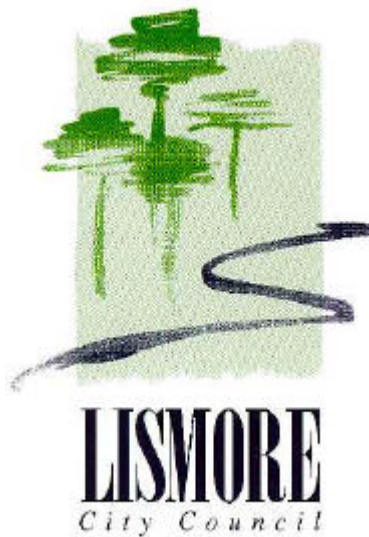


COUNCIL Business Paper



MAY 16, 2000



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

An ORDINARY MEETING of LISMORE CITY COUNCIL will be held at the KEERRONG PUBLIC HALL on TUESDAY MAY 16, 2000, at 6.30pm and members of Council are requested to attend.

(Ken Gainger)
GENERAL MANAGER

COUNCIL BUSINESS AGENDA

MAY 16, 2000

PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION:

PAGE NO.

>

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

OPENING OF MEETING AND PRAYER (MAYOR):

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – May 2, 2000

CONDOLENCES

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

MAYORAL MINUTES

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

NOTICES OF MOTION

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

(Consideration of the Suspension of Standing Orders to debate matters raised during Public Access).

REPORTS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS - COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

INDEX

REPORTS:

PAGE NO

Investments for April, 2000

March 2000 Quarterly Budget Review Statement

Section 356 Donations to Rural Halls

Lismore Memorial Baths Upgrade

AAS Local Ranking Committee

Stormwater Management Plan

RTA Works Depot- North Lismore

Management Plan Review Quarterly March 2000

Water Main Construction T20019

Replacement of Council Vehicle V322 (Cat 120G Motor Grader)

Cellulose Valley – Skyline Road Roadworks

Fix the Roads Working Party – Future Role

Committee Recommendations:

Traffic Minutes – April 19, 2000

Documents for Signing and Sealing:

Questions Without Notice:

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS - Committee of the Whole:

(j:corp\agenda.doc)

NOTICE OF MOTION

I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of the Council the following motion:

That Council's Ordinary Meeting schedule of one meeting every three weeks be amended to one meeting every month, to be held on the 4th Tuesday.

COUNCILLOR John Crowther

DATE 3/5/00

Comment by General Manager

Comment by General Manager

The *Notice of Motion* tabled by Cr Crowther is timely and follows a succession of Council Business Papers where the number of reports has steadily diminished.

The progressive reduction in the number of reports is a product of trends occurring within local government generally and at LCC specifically. These issues include:

- Changes to legislation which has progressively and consistently removed elected representatives from decision-making on "operational" matters;
- A growing and consistent trend towards a more "business-like" (corporate) approach to the management of Council affairs;
- The accelerated devolution/imposition of an ever-increasing range of functions to local government by the NSW State Government without any additional resources;
- Corresponding maintenance of "rate pegging" and other measures which restrict local government's revenue raising ability;
- Associated decisions by Council/Management to contain growth in staff numbers/budgets, i.e. staff resources have not kept pace with increasing responsibilities/functions;
- Council Policy decisions to restrict Strategic Planning output hence few Strategic Planning reports submitted to Council;
- Significant staff resources tied up in addressing government policy agendas, e.g., GST, NCP, roads funding, regional/economic development, health funding, environmental management, air services de-regulation, L.G. structural reform, etc.
- Commensurate with the foregoing a significant change in the skill-sets required by staff to administer a growing diversity of local government functions;
- A national trend in local government towards a greater community participation in decision-making processes, i.e. more focus on workshop/committee processes with Council meetings increasingly ratifying Committee recommendations.

A reduction in the number of Council meetings as proposed by Cr Crowther would provide significant relief for over-stretched staff without inhibiting the policy-making/governance role of Councillors who are actively and effectively involved in an extensive committee/community advocacy system.

I commend the motion to Councillors and suggest a further review in 12 months time.

STAFF COMMENT BY: Administration Services Manager

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting Held May 16, 2000

There is no doubt that the amount of business being brought before Council meetings has been declining since the introduction of the 1993 Local Government Act. This reflects one of the aims of the Act, for Councillors to move away from direct involvement in day-to-day issues and more towards setting policy directions. It also reflects the degree of delegation granted to staff by Council and perhaps the decline in economic activity experienced in Australia over this period. In empirical terms, Council met 22 times in 1993 for a total period of 79 hours plus 13 hours of Policy and Resources meetings compared to meeting 16 times in 1999 for a period of 64 hours, a reduction in meeting time over this period of 30%.

The immediate effect of such a motion will be to reduce the number of ordinary Council meetings held each year from approximately 16 to 11.

Significant savings will accompany the reduction in meetings. For staff these will be in issues surrounding the reduction in the number of business papers. These will be both in actual time spent on producing the business paper and savings from the interruption of normal work flows that such business papers create. There will also be savings associated with Councillor attendance at meetings, advertising etc. Some of these savings are quantifiable and some not.

The reduction in meetings should result in the length of meetings being extended but it is not envisaged that this would be to such an extent as to prevent unmanageable problems. Although the number of reports per meeting should increase, there will be savings in the non-duplication of items such as Public Access and Question Time etc.

There may be concerns that the increase in time between meetings from three to four and sometimes five weeks will delay council business especially Development Applications. Again this is not considered a major problem. Council recently experienced a break of four weeks with no adverse effects. Major Development Applications are usually programmed around meeting schedules. This would continue to be the case and as such no adverse impact is expected.

Council still has the option to call Special Meetings for matters that cannot be delayed.

Should Council adopt the motion the new meeting schedule would commence on the 27th June 2000. The meeting scheduled for the 6th June 2000 will still proceed as planned.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION

I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of the Council the following rescission motion:

That Council rescind its decision on May 2, 2000 to remove the Nuclear Free Zone Sign from the entrance to Lismore and to not erect further Nuclear Free Zone Signs. (Minute No 96/00)

COUNCILLOR Irwin

COUNCILLOR Tomlinson

COUNCILLOR Roberts

DATE May 2, 2000

(00-6635:S244)

Subject/File No:	Memorial Baths Redevelopment (P6768)
Prepared By:	Recreation Planner, Alex Wilford
Reason:	Council to consider concept plans, costings and ongoing subsidy estimates for three options to redevelop the Memorial Baths.
Objective:	To determine Council direction regarding redevelopment of the Memorial Baths.
Management Plan Activity:	5.1

Introduction

There is a well recognised need to provide a new aquatic facility in Lismore that meets today's competition standards, community recreational demand and health and environmental standards. Various options and sites for such a facility have been considered over the past decade, culminating in a Council resolution to redevelop the Memorial Baths in November 1999.

Thomson Adsett Architects have prepared concept plans, cost estimates and operating subsidy estimates for three options to redevelop the Memorial Baths. This report provides a summary of Thomson Adsett's report and discusses the major issues that need to be considered in determining Council's direction for the redevelopment of the Memorial Baths.

Background

At its meeting of November 2, 1999 Council resolved to redevelop the Memorial Baths through a three stage process which involved extending the pool grounds into Market Street. This followed an earlier resolution (at the same meeting) not to continue with the Joint Venture Aquatic Centre project at the East Lismore site.

During ensuing discussions with the RSL Club regarding the partial closure of Market Street, the Club's General Manager, Ken Coughran advised that the Club may consider the complete closure of Market Street as part of a major redevelopment of the area around the Club and Memorial Baths.

At its meeting on December 14, 1999 Council received a report from the former Manager Client Services, Wayne Franklin with the purpose to determine the project scope and inclusions and also consider issues that had arisen through discussions with the RSL Club. At that meeting the following was resolved:

1. Concept drawings of a redevelopment option incorporating the bowling green at the RSL Club together with an option for redevelopment on the existing site extending 10 metres onto Market Street be prepared and costed and that the costings include an estimate of the ongoing subsidy by Council to the pool for each option. These costs to include as separate items the annual ongoing operational subsidy (if any), depreciation charges, maintenance costs and loan repayments.
2. Applications be made to the Department of Land and Water Conservation to close:-
 - a) The section of Market Street abutting the RSL bowling green, allowing room for a turning circle;
 - b) A section of Market Street, approximately 10 metres wide on the north side from the western end to the entrance of the Baths.
(only one option to be proceed, determined after discussions with the RSL Club and other affected parties).

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

3. Inclusions 1D to 4D and 6D to 10D be adopted as the minimum standard for pool redevelopment and Inclusion 5D be amended to read: *"It is recommended that the toddlers, leisure, programme pools and main pool be adequately shaded."*
4. The above actions be expedited to provide a new facility during the next swimming season and avoid expenditure of \$80,000 to treat backwash water.
5. A Steering Committee, comprising three Councillors be established to work with staff and consultants on the compilation of plans and estimates.

It was also resolved that Councillors Suffolk, Baxter and King be appointed to the Steering Committee.

Concept Plans, Costings and Ongoing Subsidy Estimates

A brief to prepare concept plans, costings and ongoing subsidy estimates was finalised in consultation with the Steering Committee and quotations were invited from the following three local architects/engineers:

- Thomson Adsett Architects,
- Lyon Architects,
- Peter Lucena and Associates.

Following careful evaluation based on the selection criteria detailed in the brief (price, capability and relevant experience, scope and methodology, timeframe), Thomson Adsett Architects were appointed.

A copy of the Final Report prepared by Thomson Adsett Architects is separately attached.

Concept plans, costings and ongoing subsidy estimates for three options have been prepared. The project scope and list of inclusions previously adopted by Council served as the basis for the concept plans (refer to Appendix A of Thomson Adsett's report). The options are described and discussed separately below and concept plans for each option are attached to this report.

Option 1

This option involves extension of the pool grounds over Market Street and most of the RSL Club's bowling green. A new road allowing two-way traffic would be constructed between the RSL Club and the new pool facility. Existing informal parking on Market Street (approximately 24 informal spaces) and the 5 fig trees that line the street would have to be removed.

The main pool has a north-south orientation and the program, leisure and toddlers pool are located in the south west of the site. A large raised grassed area incorporating a new covered grandstand and terraced seating is provided along the western side of the main pool. The existing grandstands are relocated to the eastern side of the pool. Additional informal grassed areas are provided on the northern and southern sides of the site.

A new toilet and changeroom block and plant and filtration room are located near the entrance. The existing kiosk remains with potential for future expansion to service pool patrons and external customers in the existing forecourt area. New shade structures, landscaping and shade tree planting are proposed throughout.

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

The option has the advantage of providing large grassed leisure and landscaped areas and additional informal viewing and seating areas. There is also ample circulation space near the entrance that will allow large school groups to assemble.

The shape of the site may create supervision difficulties and the leisure/program and toddlers pool are too far from the kiosk and amenities area. The existing east-west orientation of the main pool is also removed, possibly reducing the Baths' existing memorial value. The loss of vital car parking and the additional cost of acquiring the RSL Club's bowling green are major disadvantages of this option.

Option 2

This option involves extending the swimming pool grounds 10 metres into Market Street. Two way access would be retained along Market Street, however existing on street parking (approximately 24 informal spaces) and 5 mature fig trees would need to be removed.

The existing east-west orientation of the main pool is retained and a new combined program and leisure pool is located to the south of the main pool. A circular toddlers pool abuts the leisure pool. A new toilet and changeroom block is located in the south eastern section of the site. Pool plant and filtration would also be housed in this building. The existing kiosk remains with potential for future expansion.

A number of steel framed shade structures are also proposed, particularly near the entrance, over and around the program, leisure and toddlers pool and over grandstand seating. Existing and new grandstands are positioned adjacent to the north western end of the main pool. Other seating includes tiered seating built into garden beds at the south western end of the main pool, along the southern site boundary overlooking the program, leisure and toddlers pool and at picnic tables and chairs located in various locations throughout the site. Informal grassed areas located in the north eastern corner of the site, to the rear of the grandstands and at the western end of the site provide opportunities to sunbathe and relax. Landscaping and shade tree planting would be provided throughout.

This option makes good use of the constrained space available. The major advantage is that it does not require acquisition of the RSL Club's bowling green. It has no major supervision concerns and provides additional informal seating. The east-west orientation of the main pool also maintains the memorial value and provides an attractive 'water vista' from the entrance building.

Unfortunately, the lack of informal grassed areas and circulation and assembly space is a major disadvantage. The loss of existing parking in Market Street is also a major concern.

Option 3

This option involves extension of the pool grounds over Market Street and part of the RSL Club's bowling green. A new road allowing two-way traffic would be constructed between the RSL Club and the new pool facility with on street angle parking on each side of the new road providing approximately 30 car parking spaces.

The east-west orientation of the main pool is retained and a program, leisure and toddlers pool is located to the south of the main pool.

Separate male and female toilets and change rooms are provided on either side of the entrance and the existing kiosk remains with potential for future expansion.

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

New and existing covered grandstands overlook the north western section of the main pool. Landscaping, shade structures, shade tree planting and generous grassed areas are provided throughout.

This option makes good use of the available space to provide a number of key advantages. Generous grassed leisure and landscaped areas are provided, particularly around the leisure/program and toddlers pools. Ample circulation and assembly space near the entrance and additional seating and informal viewing areas are also provided. The east-west orientation of the main pool provides an attractive 'water vista' from the entrance building and maintains the facility's memorial value. Perhaps the greatest advantage of this option is that lost car parking from Market Street is replaced.

As with option 1, a disadvantage of this option is the additional cost associated with the acquisition of the RSL Club's bowling green.

Cost Estimates

The estimated capital construction costs for each option are presented in the table below. These estimates have been prepared by Page Kirkland Quantity Surveyors and incorporate demolitions, site preparation, consultant fees, service relocation and connections, plant and engineering, fit-out, road works, all pools and buildings and allowance for builder's profit and overheads. The implications of the GST are also included.

	Option 1 \$	Option 2 \$	Option 3 \$
Construction Cost	3,839,000 – 4,026,000	3,472,000 – 3,602,000	3,714,000 – 3,866,000
Reduction in Wholesales Tax	(152,000)	(152,000)	(152,000)
GST	369,000- 387,000	332,000 – 345,000	356,000 – 371,000
Total Cost	4,056,000 – 4,261,000	3,652,000 – 3,795,000	3,918,000 – 4,085,000

Breakdowns of these cost estimates are provided on page 2 of Appendix B in Thomson Adsett's report. Options 1 and 3 include land acquisition costs for the RSL Club's bowling green which has been assumed to be valued between \$150,000 - \$200,000. The cost estimates also include a range (\$227,000 - \$379,000) for professional fees.

It is expected that Council would be able to claim input credits for the GST paid on construction, so that the only cost implications will be the financing of the amount of GST prior to receiving input credits from the Australian Tax Office.

Ongoing Operating Subsidy

Operating subsidy estimates and the underpinning assumptions are detailed in Section 3.3 of Thomson Adsett's report. Separate estimates based on the provision of pool heating or no heating, with and without expanded kiosk facilities are included.

The table below indicates the estimated annual operating subsidy to Council (including loan repayments) based on four variations for years 1, 5, 10 and 15 of operation.

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

	Year 1 \$	Year 5 \$	Year 10 \$	Year 15 \$
Pools heated but kiosk not expanded	-217,521	-205,609	-201,374	167,777
Pools heated and kiosk expanded	-200,232	-190,199	-180,960	183,922
No pool heating or expanded kiosk	-327,560	-325,340	-322,174	27,161
No pool heating but kiosk expanded	-344,949	-344,799	-344,732	1,010

As indicated above, the estimated operational costs vary substantially depending on whether pools are heated and/or whether the kiosk is expanded. The estimates indicate that the annual operating subsidy to Council would be significantly lower if the pools are heated. Pool heating would enable the swimming season to be extended and thus greatly increase annual attendance. The additional capital cost to provide gas pool heating is estimated to be \$96,000.

