
WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

REPORTS TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2007,
COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

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General Manager's Report

104 Disclosure of Interests

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The provisions of Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act, 1993 regulate the way in which Councillors and nominated staff of Council conduct themselves to ensure that there is no conflict between their private interests and their public trust.

The Act prescribes that where a member of Council (or a Committee of Council) has a direct or indirect financial (pecuniary) interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the Council (or Committee), that interest must be disclosed as soon as practicable after the start of the meeting and the reasons for declaring such interest.

As members are aware, the provisions of the Local Government Act restrict any member who has declared a pecuniary interest in any matter from participating in the discussions, voting on that matter, and require that member to vacate the Chamber.

Council's Code of Conduct provides that if members have a non-pecuniary conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict must be disclosed. The Code also provides for a number of ways in which a member may manage non pecuniary conflicts of interest.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

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General Manager's Report

105 Proposed Inspections

F2006/02282 ED:MR

SUMMARY

Inspections proposed to be held on 28 March 2007 and prior to the second Ordinary Meeting are listed as follows:

Date of Inspection	Location	Requested By
28 March 2007	Kathleen White Crescent, Killarney Vale (road rehabilitation/drainage project)	Director Shire Services
28 March 2007	Eastern Road, Tumbi Umbi (road rehabilitation project)	Director Shire Services
28 March 2007	Ted Doyle Carpark, Berkeley Road, Glenning Valley (adjacent to the Oval where new skate facility is being built)	Director Shire Services
28 March 2007	7 Lucca Road, North Wyong	Director Shire Planning

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on inspections to be conducted on Wednesday, 28 March 2007 be received and the information noted.

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General Manager's Report

106 Proposed Briefings

F2006/02282 ED:MR

SUMMARY

Briefings proposed for this meeting and future meetings to be held in Wilfred Barrett and Tim Farrell Committee Rooms.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the information noted.

Date	Briefing	Description	Time	Presented by
14 March 2007	Water Authority Briefing	Briefing prior to 21 March board meeting	11am - 12 noon	Garry Casement
14 March 2007	Emergency Risk Management Plan for Central Coast	Council's role on the Local Emergency Management Committee is (in conjunction with local emergency organisation) to prepare a strategy on mitigation for emergencies within the area under its control. Funding for this has been obtained from the Commonwealth Government Local Grants Scheme in conjunction with Gosford City Council. Echelon Australia has been retained to facilitate this report which will involve wide consultation with the community.	12.00 noon - 12.30pm	Echelon Australia (Grant Williams)
14 March 2007	2007/08 Draft Management Plan	Feedback on "proposed draft"	12.30 pm- 2.30 pm	Mellissa McKee

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General Manager's Report

Proposed Briefings (contd)

Date	Briefing	Description	Time	Presented by
14 March 2007	Bridge Replacement Programme	Council has an inventory of approximately 71 road bridges, which includes 24 timber bridges. The remaining bridges are concrete. Over the years Council has had a bridge replacement programme to replace the timber bridges with concrete. Staff have reviewed the programme and this briefing will provide an update on the outcomes of this review.	2.30pm-3pm	Terry Cooper
28 March 2007	Computer Access	Briefing for Councillors to discuss their Computer Access.	2pm – 3pm	James Brown

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General Manager's Report

107 Address by Invited Speakers

F2006/02282 ED:MR

SUMMARY

There have been no requests to address the Ordinary Meeting at the time of printing the Business Paper.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 *That the report on Invited Speakers be received and the information noted.*
- 2 *That, should speakers be present at the meeting, standing orders be varied to allow each item to be dealt with following the speaker's address.*

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General Manager's Report

108 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

F2006/02282 ED:MR

SUMMARY

Confirmation of minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2007 be received and confirmed.

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG
ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2007,
COMMENCING AT 5.01 PM

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS R L GRAHAM (CHAIRPERSON), G P BEST, D J EATON, B J PAVIER, N T ROSE (ARRIVED AT 6.20 PM), R E STEWART, R C STEVENS, C W VEUGEN AND W J WELHAM.

IN ATTENDANCE

GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES, DIRECTOR SHIRE PLANNING, ACTING DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES, MANAGER DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT, MANAGER FUTURE PLANNING AND AN ADMINISTRATION OFFICER.

THE MAYOR, COUNCILLOR R L GRAHAM, DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 5.01 PM AND PASTOR PHIL OLFIELD READ THE OPENING PRAYER.

APOLOGIES

THERE WERE NO APOLOGIES.

COUNCILLOR FORSTER HAS BEEN GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNTIL 11 APRIL 2007.

AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING REPORT NOS 073, 074, 075, 076, 078, 079, 082, 083, 084, 077 AND 080, WERE DEALT WITH FIRST THEN THE REMAINING REPORTS IN ORDER. HOWEVER FOR THE SAKE OF CLARITY THE REPORTS ARE RECORDED IN THEIR CORRECT AGENDA SEQUENCE.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2007 (contd)

073 Disclosure of Interests

F2006/02282 MW:SW

COUNCILLOR ROSE ARRIVED AT THE CHAMBER AT 6.20 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

082 - NOTICE OF MOTION – CLEAR FELLING OF TREES AND VEGETATION REMOVAL IN WYONG SHIRE

COUNCILLOR ROSE WAS PRESENT IN THE CHAMBER WHEN THIS ITEM WAS CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL AND HE DECLARED A NON-PECUNIARY INSIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE MATTER FOR THE REASON THAT HE IS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE HUNTER AND CENTRAL RIVERS CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATED IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

084 - NOTICE OF MOTION – WALLARAH 2 COAL PROJECT – PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MONITORING BORES

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM DECLARED A NON-PECUNIARY INSIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE MATTER FOR THE REASON THAT HE IS A PATRON OF THE AUSTRALIAN COAL ALLIANCE AND PARTICIPATED IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the report be received and advice of disclosures noted.

