



Hawkesbury City Council

ordinary
meeting
minutes

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers, Windsor, on Tuesday, 26 June 2007, commencing at 5:04pm.

Reverend Geoff Bates of the Anglican Church, Wilberforce, representing the Hawkesbury Minister's Association, gave the opening prayer at the commencement of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Councillor R Stubbs, Mayor, Councillor B Bassett, Deputy Mayor and Councillors T Books, B Calvert, K Conolly, T Devine, D Finch, C Paine, B Porter, P Rasmussen, N Wearne and L Williams

Councillor Finch left the meeting at 8:00pm.
Councillor Calvert left the meeting at 8:57pm.

SECTION 1: Confirmation of Minutes

178 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Wearne that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29 March 2007, be confirmed.

179 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen and seconded by Councillor Bassett that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 12 June 2007, be confirmed.

SECTION 2 - Mayoral Minutes

MM - Council's Conflict Management Policy - (79353, 79351)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, Mayor.

Refer to RESOLUTION

180 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Stubbs, Mayor.

That Council's Management be requested to submit a report to Council regarding the effectiveness of Council's current Conflict Management Policy, the manner in which it has been utilised since adoption and to suggest any changes to the policy, if considered necessary.

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SECTION 3 - Notices of Motion

NM1 - Unapproved Signs Relating to Development at Pitt Town - (95498, 95494, 80096)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

181 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Conolly, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That while there is a proposal before Council for further rezoning of land at Pitt Town, no further action be taken in relation to unapproved signs relating to development at Pitt Town.

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SECTION 4 - Reports for Determination

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Item: 109 **AGM - 10th International RiverSymposium & Environmental Flows Conference - 3
- 6 September 2007 in Brisbane, Queensland - (79351)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

182 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. Attendance of nominated Councillors, and staff considered appropriate by the Acting General Manager, at the 10th International RiverSymposium, 3 - 6 September, 2007 in Brisbane, Queensland at a cost of approximately \$2,921.00 per delegate be approved.
2. Councillor Books and Councillor Stubbs be nominated to attend.

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Item: 110 AGM - Smoke Free Workplace Policy - (79351, 79356)

MOTION:

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That the matter be deferred in order to obtain comment from WorkCover NSW.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Calvert.

Refer to RESOLUTION

The amendment was carried.

The amendment then became the motion which was put and carried.

183 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the AMENDMENT moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Calvert.

That:

1. The current policies entitled: Smoking Policy, Non-Smoking Policy and Congratulatory Certificates - Smoking Not Permitted be archived.
2. The new Smoke Free Workplace Policy as attached to the report be adopted.

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CITY PLANNING

Item: 111 **CP - Rural Shed, Lot 25, DP 192412, 193 Crooked Lane, North Richmond NSW 2754 - (DA1020/06, 103511, 104622, 95498)**

Previous Item: 92, Ordinary Meeting (29 May 2007)

Mr Robert Montgomery, proponent, addressed Council.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Devine.

Refer to RESOLUTION

184 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Devine

That the Application for a rural shed at 193 Crooked Lane, North Richmond, be approved subject to the following conditions:

General

1. The development shall take place in accordance with the stamped plans, specifications and accompanying documentation submitted with the application except as modified by these further conditions.
2. No excavation, site works or building works shall be commenced prior to the issue of an appropriate Construction Certificate.
3. The approved use shall not commence until all conditions of this Development Consent have been complied with.
4. The building shall not be used or occupied prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate.
5. The development shall comply with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia at all times.
6. The development shall comply with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 at all times.
7. The accredited certifier shall provide copies of all Part 4 certificates issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 relevant to this development to Hawkesbury City Council within 7 (seven) days of issuing the certificate. A registration fee applies.
8. Hawkesbury City Council is the sewer authority for this development, inspection for compliance certification for internal and external sewer drainage shall be requested and approved prior to covering any pipe. An inspection fee applies.

Prior to Commencement of Works

9. Erosion and sediment control devices are to be installed and maintained at all times during site works and construction. The enclosed warning sign shall be affixed to the sediment fence/erosion control device.