The estimated annual attendance ranges from 115,266 for a heated pool to 60,400 if the pool remains unheated. This represents increases of approximately 109% (60,266) and 9.8% (5,400) respectively on existing attendance figures (55,000). These estimates are based on a 35-week season if pools remain unheated and a 46-week season if pools are heated. It is assumed that attendance (and thus revenue) will be the same for all concept options, as the range of facilities and services provided would be the same.

Revenue estimates are based on a \$2.00 entry fee (the current entry fee is \$1.40). It is important to note that attendance estimates assume that the Lismore Lake Pool will remain open. Should Council decide to close the Lismore Lake Pool attendance levels at the Memorial Baths would be expected to increase.

Operating expenses include a management contract (\$100,000/year), pool maintenance (\$20,000/year) and building repair/maintenance (\$10,000/year).

Loan repayments have been calculated on a principle of \$2,900,000 paid over 15 years at 8.5% interest. This equates to annual loan repayments of approximately \$345,669. Council's contribution from existing section 94 funds and reserves is \$1,100,000.

A separate depreciation schedule for each option is provided in Appendix C of Thomson Adsett's report. Annual depreciation is estimated as follows:

- Option 1. \$119,437
- Option 2. \$116,627
- Option 3. \$115,081

Other Issues and Considerations

Project Timing

Council's resolution to provide a new facility during the next swimming season (2000/2001) is unrealistic to achieve given the timeframe required to complete detailed design and documentation, expressions of interest, tenders, necessary approval processes and construction. A project plan

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

that takes into account these matters has been prepared in consultation with Project Manager, Wes Johnstone. A copy of the project plan is attached.

It is logical to have all necessary planning and approvals (development application, design and documentation, tenders, etc) finalised before the end of the 2000/2001 swimming season (April 2001) so that construction can be completed and the pool reopened for the 2001/2002 season (September 2001). Under this program, no pool closure would be required during the swimming season, allowing normal community access to be retained.

Funding

Council presently has approximately \$1,100,000 available for this project, made up of;

Section 94 – City Wide Levies	\$144,000
Aquatic Centre Reserves	\$790,000
Community Facilities Reserves	\$172,000

It is expected that loan funds will provide the balance.

Financial assistance may also be available through funding programs offered by the Department of Sport and Recreation. However, it is considered less likely that this proposal would attract the maximum \$300,000 that the joint venture aquatic centre project was expected to obtain.

There is also potential to redevelop the kiosk as a better quality café that services pool patrons as well as external customers. This could be undertaken at a later stage with capital contribution from the private sector under a commercial build and operate arrangement.

Application to Close Market Street

An application to close part of Market Street was submitted to the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) in January 2000. The application requested closing the section of Market Street abutting the RSL bowling green for, either the entire width or part width of the road (enabling traffic to still pass through) depending on which redevelopment option is desired. Notice of the application was advertised in the 'Northern Star' on 22/1/00.

DLWC received written submissions to the proposed road closure from Lismore City Bowling Club, Lismore Croquet Club, Lismore RSL Club and NorthPower. With the exception of NorthPower, the objections were based on the potential loss of access and parking, particularly to the informal parking area at the rear of the Lismore City Bowling Club's premises. Negotiations have commenced with these parties and it appears that a favourable outcome can be reached provided that vehicle access to the informal parking area at the rear of the Lismore City Bowling Club is retained and that lost parking areas are replaced. Vehicle access to the informal car parking area at the rear of the Lismore City Bowling Club is retained in each of the concept options that have been prepared.

NorthPower have objected on the basis that existing power supply infrastructure is located within the road and advise that the objection would be withdrawn upon establishment of a registered easement being created to their benefit.

Acquisition of Lismore RSL Club's Bowling Green

To proceed with options 1 or 3, Council would need to acquire the RSL Club's bowling green. This would require negotiation and agreement with the RSL Club. The General Manager, Ken Coughran has previously indicated that the RSL Club may consider selling the bowling green and indications

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

are that the RSL Club Board are supportive of the concept of extending onto the bowling green.
This land has been professionally valued at \$200,000 - \$225,000.

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

Discharge of Backwash Water

Discussions have been held with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) NSW regarding whether a further extension to the requirement to treat backwash water or have it discharged into the sewerage system may be granted. The EPA's verbal response has been favourable, suggesting that it is likely that an extension would be granted to continue the existing operation for a further season if the facility is to be fully redeveloped. It would be considered unreasonable to spend the \$80,000-\$90,000 required to meet current requirements for just one year of operation. Any new facility will need to meet all environmental requirements in this respect. It was suggested that a written request for extension be forwarded once Council have adopted a redevelopment option and concept.

Car Parking

As discussed earlier the full or partial closure of Market Street will result in the loss of approximately 24 informal on-street car parking spaces. These spaces need to be replaced in other areas in the vicinity and additional parking may be required to adequately service the improved facility.

Existing car parking in the immediate area is generally not formalised or well defined. There is potential to increase the amount and efficiency of parking by developing and implementing a Car Parking Plan for the area around the Memorial Baths, Heritage Park and the RSL Club. The following potential strategies to increase the amount and efficiency of parking in the area may be considered:

- Formalise angle parking on both sides of the section of Market Street to be retained.
- Provide formalised 90-degree angle parking on both sides of Victoria Street and removal/relocation of the recycling drop-off facility.
- Formalise (seal and line mark) the off street parking area bounded by Market Street and Victoria Street to provide additional spaces.
- Negotiate with the RSL Club to reach an agreement to formalise (seal and line mark) and share its parking area located on the eastern side of Victoria Street adjacent to informal car park discussed above. Peak parking times for the Club are outside peak swimming pool times and office/retail hours when demand for public car parking is highest.
- Establish a new parking area in the existing park area located between the Lismore City Bowling Club and the Old Lismore City Council Chambers (ensuring that sufficient pedestrian thoroughfare is maintained).
- Currently the areas provided by the RSL Club and Conway Plaza are used for all-day parking by people working in the CBD. At the same time, the restricted Rowing Club parking area is not fully utilised. If the Rowing Club car park provided all day parking, there would possibly be a shift of the all-day parkers to near the Memorial Baths area. Boom-gating the car parking areas near the baths until say 9:30 am weekdays could enforce this shift. The option of charging all-day parkers in the Rowing Club parking area may also be considered.
- The acquisition of the RSL Club's bowling green will allow for the provision of approximately 30 car parking spaces under the Option 3 concept plan.

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

Public Transport

There is also a need to provide a designated bus drop-off and pick-up point. This should be located as close to the facility as possible and where crossing of major roads is not required. The area directly in front of the Memorial Baths on Molesworth Street may be suitable. This is currently a no standing area, however, it is commonly used as a bus drop off point.

Fig Tree Removal and Relocation

Each redevelopment option would require removal of 5 mature fig trees that are currently located on the northern side of Market Street. It is suggested that these trees be relocated to other suitable locations in the city. This practice has occurred successfully in the past, with a number of large fig trees previously being relocated from Leicester Street to Lismore Park.

Project Delivery Method

There are two main delivery methods typically used in the development of aquatic facilities. These involve completing the design and construction stages separately or together as a package. There are advantages and disadvantages of both methods relating to cost, quality and level of control. The project steering committee is undecided on which method to employ and suggest that this should be discussed with other issues at a Council workshop.

Manager - Finance & Administration Comments

It is clear that this project is not going to be self funding in the short, medium or most likely even in the long term. As such the funding for the redevelopment of the Memorial Baths will be funded from general rating revenue.

Given the timeline for the project, funding would need to be available late in the 2000/01 financial year. Therefore the decision Council makes will impact on budget considerations for the 2000/01 financial year.

The total funding for this project, outlined under Option 3, of approximately \$4 million is questionable in relation to the GST component estimated. The reasoning used by the consultants who prepared the estimate is that these costs will have to be paid and as such funded. What has not been recognised is that Council will receive tax credits back from the Taxation Office for these amounts paid, the following month. Hence it is only the financing cost relating to the timing of these payments that should be included in calculations. A quick estimate indicates that these amounts are negligible in relation to the cost of the entire project. So if the costs of the GST are ignored the total cost of the project under Option 3 is in the vicinity of \$3.7 million.

At present the draft budget for 2000/01 contains the redevelopment of the Memorial Baths at a cost of \$2,500,000. Unfortunately this is well short of the estimates provided by the architects report. As Council would be aware all other possible funding sources for a pool project have been explored before. The only real avenue open for funding this project is to increase loan borrowings. Assuming the total cost of the project under Option 3 is \$3.7 million, funding would be as follows.

Funding	Amount
Section 94 – City Wide Levies	\$144,000
Aquatic Centre Reserves	\$790,000
Community Facilities Reserves	\$172,000
Balance from loan borrowings	\$2,594,000
TOTAL	\$3,700,000

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

Finance staff have recently completed a return to the Department of Local Government relating to the proposed borrowings for 2000/01, which was required by the end of April, 2000. This document included borrowings for general fund totalling \$2,185,000. Of this, \$1,394,000 was allocated to the pool project. If Council proceeds with the new estimates it will need to make an application for additional borrowings, which will be contingent upon confirmation from the Department.

If this course of action were taken the impact on the draft 2000/01 budget would be a reduction in working funds of approximately \$17,000 due to accruals for the initial repayment to the 30th June 2001. This would also mean that in 2000/01, \$3,385,000 in borrowings would be taken up for general fund. This is a significant amount of funds to borrow with annual repayments being in the vicinity of \$400,000 per annum. The repayments on almost \$2.6 million for the pool would be in excess of \$300,000 per annum for fifteen years.

Council needs to decide if this project is going to be the highest priority in relation to major loan commitments in the next two to three years as further borrowing will impact on available funds for other uses.

Public Consultations

Not requested.

Conclusion

In response to Council's previous resolution, Thomson Adsett Architects were commissioned to provide concept plans and costings for three options to redevelop the Memorial Baths. This report has provided a summary of the results of Thomson Adsett's work and discussed other issues that need to be considered in relation to redeveloping the Memorial Baths.

Option 3 is considered the most advantageous of the three concepts prepared. It provides a good balance between water space, spectator seating and grassed leisure and landscaped areas. It is also the only option that replaces vital car parking spaces that would be lost with the closure of Market Street. The benefits derived from this option would justify the additional costs associated with acquiring the RSL Club's bowling green.

While, all three options would provide high quality facilities that comply with current health and environmental standards, meet regional competition requirements and provide improved recreation opportunities, none of the options meet the previously identified community desire for all year swimming in an indoor heated pool.

Operating subsidy estimates indicate that pool heating will improve the financial performance of the facility by extending the swimming season and thus increasing attendance levels. From both financial and community service perspectives, the additional capital cost associated with providing pool heating (\$96,000) is considered warranted.

Numerous other issues discussed in this report need to be carefully considered in determining Council's direction for redevelopment of the Memorial Baths. It is suggesting that a Council workshop be held to discuss these issues further.

Memorial Baths Redevelopment

Recommendations Cor18

- Council adopt Option 3 as the preferred concept plan for redevelopment of the Memorial Baths.
- A Council workshop be held to refine and finalise the preferred option (pool heating/no pool heating, etc.) and determine the project delivery method to be employed.
- Continue negotiations with the Lismore RSL Club for the acquisition of the bowling green land.
- Continue negotiations with the Lismore RSL Club, Lismore Croquet Club and Lismore City Bowling Club regarding their objections to the proposed closure of Market Street.
- Write to the Environmental Protection Authority to seek formal approval for further extension to their requirement for backwash water treatment or discharge into the sewerage system.
- Adopt the revised project timing as discussed in this report and outlined in the attached project program.
- A further report be submitted on car parking and public transport that details requirements and examines the potential strategies discussed in this report and other options that may satisfy these requirements.

Subject/File No: CELLULOSE VALLEY – SKYLINE ROAD ROADWORKS
(GJH:VLC:00-6185:S718)

Prepared By: Manager – Roads & Infrastructure

Reason: Request for assistance from Cellulose Valley Technology Park.

Objective: To determine level of assistance, if any.

Management Plan Activity: N/A

Background:

Council has received a request from the Chief Executive Officer of the Cellulose Valley Technology Park Development. A copy is attached for information as **Appendix ‘A’**. Council has been requested to assist with the upgrading of Skyline Road from Wyrallah Road to the southern boundary of the site. This would require upgrading approximately 650m of Skyline Road.

Estimated Cost:

The section of Skyline Road in question is currently an unsealed gravel road approximately 5.5m wide which is satisfactory for its current low traffic volume. There is also a one-lane bridge within this section of road. **Refer to location plan attached, marked as Appendix ‘B’.**

The estimated cost to upgrade the road to a 8.0m formation with a 6.0m seal is approximately \$200,000. The estimated cost to upgrade the bridge to a two-lane bridge is \$120,000 – total project cost of \$320,000.

Principal Accountant’s Comments

There is no identified funding available for the proposed works. It is suggested that these works be compared to other road priorities for the 2000/01 Budget and Council make a decision as to which items it wishes to give the highest priority.

Alternatively, if these works were to fall under Council’s proposed Urban Arterial Road Network, then funding from Section 94 levies is available for 50% of the project. Council would then only need to determine a funding source for the remaining one-half cost.

Public Consultations N/A

Other Group Comments Not required.

Conclusion

Discussion with Mr Lindsay Walker, the Project Manager, indicates that this project, together with the Military Road upgrade, are the only infrastructure projects which Council will be asked to contribute toward.

The Skyline Road entry into the Cellulose Valley site is to provide access for all service deliveries by truck. The internal traffic flows of the Technology Park are dependent on this access.

Cellulose Valley – Skyline Road Roadworks

Council's proposed Urban Arterial Road Network has a link road (*Refer to Plan No. 5 – University Link Road*), which will provide the required access to the southern boundary of the site. This would also make the proposed upgrade of Skyline Road redundant. However, it is not known when funds will be available to construct this link.

Given the poor condition of Council's overall road network, Council is not in a position to fully fund the upgrade of Skyline Road. However, Council may wish to make some type of contribution.

Recommendation (WOR15)

1. That Council advise the Cellulose Valley Technology Park it is not in a position to fully fund the upgrade of Skyline Road from Wyrallah Road to the former dip yard.
2. That the General Manager hold discussions with the Cellulose Valley Developers and examine the options of –
 - i) developing the proposed link road
 - ii) upgrading Skyline Road and what contribution Council is prepared to make.

- being consulted on works/changes in work practices proposed to be undertaken by the Council within the catchment.

❖ Establish criteria to evaluate the effectiveness of the Committee's initiatives.

As part of these deliberations, consideration should be given to the legal/public liability considerations that may restrict the ability of members of the community to actively participate in road maintenance works other than within the road reserves."

Fix the Roads Working Party – Future Role

An update report on the progress of the Working Party and the 1999/2000 Urban and Rural Construction Programme was considered by Council in September 1999 and the State of the Roads Report was considered in February 2000.

Discussion:

Initially it was envisaged that the 'Fix the Roads' Working Party would have a limited duration and report to Council by October 31, 1999.

It can be argued that the Working Party has delivered the objectives as set out in the original brief –

Objective 1

To facilitate collaboration between the Council and the community in evaluating the condition of roads within the Council's area, identifying casual factors contributing to their poor condition and/or inadequate rehabilitation, and making recommendations to the Council with respect to roads policy and funding priorities.