074 Proposed Inspections

F2006/02282 MW:SW

COUNCILLOR ROSE ARRIVED AT THE CHAMBER AT 6.20 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor STEWART and seconded by Councillor WELHAM:

That the amended report on inspections conducted on Wednesday, 28 February 2007 be received and the information noted.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2007 (contd)

075 Proposed Briefings

F2006/02282 MW:SW

COUNCILLOR ROSE ARRIVED AT THE CHAMBER AT 6.20 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor STEWART and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the amended report be received and the information noted with the inclusion of a Briefing to be held on 28 March 2007 between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm to outline alternative computer and internet proposals.

076 Address by Invited Speakers

F2006/02282 MW:SW

COUNCILLOR ROSE ARRIVED AT THE CHAMBER AT 6.20 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor PAVIER and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

- 1 That the report on Invited Speakers be received and the information noted.***
- 2 That standing orders be varied to allow each item to be dealt with following the speaker's address.***

077 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

F2006/02282 ED:SW

COUNCILLOR BEST LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 7.30 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.33 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WELHAM and seconded by Councillor PAVIER:

That the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 February 2007 be received and confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

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078 Notice of Motion – Warnervale Airport

F2004/06700 GJB

MR PHILLIP JONES-HOPE, REPRESENTING JUST JUMP SKY DIVE, AGAINST POINT 1 C OF THE MOTION, ADDRESSED THE MEETING AT 5.10pm, ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND RETIRED AT 5.20PM.

MR LAURIE EYES, MEMBER, REPRESENTING THE CENTRAL COAST AIRPORT ACTION GROUP, IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION, ADDRESSED THE MEETING AT 5.20PM, ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND RETIRED AT 5.30PM.

COUNCILLOR ROSE ARRIVED AT THE CHAMBER AT 6.20 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

It was MOVED by Councillor BEST and SECONDED by Councillor EATON:

- 1 *That Council reaffirm its previous decisions to:*
 - a *Not proceed with plans to develop Warnervale Airport as a Central Coast Regional Airport.*
 - b *Not allocate any capital funding to the existing airport.*
 - c *Rezone the airport to a business/industrial zoning with appropriate provisions for the continuation of a local airport.*
- 2 *That Council seek immediate confirmation from both major parties of their continued support for the current Warnervale Airport legislation known as the Warnervale Airport (Restrictions) Act 1996.*

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor WELHAM and SECONDED by Councillor PAVIER:

That the submission of Just Jump Skydiving be received and noted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS GRAHAM, PAVIER, STEVENS, STEWART, VEUGEN AND WELHAM.

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BEST AND EATON.

The AMENDMENT then became the MOTION was put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

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RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor WELHAM and seconded by Councillor PAVIER:

That the submission of Just Jump Skydiving be noted and received.

FOR: COUNCILLORS GRAHAM, PAVIER, STEVENS, STEWART, VEUGEN AND WELHAM.

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BEST AND EATON.

079 Notice of Motion – Safe Driving Schools

F2006/00843 BJP

MS BARBARA SHEELEY, RESIDENT, IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION, ADDRESSED THE MEETING AT 5.48PM, ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND RETIRED AT 5.53pm.

COUNCILLOR ROSE ARRIVED AT THE CHAMBER AT 6.20 PM AND AS A RESULT TOOK NO PART IN VOTING.

COUNCILLOR VEUGEN LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 5.47 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 5.48 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

COUNCILLOR BEST LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 5.47 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 5.49 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor PAVIER and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

Recent deaths on our roads highlights the importance of safe driving awareness, both for the young and the aged, and those services, providing such a service, should be actively encouraged. To gain some of these skills below, it is my understanding that Central Coast people must travel to Sydney to attend these courses.

- 1 *That Council request Gosford Council to consider this motion and that Wyong Council call upon the driving schools on the Central Coast to expand their services to provide classes and safe driving courses.***
- 2 *That Council support in principle and in the ShireWide page (as far as media), only, the expansion of driving testing and testing of skills for aged and P platers.***
- 3 *That the focus of these courses should be the encouragement to increase the skills and understanding of changes to our road rules and high performance vehicles.***
- 4 *That Classes should also actively encourage the aged to maintain their driving skills for the aged assessment driving test.***

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- 5 *That Council call upon the Roads and Traffic Authority to encourage by whatever means, the honing of skills via the driving schools to meet some of the objectives defined above in 1 to 4.*
- 6 *That Council negotiates with the NSW Fire Brigade to assist in the provision of unclaimed old cars for demonstration techniques.*

080 Notice of Motion – Climate Conditions

F2004/08147 DJE

COUNCILLOR BEST LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 7.30 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.33 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

COUNCILLOR VEUGEN LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 8.15 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.17 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

It was MOVED by Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor EATON:

- 1 *That Council adopt as policy that the climate conditions over the last decade be adopted as normal and ongoing.*
- 2 *That in light of the above, Council prepare a plan to move out of water restrictions by 31 December 2010.*
- 3 *That as the water supply crisis enters its fifth year and continues to worsen, ie Mangrove Creek Dam now at 10.3%, due possibly to climate change, Council re-identify its current water supply status from a crisis to a regional disaster with a view to assisting the Water Authority to access emergency, national and state disaster relief funding.*

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor PAVIER and SECONDED by Councillor STEWART:

That the items as printed 1, 2 and 3 be the subject of discussions between the two Councils at the April 2007 Joint Meeting of Councils.

The MOTION was WITHDRAWN.

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The AMENDMENT then became the MOTION was put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor PAVIER and seconded by Councillor STEWART:

That the following items be the subject of discussions at the April 2007, Joint Meeting of Gosford and Wyong Councils.

- 1 That Council adopt as policy that the climate conditions over the last decade be adopted as normal and ongoing.**
- 2 That in light of the above, Council prepare a plan to move out of water restrictions by 31 December 2010.**
- 3 That as the water supply crisis enters its fifth year and continues to worsen, ie Mangrove Creek Dam now at 10.3%, due possibly to climate change, Council re-identify its current water supply status from a crisis to a regional disaster with a view to assisting the Water Authority to access emergency, national and state disaster relief funding.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, PAVIER, STEVENS, STEWART, VEUGEN AND WELHAM.

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR ROSE.