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- 10. A Sewer Management Facility System application shall be submitted to and approved by Council.
- 11. A certificate issued by an approved insurer under Part 6 of the Home Building Act 1989 shall be supplied to the principal certifying authority prior to commencement of works.
- 12. A copy of receipt of payment of Long Service Levy shall be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to any works commencing on site. Payments can be made at Long Service Corporation offices or most Councils.
- 13. The applicant shall advise Council of the name, address and contact number of the principal certifier, in accordance with Section 81A 2(b) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.
- 14. At least two days prior to commencement of works, notice is to be given to Hawkesbury City Council, in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation.
- 15. Toilet facilities (to the satisfaction of Council) shall be provided for workmen throughout the course of building operations. Such facility shall be located wholly within the property boundary.
- 16. A sign displaying the following information is to be erected adjacent to each access point and to be easily seen from the public road. The sign is to be maintained for the duration of works:
 - (a) Unauthorised access to the site is prohibited.
 - (b) The owner of the site.
 - (c) The person/company carrying out the site works and telephone number (including 24 hour 7 days emergency numbers).
 - (d) The name and contact number of the Principal Certifying Authority.
- 17. The submission and approval of a landscape plan suitable for construction. Landscaping shall comprise of a mixture of trees, shrubs and ground cover, and shall comprise of species native to the locality. Landscaping shall be provided along the southern and western boundaries as indicated on the approved site plan.

During Construction

- 18. The development shall be completed in accordance with the approved colours and finishes and shall not be altered.

Roof Material:	Colourbond	Colour:	Wilderness
Walls Material:	Colourbond	Colour:	Wilderness
Windows:	Aluminium	Colour:	Dune
Gutters:	Colourbond	Colour:	Wilderness

- 19. Dust control measures, eg vegetative cover, mulches, irrigation, barriers and stone shall be applied to reduce surface and airborne movement of sediment blown from exposed areas.
- 20. All necessary works being carried out to ensure that any natural water flow from adjoining properties is not impeded or diverted.
- 21. Site and building works (including the delivery of materials to and from the property) shall be carried out only on Monday to Friday between 7am – 6pm and on Saturdays between 8am – 4pm.

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22. The site shall be kept clean and tidy during the construction period and all unused building materials and rubbish shall be removed from the site upon completion of the project. The following restrictions apply during construction:
- (a) Stockpiles of topsoil, sand, aggregate, spoil or other material shall be stored clear of any drainage path or easement, natural watercourse, footpath, kerb or road surface and shall have measures in place to prevent the movement of such material off site.
 - (b) Building operations such as brick cutting, washing tools, concreting and bricklaying shall be undertaken only within the site.
 - (c) Builders waste must not be burnt or buried on site. All waste (including felled trees) must be contained and removed to a Waste Disposal Depot.

23. Mandatory inspections shall be carried out and Compliance Certificates issued only by Council or an accredited certifier for the following components of construction:

Note: Structural Engineer's Certificates, Drainage Diagrams and Wet Area Installation Certificates are NOT acceptable unless they are from an accredited person.

- (a) Commencement of work (including erosion controls, site works and site set out);
 - (b) Piers
 - (c) Internal sewer or stormwater lines prior to covering;
 - (d) Steel reinforcement prior to pouring concrete;
 - (e) External sewer or stormwater lines, prior to backfilling;
 - (f) Wet area flashing, after the installation of bath and shower fixtures;
 - (g) Prior to occupation of the building.
24. All roofwater shall be piped to the dam.
25. All natural and subsurface water-flow shall not be re-directed or concentrated to adjoining properties. Water flows shall follow the original flow direction without increased velocity.
26. All civil construction works required by this consent shall be in accordance with Hawkesbury Development Control Plan Appendix E Civil Works Specification.
27. No excavated material, including soil, shall be removed from the site.
28. All constructed fill batters are to be topsoiled and turfed and where fill batters exceed a ratio of 3 (three) horizontal to 1 (one) vertical, retaining walls, stoneflagging or terracing shall be constructed.
29. Cut batters shall not be steeper than 2.0:1

Use of the Development

30. The shed shall not be occupied for human habitation/residential, industrial or commercial purposes.

Advisory

- *** Non-compliance with any condition of this development consent may result in a penalty notice being issued by Council.