The Working Party is drawn from a cross-section of the community and individual members have set up formal and informal links to other members of the community to disseminate information from Council. This includes information on what Council is trying to achieve and the restrictions and limitations faced by Council.

The State of the Roads Report which was written in consultation with the Working Party provided a means to evaluate the overall condition of Council's road network.

The Working Party has identified several important issues which should be considered in setting selection criteria and priorities for road funding. They include: traffic volumes; condition of the road; bus and tourist usage; maintenance cost; safety, and road hierarchy. A points system was developed to help set priorities. Not everyone is totally comfortable with the current points system. However, it is useful as a guide and can be refined in the future. It does provide a systematic means to evaluate the varied criteria.

The report from Neil Arbuthnot, together with discussion with members of the Working Party, has identified and clarified many of the causal factors contributing to the poor condition of the roads.

Objective 2

To identify means by which members of the community may practically and lawfully assist the Council in physically undertaking works associated with improving and maintaining the condition of roads within the Council's area.

The Working Party has discussed this issue and it was recommended to obtain future legal advice from Council's Solicitors. That advice has recently been received. It has not been discussed with the Working Party at this time. The advice is similar to that received previously and it appears Council's options to use volunteer labour are limited to our existing policy.

Fix the Roads Working Party – Future Role

Objective 3

To consider the establishment of ongoing community consultative mechanisms aimed at facilitating regular feedback to the Council and City Works Staff on Council's performance with respect to roads maintenance and construction.

As mentioned in Objective 1 above, the Working Party Members themselves provide a mechanism for community consultation.

Neil Arbutnot's report evaluated Council's performance in respect to road maintenance and construction activities. He also made several recommendations in terms of improvements. The Working Party Members, being involved in the development of his report, are keen to ensure these recommendations are fully examined, *eg, shoulder, drainage maintenance and weedicide spraying.*

The Working Party also provides ongoing evaluation of Council's performance in the field by providing feedback on the effectiveness of many road activities, *eg, slasher operators do not always cut full width of deck.*

Future Role:

Although the above indicates that the Working Party has achieved much of its original objectives, there is still a great deal of benefit Council can achieve through such a Committee. These benefits include –

- The Working Party provides an ongoing public consultation mechanism for Council's road activities - allows Council to lead rather than react to community concerns.
- A wider understanding and hopefully acceptance of Council's road priorities (*what we are doing and why*).
- A better understanding of the limitations facing Council, *ie, limited funding.*
- Provides an independent group to Council assessing our performance, *ie, keeps roads staff "on their toes" which will improve performance.*

The recommended future role of the Working Party should include –

- ① Provide ongoing feedback and community input into Council's decision-making processes by:
 - (a) providing comments on Council's selection criteria for roadworks projects
 - (b) agreeing on a priority listing of road projects for Council's consideration
 - (c) provide comment and input into Council's road maintenance programme
 - (d) review and provide comment on the effectiveness of the road maintenance programme developed in (c) above
 - (e) monitor and provide comment on the implementation of improvements recommended by Neil Arbutnot.
- ② Meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the above.

The above role has not been discussed with the Working Party. The future role of the Working Party needs to be agreed in consultation and input from the Working Party. However, a general direction needs to be given from Council.

Working Party Members, I am sure, would appreciate a clearer direction on the future of the Committee.

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Fix the Roads Working Party – Future Role

Principal Accountant's Comments Not required

Public Consultations N/A

Other Group Comments Not Required

Recommendation (WOR16)

1. That Council endorse the continuation of the 'Fix the Roads' Working Party.
2. That Council endorse in principal the future direction of the Working Party, as set out in the body of the report.
3. That the Working Party, using the general drection from Council, further refine its strategic direction through the preparation of a draft Plan of Management for the further consideration of the Council.

Subject/File No: ROADS AND TRAFFIC AUTHORITY (RTA) ROAD/BRIDGE REPAIR DEPOT, LOT 195 DP755729, 3 BRIDGE STREET, NORTH LISMORE. (P24720)

Prepared By: Development Assessment Planner - Angela Jones

Reason: To inform Council of issues raised regarding the condition and legality of the RTA Depot on the abovementioned site.

Objective: To obtain Council's determination on the preferred course of action to take.

Management Plan Activity: Statutory Planning

Background:

The RTA has been operating a bridge repair depot from the abovementioned site for a period of over three years. A file search of previous correspondence between Council and the RTA shows there has been several requests to the RTA from Planning Services and City Works to lodge a Development Application and to attend to the condition of the site. A letter dated March 24 1999 (HAJ:MJK:R7329) required a Development Application be lodged within twenty one (21) days of the date of this letter. A subsequent response to this letter by the RTA stated that

"The future of the RTA Depot depends on the outcome of the investigations into the bridge over Leycester Creek. The Depot will most likely be needed for the proposed bridge work

As a short-term measure, any materials not needed for the bridge work in the vicinity will be relocated to another RTA Depot. Sheds and other equipment will remain on site for the time being.

When local bridge works are complete the RTA will relocate the Depot."

To date, Council has not received a Development Application from the RTA requesting the consent for the already established use of the site.

The subject site is zoned 6(a) Recreation under the *Lismore Local Environmental Plan 2000* and is currently in the ownership of the Crown. In accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the subject land use is classified as a "utility installation" and hence requires consent within the 6(a) Recreation Zone.

Council's City Works Group have been negotiating with the RTA over the reconstruction / maintenance of Colemans Bridge, and during these discussions the issue of the bridge storage depot has been canvassed, hence, to date no further action has been taken.

Other Group Comments

Acting Group Manager – City Works

The RTA has completed a Concept Selection Report for Coleman's Bridge. In the report it is indicated an allocation of funds for refurbishment is expected in the 2000/01 RTA Works Programme.

The preferred option from the report is to refurbish the existing bridge which will mean closing the bridge for several months. This was considered unacceptable and the Mayor and Group Manager – City Works have met with the RTA to express Council's concern regarding this proposal. The RTA agreed to run the traffic model developed by Council's consultant to further examine the effect on

traffic by closing the bridge. The RTA also agreed to have its hydraulic consultant examine the flood effects of building a low level bridge.

The above traffic and hydraulic investigations will delay the RTA's time-frame regarding action on the bridge and hence the need for the Depot.

Conclusion

In light of the comments from City Works and their recent negotiations with the RTA, it would appear that the intentions of the RTA are to continue to occupy the site as a public utility (bridge repair depot) for at least the next 24 months. On this basis the Planning and Development Group recommend the RTA be placed on notice to legalise the unauthorised land use as detailed in the recommendation of this report.

Options

There are two options in regards to this matter, which Council may take. Those being:

- a) Make a further request to the RTA to lodge a Development Application within twenty one (21) days of the Council resolution.
- b) To require the RTA to supply Council with legal advice in relation to its options regarding the unauthorised occupation of the subject land.

Recommendation (PLA12)

- 1 That the Council resolve to request formal notification from the RTA of their legal options in relation to addressing the unauthorised occupation of the site.
- 2 In the event that this information is not received within thirty (30) days, Council formally notify the RTA that they are to cease using the illegal utility installation (bridge storage depot) and to lodge a Development Application forthwith. Council further advise that failure to comply with the foregoing may lead to the instigation of legal action.

Subject/File No: **Management Plan 1999 - 2000 Review**
 Quarter ending March 2000

Prepared By: Corporate Development Officer

Reason: Requirement of the Act

Objective: Information and Annotation of Councillors

Management Plan Activity: >

Background:

Council is required under Clause 407 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1993 to periodically report on the performance set by the Management Plan.

The following information relates to the performance of programmes and activities highlighted in the Plan for completion during the quarter ended March 2000.

Recommendation:

That the report be received and content noted and further staff be commended on their performance during the period ending March 2000.

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Programme Name: **General Manager's Office** Strategic Plan Link: 1.5 Programme Owner: **Ken Gainger** Group: **General Manager's Office**

Purpose: To manage the organisation effectively and efficiently

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
To meet performance plan targets developed by the Council for the General Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare, review and monitor performance agreements for Group Managers and staff within the General Manager's Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly discussions with the Group managers continued
Develop competitive service provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressively review Council services in accordance with agreed milestones, benchmark against competition principles and industry best practice, and prioritise for market testing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifications and tenders called for contestable electrical supply Tenders prepared for heavy earthmoving plant Specifications and contracts let for water and sewerage main construction Contract let and on-going supervision of Airport terminal construction Negotiated and organised organic bin refit Review initiated for Council's Brunswick Street Workshop

Programme Name: **General Manager's Office / Communications and Marketing**

Purpose: To ensure Council 's services are responsive to community needs and expectations

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Promotion/marketing of Council's Business Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop, in consultation with the Business Development Manager, branding and promotion of Council's Business Units in accordance with agreed priorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and Airport logo and promotional material selected
Community reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare and distribute six (6) editions of 'Community Link' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1999 Annual Report compiled and sent to printer
Promotion of major Council sponsored events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare media releases and monitor media reports Co-ordinate Council's participation Local Government Week Masters Games and Olympic Torch Relay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-going support from the media groups continued Local Government Week planning in progress Local sponsors for the Olympic Torch Relay secured

Programme Name: **Human Resources Management** Strategic Plan Link: 1.2 Programme Owner: **Chris Davis** Group: **General Manager's Office**

Purpose: To provide a range of human resource systems and services

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Develop systems that recognise, reward, and retain staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement skills-based progressions for field based staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Works Roads staff completed Documentation finalised for Parks & Recreation Staff Draft documents prepared for Workshop, Bridges Deferred pending outcome of industry Award negotiations
Provide a working environment that encourages and supports the training and development of employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a replacement for the Wyatt Evaluation System Develop an integrated Training Plan Undertake a skills audit of all staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Plan developed Deferred until June 2000 to align with skills assessments
Ensure LCC Workforce has the capacity to remain competitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an outplacement programme to support exiting employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program implemented and services available to exiting employees Deferred pending outcome of organisational review
Develop an integrated Human Resource Information System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement team based structures Research and select an appropriate HR information system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HR staff have completed research to identify required features IT Section has subsequently taken over development role as part of broader IT strategy.

Programme Name: **Community Services** Strategic Plan Link: 5, 8 Programme Owner: **Anne Meagher** Group: **Corporate and Community Services**

Purpose: To facilitate the provision of community services that support the social and recreational needs of the community

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions Planned	Progress this quarter
---------------------------------	-----------------	-----------------------

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Provide a range of quality Council sponsored community services including Aboriginal, community development, recreation, cultural, library and child care services

- Manage and co-ordinate activities to ensure high level of service

- Hosted the Lismore Interagency and provided minutes.
- Compilation of Social Plan Executive Summaries from Nth Coast
- Co-ordinated - International Women's Day
- Seniors Week

Programme Name: **Community Services** (Ctd)

Ensure services are accessible and culturally appropriate to the diverse needs of the community

- Service and promote Access Committee and Disability Action Plan
- Undertake review of policies

- Access video 'Getting Around' shown at Lismore Unlimited – March meeting
- Facilitated working party of the Lismore Domestic Violence Liaison Committee compiling protocols and procedures for an interagency response to domestic violence
- Presentation on Council services to TAFE Welfare students
- Submission to draft paper on Welfare Reform.

Assist, co-ordinate, resource and support a range of community based services

- Facilitate strengthening of community / resource networks / interagency forums
- Co-ordinate funding proposals

- Initiated planning for a local interagency campaign to address homophobic violence
 - Participated in a working party to address issues of domestic violence in Nimbin.
 - Organised meet to establish a Domestic violence Liaison Committee in Nimbin
- Attended meetings for Kids Really Count campaign for 2000
- Attended Older Persons Interagency
- Participated in Australia Connects Forum
- Attendance at LGCSA Executive and seminar on 'Social Indicators'
- Participation in Northern Rivers Regional Strategy Committee.

Undertake the development of a Joint Venture Aquatic Centre

- Co-ordinate consultation, oversee design, DA and tender processes
- Service Joint Venture Steering Committee

- Council has resolved to Redevelop the Memorial Baths rather than proceed with the Joint Venture Aquatic Centre.
- Memorial Baths Steering Committee has been established and concept plans and cost estimates have been prepared.

Ensure efficient and effective use of all community land

- Involve all stakeholders in planning

- Consultation with all stakeholders and the
-

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

under Council control

Develop and implement a local Crime Prevention Plan

- Service Public Lands Strategy Management Team
- Convene Community Safety Committee
- Develop and implement Crime Prevention Plan

community undertaken for Kadina Park, Lismore Lake and Hepburn Park Plans of Management

- Monthly meetings held

- Staff, in conjunction with the Attorney-General's Dept (Crime Prevention Division) launching the "Homophobia – What are you Scared of Campaign" to be launched May 22.

Programme Name: **Development Assessment** Strategic Plan Link: 4.1 Programme Owner: **Warren Rackham** Group: **Planning and Development**

Purpose: To provide landuse planning principles, and enforcement of environmental planning instruments

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Provide timely response to associated correspondence and public enquiries Provide professional planning advisory services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Development Control Unit (DCU) as an appropriate forum for development discussion • Encourage pre-development liaison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-development meetings are held regularly with the outcomes being generally mutually satisfactory
Strategic Planning Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular listing of amendments / planning criteria • Comment on proposed LEP, DCP changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular feedback is provided on and for amendments to LEP and DCP's • LEP 2000 – awaiting gazettal
Mediation action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote, provide and participate in mediation process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation is an on-going function and is initiated on demand

Programme Name: **Waste Strategies** Strategic Plan Link: 6 Programme Owner: **Matthew Kelly** Group: **Planning and Development**

Purpose: To develop a strategic framework for efficient and environmentally responsible management, control and minimisation of waste

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Develop and implement waste strategies, policies, systems and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of new waste services • New service education / promotion • Public event recycling • Review / implement integrated waste management strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service introduced • Educational material prepared for 2000//2001 • Package prepared and available to organisers of public events • Formal review commenced
Develop, implement, evaluate and co-ordinate Council's dynamic waste minimisation strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement waste education and information service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational services continue to be developed and delivered

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Take a leadership role in the development and implementation of waste management and minimisation strategies, policies, systems and services

- Facilitate regional co-operation
- Participate in regional organic waste management

- Participation in NEWF continues as a member Council

Programme Name: **Strategic Planning** Strategic Plan Link: 4 Programme Owner: **Helen Manning** Group: **Planning and Development**

Purpose: To provide a comprehensive and up-to-date planning framework to satisfy State Government requirements Council and community needs

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Maintain planning controls in accordance with State Government directives and Council policies Prepare strategies, studies, DCP's and LEP's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Settlement Strategy • Acid Sulphate Soils LEP and DCP • LEP for exempt and complying development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission analysis & finalisation awaiting appointment of Strategic Planner • Adopted by Council; submission to DUAP awaiting resourcing • Made by Minister; gazettal 20/4/00
Implement studies and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalise Heritage LEP • Prepare heritage / urban design DCP • Maintain local heritage fund • Prepare Koala Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting Heritage Office view; • Unable to be resourced during review period • Being maintained • Vegetation mapping obtained
Review strategies and planning controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update and implement Urban Development Strategy • Review DCP's 17, 22, 31, 32, 33 • DCP 28 (Council Resolution 57/99) • Review floodplain planning controls • Update LEP (General amendments) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to be resourced during review period • Awaiting finalisation of KMP • DCP untested to date • Floodplain Management Strategy not yet finalised
Customer Surveys / Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and conduct customer survey • Co-ordinate presentation for developer/consultant forums • Contribute to newsletter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to be resourced • No forums held to date • Monthly Bulletin article submitted

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Programme Name: **Environmental Health** Strategic Plan Link: 6 Programme Owner: **Matthew Kelly** Group: **Planning and Development**

Purpose: To provide environmental health and intervention services that benefit the natural and built environments

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Provide environmental health management through the development and implementation of strategies and programmes Implement environmental health statutes, policies and guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of a Sewage Management Strategy• Development of a Stormwater Management Plan • Implement On-site Sewerage Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategy prepared and adopted by council.• Draft plan prepared for EPA – report prepared for Council• Implementation commenced. Operating Approvals being issued.