081 Notice of Motion – Childcare Operations

F2004/07558 DJE

COUNCILLOR STEWART LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 8.18 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 8.20 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

It was MOVED by Councillor EATON and seconded by Councillor VEUGEN:

That Council receive a comprehensive report on the operation of its childcare operations including history and operations of recently privatised centres to enable Council to decide on further privatisation or continued Council operations.

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared LOST.

FOR: COUNCILLOR EATON.

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BEST, GRAHAM, PAVIER, ROSE, STEVENS, STEWART, VEUGEN AND WELHAM.

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082 Notice of Motion – Clear Felling of Trees and Vegetation Removal in Wyong Shire

F2006/00843 GPB

MR RAY RAUSCHER, CHAIRPERSON, REPRESENTING THE LAKES PRECINCT COMMITTEE, IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION, ADDRESSED THE MEETING AT 6.00 PM, ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND RETIRED AT 6.23 PM.

COUNCILLOR PAVIER LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 6.14 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 6.15 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

COUNCILLOR ROSE ARRIVED AT THE CHAMBER AT 6.20 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

COUNCILLOR ROSE DECLARED A NON-PECUNIARY INSIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE MATTER FOR THE REASON THAT HE IS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE HUNTER AND CENTRAL RIVERS CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATED IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

It was MOVED by Councillor BEST and SECONDED by Councillor VEUGEN:

That as there will be a Central Coast Conservation Plan and a North Wyong Structure Plan within 12 months under the Central Coast Regional Strategy, staff report on the impacts of adopting an interim moratorium on clear felling of trees and vegetation removal until the Conservation Plan and Structure Plan are adopted.

The MOTION was put to the vote and declared LOST.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST AND VEUGEN.

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS EATON, GRAHAM, PAVIER, ROSE, STEVENS, STEWART AND WELHAM.

083 Notice of Motion – Anti Whaling Petition

F2004/10946 GPB

MR BORIS BRANWHITE, RESIDENT, IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION, ADDRESSED THE MEETING AT 6.50 PM, ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND RETIRED AT 7.10 PM.

COUNCILLOR ROSE LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 7.09 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.11 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

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It was MOVED by Councillor BEST and SECONDED by Councillor VEUGEN:

That Council invite the Japanese Consulate General to Council to discuss and be presented with the community anti whaling petition which is currently circulating throughout the Shire.

The MOTION was WITHDRAWN.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor PAVIER and seconded by Councillor WELHAM:

That the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, liaise with the two Federal Members Jill Hall and Ken Ticehurst, on the best way forward to present the petition to the Japanese Ambassador.

084 Wallarah 2 Coal Project – Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Bores

F2004/07086 MDL

MR WARWICK O'ROURKE, MEMBER, REPRESENTING THE AUSTRALIAN COAL ALLIANCE INC, IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION, ADDRESSED THE MEETING AT 7.16 PM, ANSWERED QUESTIONS AND RETIRED AT 7.26 PM.

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM DECLARED A NON-PECUNIARY INSIGNIFICANT CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THE MATTER FOR THE REASON THAT HE IS A PATRON OF THE AUSTRALIAN COAL ALLIANCE AND PARTICIPATED IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.

COUNCILLOR PAVIER LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 7.25 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 7.31 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor ROSE:

- 1 That Council reject Korean Government's Kores' request to establish monitoring bore holes on Council owned land.**
- 2 That Kores be advised of Council's decision.**

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085 **Important Bird Areas**

F2004/06909 SF:JP

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor PAVIER and seconded by Councillor ROSE:

That Council support Birds Australia's proposal to declare the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary as an Important Bird Area.

086 **Contract CPA/102575 - Hire of Casual Labour**

CPA/102575 AP:GJ

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor EATON and seconded by Councillor WELHAM:

- 1** ***That all conforming tenders received for Contract CPA/102575 - Hire of Casual Labour be accepted on a priority ranking list for the period 5 March 2007 to 6 March 2009.***
- 2** ***That the Director Shire Services be authorised to arrange engagement of Casual Labour as required from time to time in accordance with the priority ranking list.***

087 **Contract CPA/117607 - Supply of Personal Computers and Notebooks**

CPA/117607 RM

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor ROSE and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

- 1** ***That Council accept the supply of 158 Personal Computers in tender no. CPA/117607 from Hewlett Packard (HP) in the lump sum amount of \$191,006 including GST (\$173,642 excluding GST).***
- 2** ***That Council accept the supply of 11 Notebooks in tender no. CPA/117607 from Dell Computers Australia in the lump sum amount of \$22,143 including GST (\$20,130 excluding GST).***

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088 Proposed Easement Over Council Land

SC/168/2006 RH:NL

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor EATON and seconded by Councillor STEWART:

- 1 That Council endorse the creation of the easement for right of access across Plaza Lane, Wyong.**
- 2 That Council authorise the common seal of Wyong Shire Council to be affixed to the Subdivision Certificate and 88B Instrument creating the said easement.**
- 3 That Council authorise the Mayor and/or General Manager to execute all documents relating to the creation of the easement.**

089 Proposed Acquisition of Private Land at Berkeley Vale for Road Widening

F2007/00170 AWS

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor PAVIER and seconded by Councillor ROSE:

- 1 That Council acquire part of Lot 1 DP527128 Berkeley Road, Berkeley Vale as Public Road as shown in Attachments 1.**
- 2 That Council authorise the payment of compensation if necessary for the acquisition of the land in Item 1 in accordance with the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 and based on assessment by a qualified valuer.**
- 3 That Council proceed to compulsorily acquire the land in Item 1 in the event that negotiations with the property owners cannot be satisfactorily resolved.**
- 4 That Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of Wyong Shire Council to the Transfer and/or Plan and to any necessary applications to the Department of Local Government for the approval of the Minister and the Governor for compulsory acquisition, related to the acquisition in Item 1.**
- 5 That Council authorise the affixing of the Common Seal of the Wyong Shire Council to all documents relating to the transfer of the land in Item 1 to Wyong Shire Council and the dedication of that land as public road.**
- 6 That Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to sign all documents relating to the transfer of the land in Item 1 to Wyong Shire Council and the dedication of that land as public road.**

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090 Revised Facilities and Expenses Policy