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*** Should any aboriginal site or relic be disturbed or uncovered during the construction of this development, all work should cease and the National Parks and Wildlife Service consulted. Any person who knowingly disturbs an aboriginal site or relic is liable to prosecution under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

*** The applicant shall make themselves aware of any User Restriction, Easements and Covenants to this property and shall comply with the requirements of any Section 88B Instrument relevant to the property in order to prevent the possibility of legal proceedings against them.

Item: 112 CP - Summary of the Hawkesbury-Nepean River Health Strategy and it's implications for Hawkesbury City Council - (107, 95498)

Previous Item: NM2, Ordinary (24 April 2007)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Wearne.

Refer to RESOLUTION

185 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Books, seconded by Councillor Wearne

That:

1. Council note the Hawkesbury Nepean River Health Strategy.
2. Council engage the services of Dr Wayne Erskine to address Council and senior staff on extractive industries, channel morphology, and channel changes within the Hawkesbury Nepean River.

Councillor Williams requested that his name be recorded as having voted against the motion.

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Item: 113 CP - Proposed Rezoning of Lot 1 DP827148, No. 820 Richmond Road, Clarendon - (74563, 95498)

Mr Glenn Falson and Mr David Lyne, proponents, addressed Council.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Books.

Refer to RESOLUTION

186 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Finch, seconded by Councillor Books

That:

1. A draft Local Environmental Plan be prepared to rezone Lot 1 DP827148, 820 Richmond Road, Clarendon from Open Space 6(c)(Private Recreation) to 4(b) Light Industry.
2. The draft Local Environmental Plan amend the definition of Bulky goods sales and showroom to be consistent with the *Standard Order (Local Environmental Plans) 2006*.
3. Given the minor nature of the proposed rezoning a local environmental study not be prepared.
4. The applicant is to submit a full traffic report prior to the assessment and referral of the application under the provisions of Section 62 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.
5. Council enter into negotiations towards the preparation of a voluntary planning agreement to secure an appropriate design of the development and the proposed use.

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Item: 114 **ES - RID Squad Funding - State and Federal Government Responses to Request for Funding Assistance - (81216, 96330)**

Previous Item: 33, Ordinary (27 February 2007)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Calvert.

Refer to RESOLUTION

187 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Calvert

That Council continue its current status of not being a member of the RID Squad.

Item: 115 **ES - Provision of Sprung Floor - South Windsor Community Centre - (96328)**

Previous Item: NM 3, Ordinary (24 April 2007)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen.

Refer to RESOLUTION

188 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Paine, seconded by Councillor Rasmussen

That the information be received.

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Item: 116 **ES - Hawkesbury City Council Outdoor Dining and Footpath Trading Policy - (95494, 96330)**

Previous Item: 75, Ordinary (24 April 2007)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Williams.

Refer to RESOLUTION

189 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Williams

That Council place on public exhibition for a period of 28 days its intention to charge the following fees for the usage of Council's footpath areas for outdoor dining and/or trading:

Business Precinct	Annual Footpath Usage Fee Per m²
Thompson Square and Windsor Mall environs (excluding the use/licensing of areas where specific facilities have been provided by Council)	\$85.00
Elsewhere in Windsor, Richmond and North Richmond	\$70.00
Elsewhere in the City	\$50.00

Item: 117 **ES - Draft Community Engagement Policy - (96328)**

Previous Item: 45, Ordinary (13 March 2007)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

190 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch

That the Community Engagement Policy, prepared in accordance with the good practice guidelines developed by the *International Association for Public Participation*, be adopted.

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Item: 118 **ES - Draft Cultural Collections Policy - (95494, 96328)**

Previous Item: 34, Ordinary (27 February 2007)

Councillor Stubbs declared an interest in this matter as he is the President of the Hawkesbury Historical Society. He vacated his seat as Chair and passed the meeting over to the Deputy Mayor and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Calvert.

Refer to RESOLUTION

191 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Calvert

That the Draft Cultural Collections Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

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Item: 119 SS - Pecuniary Interest Returns - (96333, 95496)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

192 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch

That the information be received and noted.