Programme Name: **Bushfire Services** Strategic Plan Link: 5.1 Programme Owner: **Ray Collyer** Group: **City Works**

Purpose: To provide an efficient rural fire service

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions Planned	Progress this quarter
Training and Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide extended specialist training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chain saw training course completed. 4 members• Rural Fire Driver training specialist courses completed. 12 members• Crew leader Safety course completed .21 members
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold monthly committee meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly meetings held with Captains and OH&S committee as scheduled
Provision of fire fighting stores and equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upgrade vehicle fleet within budget• Establish and maintain control room	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three new vehicles delivered.• Caniaba Brigade• Stony Chute Brigade• Lower River brigade• Control Room Fully Operational.

Programme Name: **Roads / Urban** Strategic Plan Link: 3.2 Programme Owner: **Garry Hemsworth** Group: **City Works**

Purpose: To construct and maintain roads to a safe, trafficable standard and drainage structures, footpaths, street lighting and kerb and gutter within the urban area

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions Planned	Progress this quarter
Bitumen Reseal 10% of Urban Network each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a systematic reseal programme which allows each road to be resealed every 10 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reseal program deferred, funds transferred to urgent rehabilitation
Reconstruct Road Network as per works schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on options to allow for an increase in the length of road reconstruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional rehabilitation works have been included in program, approx. 2.1km completed to date
Maintain concrete, bitumen and grassed footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake scheduled repairs to concrete and bitumen footpaths Undertake scheduled slashing of grass footpaths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing within budget Exceptional growing season causing over expenditure, which will be compensated in other activities.

Programme Name: **Roads / Rural** Strategic Plan Link: **3.2** Programme Owner: **Darren Patch** Group: **City Works**

Purpose: To reconstruct and maintain rural roads to a safe, trafficable standard

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions Planned	Progress this quarter
Maintain rural roads to a standard where the full design life is obtained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define maintenance activities Determine activity specifications Determine yearly output for each activity Set agreed service levels Define 'Desirable Level of Service' compared to 'Agreed Level of Service' and determine 'Defer Maintenance'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions completed with help of CMS Consultants
Bitumen Reseal 10% of Urban Network each year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a systematic reseal programme which allows each road to be resealed every 10 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reseal program deferred, funds transferred to urgent rehabilitation works
Maintain rural gravel roads in accordance with Policy 1.8.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update Policy 1.8.17 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New grading schedule up to 2 months behind, however, currently in the process of catching up.

Programme Name: **Traffic, Enforcement and Lighting** Strategic Plan Link: **3.1, 3.2** Programme Owner: **Bill MacDonald** Group: **City Works**

Purpose: To: enforce State legislation relating to parking and dog control, to maintain and upgrade street lighting and to manage traffic/transportation needs

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions Planned	Progress this quarter
---------------------------------	-----------------	-----------------------

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Improve road safety throughout the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a road safety strategic plan aligned with related Council strategies, plans and programmes • Provide education and other information awareness campaigns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Drinks without Dramas' campaign introduced through Southern Cross University Union and Fatigue campaign being developed for Easter Holidays • Press releases/interviews carried out re Bus Interchange, Responsible drinking and driving, Joint educational strategies for licensed premises, Skateboard issues, Speeding and Early childhood road safety
City Safe Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer safety patrol contract • Install and administer Safety Camera Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety patrols are being carried out each week day and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights in accordance with contract • Maintenance is being carried out as required and Cameras are being monitored in accordance with contract

Programme Name: **Works Depot Wyrallah Road** Strategic Plan Link: 3.2 Programme Owner: **Garry Hemsworth** Group: **City Works**

Purpose: To provide suitable facilities to meet the needs of each service section

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions Planned	Progress this quarter
Operate Depot facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Depot at times when works staff are operational • Maintain staff amenities in accordance with health regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations proceeding in accordance with plan

Programme Name: **Lawn Cemetery and Crematorium** Strategic Plan Link: 5.1 Programme Owner: **Kris Whitney** Group: **Business and Enterprise**

Purpose: To provide a range of human services relating to the funeral industry

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Conduct burial/cremation services Provide memorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review fee structure • Review fee structure • Review memorial options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed - new fee structure submitted to GMBE • Completed – new fee structure and memorial products list submitted to GMBE

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Marketing and Revenue generating activities

- Develop sales aides packages for distribution to Funeral Directors
- Determine competitors and their associated functions
- Mail-out to Funeral directors requesting input, completed.
- Ongoing as part of Crematorium & Lawn Cemetery Business Plan 2000-2003

Programme Name: **Quarry Operations**

Strategic Plan Link: 2.3, 3.1

Programme Owner: **Geoff Pisani
Gary Hemsworth**

Group: **Business and Enterprise
City Works**

Purpose: To provide cost effective quarry operations to Council and the construction industry

Goals/Objectives to be achieved

Actions planned

Progress this quarter

Operate Blakebrook quarry and rural quarries

- Maintain all plant

- The January shutdown represents the key times for fixed plant maintenance at the Quarry. During the shutdown, apart from routine maintenance on the primary and secondary crushers, substantial work on upgrading of catwalks and dust control was also undertaken.

Programme Name: **Aerodrome Operations**

Strategic Plan Link: 2.2, 3.1

Programme Owner: **Craig Kelly**

Group: **Business & Enterprise**

Purpose: To operate Lismore Aerodrome efficiently and effectively

Goals/Objectives to be achieved

Actions planned

Progress this quarter

Construct new passenger terminal building

- Complete building design
- Submit relevant development and design applications
- Report to Council on tenders for adoption
- Commence construction

- Terminal under construction. Anticipate completion by July 2000.
- An additional hanger site is leased with filling of site and construction of hanger by lessee in progress.

Programme Name: **Water Supply Services**

Strategic Plan Link: 6.5, 6.4, 2.2

Programme Owner: **Mgr Water & Waste Water**

Group: **Business and Enterprise**

Purpose: To provide water supply services that meet the current and future needs of the community

Goals/Objectives to be achieved

Actions planned

Progress this quarter

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Provide improved levels of service delivery through:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outsource selected works • Ensure compliance with NCP guidelines • Manage water upgrade contract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotations called for Terania St, Ross St, Conway St, Orion St water main replacements.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outsourcing • Benchmarking, and • Introduction of National Competition Policy guidelines 		
Provide improved levels of customer service through a focus on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate performance monitoring system • Participate in Rous Regional Demand Management strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S 64 charges reviewed. • Nimbin WFP report completed.
Implement new level of customer service		
Accurate headworks assessment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand management 		
Provide improved asset management by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up best practice maintenance systems • Develop asset renewal and augmentation plan • Ensure financial plan reflects liability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised the 5 year capital works program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing programmed maintenance of Council's water assets • Developing an asset renewal and augmentation strategy 		
Implement Business Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain financial plan for 20 years showing capital and recurrent expenditure with published performance indicators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Plan presented to Council

Programme Name: **Sewerage Services** Strategic Plan Link: 6.5, 6.4, 2.2 Programme Owner: **Mgr Water and Waste Water** Group: **Business and Enterprise**

Purpose: To provide sewerage services that meet the current and future needs of the community

Goals/Objectives to be achieved	Actions planned	Progress this quarter
Provide improved levels of service delivery through:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outsource selected works • Implement outcomes at sewerage treatment works • Ensure compliance with NCP guidelines • Manage sewerage upgrade contract 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quotations called for relining of Bright St, Bridge St, Ballina St and Dawson St sewers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outsourcing • Benchmarking, and • Introduction of National Competition Policy guidelines • Complete stage 2 of sewerage augmentation upgrade 		
Provide improved levels of customer service through a focus on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate performance monitoring system • Investigate sewerage schemes for new and existing villages - Clunes • Implement scheme for Caniaba and tea tree farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clunes Wastewater Committee held 2 meetings.
Implement new levels of service		
Accurate headworks assessment and contributions		

Management Plan Review - March 2000 Quarter

Participation in the development of new village scheme strategies

- Development of effluent reuse strategy

Provide improved asset management by:

- Introducing programmed maintenance of Council's sewerage assets
- Reducing wet weather overflows, and
- Developing an asset renewal and augmentation strategy

Business Plan

- Operate best practice maintenance systems
- Investigate overflow problem through gauging, modelling and reporting
- Ensure financial plan reflects liabilities

- Wet weather calibration of I/I model completed
- S64 plan reviewed

- Develop financial plan for 20 years showing capital and recurrent expenditure with published performance indicators

- Business plan presented to council

Subject/File No: MARCH 2000 QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW STATEMENT
(GB: S699)
Prepared By: Principal Accountant - Gary Boyd
Reason: Clause 9, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1993
Objective: To gain Council's approval to amend the 1999/00 budget to reflect actual or anticipated results.
Management Plan Activity: Not Applicable

Background:

The Local Government Act 1993 (LGA) requires the annual budget to be reviewed on a quarterly basis and any significant variances to be reported to Council. This report satisfies the LGA's requirements.

This review of the "budget versus forecast actuals" has been carried out at a programme level. Significant variances which impact on working funds have been identified in this report.

While undertaking this review, it was noticeable that the majority of budgets appear to be well on target. However, there is concern expressed that there is little margin for error if unexpected situations arise. This would appear to be a reasonable comment as there has not been any general percentage increases in operating budgets for the last three years. This strategy has been implemented in an endeavour to control Council's financial position.

General Fund

The 1999/00 Management Plan provided for a working fund surplus of \$50,000. The September review increased the result to a working fund surplus of \$81,400 and the December review reported a loss of \$59,400 making a total surplus of \$22,000. This review details an increase in the surplus of \$12,600 to \$34,600. In other words, for 1999/00, operations are budgeted to run at a surplus of \$34,600.

For Council's information, listed below are details of activities with significant variances. These comments should be read in conjunction with Attachment A.

Human Resources

Council is obligated to provide for a skills based assessment programme for its employees. This increase in operating expenses of \$30,000 and corresponding transfer from reserves relates to costs associated with implementing this process.

In the December quarterly review, advice of a forecast increase in worker's compensation premiums of \$173,000 was reported. This premium adjustment is primarily related to the cost of litigation linked to three major claims lodged in 1998. (The calculation for the annual premium includes a three year historical component). The insurer estimates the maximum amount into the premium calculation as they are obliged to provide representation in the courts regardless of whether or not the claim has been accepted.

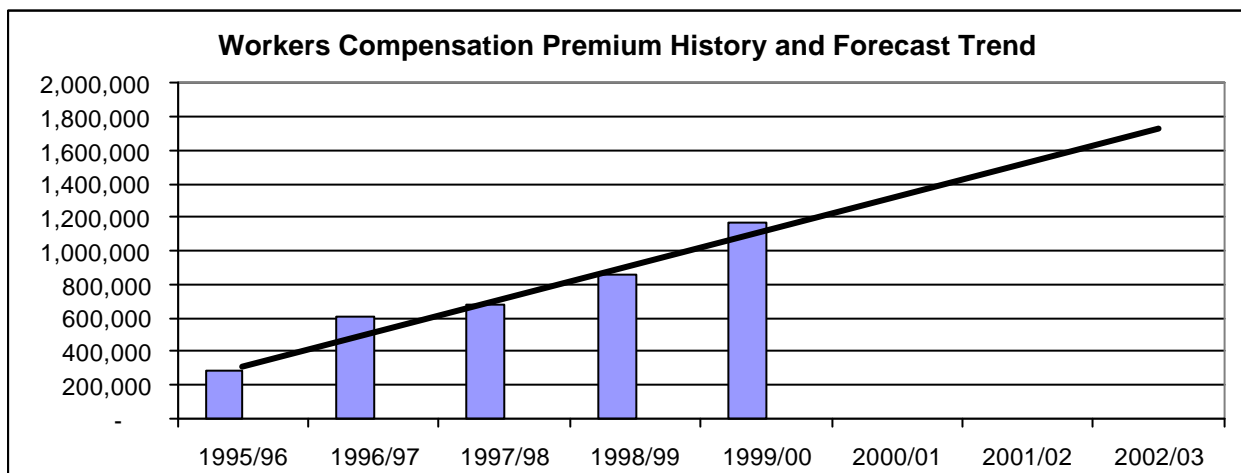
Unfortunately this figure has now been confirmed at \$284,300. An additional \$111,300 more than the amount forecast by our insurers. Therefore, while Councils injury rates continue to fall, the premium has increased due to an increased number of staff seeking compensation through the courts.

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

March 2000 Quarterly A budget Review Statement

The table and chart shown below, illustrate Councils escalating Workers Compensation Premiums over the last five years. When these figures are extrapolated, using current trends, for the next three years, it is quite possible that by 2002/2003 Councils premiums will be in excess of \$1.7million dollars. Clearly this level of cost increase will not be sustainable, if this industry wide trend continues.

	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	Change in Five Years
Workers Compensation Premium	280,000	610,000	680,000	857,000	1,171,00	891,000
% Change		118%	11%	26%	37%	318%



Council's practice is to treat workers compensation premiums as an 'employee cost' which is charged out to operations via an oncost rate. To fund the additional \$111,300 required the oncost rate to be raised by a further 5.0% for wages staff and 0.5% for salaried staff. The reason for the difference between the two rate increases is due to the historical trend in claims. Wages staff have been the source of most claims, hence the greater weighting in costs and oncost rates.

Programmes where wages oncosts are charged will absorb this cost because their budgets are based on activities and not specific salary and wages line-items. With the increase in the wages oncost rate there is now comparatively less funds to perform the same task. At this stage the 0.5% increase in the salaried staff oncost rate is planned to be absorbed into existing budgets. Finance staff will monitor the position closely in order to maintain control over this issue. With this course of action there is no direct change to the working funds balance.

General Purpose Revenues and Financial Services

There has been additional income of \$13,800 generated by rates as a result of all outstanding supplementary valuation information and other rating adjustments being processed. Fortunately there has been higher than expected interest income on operating funds, of \$16,200 earned due mainly to higher interest rates and also effective cashflow management and investing strategies implemented by staff.

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

March 2000 Quarterly A budget Review Statement

Costs associated with the GST have been budgeted for in this review. These amounts are \$13,200 for Financial Services and \$20,000 for software changes under Information Services. These amounts have been partly funded from reserves of \$25,300, with the balance coming from working funds.

Due to budgeted borrowings not being taken up, in the case of the SCU Joint Venture Aquatic Centre and being deferred with the Aerodrome, there have been budget adjustments. In the case of the pool, these savings of approximately \$28,000 have been transferred to fund the design costs associated with the redevelopment of the Memorial Baths. In the case of the Aerodrome, savings of \$83,000 in this budget year have been transferred to reserves where they will be utilised by the Aerodrome in next years budget.

Insurance excesses on public liability claims have exceeded the budgeted amount at this stage of the financial year. Fortunately actual premiums have not been as high as expected with anticipated additional call-ups not being realised compared to budget. These savings have been transferred to fund this increase in excess costs. As insurance premiums are direct charged at present, budget amounts for these premiums totalling \$30,000 have been reallocated from the roads programme.

The net impact of these changes is a \$14,400 increase on the working funds balance.

Art Gallery

Items include the reserving of two amounts relating to grants, which are planned to be spent in the 2000/01 year, \$7,900. The other significant item is the reserving of \$8,500 for additional staff costs budgeted for in 1999/00 but due to external circumstances these costs will be expended in 2000/01.