F2004/07011 CTB

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor ROSE and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

- 1 That Council adopt in principle the Revised Facilities and Expenses Policy and advertise the policy for 28 days in order to seek public comment, as required by section 253 of the Local Government Act 1993.**
- 2 That subject to no significant objections being received, the revised Facilities and Expenses Policy be adopted.**
- 3 That Council provide the Department of Local Government with a copy of the adopted policy, including a summary of any submissions received by 30 April 2007.**

091 Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants

F2006/00788 MW

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor STEVENS and seconded by Councillor PAVIER:

- 1 That an amount of \$2000.00 be allocated from the 2006/2007 Councillors' Community Improvement Grants as outlined in Attachment 1.**
- 2 That the amount of \$150.00 allocated to Toukley Torch Bearers for Legacy on 23 August 2006 for a hot water system for the kitchen, be reallocated towards portable clothing racks and storage bins.**

092 Formation of Wyong Shire Youth Council

F2005/00908 F2004/11271 JJ:CB

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor WELHAM and seconded by Councillor ROSE:

That the formation of a Youth Advisory Council proceed in accordance with the process outlined in this report.

FOR: COUNCILLORS EATON, GRAHAM, PAVIER, ROSE, STEVENS, STEWART AND WELHAM.

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BEST AND VEUGEN.

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093 Gosford and Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board Meeting

F2004/06808 MW

It was MOVED by Councillor GRAHAM and SECONDED by Councillor STEVENS:

That the minutes of the Gosford and Wyong Councils Water Authority Board meeting held on 21 February 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein, adopted.

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor EATON:

That the reports and recommendations of the Gosford and Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board be dealt with by the exception method.

The AMENDMENT lapsed for want of a SECONDER.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the minutes of the Gosford and Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board meeting held on 21 February 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein, adopted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, GRAHAM, PAVIER, ROSE, STEVENS, STEWART AND WELHAM.

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS EATON AND VEUGEN.

094 Wyong Shire Audit Committee

F2004/07245 MW

COUNCILLOR PAVIER LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 8.58 PM AND RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER AT 9.00 PM DURING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

It was MOVED by Councillor ROSE and SECONDED by Councillor PAVIER:

That the minutes of the Wyong Shire Audit Committee meeting held on 21 February 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein, adopted.

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THE MAYOR RULED THAT COUNCILLOR EATON COULD NOT RAISE A MATTER IN REGARD TO ITEM 5.18 OF THE GOSFORD AND WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING OF 21 FEBRUARY 2007 AS THIS MATTER HAD JUST BEEN CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL UNDER THE PREVIOUS ITEM 093 OF THIS MEETING OF COUNCIL.

MOTION OF DISSENT

It was MOVED by Councillor EATON:

I move dissent from the Chairperson's ruling in respect of preventing the raising of budgetary matters in regards to the Audit Committee discussions, under Item 094 – Wyong Shire Audit Committee.

The MOTION OF DISSENT was put to the vote and declared LOST.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, STEWART AND VEUGEN.

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS GRAHAM, PAVIER, ROSE, STEVENS AND WELHAM.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor ROSE and seconded by Councillor PAVIER:

That the minutes of the Wyong Shire Audit Committee meeting held on 21 February 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein, adopted.

095 Grassroots Sustainability – International Lessons Forum

F2004/06517 ED

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WELHAM and seconded by Councillor PAVIER:

That the report be received and information noted.

096 Information Reports

F2006/02282 MW:SW

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor STEWART and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the Information Reports of the Ordinary Meeting of Council be dealt with by the exception method.

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 February 2007 (contd)

100 General Works in Progress Report

F2004/07830 CS

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the report be received and the information noted.

101 Works in Progress Report – Water and Sewerage

F2004/07830 KRG:DP

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the report be received and the information noted.

102 Wyong Shire Library Statistics

F2004/11651 JM/JM

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the report be received and the information noted.

103 Outstanding Questions Without Notice and Notices of Motion

F2005/00926 MW:SW

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor STEVENS:

That the report be received and the information noted.

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QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE ASKED

COUNCILLOR VEUGEN LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 9.17 PM AND DID NOT RETURN TO THE CHAMBER.

COUNCILLOR BEST LEFT THE CHAMBER AT 9.18 PM AND DID NOT RETURN TO THE CHAMBER.

Q022 - Donation to Liberal Party by Central Coast Tourism Inc**Councillor Eaton**

F2004/06402

Could Council investigate and report on the donation by Central Coast Tourism Inc to the Liberal Party at the last State Election and any other political donations, given any such donation is inappropriate from a publicly funded body?

Q023 – Non Declaration of Interest by Councillor Stevens in relation to Central Coast Tourism Inc**Councillor Eaton**

F2004/06507

As Councillor Stevens was Campaign Manager and aware of the donation, could he please advise why he has not made declarations of conflict in relation to Central Coast Tourism Inc matters?

Q024 – Public Walkways and Foreshores Access in Gwandalan/ Summerland Point Area**Councillor Welham**

F2004/05394

Could staff provide a report on public walkways and foreshore access in the Gwandalan/Summerland Point area? Issues outlined in correspondence from the Gwandalan/Summerland Point Community Precinct Committee on the 11 October 2006 and 12 September 2006 to the General Manager and 15 February 2007 to Councillor Welham as attached.

Q025 – Installation of Bike Rack at San Remo Shops**Councillor Welham**

F2004/05301

Could staff look to install a bike rack at the San Remo Shops in consultation with shopkeepers on its location?

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Q026 – Removal or Update of Lakes Restoration Signs

Councillor Stewart

F2004/00504

Would Council look at either removing or updating the Lakes Restoration signs as these are very outdated?

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.20 PM.

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CHAIRPERSON

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

14 March 2007
To the Ordinary Meeting of Council

**109 Notice of Motion - Inclusion of Representatives of Non-
Christian Religions at Council Opening Prayer**

F2004/06496

Councillor Eaton has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, 14 March 2007 he will move the following Motion:

"That Council acknowledge cultural diversity by widening its prayer givers at Council Meetings to include non – Christian religions"

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

14 March 2007

To the Ordinary Meeting of Council

**110 Notice of Motion – Proposed Lodgement of Section 96
Application to Amend Development Applications Approved for
Temporary Desalination Plants**

DA/1665/2006 DA/1667/2006 DA/1668/2006

Councillor Eaton has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, 14 March 2007 he will move the following Motion:

"That Council lodge Section 96 applications in respect of the approval of temporary desalination plants to remove unworkable conditions."