**Item: 120 SS - Classification of Land - Lot 171 in Deposited Plan 1106484 part of 35 Bells
Line of Road, North Richmond - (95496, 96333, 23673)**

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

193 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch

That Council classify the property known as Lot 171 in Deposited Plan 1106484, being a subdivision of Lot 17 in Deposited Plan 834040 and Lot 18 Section A in Deposited Plan 17017 at North Richmond as Operational Land under Section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

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Item: 121 SS - Monthly Investments Report - May 2007 - (96332)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch.

Refer to RESOLUTION

194 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Porter, seconded by Councillor Finch

That the information be received and noted.

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

195 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter.

That:

1. The Council meeting be closed to deal with confidential matters and in accordance with Section 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993, members of the Press and the public be excluded from the Council Chambers during consideration of the following items:

Item: 122 IS - Tender No. 09/FY07 - Tenders for the 2007/2008 Sewer CCTV Inspections

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and/or services to Council and it is considered that the release of the information, would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 123 IS - Tender No. 10/FY07 - Tender for the Hire of Plant

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and/or services to Council and it is considered that the release of the information, would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 124 IS - Tender No. 014/FY07 - Deeplift Asphalt Reconstruction of Lennox & Paget Streets, Richmond

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning tenders for the supply of goods and/or services to Council and it is considered that the release of the information, would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

Item: 125 SS - Property Matter - Council Lease to Derwin & Mifsud, Assignment to Nahas & Beiruty Re: Windsor Function Centre

*This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as it relates to details concerning the leasing of a Council property and it is considered that the release of the information, would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person or organisation with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business and, therefore, if considered in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.*

2. In accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) & (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 the reports, correspondence and other relevant documentation relating to these matters be withheld from the Press and public.

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The Mayor asked for representation from members of the public as to why Council should not go into closed Council to deal with these confidential matters.

There was no response, therefore, the Press and the public left the Council Chambers.

196 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Williams that open meeting be resumed.

Item: 122 IS - Tender No. 09/FY07 - Tenders for the 2007/2008 Sewer CCTV Inspections - (95495, 79357) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Conolly.

Refer to RESOLUTION

197 RESOLUTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Conolly

That:

1. The tender submitted by Sydney Wide Pipe Cleaning Pty Ltd in the amount of \$114,867.50 GST inclusive for the 2007/2008 Sewer CCTV Inspections be accepted.
2. The Seal of Council be affixed to any necessary documentation in connection with this matter.

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Item: 123 IS - Tender No. 010/FY07 - Tender for the Hire of Plant - (79344) CONFIDENTIAL

Councillor Williams declared an interest in this matter as his brother works for one of the tenderers. He left the meeting and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

MOTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

198 RESOLUTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter

That:

1. The tender list for the selection of plant for the 2007/2008 financial year be adopted.
2. The Seal of Council be affixed to any necessary documentation in connection to this matter.

Item: 124 IS - Tender No. 014/FY07 - Deeplift Asphalt Reconstruction of Lennox & Paget Streets, Richmond - (79344) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter.

Refer to RESOLUTION

199 RESOLUTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Porter

That:

1. The tendered rates submitted by Works Infrastructure for the Deeplift Asphalt Reconstruction of Lennox Street, between West Market and East Market Streets, and Paget Streets, between Lennox and March Streets, Richmond, be accepted.
2. The Seal of Council be affixed to any necessary documentation in connection to this matter.

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Item: 125 SS - Property Matter - Council lease to Derwin & Mifsud, Assignment to Nahas & Beiruty re Windsor Function Centre - (99158, 33132, 105643) CONFIDENTIAL

MOTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Conolly.

Refer to RESOLUTION

200 RESOLUTION:

The Acting General Manager advised, that whilst in closed session, Council RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Rasmussen, seconded by Councillor Conolly

That:

1. Council agree to the assignment of the lease of Windsor Function Centre to Messrs Robert Nahas and Michael Beiruty, in accordance with the proposal outlined in the report, subject to:
 - a) business and personal reference checks being undertaken, and found to be suitable, by Council's solicitor; and
 - b) the On Licence (Public Hall) Liquor Licence pertaining to the property be transferred from Heather Derwin to either Mr Roberts Nahas or Mr Michael Beiruty.
2. Authority be given for any documentation in association with this matter to be executed under the Seal of Council.
3. Details of Council's resolution be conveyed to the assignor and assignee, together with the advice that Council is not and will not be bound by the terms of its resolution until such time as appropriate legal documentation to put such resolution into effect has been agreed to and executed by all parties.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Item: 126 **SS - Execution of Documentation Under Council Seal - Sale of 1A Greenway Crescent, Windsor - (107, 95496, 96333, 3723)**

Previous Item: 180, Ordinary (8 August 2006)

MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Conolly.