Environmental Health

Relates to the reserving of \$25,000 in funds for implementation of Council's Stormwater Management Plan. These funds will be expended in 2000/01.

Planning Services

Relates to the reserving of \$10,000 in funds for a Floodplain Management Study which will not be spent this financial year. These funds will be expended in 2000/01.

Building Control

An amount of \$15,000 in additional revenue has been recognised in the building section. Of this, \$10,000 has been reserved for use in 2000/01 on essential fire safety measures that should reduce Council's risk of liability. The remaining \$5,000 which was recognised in the Archive Fee line-item has been allocated to the costs associated with archiving additional records.

Parks and Recreation

Budget items funded under the Section 94 Openspace Plan have been included totalling \$28,300. The remaining \$25,000 relating to the Lismore Lake Remediation project has been reserved for use in 2000/01. The other significant item is the recognition of the completion of the Currie Park project, funded from \$16,900 unexpended grants received in 1998/99 and the final grant payment of \$5,000 received this financial year.

Urban Roads

The Trinity bus interchange/underpass project is expected to be over budget by \$50,000. This has been funded from bridge maintenance funds where some scheduled maintenance will be deferred until 2000/01.

The reason for the additional costs were due to the initial concept design of the underpass providing for a "Z" type configuration which catered for the majority of pedestrian flow and stakeholders. A final "U" shape design, agreeable to all local stakeholders was adopted with an additional staircase to maximum use by pedestrians. Provision of the staircase increased works associated with excavation, footpaths, utility relocation, drainage blockwork, handrails and roadworks.

Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA)

Items relating to further changes from the RTA of the approved works schedule for 1999/00 include an increase in the Regional Roads Repair Programme of \$44,000 and a further \$10,000 for State Roads Maintenance. In both these cases income and expenses have been adjusted accordingly, with no impact on the budget balance.

Aerodrome

As mentioned earlier, this transfer to reserves relates to the deferral of borrowings for the Aerodrome which effectively delays the first full half yearly instalment being paid in 1999/00. These funds will be required in 2000/01 and as such this item is really only a timing issue.

Property Services

The major cost relates to an additional \$16,000 being required to ensure a smoke escape hatch at the City Hall meets building standards. Advice has been received from the Department of Public Works on this matter. Funding is from property reserves.

Swimming Pools

The capital costs and loan funding relating to the SCU Joint Venture Aquatic Centre have been removed following Council's recent decisions on this matter. The other significant item relates to a reallocation of revenues and expenses following a change in contract for the management of the Memorial Baths. These changes have no impact on the working funds balance and are merely reflecting actual amounts. As mentioned previously, there has been approximately \$28,000 included from loan repayment savings from the SCU Joint Venture, which finance staff have transferred to fund the costs associated with the design and investigation of the Memorial Baths redevelopment.

Water and Sewerage Funds

For the Sewerage Fund, the planned works totalling \$250,000 for Caniaba Village have been deferred. These works were to be loan funded and there is no impact on the working fund balance.

For the Water Fund there have been no budget changes in the review period.

Both Funds are balanced from a working funds perspective and maintain a sufficient level of working capital at this stage of the financial year.

Other Group Comments

Manager Human Resources Comments

The **number** of workplace injuries and claims for Worker's Compensation continues to fall. Consequently, the net cost of Worker Compensation Claims for the year 1999 was \$198,159 for a total of 38 claims compared with \$674,512 (adjusted) in 1998 for a total of 51 claims.

However, despite this significant reduction in the number of injuries and claims Council's Worker's Compensation Premium continues to increase. The increase in premium can be directly attributed to an increasing number of employees (both former and existing) seeking compensation for injuries under the provisions of the worker's compensation legislation.

Nevertheless, a number of strategies have been implemented by Human Resources to minimise the potential for workplace injuries and associated worker's compensation claims. These strategies include; the implementation of an OH&S Management system, greater emphasis on safety induction and site specific risk assessments, increased use of job rotation for field staff (to minimise the long term effects of repetitive heavy labouring) and, the implementation of in-house health assessments based on physical requirements of an employee's specific responsibilities.

The introduction of the health assessment program has already led to the identification of physical conditions which, if left unaddressed, would place the employee at risk of injury. Therefore, this early identification and intervention program will have a positive impact on Council's worker's compensation premium in the longer term.

Manager - Finance and Administration

Incorporated in the body of the report.

Conclusion

Change in Net Assets

The 1999/00 Management Plan showed a deficit in the "Net Change in Assets" of \$4,707,000. The combination of the September, December and March reviews reduces this amount by \$711,000 to \$3,996,000.

It should be noted that this amount reflects the estimated increase in net assets held under the Council's control for this year. It does not reflect in any way the Council's cash or liquidity position.

Recommendation (COR17)

- 1 Council adopt the March 2000 Budget Review Statement for General, Water and Sewerage Funds.
- 2 This information be submitted to Council's auditor.

Subject/File No: ANNUAL REMUNERATION FEE FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS
(GW:LC:S45)

Prepared By: Administrative Services Manager – Graeme Wilson

Reason: Determination by Local Government Remuneration Tribunal

Objective: Adopt Mayoral and Councillor Fees for 2000/2001

Management Plan Activity: Administrative Services

Background:

Pursuant to Section 241 of the Local Government 1993, the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has determined the annual fees to be paid to mayors and councillors during the period July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. A copy of the Report and Determination is separately attached for information. The Tribunal has determined that there will be no change to the category fees.

Council must now determine the annual fee to be paid within the minimum and maximum range as determined by the Tribunal (if Council does not fix a fee the amount defaults back to the minimum).

Councillor Fee

The councillor fee for Category 3 councils remains as a minimum fee of \$5,000 and a maximum fee of \$11,000.

The current fee paid is \$10,500 and this amount has been included in the draft 2000/2001 budget.

Mayoral Fee

The mayoral fee for Category 3 councils remains as a minimum fee of \$10,000 and a maximum fee of \$22,600.

The current fee paid is \$21,000 and this amount has been included in the draft 2000/2001 budget. In addition to the mayoral fee, the mayor also received the councillor fee.

Manager - Finance & Administration Comments

As mentioned in the report, \$10,500 for the councillor fee and \$21,000 for the mayoral fee has been included in the draft 2000/2001 management plan. Any increase above these figures will obviously have a detrimental effect on the budget, while any recommendation below these figures will result in savings that could be expended on other priorities of Council.

Public Consultations

Not required.

Other Group Comments

Not Required.

Conclusion

The recommendation is based upon the previous Council resolution.

Recommendation (Cor 19)

That in accordance with Sections 248 and 249 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council fix the 2000/2001 annual fee for councillors at \$10,500 and for the mayor at \$21,000.

Subject/File No: STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
(AH:MG:S722)

Prepared By: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER – ANDREW HANNA

Reason: To seek adoption of a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to comply with a NSW EPA Direction.

Objective: Improve the quality of urban stormwater and reduce the impact of urban stormwater on the environment.

Management Plan Activity: Environmental Health

Background:

In 1998/99 the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority issued a Direction to all Local Government Authorities in NSW under Section 12 of the Protection of the Environment Administration Act, 1991.

The direction required that each Council prepare a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) addressing the quality of stormwater in urban areas with a population of more than 1,000 people.

As a result a plan has been developed for Lismore City and the adjoining urban suburbs of North, South and East Lismore, Goonellabah and Lismore Heights. Lismore and the surrounding suburbs are the only urban area under Council's responsibility with a population of more than 1,000 people.

1. Reason for EPA direction

Urban development leads to higher run-off of stormwater and increased pollution loads. Run-off volumes and peak flows are higher in urban areas compared to rural areas because the increase in impervious areas and the introduction of gutters and stormwater pipes in urban catchments result in less storage and shorter lag times for run-off. There is also generally more pollution from urban areas as a result of increased contamination from roads, motor vehicles, residential, commercial and industrial areas, parks and gardens. Stormwater pollution and the large volume of run-off are significant threats to the social and economic health of urban communities as well as the health of the environment.

In the past, stormwater has largely been regarded as a nuisance and it has been standard practice to use engineering solutions (drains, pipes and channels) to dispose of it quickly. However, the pollutants washed off and transported by the stormwater can cause urban streams and receiving waters to become polluted and aesthetically unpleasant.

In recent years, the impact of urban stormwater on water quality and the environment has concerned communities and in response the EPA has required that Local Governments prepare plans to address this impact. This resulted in the issuing of formal directions by the EPA through legislation available to it.

Guidelines produced by the EPA stressed the need for the plan to address pollutant loadings and environmental impacts from "frequent" storm events (ie smaller than the 1 year ARI run-off event). It is acknowledged that pollution loads from larger events are difficult to control and less effective, for example, the damage done to a receiving water ecosystem by uncontrolled pollutant run-off in the 50 year ARI event is inconsequential compared to the hydraulic damage that results naturally to aquatic habitats from such an event. It is also recognised

that a significant proportion of the annual run-off volume from an urban catchment occurs from the more frequent storm events.

In general the NSW EPA recommends a set of broad principles to be considered for effective stormwater environment management. These are:-

- Hydrological: minimising changes to the hydrological characteristics of a catchment, including wet weather and low flows, to achieve appropriate river flow objectives
- Water quality: minimising the amount of pollution entering the stormwater system and removing an appropriate amount of any residual pollution by implementing the stormwater management practices.
- Vegetation: maximising the value of indigenous riparian floodplain and foreshore vegetation.
- Aquatic habitat: maximising the value of physical habitat to aquatic fauna within the stormwater system.

The EPA also recommends an appropriate hierarchy for stormwater management being:

- Preserve and restore (if required) existing valuable elements of the stormwater system (eg natural channels, wetlands, riparian vegetation).
- Manage the quality and quantity of stormwater at or near the source, which will involve a significant component of public education and community involvement. This also extends to the design of the urban area which can be based on minimising changes to stormwater run-off characteristics.
- Install structural stormwater management practices, such as stormwater treatment measures and retarding basins, for additional water quality and stream flow control. These could be located as close to the source as practical.

A strong emphasis can be placed on managing the quantity of run-off as excess run-off is the direct or indirect cause of many of the potential social, economic and environmental impacts.

The outcomes from the Plan developed for Lismore identify options which are a mix of actions that fall within the above EPA guidelines and recommendations.

2. The Plan

The EPA outlined steps required to be undertaken and achieved in order to prepare the plan.

As the result of undertaking these steps a plan has been produced which:

- Sets values for urban waterways. These are based on the community's desires and waterways ecological needs. Values include social, economic and environmental factors such as tourism, recreational (swimming, boating, fishing), property prices and ecological health. (Refer to Section 4 of SWMP).
- Outlines short term and long term objectives developed to protect the catchment values. The objectives are provided in tabular form, (Section 5 of SWMP). Fourteen short term objectives were identified and thirteen long term. Two are provided below as examples:

Objective No. 1 (Short term) (Page 28 of SWMP) – *“A noticeable reduction in litter (>50mm) entering the Wilsons River and Tucki Tucki Creek following storms up to 0.25 of one year ARI.”*

Objective No. 1 (Long term) (Page 30 of SWMP) – *“The quality of urban run-off to meet ANZECC criteria for aquatic ecosystems and primary contact recreation.”*

Objectives for quality of stormwater at construction sites and for new developments were also set. Both qualitative and quantitative objectives were set for these (Refer to Section 5.2, Page 31 of SWMP).

- Identifies issues, causes and hot spots which prevent the objectives from being met (Refer to Section 6 of SWMP) and;
- Identifies options which will ameliorate the impact of these issues. This should allow the objectives which had previously been set to be met.

Section 8 of the SWMP ranks all options in order of priority based on a cost benefit analysis.

An EPA cost benefit methodology was used as a basis for analysis in this plan, but was modified to favour options pertaining to the Tucki Tucki Creek catchment for education based options.

Reasons for this modification are provided in Section 8.1, Page 43 of the SWMP, and the list of options in their priority ranking is provided in Table 19 (3).

The implementation plan is set out in Section 9 and is an integral part of the whole Plan. Options which are proposed to be implemented in the 2000/2001 year period as well as those proposed to be implemented within the two year period of 2001/2003 are itemised. The options are grouped based on the time frame in which it is proposed to implement them. Obviously the higher priority ranked items are identified to be undertaken first. Out of 43 options, 13 do not fit into the above time frames and are therefore listed as “future options” with no specific time frame given for their implementation.

Ten options are proposed to be implemented in the 2000/2001 year time frame at a cost of \$47,200. This was based on a \$50,000 allowance originally submitted to management for inclusion in Council’s 2000/2001 budget estimate, however management has reduced this figure to \$40,000 due to budget constraints. As stated above, a \$50,000 commitment by Council to commence this Plan in 2000/2001 would permit implementation of ten priority options which represent a good mix of structural engineering work, education, research and regulatory controls.

A reduction of the budget to \$40,000 will require re-evaluation of options and is likely to reduce the number able to be implemented in 2000/2001 to eight. It may be feasible to absorb some costs associated with implementing these options in current program budgets or undertake a “simplified” version of some options to reduce costs.

An additional seven options identified in the plan are proposed to be implemented in 2000/2001 as they already form part of existing programmes or must be implemented due to legislative requirements or can be easily taken up under existing programmes.

As outlined in the plan, many structural engineering options ranked lowly mainly due to their cost. Options which encompass revegetation works along riparian corridors ranked slightly better, but were still lower ranked mainly due to cost. The options proposed to be

Stormwater Management Plan

implemented first up (2000/2001) and their cost estimate are listed in Tables 20 and 21, Pages 51 and 52 of the Plan.

Accessing external sources of funding will reduce the length of time otherwise required by Council to implement the plan due to resource constraints. Some options which are lowly ranked largely due to their cost, but still provide significant benefit towards improving urban stormwater quality should be considered for external funding. It is unlikely that these options would otherwise be implemented in the foreseeable future without external funding.

To ensure all options in the plan are implemented in a progressive and satisfactory manner and to provide a means of updating the plan regularly, it is proposed that a "review group" be established. The "review group" is to meet annually to revise the plan and its implementation and it is recommended it be comprised of Councillor, Community and staff representatives. (Refer to Section 11 of SWMP).

Principal Accountant Comments

Clearly the reasons behind having a Stormwater Management Plan are meritorious, however this does not hide the fact that yet another cost has been forced upon Council by the state government.

Fortunately most of the costs associated with implementing this plan for 2000/2001 have either been specifically included through the allocation of \$40,000 in the Draft Management Plan, or can be funded from existing budget allocations. There are some items that are not funded. For example, the most significant item relates to \$10,000 planned for upgrading a washbay at Oakes Oval. This has no specific budget allocation and as such there should be funds allocated or alternative arrangements made following discussions with staff regarding all possible options.

From a financial perspective I believe the Stormwater Management Plan should be supported by Council ***only up to the point of existing budget allocations within the Draft Management Plan for 2000/2001.***

Public Consultations

Development of the Plan required consultation with relevant community and interest groups and this is detailed in Section 4 of the Plan.

Other Group Comments

Acting Group Manager – City Works

As mentioned in the report, Council is responding to a directive from the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Information supplied by the Department of Land & Water Conservation confirms that pollution from stormwater run-off is a real and serious issue.

The difficulty, however, will be funding the implementation of the plan. Council will need to assess the priority of improving stormwater drainage against the many other priorities and demands on existing Council funding.

Conclusion

A stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) has been prepared by Council staff over the past 12 months which addresses the quality and environmental impact of stormwater coming from the Lismore urban area.

Preparation of the Plan was done in response to a direction issued by the NSW EPA to Lismore City Council in 1998.