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

14 March 2007
To the Ordinary Meeting of Council

111 Notice of Motion – Proposed Amendment to Council’s Code of Meeting Practice

F2004/06502

Councillor N Rose has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, 14 March 2007 he will move the following Motion:

- "1. *That, while staff are under a high workload due to the drought and climate change, clause 26(4) of the Code of Meeting Practice be varied to permit a maximum of 1 notice of motion from each Councillor to any particular meeting of Council.*

2. *That Clause 32 of the Code of Meeting Practice, regarding questions to Councillors and staff, be rigidly enforced, particularly in regard to Clause 32 (6).*

Councillor’s Note:

Clause 32 is quoted below:

“Clause 32 Questions May Be Put To Councillors and Council Employees

- (1) *A Councillor may:*
 - (a) *through the Chairperson, put a question without notice to another Councillor; and*
 - (b) *through the Chairperson to the General Manager, put a question without notice to a Council employee.*

- (2) *A Councillor or a Council employee to whom a question without notice is put is entitled to be given reasonable notice of the question and, in particular, sufficient notice to enable reference to be made to other persons or to documents before answering the question.*

- (3) *The Councillor must put every such question directly, succinctly and without argument.*

- (4) *The Chairperson must not permit discussion on any reply or refusal to reply to a question put to a Councillor or Council employee under this clause. (clause 249 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005)*

- (5) *A Councillor may ask two Questions Without Notice at an ordinary meeting of Council. A copy of each question asked must be handed by the Councillor to the General Manager, or in his or her absence to the most senior member of staff present at the meeting.*

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Notice of Motion – Proposed Amendment to Council’s Code of Meeting Practice (contd)

- (6) *A Question Without Notice need not be answered unless endorsed by resolution of Council where, in the opinion of the Chairperson, it would:*
- (a) *normally require the presentation of a report after consideration by a Committee or by the General Manager;*
 - (b) *be regarded as a sensitive issue or be one not likely to have the total support of Council; or*
 - (c) *require the commitment or redirection of significant resources.*
- (7) *Reply to a Question Without Notice should be directed to the Councillor at a future ordinary meeting of Council held on the second or fourth Wednesday of the month or as otherwise directed by the Mayor.*
- (8) *Questions to be listed on the business paper as a question of which due notice has been given must be delivered or posted to the General Manager so as to be received not less than 14 days prior to the Ordinary Meeting of Council at which a reply is requested or expected."*

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112 Notice of Motion – Warnervale Rail Station

F2004/06713

Councillor G P Best has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, 14 March 2007 he will move the following Motion:

"That Council on behalf of the greater Warnervale community as a matter of urgency demand the State Government honour its March 2004 "core promise" to build and establish by 2007, the desperately needed Warnervale rail station and associated commuter car parking areas."

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

14 March 2007
To the Ordinary Meeting of Council

113 Notice of Motion - Senior Citizens Advisory Council

F2004/05291

Councillor G P Best has given notice that at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday, 14 March 2007 he will move the following Motion:

"That further to Council's support for the formation of a Shire Youth Council, Council afford a similar opportunity to our senior citizens through formation of the Wyong Shire Senior Citizens Council with a view to facilitating and strengthening the important information flows on key issues affecting our senior citizens."

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**114 Notice of Rescission – Minutes of Gosford and Wyong Councils
Water Authority Board Meeting 21 February 2007**

F2004/06808

Council, at the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 February 2007, gave consideration to a report regarding Gosford and Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board Meeting.

At that meeting, Council resolved as follows:

"That the minutes of the Gosford and Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board meeting held on 21 February 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein, adopted."

A Rescission Motion has been received from Councillors G P Best, D J Eaton and C W Veugen to be moved at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 28 March 2007, as follows:

"MOVE that the following resolution carried at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 March 2007 be rescinded:

"That the minutes of the Gosford and Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board meeting held on 21 February 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein, adopted."

Should the above Rescission Motion be carried, further notice is given that Councillors G P Best, D J Eaton and C W Veugen will move the following motion:

"MOVE

"That as there was no public debate or discussion regarding the activities / minutes of the Gosford and Wyong Councils' Water Authority's 21 February 2007 meeting that contained major Committee decisions of regional water supply significance, Council now review these minutes in seriatim."

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14 March 2007
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Director's Report
Shire Planning Department

115 Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan

DA/1238/2006 MLG:MLG

SUMMARY

An application has been received for a child care centre at Gorokan. The application has been examined having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and other statutory requirements with the issues requiring attention and consideration being addressed in the report.

Applicant	A & L Capolino
Owner	As above
Application No	1238/2006
Description of Land	Lot 5 DP 24746 No 163 Wallarah Road, Gorokan
Proposed Development	Centre Based Child Care Centre
Site Area	714.3m ²
Zoning	2(a)
Existing Use	Vacant
Estimated Value	\$200,000

RECOMMENDATION

- 1** *That the application be referred to the General Manager for determination having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and other relevant issues with an indication that based on the information available to it, Council favours approval of the application subject to appropriate conditions of consent.*
- 2** *That the General Manager be authorised to determine any application for minor modifications to the approved development plans or consent conditions.*
- 3** *That those who made submissions be advised of Council's decision.*

INTRODUCTION

The Site

The subject land is a corner allotment at the intersection of Wallarah Road and Skyline Street at Gorokan. The land has a rectangular shape with no distinguishing topographical features. Although the address is Wallarah Road, the broader road frontage is presented to Skyline Street.

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)



Aerial view with subject site cross-hatched



Subject site on corner of Wallarah Road and Skyline Street

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)

The Proposal

Consent is sought for a child care centre to cater for 25 children in two age brackets, aged 2 - 3 years (7 children) and 3 – 5 years (18 children). Three staff and a part time chef complete the management of the centre.

