush Fire Management Committee.

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

4. Footpath at The Watermark and The Cascades

(File 4294) (Director Works and Services)

Purpose

This report advises Council of the problems currently being experienced with existing exposed aggregate concrete footpaths along two major roads in "The Cascades" development of Mount Annan. These streets are The Watermark and The Cascades. The issues currently under contention are:

- Replacement of the existing exposed aggregate footpaths, affected bays and footpaths in general;
- Movement of footpath slabs affected by nature strip trees.

Background

Council is faced with a recurring problem of sections of its footpaths lifting within The Cascades and The Watermark, Mount Annan. This movement is due essentially to the close proximity of the trees within the nature strip to the concrete footpaths. The resulting movement is sufficient to create a trip hazard for pedestrians and creates a liability concern for Council.

This situation results from the planting of large eucalypt species in close proximity to the footpath, rather than siting the trees centrally within the grassed nature strip area. Both trees and the footpath were placed by the developer of The Cascades with the approval of Council.

Exposed aggregate concrete footpaths constructed throughout this subdivision do not conform to standard footpath construction currently adopted in the Camden local government area. Approval was granted to the use of exposed aggregate paths in The Cascades, at the request of the developer to enhance the presentation and selling power of their development.

Several issues arise, in respect of these paths, now that the nature strip trees are affecting safe use of these paths through independent slab movement.

Path Replacement

Council does not have the facility to construct exposed aggregate concrete footpath themselves and the process to produce the exposed aggregate finish is very costly due to the need for removing and disposing the waste water in an

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approved manner. Council has noted a number of additional issues in replacing these footpaths, including:

- Difficulty in matching colour and texture of aggregate mix used in replacement panels.
- Paths can be slippery when wet
- Interim measures to grind off steps in these paths do not match the original paths

Due to the prohibitive cost of exposed aggregate concrete construction Council is not in the position to be able to continue maintaining the exposed aggregate footpaths in The Watermark and The Cascades. The cost of exposed aggregate concrete is \$233 per sqm as against \$55 per sqm in plain grey concrete.

Fifteen year cost modelling of path construction between the existing exposed aggregate footpath and the proposed new plain grey concrete footpath, for the entire lengths, indicates the latter to be less than half the cost of the former construction method. Cost of maintaining existing footpath over the next 15 years will be \$219,000 as against \$100,650 in plain grey concrete (as shown in option 3 below).

The options of replacing single bays of footpath adjacent to the locations, where these bays have been raised, has been addressed on the basis of volume. This problem is large scale throughout these two streets in "The Cascades" where approximately 50 trees have affected the footpaths to varying degrees.

One measure available of controlling trip hazard on concrete footpaths involves the introduction of TripStop, a thin rubber strip placed at the slab joints. The strip ensures that two abutting concrete slabs move together when lifted by tree roots.

The options available are therefore to:

1. Replace single or dual bays at each tree with exposed aggregate footpath – Council is not equipped to carry out the costly reconstruction process - The cost is \$55,000 in the first year.
2. Replace these bays with plain concrete footpath which is the Council standard used throughout the LGA on urban footpaths – this however will result in a patchwork of plain and exposed footpath bays (which is not acceptable to the residents) – The cost is \$13,000 in the first year.
3. Replace the entire footpath to Council standard plain concrete footpath – a costly process, but with the inclusion of TripStop at the slab joints near trees will resolve the noted problems – The cost is \$100,650.

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4. Replace both the offending trees and affected concrete footpath slabs – this however results in difficulties matching the existing path - \$99,850.
5. Meander the paths around the trees – where possible within the narrow road reserve, which provides a practical solution - \$120,250.

Options 3 or 5:

- Provides opportunity to retain all or most of the existing trees;
- Does not produce a patchwork appearance;
- Addresses the recurring problem of trip hazard;
- Retains consistency with the adopted Camden footpath standard.

Public Consultation

Residents in The Watermark and The Cascades have been given notification that Council is intending to reconstruct the entire length of footpath along their streets in plain grey concrete finish.

Objections were received from three residents of The Watermark. Two residents noted the inferior aesthetic value of plain concrete over the current exposed footpath treatment.

The third was supportive of the change to plain concrete but noted concern for the trees within the footpath, in terms of species and continual growth to maturity. The resident wishes to have the eucalypts replaced with trees that are smaller and non destructive if possible.