The process recommended by the EPA to be undertaken to prepare the Plan was followed and as a result, the Plan lists a number of options to be implemented which when implemented will achieve a quality of stormwater that meets the local community's expectations.

The options, the proposed timeframe for their implementation and their cost estimate is listed in Table 21, Page 52 of the Plan.

A \$40,000 allocation to commence implementation of the options identified in the Plan has been included in Council's draft budget estimate for 2000/2001. Options identified to be implemented in 2000/2001 are estimated to cost \$47,200. This was based on a \$50,000 allocation originally submitted to management but reduced due to budget constraints. A re-evaluation of the 10 options currently identified to be undertaken in 2000/2001 (see Table 21 of the Plan), may be necessary to ensure costs do not rise above the \$40,000 limit. Ultimately it is likely that some of the 10 options identified in the Plan to be undertaken next year will not be. It may be possible to absorb some of the costs into existing program budgets. The 10 options proposed to be implemented are a mix of structural, education, research and regulatory based activities and involves commitments mainly from Council's Planning and Development Section and City Works.

Options with a higher cost to implement, generally ranked as a low priority, and therefore have not been awarded a timeframe in which to be implemented. Funding for these options are unlikely to be met by Council alone over the medium term due to resource constraints.

Funding from external sources such as State Government grants will need to be obtained to ensure implementation of all options over the medium term.

This has been considered in the implementation section of the Plan.

If external sources of funding are not made available, then the time taken to implement high cost options will be lengthened unless additional funds are provided from Council towards the Plan. The NSW EPA has been made aware of this.

An additional 7 options to those identified above are proposed to be implemented in the year 2000/2001. These items are already being undertaken by Council, or are legislative requirements, or are issues which can be easily implemented under existing programmes. Funding for implementation of these options is proposed to be provided by existing programme budgets, and totals \$52,000.

Implementation of this Plan will improve the quality of urban stormwater flowing from the Lismore City area and reduce the impact of urban stormwater on the environment. The social, economic and ecological value of the Wilsons River, its tributaries and of Tucki Tucki Creek will be enhanced and protected. It will also enable the more effective implementation of Council's strategy for the Wilsons River developed by the Economic Development Unit.

Recommendation (PLA 13)

- 1 That Council adopt the Stormwater Management Plan and that costs associated with implementation of the Plan in the 2000/2001 financial year be supported by Council.
 - 2 That the Plan be placed on public exhibition for a period of eight weeks prior to implementation in 2000/2001.
 - 3 That a review group be established comprised of Councillors, staff and interested community representatives to monitor implementation of the Plan and revise it as necessary as outlined in Section 11 of the Plan.
 - 4 That Councillors _____, _____, and _____ be nominated to the review group.
-

Subject/File No: Section 356 Donations to Rural Halls
(KF:S164)

Prepared By: Community Services Co-ordinator, Karuna Fielden

Reason: To maintain equity in Council's allocation of Section 356 funding for the maintenance and insurance costs of its community halls.

Objective: To amend Policy No: 1.4.11

Management Plan Activity: Strategic Plan Link 5,8

Background:

In 1998 Council decided to allocate \$1,000.00 annually from the S356 Community Donations Fund for each of the 29 rural halls in the LGA, to be used for maintenance of the buildings and insurance. Subsequently Policy No: 1.4.11 was created.

At its ordinary meeting held on October 12th 1999, the Council agreed to allocate \$1,000.00 from Section 356 funds to the Clunes Old School Site, (COSA) thereby amending Policy 1.4.11 to include COSA.

As the Clunes Old School site is not strictly speaking a rural hall, a precedent was created to include this centre in the Section 356 Community Donations Allocation. Council already provides an annual allocation to the Clunes Public Hall, so the allocation to COSA means that the Clunes' residents benefit from both.

The Nimbin Community Centre was developed from a former old school site and does not receive any allocation from Section 356 for maintenance or insurance. This would seem to be inequitable, given that a precedent was set by Council in its decision to include COSA in the list of rural halls to receive funding under the policy. This is simply an equity issue, which needs to be resolved by Council, as it is critical that Council's policies be applied consistently and fairly. The resolution of this matter has implications for the 2000-01 Budget.

Manager - Finance & Administration Comments

Given Council's previous decision to include the COSA under the umbrella of a public hall for Section 356 donations, it does appear inequitable to specifically exclude the Nimbin Community Centre from the same opportunity.

As this will impact on the 2000/2001 Budget, Council must decide if this is a priority compared to other issues given the relative size and nature of this issue.

Public Consultations

Not applicable

Other Group Comments

Not applicable.

Conclusion

In order to apply fairness and consistency in the allocation of Section 356 Community Donations to rural halls, Council needs to amend Policy 1.4.11 to include the Nimbin Community Centre.

Recommendation Cor15

That Council amend Policy 1.4.11 to include the Nimbin Community Centre.

Subject/File No: Area Assistance Scheme
(TS:S474)

Prepared By: Tricia Shantz, Community Development & Project Officer

Reason: To nominate two Councillors for the Local Ranking Committee

Objective: Councillor participation in the Area Assistance Scheme

Management Plan Activity: 5.8

Background:

Council has been participating in the Area Assistance Scheme (AAS) since its inception in 1992. The AAS was set up by the Department of Urban Affairs & Planning (DUAP) to support community development and the integrated provision of services in regions experiencing social stress or undergoing rapid urban growth or change. The Scheme's main objectives are:

- To identify emerging and changing community issues
- To develop and implement programs that help prevent problems related to social stress or urban growth and change
- To develop new and innovative ways of addressing identified priority needs and issues
- To promote coordination between government agencies, councils, community organisations and, in some cases, the private sector to:
 - plan for and address changing community needs and
 - improve the quality of and access to existing services and resources
- To improve the capacity of and opportunities for local communities to:
 - identify their needs and issues
 - plan for social programs that address their needs and
 - develop, implement and manage programs that address their needs.

Community Project Officers in Councils administer the AAS on behalf of DUAP. A main part of this is an annual funding round. Applications for funding are called for each year. This year applications open on August 4th and close on September 8th.

A Local Ranking Committee (LRC) is the group set up to assess the applications and make recommendations to the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC). The LRC is comprised of two councillors and four community representatives for a two-year term. This group meets shortly after the close of the applications to get an overview of the applications. They meet again within a few weeks to rank the applications for funding.

Since the AAS has been in place it has provided the North Coast with a total of 609 projects worth \$8 million. In the Lismore Local Government Area alone there have been 56 local projects worth \$452,802 and a share in 24 area, sub-regional and area projects worth approximately \$176,984. This totals \$629,786 since the scheme began here. These projects have been funded to address issues in the areas of: mental health, disability, low income, children's services, community development, housing recreation, youth services and culture. The AAS has created numerous positions. There have been 19 positions, part-time and full-time created through the various funded projects. These positions, in turn, have generated further funding and positions.

Manager - Finance & Administration Comments

Not applicable

Public Consultations

Not applicable

Other Group Comments

Not applicable

Conclusion

The AAS is a bottom–up approach to addressing community issues. It invites the community to apply for funds to address identified local needs and has the local community ranking the applications according to these. As it is administered from the local government level councillors are an integral part of the LRC, along with community representatives.

Recommendation (Cor 20)

That Council nominate Councillor _____ and Councillor _____ for membership on the Local Ranking Committee for the Area Assistance Scheme for two years.

Subject/File No: INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL AS AT APRIL 30, 2000
(GB:SW:S170)

Prepared By: Financial Accountant, Graeme Blanch

Reason: To comply with Section 625 of the local Government Act

Objective: To invest Council's surplus funds to best advantage to comply with Council's investment policies

Management Plan Activity: General Purposes Revenues

Information:

The attached list of investments held by Council with various financial institutions has been made in accordance with Council's investment policies.

Council's total investment for April amounted to \$22,544,878.12 with an average return of 5.48%. Interest rates at the same time last year were 4.66%. From data available interest rate rises in the near future will be more modest than that experienced in previous cycles

Manager - Finance & Administration Comments

Included in the body of the report

Public Consultations

Not required

Other Group Comments

Not requested

Recommendation (COR16)

That the report be received and noted

Subject/File No: TENDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION
(JW:TI:T20019)

Prepared By: Project Engineer, Client Services - Janaka Weeraratne

Reason: Tenders for the provision of water main construction have closed

Objective: To obtain Council approval to award the Tender

Management Plan Activity: Strategic Plan Link: 6.5, 6.4, 2.2

Background:

Tenders have been called for the water main construction in Conway, Orion, Ross and Terania Streets as part of the 1999/2000 water main replacement program.

These water mains were identified as needing replacement because they were in poor service condition.

Tender documents were prepared by the Client Services Unit on behalf of the Water and Wastewater Business Unit.

Tenders were advertised in the Northern Star, Grafton Examiner and Courier Mail. Four tenders were received by the close of tender on 2.00pm, Thursday, April 27, 2000.

Tender Examination:

Tenders:

The tenders received are summarised below:

TENDERER	TENDERED PRICE	ADJUSTED TENDER PRICE
Eco Civil Pty Ltd	\$146,828.00	\$181,616.00
Camglade Pty Ltd	\$148,513.00	\$187,923.00
McDonald Keen Group	\$152,609.00	\$177,752.50
All Coast Excavations and Drainage Pty Ltd	\$191,994.00	\$224,264.00

The tender price includes only the supply and laying cost of the pipeline. The adjusted tender price includes the supply and laying costs plus restoration costs and connection of water meters.

The estimated cost of undertaking these works is \$215,000.00 which includes survey, investigation, design and construction supervision. An evaluation panel consisting of Terry Gobbe (Assets Manager, Water and Wastewater Services) and Janaka Weeraratne undertook the assessment of the tenders. The tender documentation (Clause B7) defined four areas by which each tender would be assessed. The tenderers were required to address each of these criteria in their tender. The following table shows the weighted result for each criteria.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA					
Item	Weighting	Eco Civil (%)	McDonald Keen Group P/L (%)	Camglade P/L (%)	All Coast Excavations and Drainage P/L (%)
Total Price	60%	58.7	60.0	56.8	47.6
Knowledge of local conditions	15%	12.0	10.0	12.0	12.0
Capability, Quality and Safety	15%	12.0	12.0	12.0	10.0
Management	10%	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.0
Total	100%	89.7	89.0	87.8	75.6

The weighted assessment shows Eco Civil Pty Ltd offers the best value tender for this project.

McDonald Keen Group Pty Ltd had the lowest adjusted tender price because their tender had a rate of \$15.00 per square metre for bitumen restoration. The office estimate for bitumen restoration is \$60.00 per square metre and if this rate is used, Eco Civil's adjustment tender price becomes the lowest.

Referee Check:

The referees given by Eco Civil Pty Ltd were contacted and they indicated that this company had the necessary technical and managerial abilities to be capable of completing this work satisfactorily.

Manager - Water and Waste Water Services

I concur with the conclusion and recommendation.

Principal Accountant's Comments

Sufficient funding has been provided within the 1999/2000 budget for these works to be undertaken.

Public Consultations

Not required.

Other Group Comments

Not required.

Conclusion

The best value tenderer for the water main replacement is Eco Civil Pty Ltd. The tenderer has performed similar work satisfactorily for private developers and Lismore City Council in the past. The tenderer is considered to have technical and managerial abilities to be capable of completing the work satisfactorily. It is recommended that the Water Main Construction for Conway, Orion, Ross and Terania Streets be awarded to Eco Civil Pty Ltd for the amount of \$146,828.00 plus rate only item costs.

Recommendation (GM18)

1. The water main construction (20019) be awarded to Eco Civil Pty Ltd for the amount of \$146,828.00 plus rate only item costs.
2. Should Eco Civil Pty Ltd withdraw their tender, then the tender be awarded to McDonald Keen Group Pty Ltd provided their referee check is satisfactory.
3. The Mayor and General Manager are authorised to execute the Contract on Council's behalf and attach the Common Seal of the Council.

Schedule of Tenders

SUPPLIER	Make, Model & Details of Grader	Cost to Council before Trade-in	Trade in Offer for V322	Cost using 'No-Trade-In' Offer	Best Change-Over Cost & Delivery
CJD EQUIPMENT P/L Rocklea Qld.	Volvo/Champion 710A-VHP Op. Weight: 13,894kg	\$222,480.00	\$35,000.00	\$217,480.00	\$178,828.00 Using the Eagle Spares private offer <i>Delivery: Not stated</i>
TUTTS-TAT HONG Rocklea Qld.	Mitsubishi MG330E Op. Weight: 15,600kg	\$233,422.00	\$40,000.00	\$229,422.00	\$190,770.00 Using the Eagle Spares private offer <i>Delivery: 3 weeks</i>
GOUGH & GILMOUR NSW Grafton NSW	Caterpillar 120H Op. Weight: 14,350kg	\$245,524.00	\$40,000.00	\$240,524.00	\$201,872.00 Using the Eagle Spares private offer <i>Delivery: 2 weeks</i>
HITACHI CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY (Aust) P/L Archerfield Qld.	John Deere 670CH-VHP Op. Weight: 16,409kg	\$257,922.00	\$46,000.00	\$248,000.00	\$209,348.00 Using the Eagle Spares private offer <i>Delivery: 3-4 weeks</i>
NS KOMATSU Sherwood Qld.	Komatsu GD650A-2C Op. Weight: 16,713kg	\$272,425.00	\$42,900.00	\$264,525.00	\$225,873.00 Using the Eagle Spares private offer <i>Delivery: 3-4 weeks</i>
<u>Private Offers to Purchase V322</u>	EAGLE SPARES Hamilton NZ \$38,652.00	REES EDWARDS AUTO BARN Toowoomba Qld \$35,157.00		FOWLES AUCTION GROUP Eagle Farm Qld Alternative Auction Reserve \$36,000.00	

Tender Analysis

An evaluation panel of Messrs Col Starr (Workshop & Fleet Manager), Darren Patch (Rural Works Engineer), Peter Brewer-Charles (Rural Works Supervisor), Kevin Allen (Urban Works Supervisor) and Chris Allison (Contracts Officer) assessed the tenders as per the criteria set out in the tender documents.

Evaluation Criteria	Price 40%	Capability 30%	Functionality/ Conformity 30%	Evaluation Total %
<u>CJD Equipment</u> Volvo / Champion	40%	14.4%	21.8%	76.2%
<u>Tutts-Tat Hong</u> Mitsubishi	37.3%	14.4%	21.8%	73.5%
<u>Gough & Gilmour</u> Caterpillar	34.62%	30%	30%	94.6%
<u>Hitachi Construction</u> Machinery John Deere	33.17%	15.6%	27%	75.8%
<u>NS Komatsu</u> Komatsu	29.48%	21%	21%	71.5%

Group Manager - City Works' Comments:

Council is a major road management and maintenance organisation. In order to remain viable, it is vital that the equipment we have is up-to-date and is mechanically sound.

The existing Caterpillar grader recommended for sale is now 17 years old and has proved to be a very reliable and efficient machine. Clearly it is well past its recommended replacement date.

The recommendation to purchase a Caterpillar 120H maintenance grader is very sound as Caterpillar graders are manufactured in Australia for Australian conditions. Caterpillar graders account for in excess of 80% of all grader sales in Australia which ultimately reflects on parts and service back-up and finally resale value.

Key Points to Consider:

- Purchase best possible unit capable of completing tasks, both construction and maintenance, as required, when required.
- Only replace with a grader which is similar in size to the existing maintenance grader(s).
- Proven back-up support from supplier and manufacturer.
- Operator comfort with 'Ergonomic Design' while operating considerations.
- Ability to keep machinery working with minimal maintenance and repair time.
- Uniformity of graders which are operating in similar situations and conditions.