The building is single storey, positioned toward the middle of the land with carparking adjacent to the intersection and with the outdoor play area toward the northern part of the land. The design of the building features a split curved roof with a mix of external finishes and colours. Vehicular access is proposed via a common entry/exit driveway.



Artist's impression viewed from opposite side of Skyline Street

Major issues for consideration relate to carparking, traffic safety and impact on local amenity. The proposal has generated public interest with 6 individual submissions and 3 petitions comprising four (4) to twenty-six (26) signatures.

HISTORY

The subject land, being lot 5 in DP 24746 was created by subdivision on October 21 1952.

A dwelling approved and constructed in 1958 has since been demolished.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The proposed land use is defined as a "Child Care Centre" in Clause 7 of Wyong Local Environmental Plan 1991 and is permissible in the 2(a) zone, with the consent of Council.

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)

COUNCIL POLICY AND STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The application has been considered with regard to Development Control Plan 2005, with particular reference to Chapters No 61 – *Carparking* and No 62 – *Home and Centre Based Child Care Centres*.

VARIATIONS TO POLICIES

There is one aspect of non-compliance with Chapter No 62 – *Home and Centre Based Child Care Centres* of DCP 2005.

- * Reduced setback proposed for the building adjacent to the side boundary from the required 3.00m to a proposed 0.90m.

ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE PRINCIPLES

The proposal has been assessed having regard to ecologically sustainable development principles and is considered to be consistent with the principles.

The proposed development is considered to incorporate satisfactory stormwater, drainage and erosion control and the retention of vegetation where possible and is unlikely to have any significant adverse impacts on the environment and will not decrease environmental quality for future generations. The proposal does not result in the disturbance of any endangered flora or fauna habitats and is unlikely to significantly affect fluvial environments.

RELEVANT ISSUES

Having regard to Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, it is considered that the following matters require further consideration and are addressed in the following sections:

Context, Amenity and Setting

The child care centre has been assessed under the provisions of Development Control Plan No 62. A summary of the DCP criteria is provided in "Attachment 2". The aims and objectives of Chapter 62 are to promote child caring facilities, whilst maintaining the amenity of the local area.

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)



Neighbours - No 2 Skyline Street (north)



No 165 Wallarah Road (west)

In terms of amenity, the site, being a corner property, has only two direct neighbours. The layout of the proposed centre is such that the main sources of noise are separated to each end of the property. The carpark, probably considered the more significant of noise factors, is positioned adjacent to Wallarah Road thereby directing most noise away from the neighbours. Although the western neighbour does adjoin the carpark, the noise emission from the carpark is predominantly directed toward the front setback of the neighbour. An acoustic assessment was undertaken (by consultant "RSA Acoustics" dated November 2006) identifying that noise levels from the carpark would not add significantly to the existing traffic noise of Wallarah Road. However, to maintain amenity, it is recommended that an acoustic style fence such as a lapped and capped timber fence be provided.

The outdoor play area is adjacent to a neighbouring single storey residence to the north. There is only one small window and no door openings on the side of the dwelling opposing the proposed child care centre. The acoustic report identified typical levels of noise generated by free uninhibited children playing without supervision, as being slightly higher than the desired level of 55 decibels. However, staff supervision is a prerequisite of a child care centre based on NSW Department of Community Services regulations. Therefore, unsupervised play activity is not likely to occur and therefore the expected noise levels would remain at an acceptable level.

In terms of aesthetics, the architectural design complements the generally single storey dwelling environment in the immediate area. The curved roof adds interest, with a mix of face brick and glass block windows and feature doors on the façades.

One aspect of non-compliance with Council's development guidelines is the side setback to the western neighbour. Normally 3.00m is required. The design proposes 0.90m. There are several points of argument for justification for the reduced setback. The site is narrow and would have difficulty in achieving this type of development if the required 3.00m was imposed. As a consequence, the applicant designed a single storey building with a setback similar to residential development.

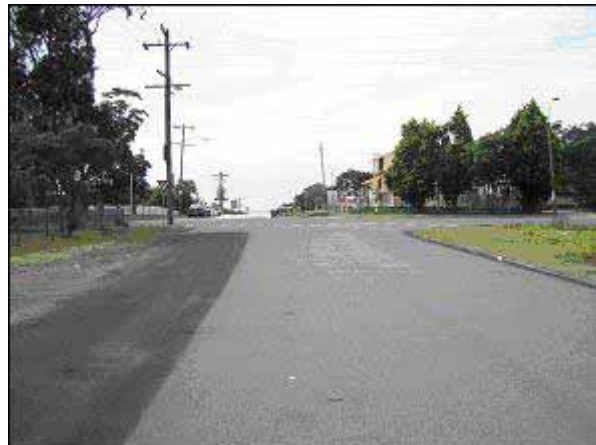
Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)

However, to compensate for the reduced setback, the building is designed with no openings adjacent to the side boundary. In this respect, noise emission is reduced. Visually, the impact of the reduced setback is not dramatic as the length of the building is no greater than one-third of the length of the side boundary; in all probability less than the length of a typical residence. Therefore, the overall impact of the reduced setback is not substantial and in this instance, the variation can be supported.

Access, Transport and Traffic

The application was referred to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for comment as the proposed child care centre is to front a classified road and a small section of the site is subject to RTA road widening. There was, however, no statutory obligation that required the application to be referred to the RTA for concurrence. Upon review of the application, the RTA responded with no objection subject to certain considerations in the design. In summary, the RTA suggested that in the interests of safety, a raised central median should be constructed in Skyline Street to prevent right-turn vehicular movement out of the driveway. However, the placement of the median would result in difficulty for driveway access to the opposing residence in Skyline Street. An alternative solution is to provide separate "entry" and "exit" driveways to the site that are to be pushed as far as possible to the north of the site and separated by 3m. Some minor modification to the internal layout of the carpark and the position of the building will also be required to allow a more efficient vehicle manoeuvring area to be provided within the carpark.

These changes would permit access to the opposing residence and enable entry to and exit from the child care centre from both directions within Skyline Street. Given the centre is relatively small, the extent of traffic generated would not have any significant impact on the local road system, a conclusion supported by a traffic impact study undertaken by the applicant's consultant (Traffic Solutions Pty Ltd – July 2006).