Refer to RESOLUTION

201 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Conolly

That authority be given for any documentation in association with the sale of 1A Greenway Crescent, Windsor to be executed under the Seal of Council.

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1. Councillor Wearne advised the roads at Lower Colo and Jones Road at Lower Portland are in a need of repair due to the recent rains.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the roads were inspected on 26 June 2007 and repairs will be carried out on 27 June 2007.

2. Councillor Wearne advised that Sergeants Road requires repairs and is experiencing pooling due to recent rain.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that it will be investigated.

3. Councillor Porter requested the works carried out after the flooding on the MacDonald River be inspected to see what damage has been done.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that an inspection will be carried out.

4. Councillor Porter requested a report be prepared on the bank degradation of the Hawkesbury River from Windsor Bridge down to Sackville after the increase of flow over the last few weeks.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that this will be investigated.

5. Councillor Conolly referred to the number of accidents at the intersection of George and Ham Streets, South Windsor. He requested that the number of recorded accidents at the intersection be investigated.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the matter will be investigated.

6. Councillor Conolly referred to the intersection of George and Macquarie Streets and the number of accidents that have occurred. He requested that he be advised when the intersection will be reported to the traffic committee.

The Director Infrastructure Services will investigate the matter.

7. Councillor Devine referred to the cleanliness of McGraths Hill Shopping Centre and requested that action be taken to have the area cleaned.

The Acting General Manager advised that it will be investigated.

8. Councillor Rasmussen requested an investigation and the history of the gabion block levy that is blocking off Beranbing Creek, running off McKenzie Creek, that is causing severe damage to properties. It appears that flood waters can not adequately escape.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that this will be investigated.

Also, the Director Infrastructure Services advised that Levy levels were designed and implemented at RL8.2, current levels have been taken and are still at RL8.2. The downstream clogging of the Creek seems to be the main cause of the problem.

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9. Councillor Rasmussen referred to a number of cars caught behind the locked gates at Yarramundi Reserve.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that signage on the gates indicates that gates will be locked at sunset. He will investigate if the signage has an after hours contact number and confirm that the gates are being locked at the correct time.

10. Councillor Williams advised that Packer Road, West Portland Road and Sackville Road are in need of repair due to recent rains.

11. Councillor Williams referred to the garbage in the old Coles Car park at Windsor and asked who is responsible for cleaning of the area.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the area is privately owned land.

The Director External Services will look into having the area cleaned.

12. Councillor Paine asked if there is any disaster funding or assistance available for residents who were affected by the recent flooding, particularly those in the Upper MacDonald and Mogo Creek areas.

The Acting General Manager advised that the affected residents should contact DOCS Disaster Recovery Line and the Australian Government Storms Assistance Hotline who will be able to assist them in this matter.

Councillor Conolly referred to his discussions with Louise Markus, Federal Member for Greenway, regarding the recent flooding issue and the reporting of the MacDonald Valley situation through the Department of Meteorology. He advised that Louise Markus stated she would be keen to pursue support from federal programs for residents within the MacDonald Valley area that had not been able to access disaster support.

The Acting General Manager will contact Louise Markus, MP with the contact details of residents who have contacted Council regarding disaster assistance.

13. Councillor Paine referred to the Kurrajong turn off and asked if the turn has investigated recently by the Traffic Committee.

Councillor Bassett advised that the Kurrajong turn off was discussed at the Traffic Committee Meeting on 20 June 2007. The RTA are conducting a full safety audit from Comleroy Road through to the bottom of Kurrajong Hills and will be investigating the speed limit and sight distances along the road. Findings will be reported to Council.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that Council will work with the RTA to resolve issues with the intersection.

14. Councillor Paine referred to beautifying towns within the Hawkesbury and making it more appealing to tourists by adding Murals, she referred to a booklet on Kurri Kurri Murals for Councillors to look at.