Principal Accountant's Comments

There are adequate funds available for the changeover of this grader. Given that the grader being replaced was in operation for 17 years, it would be prudent to obtain the best possible replacement (not the cheapest), for such a long-term investment.

From the conclusions drawn in this report, the recommendation appears operationally and financially sound.

Other Group Comments Not required

Conclusion

Graders are a key component within the road construction and maintenance system. This item of machinery cannot afford to be burdened with prolonged downtime due to lack of availability of parts, etc.

Four of the five machines tendered were assessed in the field with the fifth (Volvo / Champion) not yet available as there is still only one in Australia and the earliest opportunity for staff to assess this machine will be during the May 2000 IPWEA Field Day in Sydney.

The users of this machine have stated that the operating weight is important as they need a grader which is primarily maintenance orientated but also has construction capabilities, hence the "14-Tonne Operating Weight" classification.

Back-up for the grader needs to be as local as possible, as is with the Caterpillar brand with Branches located at Grafton and Tweed Heads, and the added bonus of a resident service mechanic based in Lismore.

An added feature of the Caterpillar brand grader is that it still retains the 72% Australian built status.

Staff Involvement

Acceptance of any proposed machine purchase by operating staff is important as it enhances a long operating life. Keeping this fact in mind, staff have inspected the available higher rating graders.

All of the staff and users who inspected the graders available were convinced that the Caterpillar machine still offers the better purchase for the application required.

Recommendation (WOR13)

Council purchase one (1) only Caterpillar 120H Motor Grader as tendered (T2000-18) by Gough & Gilmour, Grafton, for the cost **\$240,524.00 (No trade-in offer)**.

(* Includes the 'payment on delivery offer' to further reduce the changeover cost by \$1,000.00.)

and

Accept the 'Private Offer to Purchase V322' from **Eagle Spares Limited of Hamilton, New Zealand**, for the amount of **\$38,652.00**

Change-over cost to Council is **\$201,872.00**.

(Anticipated delivery of this grader being two (2) weeks from placement of purchase order.)

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Meeting held May 16, 2000

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 19, 2000

AT 10.00 AM.

(WMacD:VLC:S352)

Present: Mr Garry Hemsworth (*Chairperson*), Councillors Ken Gallen, and Mervyn King, M/s Bronwyn Mitchell on behalf of Mr Thomas George, MP, Messrs Peter Stephens, Lance Vickery and Mike Baldwin (*Roads and Traffic Authority*), Chris Mallam (*Lismore Unlimited*), Sgt. David Driver (*Lismore Police*), together with Mrs Wendy Johnson (*Road Safety Officer*) and Mr Bill MacDonald (*Traffic and Law Enforcement Co-Ordinator*).

Apologies: Apologies for non-attendance on behalf of Messrs Thomas George MP, Bill Moorhouse and Councillor John Chant were received and accepted and leave of absence granted.

Minutes of Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting - March 15, 2000

Members were advised that the Minutes of the meeting held on March 15, 2000 were adopted by Council at its meeting of April 4, 2000.

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Correspondence:

1. **Larnook Public School;** seeking the installation of a bus bay south of the School entrance on Cawongla Road, Larnook.

The Committee felt that the proposal offered significant improvements to the safety of students attending Larnook Public School. It was noted that all transfers to and from buses would occur within the proposed new bus turnaround area well off the road. Sight distance at the proposed location was good in both directions.

TAC26/00 **RECOMMENDED** that Council support the School's efforts in addressing the current problems. (00-4651:S342,R2302)

2. **Kirklands Coaches Pty Limited;** requesting signage be installed on the Bruxner Highway to warn motorists of turning bus movements at intersections with Pineapple Road, Richmond Hill Road and Alphadale/Cowlong Roads.

Whilst the Committee did not feel that specific 'Buses Turning' signs would assist in reducing any current problems, the RTA suggested that large T-Junction signs with the name of the side street and a distance to same, erected on the Highway both sides of Pineapple Road and Richmond Hill Road, would be more appropriate and cater for all traffic including heavy vehicles. The signs would be similar to that which had been erected on the approaches to Parrots Nest Road. It was noted that signs already existed both sides of the Alphadale 'Cross Roads' intersection.

TAC27/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the above signs be erected. (00-4935:S352,S346)

3. **M/s H Lee;** providing comment on the newly installed bus interchange facility and suggesting that marked pedestrian crossings be installed on both Leycester and Hindmarsh Streets to increase pedestrian safety for School children.

The new roundabout at the intersection of Leycester and Hindmarsh Streets had assisted in reducing vehicle speeds in the vicinity of the Schools and it was felt that the pedestrian refuges already in place were the most appropriate facility. Additional facilities further south along Hindmarsh/Brewster Streets in the vicinity of the interchange were unable to be provided as this would require pedestrians to move between parked or moving buses.

3. **M/s H Lee** (Cont'd)
It was suggested that the area towards McDonalds Restaurant could be monitored to gauge if a specific crossing point was currently being used before any further decision was made for additional facilities.
TAC28/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the writer be advised in accordance with the above.
(00-5063,R6042,R6029)
4. **St Vincent's Hospital;** seeking a review of the present parking facilities at Dalley Street, East Lismore, in the vicinity of the Hospital, with a view to permitting parking on both sides of the street between St Joseph's Nursing Home and the main entry to the Hospital.
It would appear that vehicles are regularly parked within the area in question with no problems being created with access being reported.
TAC29/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the 'No Standing' signs be removed on the northern side of Dalley Street, between the Ambulance/Service driveway to St Vincent's Hospital and the entry driveway to St Joseph's Nursing Home to allow parallel parking.
(00-5266:R7426)
5. **NSW Police Service (Northern Region);** expressing satisfaction with the present performance of Parking Patrol Officers in Lismore, Nimbin and surrounding towns and stating that appropriate action has been taken to address parking matters in Nimbin.
The Committee noted the contents of the letter and that action would be taken by Police personnel to ensure on-street parking in Nimbin was adequately enforced.
The Committee was advised that the Inter Departmental Committee formed to review the Auditor General's report on Enforcement of Street Parking had almost concluded its financial modelling of the various options and would be presenting a confidential report to the Minister within the next few weeks. It was probable that the Minister would refer the matter to Cabinet but there was no indication as yet as to the outcome. It was understood that a firm decision is likely to be made just before the end of the current financial year.
TAC30/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (00-5493:S352)
6. **RL & Mrs RL Nowlan (Koonorigan Bus Service);** seeking approval to travel on various additional streets necessitated by the installation of the new bus interchange facility.
The Committee noted that a number of buses were now using local streets in the vicinity of the new interchange, partly due to the fact that Operators were unable to carry out a U-turn at the roundabout at the intersection of Leycester and Hindmarsh Streets. Whilst there was no objection to the use of Molesworth Street, Woodlark Street and Uralba Street, it was felt that streets such as Laurel Avenue, Orion Street and Jubilee Street would need to be monitored over the next six (6) months or so to allow Council time to assess the effect of additional traffic and to enable Operators to establish firm routes.
TAC31/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the writers be advised in accordance with the above.
(00-5788:S352)

7. **Lismore Saleyards Pty Limited;** seeking to temporarily close the western end of Lake Street, North Lismore, each Monday between the hours of 12.00 Noon and 8.00 pm, representing the busiest time for the unloading of cattle. Discussion took place regarding the 'pro and cons' of a temporary road closure and it was felt that this would be much more difficult than just placing several barriers near the western end of Lake Street. For such a proposal to work effectively, signs would also need to be erected at the start of Lake Street and McCauley Street and suitable turnaround areas would need to be provided near the closure. It was noted that one of the business houses in McCauley Street had made a written submission objecting to any closure and Councillor Gallen advised that he had received several calls of objection from other business houses. It was pointed out that deliveries by semi-trailers would also be restricted by any closure. Whilst it was agreed that the Saleyards had been operating in the same manner for many years, traffic patterns and development had changed and Operators at the Saleyards needed to ensure they did not create conflict with through traffic that could lead to litigation. Two possible methods of reducing this potential would be to relocate the loading ramps further back into the yards or Saleyards Staff undertaking a Traffic Controller's Course that would allow them to control traffic when vehicles were reversing across Lake Street. The latter would be still subject to Council approval. For the benefit of the longer term operation of the Saleyards, it was suggested that the Company should develop an overall traffic management plan that identifies issues and resolutions.

TAC32/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the Lismore Saleyards be advised in accordance with the above. (00-5886:R6220)

8. **Minister for Transport and Roads, Hon PC Scully, MP;** advising in connection with speed limits on rural roads. The Minister's letter was in reply to a letter sent by Council outlining its concerns with regard to speed limits on rural roads. Members noted the contents of the letter and that a review was underway.

TAC33/00 **RECOMMENDED** that a copy of the letter from the Minister be distributed to Councillors for their information. (00-5880:S352)

General Business

9. **60 kph Speed Limit - Ballina Road, Goonellabah - In Front of Media Centre**
A vehicle speed survey that was taken in front of the Media Centre was tabled at the meeting. The survey indicated that the 85th percentile speed for east-bound traffic was 79 kph and west-bound traffic was 80 kph. Accident data also tabled indicated that there had been in excess of 18 accidents along the section of Ballina Road in question within the three (3) years from 1996-1998 although it was noted that a significant number of these were rear-end accidents at Holland Street. Whilst it was acknowledged that a lower speed limit may not be adhered to given the speed survey results, the accident rate needed to be considered. The RTA agreed to use the data collected as part of the N-Limits survey that would now be undertaken, with the results and a recommendation for the appropriate speed limit to be submitted to a future meeting.

TAC34/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (R6408)

10. **Rowing Club Carpark**

The Committee noted that the present three-hour parking limit in the carpark was not working as for the majority of time it remained significantly under-utilised. Mr MacDonald outlined the current problems experienced with employees being infringed both in on-street and off-street carparks for overstaying time limits. It was proposed that by providing paid parking in the Rowing Club Carpark for a reasonable fee this would free up other areas, particularly on-street parking currently used by employees for shoppers.

Revenue derived from paid parking could be used to upgrade parking both in the Rowing Club Carpark and other parking areas by way of additional lighting, safety cameras, patrols, etc. It could also assist in reducing current wages costs for Council Enforcement Staff.

Several options were available for paid parking, by either several 'pay and display' machines located within the carpark or by multi-bay parking meters that could service approximately 20 bays each. It was anticipated that equipment and installation costs could be recouped within the first 12-18 months.

Mr Mallam (Lismore Unlimited) suggested that the paid parking system could include an option where the first three hours was free. A fee of (say) 30¢ could be charged for every hour thereafter.

An example of charges and revenue could be:

(say) first three hours free then (say) 30¢ per hour.

Balance per Day for Employee/Shopper: (say) 5hrs @ 30¢ = \$ 1.50/day

Total No. Bays of 120 (assume 80% full) equates to \$144.00 /day

ie, 96 Bays @ \$144 per Day x 5 Days per Week = \$ 720

\$720 per Week @ (say) 48 Weeks (per annum) = \$34,560

TAC35/00 **RECOMMENDED** that paid parking be introduced in the Rowing Club Carpark.

TAC36/00 **FURTHER RECOMMENDED** that the decision on the appropriate type of paid parking equipment be further investigated and a report be presented to Council on various options and costs. (P15856)

11. **Intersection of Conway and Carrington Streets, Lismore**

This item had been referred back to the Committee for further consideration of all options. The Committee was advised that the options available for the intersection were:

- (a) a centre median along Conway Street through the intersection of Carrington Street, either on a trial basis or permanent
- (b) a new roundabout
- (c) 'No U-Turn' signs
- (d) no change to the current arrangement.

Police, Lismore Taxis and business houses along the northern end of Carrington Street had all indicated that they were not in favour of prohibiting right-turn movements by a centre median construction. With roundabouts already at both the Keen and Molesworth Street intersections, an additional roundabout was not considered warranted. Whilst in the longer term it may be necessary to consider restricting right-turn movements, it was felt that 'No U-Turn' signs would be appropriate in the shorter term.

TAC37/00 **RECOMMENDED** that 'No U-Turn' signs be erected in Conway Street, both sides of Carrington Street. (R7307,R7303)

12. **Proposed Motor Show Room - No. 2 Bruxner Highway, South Lismore**
Mr Steve McElroy was present for this item and plans of the proposed development were tabled. Mr McElroy gave an outline of the proposed development. It was noted that all access to the site was via Three Chain Road which was to be upgraded as part of the development. Concerns were raised regarding pedestrian access to the development from the Highway. However, Mr McElroy advised that a fence would be constructed along the Highway frontage which would prohibit entry. The only other concern was to ensure there was a sufficient turning circle within the site to cater for large delivery trucks and this would be taken up with the Developer. With the above issues being addressed, the Committee raised no objection to the proposed development.
TAC38/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the above be noted. (D000192)
13. **Parking Facilities - Keen Street, Lismore**
Councillor Crowther had raised concerns regarding parking problems being experienced in front of the Presbyterian Church and opposite Lismore Central Shopping Centre.
Mr MacDonald advised that he had spoken with both Rev George Newell and Mrs Stewart regarding parking problems associated with the Church and they had indicated that parking in general on a Sunday was not a significant problem. The main concern appeared to be motorists parking between temporary signs that were erected in Keen Street for Weddings and/or Funerals. It was suggested that Council may be able to provide a length of red and white barrier tape that could be tied between the signs when they were first placed on the street. It was felt this would be an acceptable solution.
TAC39/00 **RECOMMENDED** that a suitable length of red and white barrier tape be offered to the Church for use during Weddings and Funerals. (R7313)
14. **School Zone Extension - Trinity Catholic College, Hindmarsh Street, Lismore**
The Committee was advised that due to the completion of the new bus interchange it was now necessary to include Hindmarsh Street, between Leicester and Orion Streets and Brewster Street, between Orion Street and Laurel Avenue, as part of the "School Zone" surrounding Trinity Catholic College. Mr Stephens (RTA) advised that the Authority would pay for the additional signs and pavement markings in order that they could be installed as soon as possible.
TAC40/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the above streets be included in the "School Zone" surrounding Trinity Catholic College and arrangements be made for the additional signs and pavement marking to be installed at the earliest opportunity. (R6029)
15. **Parking Facilities - Laurie Allen Centre, Magellan Street, Lismore**
Councillor Baxter had requested the Committee consider parking options for Senior Citizens in front of the Laurie Allen Centre.
It was suggested that the easiest solution would be to provide the members of the Senior Citizens group that use the Laurie Allen Centre with a parking permit that could be displayed on their vehicles when parked only in the Kirklands Riviera Carpark. The Police Representative offered no objection to the proposal.
TAC41/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the above proposal be put to the Senior Citizens and implemented if agreement is reached. (R7319)
16. **Intersection of Blue Knob Road and Lillian Rock Road**
The Blue Knob Rural Fire Brigade had requested the installation of "Give Way" or "Stop" signs at the above intersection.
TAC42/00 **RECOMMENDED** that a 'Stop' sign be erected on Lillian Rock Road at its intersection with Blue Knob Road. (R2001,R2002)
-