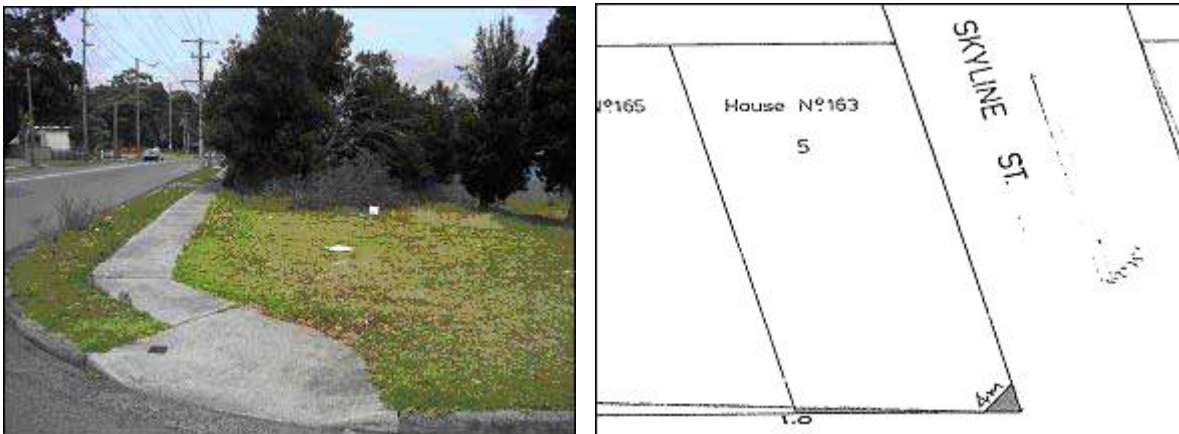
Intersection of Wallarah Road and Skyline Street (north and south directions)

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)

The RTA raised other aspects including reference to the carpark providing forward ingress and egress, that the building be designed to minimise noise from passing traffic and that appropriate sight lines be provided at the corner of the site.

The other aspects have been satisfactorily considered in the design. The latter point of sight lines, relates primarily to ensuring that landscaping and fencing at the junction of the two roadways does not impede vision. The fence is proposed as a 1.20m high open powder-coated metal fence similar to pool fencing. The landscape design would need to limit the scale of shrubs planted in this area to a species that does not grow beyond a mature height of 1.00m.

One final issue raised by the RTA concerned widening requirements for future improvements at the intersection. Dimensions provided by the RTA suggest that a corner splay and a slender strip adjacent to Wallarah Road are necessary for the road improvement. The RTA suggested that the section of land required as road widening should be created as a separate allotment and dedicated to the RTA. The proposal provides scope for the future road requirements, and while land acquisition for RTA purposes is not the responsibility of the consent authority, the portion of land in question can be created as an allotment for future negotiation between the land owner and the RTA once the intersection design is finalised.



Location of RTA road widening requirements

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)

Flora and Fauna

Apart from grass cover and a few Conifer pine trees, the site is clear of vegetation. A landscape design has been prepared to enhance the visual impact of the development. Specific areas of interest concern the frontage to Wallarah Road and the side frontage to Skyline Street. Several different tree species are to be planted along the Wallarah Road frontage including shrubs (Pink Wax Flower and Coastal Rosemary) that grow to a mature height of 2.50m and 1.50m respectively. In total, a full 3.00m of the frontage will be taken up with landscaping to screen the centre. The side boundary includes a protective metal fence, with suitable shrubs that are safe and compatible with children playing in the outdoor area.

Water, Sewer and Drainage

Water and sewer services are available to the site. Contributions are applicable under the local Development Services Plan.

An adjustment to the stormwater proposal is necessary to enable a gravity discharge system direct to the street gutter inlet pit. The original submission for a charged system for roof water to the gutter is not supported. Based on the design levels of the building, open space and carpark, all run-off can be collected and directed to tanks before final discharge via gravity to the street inlet pit rather than charged to the gutter. A maximum fill of 600mm is necessary, mainly toward the rear north-western corner of the land. The land presently slopes in that direction and therefore any filling would have no adverse impact on neighbouring properties.

Public Interest

The proposal was advertised in accordance with Council's Development Control Plan 2005, Chapter No. 70 – *Notification of Development Proposals*. Six (6) individual submissions were received from members of the public and three petitions comprising forty seven (47) signatures. The main issues of concern raised by the public are discussed below:

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)

Issue raised	Response
<p>Traffic safety and impact on local road network.</p> <p>Major points of issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proximity of site to intersection. - Inadequate road network for expected traffic. - Lack of carparking 	<p>Unanimously raised in each submission, the issue of traffic safety is a concern for both the local residents and Council. The application has been reviewed by the RTA, with several comments being included in Council's assessment.</p> <p>In response to the issues raised in the public submission, the following comments apply:</p> <p>The location of the access is acceptable in terms of the distance to the intersection of Wallarah Road and Skyline Street. However, to ensure swift ingress into the site from Skyline Street, the driveway has been designed to cater for two-way vehicle movement through the provision of separate entry and exit driveways. This will ensure that no backup of traffic occurs in Skyline Street.</p>
	<p>Presently, there are "NO STOPPING" signs adjacent to the Wallarah Road frontage of the site. The RTA indicated that the present parking restrictions would not change when the road improvements are undertaken in the future.</p> <p>The number of car spaces proposed on site complies with relevant policies. Unlike schools which have set hours (i.e., start and finish times); child care centres have broader peak periods, thereby minimising short term conflict. Furthermore, patrons generally park for short stays, allowing for quick turn around of parking availability.</p>
<p>Impact on local community from noise generated from the development.</p>	<p>A noise assessment was submitted with the application and has been addressed elsewhere in this report. In brief, the anticipated noise generated from the development would not significantly impact neighbouring residences and would be within the limits of relevant guidelines. However, it is recommended that to assist any concerns, a new fence suited to acoustic situations should be provided along the common boundaries. This would be at the developer's cost and would most likely comprise lapped and capped timber.</p>
<p>Insufficient outdoor play area prompting unsafe practices from development.</p>	<p>The proposal complies with the requirements of both Council's Child Care policy and Department of Community Services regulations. There would be occasions when children play in the outdoor area and then alternate to the indoor rooms. Not all time is spent in the outdoor play ground.</p>

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (contd)

CONCLUSION

The proposed development is a relatively small-scale child care centre, specifically designed to the character and exposure of the site. The industry is ever expanding, with numerous larger scale centres elsewhere throughout the Shire, although the immediate area appears to lack such services.