Street Tree Considerations

Street trees are placed in subdivisional development predominantly for amenity. There are social, environmental, and aesthetic benefits to be gained by the public in general, and in particular by the residents of an area to see mature trees in their streets and neighbourhood.

Tall mature trees are generally being lost from private property as the size of houses increase to consume more of decreasing lot parcels. Council is therefore left to manage the development of these trees in the public domain, and particularly within the road reserve.

An additional factor in support of large scaled street trees is the benefit of reduced salinity.

It is possible to find other species of large trees that may be less destructive than the eucalypts; but they will still threaten

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to damage and raise the concrete paths. It is anticipated that where TripStop is incorporated in our new footpath construction there will be a period of about 15 years free of major repairs. It is possible to expect longer period if the eucalypts are replaced with less destructive species. It is proposed where large scale tree species are planted in the nature strip that root barrier treatments be employed.

Should the eucalypts remain on site it is feasible to modify the straight alignment of existing footpaths to gently meander the footpath around existing trees to cater for growth of these trees. In this manner the tree will be allowed to grow to its mature size, and the girth of the trunks will be provided with a buffer to limit interference with the concrete path.

As the road boundary deviates along the curvilinear alignment of "The Cascades" it is feasible in certain places to deviate the footpath towards the property boundary. In some locations there is insufficient room to work within the constraints and trees will be removed. Some ten trees may be lost through this scenario. Suitable tree species will be planted to replace these trees, on a practical alignment.

Conclusion

The following recommendations are proposed as a result of this investigation.

- Where footpaths are to be constructed near existing trees TripStop will be installed between adjacent footpath slabs to reduce the development of a pedestrian hazard through slab movement resulting from tree root action.
- Due to budgetary constraints the existing exposed aggregate footpath in "The Cascades" will be replaced with plain concrete footpaths to accord with Council's standard footpath construction across the LGA.
- Eucalypt street trees which are in conflict with footpath construction will be removed and replaced with suitable tree species on a practical alignment, in order to minimise future impacts on adjacent footpath construction.
- Where new street trees are to be planted on the nature strip adjacent to planned or existing footpaths tree barrier treatments be employed to minimise damage to the footpath.
- Recurrence of this issue is being addressed through adoption of Engineering Standards, list of acceptable street tree species, provision of Public Realm assets and Engineering Guidelines.

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Recommended: That Council approve

- (i) the existing exposed aggregate footpath within The Watermark and The Cascades road reserves, Mount Annan, be replaced with plain concrete foot paving, incorporating TripStop at appropriate joint locations adjacent to street trees.
- (ii) The footpath will be deviated towards the property boundary where appropriate to minimise impact on existing street trees.
- (iii) All new tree planting within the municipality, include appropriate root barrier protection during installation where the trees are placed adjacent to footpath construction.
- (iv) Existing eucalypt trees in “The Cascades”, which interfere with the above path replacement project, be removed and replaced with suitable tree species in scale with the environment.
- (v) Property owners and residents of The Watermark and The Cascades roads abutting the proposed footpath replacement project be informed of Council’s decision and staff seek to work with them regarding individual trees or concerns.

MOTION

Moved Cr Cagney seconded Cr Kernohan that

- (i) Further consideration of this matter be deferred pending a site inspection and;
- (ii) Council staff to investigate alternate surface treatments available.

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr Campbell voted against the motion)

**5. Petition – Resurfacing of Cobbitty Road,
Cobbitty**

(File 708) [Director Works and Services]

Council has received a petition with 69 signatories regarding the recent resurfacing of Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty.

The Petition states:

“The recent resurfacing of Cobbitty Road caused a great deal of inconvenience to all road users and, as usual, the finished work is of a particularly poor standard. Our high rates should be directed to quality rather than a quick fix.”

The concerns of the petitioners will be investigated and a report brought back to Council with the results.

Recommended: That

- (i) the petition be noted.
- (ii) The lead signatory be advised of the investigation of the concerns noted in the petition.

MOTION

Moved Cr Campbell seconded Cr Elliott that

- (i) *the petition be noted.*
- (ii) *the lead signatory be advised of the investigation of the concerns noted in the petition.*

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THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

NOTICE OF MOTION OF RESCISSION

We, the undersigned Councillors, hereby give notice of our intention to move the following Rescission Motion in respect of Item 7 in the Development Committee Meeting held 13th September, 2004, Council resolution (Minute Number DC116/04) relating to "Draft Development Control Plan Somerset Avenue, Narellan – Interim Development Guidelines"

Resolution

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Elliott, seconded Cr Johnson that Council:

- (i) Place on public exhibition the draft Development Control Plan 127 - Somerset Avenue, Narellan - Interim Development Guidelines for a period of 28 days and consult in the manner outlined in this report.*
- (ii) Report findings of the exhibition/consultation to Council at the earliest opportunity.*

Be rescinded.