17. **Phillip Street, Goonellabah**
Members were advised that this issue had been further investigated due to concerns raised by Mr Stibbard, a resident of Phillip Street, regarding excessive vehicle speeds in the street. Recent vehicle speed counts taken at Phillip Street near Hamley Road indicated that the 85th percentile speed was 51 kph. This was considered appropriate given the speed limit was signposted at 50 kph. With the above in mind, it was felt that further traffic management devices at Phillip Street were not warranted.
Concerns regarding individuals who live in the area and are known by residents to be regularly speeding could be brought to the attention of the Lismore Police.
TAC43/00 **RECOMMENDED** that Mr Stibbard be advised of the recent survey results and that further action was not considered warranted. (R6497)
18. **Intersection of Wyrallah Road and Mathieson Lane, Tucki**
Mr Roy Hyde had requested, on behalf of local residents, that signage be placed on Wyrallah Road near the Mathieson Lane intersection.
An inspection revealed that sight distance for motorists exiting Mathieson Lane was restricted, particularly to the south, and it was suggested that 'Cross-Junction' warning signs be erected on Wyrallah Road each side of the intersection.
TAC44/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the above works be carried out. (R5201,R5402)
19. **Half-Hour Parking - Eastern side of Carrington Street, Lismore**
The Committee had been asked to consider a proposal to replace the existing half-hour parking limit on the eastern side of Carrington Street, between Eggins Lane and County Lane, with one-hour parking.
Mr MacDonald advised that he had met with M/s Keran Bryant as a result of a recent meeting between business houses within the northern section of Carrington Street and Council Representatives, to discuss various issues that included on-street parking restrictions. It would appear the majority of businesses in the subject area preferred a longer time limit of (say) one hour on the eastern side of Carrington Street, between Eggins and County Lanes.
Mr MacDonald advised that he had received a copy of a letter from Mr Bill Sheaffe objecting to such an increase and there was some doubt as to whether or not an increase in time limit from half-hour to one hour would be of benefit, bearing in mind that less spaces would be available due to slower turn-over of parking. This had been pointed out at the recent meeting but it had been suggested that the one hour limit could be applied for a trial period.
TAC45/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the existing half-hour parking limit on the eastern side of Carrington Street, between Eggins and County Lanes, be increased to one hour for a trial period of 12 months with a further assessment at the end of that period. (R7303)
20. **Intersection of Three Chain Road and Caniaba Street, South Lismore**
The Committee was advised that due to the increase in traffic using the Three Chain Road/Caniaba Street route as a result of the recent reconstruction of Caniaba Street, there was a need to clarify priorities at the intersection.
TAC46/00 **RECOMMENDED** that 'Give Way' signs be installed on Caniaba Street, each side of its intersection with Three Chain Road. (R6937,R6906)

21. **Ballina Road – Protected Right-Turn Bay from James Road to Holland Street**
A plan was tabled at the meeting showing a left-turn lane into James Road and the introduction of a series of right-turn lanes for east-bound traffic from James Road to Holland Street. This would mean the elimination of the existing overtaking lane in this area.

Mr Vickery (RTA) suggested that rather than having a sea-gull type arrangement at each intersection, it would be more practical to have a dedicated right-turn lane for the full length of Ballina Road, between James Road and Holland Street. The Committee agreed that the plan should be modified accordingly. The estimate, which would include a bitumen reseal of Ballina Road, totalled \$44,000.

TAC47/00 **RECOMMENDED** that the plan be adjusted in accordance with the above and submitted to the Roads & Traffic Authority with a request for funding at the earliest opportunity. (R6408)

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 12.30 pm.

CHAIRPERSON

**TRAFFIC & LAW
ENFORCEMENT CO-ORDINATOR**

LISMORE CITY COUNCIL - Ordinary Meeting held May 2, 2000

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LISMORE HELD AT THE SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY BOARD ROOM, ON TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2000 AT 6.30PM.

- Present: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Gates; Councillors Baxter, Chant, Crowther, Hampton, Irwin, King, Roberts, Suffolk, Swientek (6.42pm) and Tomlinson, together with the General Manager; Group Managers- Corporate & Community Services, Business & Enterprise; Manager Planning Services, Manager Roads & Infrastructure, Contracts Engineer, Manager Water & Wastewater, Manager Business Development and Administrative Services Manager.
- 93/00 Apologies/ Leave of absence granted to Councillor Gallen from May 1 to May
Leave of 12, 2000. (Councillors Baxter/Chant)
Absence:
- 94/00 Minutes: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on April 4, 2000, were confirmed.
(Councillors Swientek/Crowther)

PUBLIC ACCESS SESSION:

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, a Public Access Session was held at which Council was addressed by the following:-

Mr Stan Heywood re Recyclable Materials

(See Minute No. 95/99)

Mr Heywood questioned Council's commitment to the Environment and recycling.

Ms Ellen Davison re Nuclear Free Zone Signs

(See Minute No. 96/99)

Ms Davison gave a background to the erection of the signs, stressed its importance as a symbolic gesture and claim considerable support for their retention.

Ms Margaret McLaren re Nimbin School of the Arts

(See Minute No. 99/99)

Ms McLaren sought Council support for a loan rather than acting as a guarantee. She outlined the works proposed and the benefit this would bring. She advised that a loan from Council was preferred to a loan from a bank, largely on the basis of cost advantages to the Hall.

NOTICES OF MOTION:

Collection Recyclable Materials

(Copy attached)

- 95/00 Formal notice was given by Councillor Crowther it was **RESOLVED** that - Council again examine the possibilities of the collection of recyclable materials from the waste stream, which eventually ends up in the landfill. Targeting household waste and that from commercial premises, shops, hotels, restaurants etc.

Some matters to be considered:

Kerbside Collection (again)

- * methods/costs
 - * use of present bins
 - * distribution of collectable bags, which also must be recyclable.
-

Education Programme

- * promotion of the worth of drop off centres and their use
- * extension of this service to other areas in the City
- * existing and any new proposed drop off centres adequately screened and landscaped
- * **Incentives** schemes which would encourage people to reduce the amount of waste recyclables that would normally end up in the tip e.g. credits for low bin weights etc against garbage service fee.

(Councillors Crowther/Chant)(00-6047:S317)

Nuclear Free Zone Signs

(Copy attached)

96/00 Formal notice having been given by Councillor Crowther it was **RESOLVED** that staff be directed to remove the "Nuclear Free Zone" sign at the entrance to Lismore on the Bruxner Highway, and that no further signs be erected.

(Councillors Crowther/Hampton)(00-6048:S244)

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts, Tomlinson and Swientek.

Drainage Systems in the Lismore Basin

(Copy attached)

Formal notice having been given by Councillor Irwin it was **MOVED** that

1. A report be provided to Council on a staged investigation approach into hydraulic efficiency and water quality issues of the drainage systems in the Lismore Basin, which also contains indicative budget estimates.
2. Council apply to Department of Land and Water Conservation, or other relevant body, seeking financial assistance for a study into the drainage system in the Lismore Basin.

(Councillor Irwin/Roberts)

AN AMENDMENT WAS **MOVED** that Council apply to Department of Land and Water Conservation, or other relevant body, seeking financial assistance for a study into the drainage system in the Lismore Basin.

(Councillors Swientek/Crowther)

On submission to the meeting the AMENDMENT was **APPROVED** and became the MOTION.

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts and Tomlinson.

97/00 **RESOLVED** that Council apply to Department of Land and Water Conservation, or other relevant body, seeking financial assistance for a study into the drainage system in the Lismore Basin.

(Councillors Swientek/Crowther))(00-6049:S315)

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts and Tomlinson.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:

98/00 **RESOLVED** that standing orders be suspended and Council now deal with the undermentioned matter:-

NIMBIN SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATED - REQUEST FOR LOAN OF \$35,000 FOR PROPOSED BUILDING EXTENSION

(Copy attached)

A MOTION WAS **MOVED** that the report be received and Council agree to a loan to the Nimbin School of Arts Incorporated of up to \$35,000 to a maximum of eight (8) years to be funded from an appropriate reserve.

(Councillors Roberts/Baxter)(P16061)

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED that the report be received and –
Council agree to act as guarantor for the Nimbin School of Arts Incorporated for a loan of up to \$35,000 to a maximum of eight (8) years, with the loan based on standard commercial conditions.

(Councillors Crowther/Swientek)

On submission to the meeting the AMENDMENT was DEFEATED.

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts, King, Tomlinson, Swientek, Chant, Baxter, Hampton, Suffolk and Gates.

99/00

RESOLVED that the report be received and Council agree to a loan to the Nimbin School of Arts Incorporated of up to \$35,000 to a maximum of eight (8) years to be funded from an appropriate reserve.

(Councillors Roberts/Baxter)(00-5760:P16061)

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS:

100/00

RESOLVED that standing orders be resumed.

(Councillors Crowther/Irwin)

REPORTS

SECTION 64 PLAN REVIEW

(Copy attached)

A MOTION WAS MOVED that the report be received and

- 1 That Council adopt the “Subsidised S64 Contribution Plans” for Water and Wastewater for all areas other than Nimbin.
- 2 That Council publish the fact that the State Government Contributions have been deducted from the relevant assets.
- 3 That Council determine the appropriate level of subsidy for the Nimbin Water and Wastewater systems to be 67% Water & 33% Wastewater i.e. retain the status quo.
- 4 That the fixed fee charge for Water and Wastewater be increased by the appropriate level of subsidy as determined in point 3 above.
- 5 The S64 Contribution Plans for Water and Wastewater be displayed for public comment for twenty eight (28) days.
- 6 On completion of the display period, a further report be brought forward to Council for adoption of the S64 Contribution Plans.

(Councillors Roberts/Irwin)(S744)

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED that the report be received and -

- 1 That Council adopt the “Subsidised S64 Contribution Plans” for Water and Wastewater for all areas other than Nimbin.
- 2 That Council publish the fact that the State Government Contributions have been deducted from the relevant assets.
- 3 That Council determine the appropriate level of subsidy for the Nimbin Water and Wastewater systems to be 25%.
- 4 That the fixed fee charge for Water and Wastewater be increased by the appropriate level of subsidy as determined in point 3 above.
- 5 The S64 Contribution Plans for Water and Wastewater be displayed for public comment for twenty eight (28) days.
- 6 On completion of the display period, a further report be brought forward to Council for adoption of the S64 Contribution Plans.

(Councillor Hampton/Suffolk)

On submission to the meeting the AMENDMENT was APPROVED and became the MOTION.

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts, Tomlinson, and Crowther.

- 101/00 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and
- 1 That Council adopt the "Subsidised S64 Contribution Plans" for Water and Wastewater for all areas other than Nimbin.
 - 2 That Council publish the fact that the State Government Contributions have been deducted from the relevant assets.
 - 3 That Council determine the appropriate level of subsidy for the Nimbin Water and Wastewater systems to be 25%.
 - 4 That the fixed fee charge for Water and Wastewater be increased by the appropriate level of subsidy as determined in point 3 above.
 - 5 The S64 Contribution Plans for Water and Wastewater be displayed for public comment for twenty eight (28) days.
 - 6 On completion of the display period, a further report be brought forward to Council for adoption of the S64 Contribution Plans.

(Councillors Hampton/Suffolk)

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts and Crowther.

RTA STATE ROADS WORK - SINGLE INVITATION CONTRACTS

(Copy attached)

- 102/00 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and
- 1 That Council note the introduction by the RTA of Single Invitation Contracts.
 - 2 That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to submit tenders on behalf of Council for RTA Single Invitation Contracts.

(Councillors Irwin/Swientek)(S341)

NIMBIN SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATED - REQUEST FOR LOAN OF \$35,000 FOR PROPOSED BUILDING EXTENSION

(See Minute No. 99/99)

CHANGE OF TITLE - CIVIC DESIGN PANEL

(Copy attached)

A MOTION WAS MOVED that the report be received and that consideration of this matter be deferred to allow an opportunity for the panel to consider the issues raised in the amendment, and reported back to Council when Manager Parks & Recreation is available to explain the situation to Council.

(Councillors Irwin/Tomlinson)(S273)

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED that the report be received and –

1. There be no name change.
2. Amend Strategic Plan as follows:
 - 2.3 To encourage appropriate tree plantings in the Lismore City Council Area.
 - 2.7 To promote preservation of heritage items within the Local Government Area as approved by Council
 - 2.8 Delete
- 3 Amend other documents to reflect changes in the Strategic Plan.

(Councillors Suffolk/Hampton)

On submission to the meeting the AMENDMENT was DEFEATED.

Voting Against: Councillors Irwin, Roberts, King, Tomlinson, Swientek, Chant, Baxter, Hampton, Gates and Crowther.

- 103/00 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and the report be received and that consideration of this matter be deferred to allow an opportunity for the panel to consider the issues raised in the amendment, and reported back to Council when Manager Parks & Recreation is available to explain the situation to Council.
- (Councillors Irwin/Tomlinson)

Lismore Rainbow Region Masters Games 2001 Organising Committee

(Copy attached)

- 104/00 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and
1. Council appoint two Councillors as members of the Lismore Masters Games Organising Committee.
 2. Community membership be as follows:
North Coast Academy of Sport x 1 - Mr Tony Clarke
Southern Cross University x 3 - Mr Peter Cordery, Ms Alison James & Mr Jak Carroll
Economic Development Unit x 1 - Mr Dave Arthur
Lismore Unlimited x 2 - (to be determined by Lismore Unlimited)
Southern Cross University Student Union x 1 - Mr Dave Graham
Tourist Office x 1 - Ms Andrea Roberts
Department of Sport & Recreation x 1 - Mr Sean Farrar
Lismore District Sports Association x 2 - Ms Therese Crollick & Mrs Gloria Mortimer (LDSA resolution April 12, 2000)
Community/Sport x 2 - Mr Paul Deegan & Mr Chris Hayward
 3. Council adopt the Lismore Masters Games Organising Committee Management & Marketing Plan as attached.
(Councillors Irwin/King)(S720)

- 105/00 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Councillors Chant and Hampton be appointed to the Lismore Rainbow Region Masters Games Organising Committee.
(Councillors Baxter/King) (S720)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE – GOSFORD

(Copy attached)

- 106/00 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and
- 1 That the Mayor and two Councillors be appointed as Council's delegates to the conference
 - 2 That Council determine any additional Councillors to attend as observers.
(Councillors Swientek/Irwin)(S569)
- 107/00 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Councillors Swientek and Hampton be appointed as Councils delegates.
(Councillors Irwin/King)(S569)

INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL AS AT MARCH 31, 2000

(Copy attached)

- 108/00 **RESOLVED** that the report be received and noted.
(Councillors Swientek/Hampton)(S170)

DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING:

- 109/00 **RESOLVED** that the following documents be executed under the Common Seal of Council:-

88E(3) Instrument:-Positive Covenant for Tenants in Common

To allow the utilisation of one on site treatment system and effluent treatment area between two dwellings on Lot 7 DP 6199992, 929 Blue Knob Road, Blue Knob.
(DA99/888:P13756)

Request for Variation of Restriction on the Use of Land

Lot 8 DP715141, 28 Windsor Court, Goonellabah, to alter the building line from 6.0 metres to 5.0 metres (on that lot only) which will align with an approval granted in 1988 under DA88/368 (No physical change is made to the dwelling on the land, the Seal on the Request form simply allows correction to the Section 88B document in respect of that lot in line with the building line alteration previously granted.) (00-5421:P17206)

Cook Subdivision of 8 Windsor Court, Goonellabah
Request on Title Cancel Caveat K200000P releasing Public Reserve for Road
Widening. (P18694:00-5247)
(Councillors Roberts/Hampton)

Notice of Rescission

The Group Manager Corporate & Community Services advised Council that he had been handed a Notice of Rescission Motion signed by Councillor Roberts, Irwin and Tomlinson with respect to the resolution – Nuclear Free Zone Signs.

The Group Manager Corporate & Community Services advised Council that this rescission motion would be considered at the next ordinary meeting of Council and that in the interim the Council resolution referred to in the rescission motion could not be carried into effect until the rescission motion had been dealt with.

This concluded the business and the meeting terminated at 8.41 pm.

CONFIRMED this Sixteenth day of May, 2000 at which meeting the signature herein was subscribed.

MAYOR