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15. Councillor Paine referred to the removal of signs on Richmond Road by a RTA contractor and asked if Council was advised by the RTA to remove the signs. She also enquired if the signs were returned to Council.

The Director Infrastructure Services indicated that the RTA had advised Council to remove the signs. It was requested by Council that the signs be returned to the Council Depot, this will be followed up.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that all information relating to the signage has been retained on the Council's file.

16. Councillor Paine thanked Director External Services for her hard work and support to Council.

17. Councillor Calvert referred to the removal of signs on Richmond Road by a RTA contractor and asked if there will be a cost to Council associated with this because Council did not remove the signs as the RTA had requested.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that a bill is not expected. The letter regarding removal of signs from the RTA did not indicate that Council will be charged for removal of the signs, it stated that if Council did not remove them the RTA would.

18. Councillor Calvert referred to the original motion put forward regarding the erection of the Richmond Road signs and asked if it was a part of the motion to consult with the RTA.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that consultation with the RTA was part of the report. Council wrote to the RTA requesting support for the signs however the RTA's letter of 15 January, which was not received by Council, and Council's letter asking for the RTA's endorsement crossed in the mail.

19. Councillor Calvert enquired about the progress of the McMahon's Park Centre.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised the Development Applications is under assessment.

The Director City Planning advised that he will investigate the progress of the Development Applications.

20. Councillor Calvert advised that UWS has announced it will be closing its Blacktown Campus. Councillor Calvert will submit in writing a Notice of Motion for the next meeting indicating that Council view the closure with great concern and seek reassurance from UWS about the Hawkesbury Campus.

21. Councillor Books enquired why the Pitt Town Development assessment has not been completed and asked when the site inspection by Councillors will occur.

The Director City Planning advised that the applicant for the rezoning submitted amended details approximately two weeks ago, this has been referred for assessment. The site inspection for Councillors will be scheduled in the next week or so.

22. Councillor Books referred to the clothing bins in the Coles Car park at Windsor and requested Council ask the owners of the bins to remove them because they are attracting rubbish.

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23. Councillor Books referred to the water problem at McKenzie's Creek and requested that the upstream catchment area be assessed to check if there has been an increase in run off due to development. He also asked if residents are able to clean out the drains on their own property.

The Mayor advised that residents need to seek consent before cleaning out the drains on their own property.

24. Councillor Books enquired if Council was aware that the UWS Hawkesbury Campus may be being assessed for future housing.

The Director City Planning advised that he was not aware of investigations.

The Mayor advised that Council has previously resolved to approach the University about a business park.

25. Councillor Williams referred to the new concrete driveway that has been installed to a residence on Lower Colo Road near the Jones Road intersection. The driveway has been extended into the roadway about 600mm.

26. Councillor Bassett asked if the RTA has ever written to Council seeking permission to erect signs on Council roads or footpaths in particular, the signage out the front of the Council Chambers erected in the middle of the footpath. The signs are an OHS issue for Council.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the RTA has not requested permission to erect signs on George Street under Section 138 of the Act, however they did submit a traffic management plan which showed those signs and the plan had been approved.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there has not been many instances where RTA signage has been erected for a long period of time on Council property for temporary works so it is more than likely that permissions has not been sought.

27. Councillor Bassett referred to the Nuclear Free Zone signs erected on the RTA's Richmond Road and asked if Council wrote to the RTA seeking formal approval for erection of the signs.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that there was no formal approval.

28. Councillor Rasmussen enquired about the salvinia weed that is building up against MacKenzie's Creek Bridge and asked who is responsible for removing the weed.

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the RTA is responsible for removal of the weed that is against the bridge.

29. Councillor Books referred to the salvinia weed against MacKenzie's Creek Bridge and advised that it has washed down from properties between Wolseley Road and Pitt Town Road and it was being treated with the weevil system by the Hawkesbury River County Council. The property owners would not allow spraying of the weeds and it has now bloomed.

30. Councillor Stubbs referred to the works required on MacKenzie's Creek and advised that consent is a multi-tiered process with not only Council but also the RTA and a number of state government departments and residents. He advised that Council may need to convene to see if they can expedite matters in that regard.

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The meeting terminated at 9:05pm

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 10 July 2007

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Mayor