Signed: Cr Cindy Cagney

Signed: Cr Fred Anderson

Signed: Cr Fred Whiteman

The Notice of Motion of Recission was formally

Moved Cr Cagney seconded Cr Whiteman that the Council resolution - Item 7 in the Development Committee Meeting held 13th September, 2004, (Minute Number DC116/04) relating to "Draft Development Control Plan Somerset Avenue, Narellan – Interim Development Guidelines be rescinded.

THE NOTICE OF MOTION OF RECISSION ON BEING PUT WAS LOST.

(Crs Funnell, Elliott, Campbell and Kernohan voted against the Motion of Recission.)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

We, Councillors Funnell, Cagney, Johnson, Anderson, Dewbery, Whiteman, Elliott and Kernohan give notice of our intention to move the following at the Council meeting of 27th September, 2004:

“That the delegation to the General Manager, Sheridan Dudley, to deal with development applications or applications for complying development certificates relating to properties having a street address within Cobbitty be withdrawn until further decision of Council”.

Signed: Cr Fred Anderson

Signed: Cr David Funnell

Signed: Cr Peter Johnson

Signed: Cr Cindy Cagney

Signed: Cr Liz Kernohan

Signed: Cr Debby Dewbery

Signed: Cr Fred Whiteman

Signed: Cr Rob Elliott

The Notice of Motion was formally

Moved Cr Elliott seconded Cr Dewberry

That the delegation to the General Manager, Sheridan Dudley, to deal with development applications or applications for complying development certificates relating to properties having a street address within Cobbitty be withdrawn until further decision of Council.

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(Cr. Campbell voted against the notice of Motion)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Councillor Funnell give notice of my intention to move the following at the Council meeting of 27th September, 2004:

“That all Councillors be given, one month in advance, information of any seminars, meetings and conferences being undertaken by senior staff outside the Camden Local Government Area including an indication of the benefit the Camden Local Government Area will receive from attending these seminars, meetings and conferences”.

Signed:Cr David Funnell

The Notice of Motion was formally

Moved Cr Funnell seconded Cr Cagney that all Councillors be given information, prior to booking, of any seminars and conferences requiring accommodation outside of the Local Government Area, being undertaken by senior staff.

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THE NOTICE OF MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

(Cr. Campbell voted against the Notice of Motion)

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NOTICE OF MOTION

I, Councillor Dewbery give notice of my intention to move the following at the Council meeting of 27th September, 2004:

“That Camden Council forward to all other Council’s who use the Jacks Gully Waste Management site an account for their equal share of the costs incurred by Camden Council for the WMAA European Study Tour being undertaken by Camden Council Officers”.

Signed:..... Cr Debby Dewbery

The Notice of Motion was formally

Moved Cr Dewbery seconded Cr Elliott that Camden Council send a letter to Campbelltown, Wollondilly and Wingecaribee Councils, who use the Jacks Gully Management site requesting a contribution for their equal share of the costs incurred by Camden Council for the WMAA European Study Tour being undertaken by Camden Council Officers.

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THE NOTICE OF MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED.**

(Crs Campbell, Kernohan and Whiteman voted against the Notice of Motion.)

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Street Naming criteria

Cr Dewberry requested to be advised of the procedure or criteria to have a street named after yourself.

The Acting Director of Development and Environment stated the normal procedure would be to refer the request to the Geographical Names Board. The Board would ensure there are no streets of the same name in the suburb.

Cr Dewberry asked if the application would be made direct or to Council.

The General Manager stated Council does have a Policy on the naming Parks and Streets and one of the criteria is that a street is not named after a living person. Suggested the Policy be circulated to Councillors for information.

Cr Dewberry asked once a name has been accepted, how long does it take and can the area be selected for naming.

The Acting Director of Development and Environment stated for a new subdivision the time is a few weeks. The name is agreed on in the Linen Plan before release.

Planning for a Better Future Metropolitan Discussion Paper

Cr Elliott drew attention to the above document and requested advice if Council would be making a submission.

The General Manager stated a memo has been circulated and Council will be making a submission. Requested any comments from Councillors to forwarded to the General Manager or Manager Outcomes.

Safety Audit – Remembrance Drive

Cr Kernohan asked has Mr. G. Corrigan MP responded to Council's request on the Safety Audit on Remembrance Drive.

The Director Works and Services stated not at this point of time and the matter will be followed up.

Cr. Kernohan asked does Council re-send letters if no reply is received.

The General Manager stated Council does have a follow up system and that will be done.

Debroyd Avenue – Flood prone land

Cr Kernohan asked why residents of Debroyd Avenue with large blocks of land in the floodplain, were asked if they wanted the blocks zoned "residential", when the land can't be built on. The letters were issued about 3 weeks ago.

The Acting Director of Development and Environment was not aware of any letters being issued and stated the matter will be investigated.

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The General Manager stated there is no knowledge of these letters. The matter will be followed up.

Light Up Camden activities

Cr Kernohan stated the level of activity for this function has dropped off in recent years and asked could the Camden Main Street Committee be requested to put something on the roundabout.

The Director Governance and Outcomes stated Camden Main Street Committee has made a request to Council, which will be reported to the next meeting, to take over the activity.

The Director Works and Services stated the Camden Chamber of Commerce has been working on fairy lights in the main street. A plan will come to Council before Christmas.

Camden Main Street Committee

Cr Campbell drew attention to the request from the Committee that for 2004 Light Up event, could Council incorporate this event under its insurance policy, rather than taking over the event. Could they become a 355 Committee.

The Director Governance and Outcomes stated the matter will be dealt with in the report to Council.

Regional Waste Facility

Cr Cageny requested to be supplied with a full written report on all of the issues being addressed at the meetings held with Campbelltown, Wollondilly and Wingecarribe Councils on the Regional Waste facility development.

The General Manager stated a report has already been provided on the expression of interest and a copy of the report could be provided. There will be a briefing on the expression of interest.

Draft Threatened Species Recovery Plan

Cr Cagney asked have Councillors been given a copy of the above Plan, which is currently on exhibition.

The Manager Outcomes was unaware of Councillors being given a copy.

Cr Cagney asked is there any reason why the Plan did not come to Council before exhibition.

The Manager Outcomes stated it is not a Council policy, it is a State Government document. Further information can be sought.

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Narellan Library Budget

Cr Cagney requested a copy of the original budget for the Narellan Library, an update on the current expenditure and what will be the final cost of the building. Does the budget include stocking the Library and cover staff cost implications.

The Director Works and Services stated the contract was approx \$7m for the building and extras to date are \$140,000. A report will be brought back to a future meeting on the costs. The Budget does not include books, but does include the relocation.

The General Manager stated the new Library does not require additional staff.

Narellan Urban Improvement Program

Cr Cagney requested to be supplied with the financial details of the \$390,000 grant including itemised information of expenditure to date.

The Director Governance and Outcomes advised this will be done.

Memo – Contact with Council staff.

Cr Cagney drew attention to a Memo from the General Manager regarding contact with staff. Was a complaint lodged by the staff member mentioned in the memo. If so, was the matter investigated prior to the memo being issued. The memo is addressed to Councillors Anderson, Elliott and Funnell, had the General Manager spoken to those Councillors regarding their attendance, non-attendance, etc to this implied meeting, prior to the memo being distributed. Has this matter been handled in the spirit of Section 9.9 of the Draft Model Code of Conduct and guidelines.

The General Manager stated Councillors will be provided with a report on the matter.

Unauthorised tree removal – 269 Cobbitty Road Cobbitty.

Cr Cagney referred to a memo on the above matter. Included in the memo was a legal advice. Could all Councillors be supplied with copies of the notifications of consents and approvals referred to in parts (b) and (c) of the advice, including information of the dates the applications were lodged.

The Acting Director of Development and Environment stated the information will be provided.

WMAA European Study Tour Itinerary.

Cr Cagney referred to the Itinerary for the European Study tour and asked if the dates stated from 2nd to 15th October are correct.

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The Manager Environment and Health stated the Tour commences on 2nd October and concludes on 15th and the Conference commences the following day. To the best of staff knowledge, the dates are correct. The return date for staff is 23rd October.

Macarthur Park – Toilet block

Cr Funnell referred to the Macarthur Park toilet block being closed on weekends and in particular being closed on the recent Fathers Day.

The Director Works and Services stated the toilet block should be open on weekends, however it is being locked by persons unknown. Staff are endeavouring to find out who is locking the toilets, however, they will be open in future.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.