Consideration has been given to the public submissions and the minor design variation to Council's policy. The issues raised in the submissions, particularly traffic related aspects, are valid to the point that the development must provide adequate measures to ensure acceptable safety. The nominated works such as improved carparking, parking advisory signs and separate entry and exit driveways will ensure that traffic is suitably controlled. The variation to the side setback is not considered to be significant and, as noted, the design of the centre has satisfactorily addressed the noise aspect.

Based on the assessment, it is recommended that approval be granted subject to appropriate conditions. It is also recommended that the objectors be advised of Council's decision.

Attachment 1
Attachment 2

Locality Plan (1 page)
Checklist for Chapter 62 (2 pages)

Enclosure

Development Plans

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (Attachment 2)

DCP 2005 Chapter No 62 – Centre Based Childcare

Provision	Requirement	Proposal	Complies?
Department of Community Services Approval - Clause 2.2 of DCP	Applicant to submit DOCS verification for preliminary review of plans.	DOCS has indicated receipt of plans. Formal concurrence subject to Council's consent.	YES
Land size/shape – Clause 4.4 of DCP	Battle-axe shaped land not permitted for siting of child care buildings	The subject land has broad road frontage to two roadways, with a generally rectangular shape. The dimensions are considered to be ideal for the nature of development.	YES
Traffic impact study – Clause 4.2 of DCP	Traffic study to be submitted from qualified person addressing access, parking, impact on roads etc.	The traffic study has been reviewed by the RTA and Council. The RTA response is addressed in detail in the body of this report. In summary, the RTA raised no objection to the proposal subject to acceptable traffic safety issues being resolved.	YES
Setbacks	3.00m to side and rear boundaries	Rear = 10.80m to face of building East = 4.60m to face of building West = 0.90m to face of building	YES YES NO – encroachment of 2.1m. Single storey at this location extending only for one third of boundary with no appreciable impact on neighbouring property. No openings proposed adjacent to boundary. Variation supported in this instance.
Hours of operation – Clause 4.5 of DCP	To be submitted with DA	6.30 am to 6.00 pm Monday to Friday. The DCP does not specify restrictions on hours of operation, it essentially provides consideration as to whether the hours affect local amenity.	YES – the hours of operation 6.30 am to 6.00 pm five days per week (Mon – Fri) are considered to be acceptable.

Proposed Child Care Centre at Gorokan (Attachment 2) (contd)

Provision	Requirement	Proposal	Complies?
Number of staff/children- Clause 4.6 of DCP	To be submitted with DA	25 children 3 staff + part time chef	YES
Off street parking – Clause 4.7, 4.9 & 4.10 of DCP	One space per four children. Forward egress from site	A total of 6 car spaces are required for 25 children.	YES
Drop off zone for vehicles- Clause 4.8 of DCP	Drive-in and drive-out arrangement without reverse egress	The carpark (with adjustment) provides for forward ingress and egress.	YES
Site Coverage Clause 6.1 of DCP	Max 35% building coverage	Site coverage is 26.3%	YES
Outdoor play areas – Clause 7.0 of DCP	10m ² per child, i.e. 250m ² for proposal. Shade facilities etc	264m ² required for 25 children.	YES

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

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Director's Report
Shire Planning Department

116 Shire Wide Contributions Plan

F2004/00552 PAB

SUMMARY

Reporting on the preparation of a draft contributions plan to levy contributions under Section 94 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act for Shire wide infrastructure. The report details each of the schemes proposed to be included in the plan and recommends that Council proceed with the exhibition of the draft contributions plan for public comment.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 *That in accordance with Clause 28 of Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000, the draft plan be exhibited for public comment.***

- 2 *That subject to no objections being received as a result of the public exhibition, the plan be adopted and public notice be given in accordance with Clause 31 of Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulations 2000.***

- 3 *That Council's existing contributions plans be amended to remove any duplication in the areas of cycleways and library stock that arises as a result of the adoption of the Shire Wide Contributions Plan.***

One of the new initiatives in Council's current Management Plan is to "Develop and adopt a Section 94 Contributions Plan to fund the provision of Shire wide infrastructure". Amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 made it possible for Council to impose additional Section 94 contributions over and above existing contributions to cater for the increase in demand for Shire wide facilities. Following consultation with staff and Councillors (during a Briefing held in October 2006), a draft plan has been formulated.

The draft plan seeks to levy contributions towards the following:

- Library Stock
- Performing Arts Centre
- Public Art Commissions
- Regional Open Space
- Shire Cycleway Network
- Administration

The draft contributions plan sets a contribution rate of \$1,122.76 per Dwelling Unit (DU).

Shire Wide Contributions Plan (contd)

A summary of each of the schemes contained in the draft plan is set out below.

LIBRARY STOCK (\$266.30 per Dwelling Unit)

The draft plan seeks to levy a contribution towards the provision of library stock at a rate of 1.6 items of stock per additional person. The current benchmark for the provision of library stock is two items per additional person (source: State Library of NSW). However, a survey of the library stock provided in similar sized councils has been undertaken. Whilst Council's current level of provision of library stock is below the recognised State benchmark, Council staff are recommending that the draft contributions plan be based on a standard of 1.6 items per additional person which is the average rate for the 10 Councils surveyed. The current standard of provision for library stock in Council's libraries is 1.21 items per person.

It has been widely acknowledged that the Shire faces challenges in meeting the needs of its growing community and in building social cohesion. The provision of community support services, such as a well resourced public library service, assists the Council in meeting its goal of a socially and economically sustainable Shire. The higher than average unemployment rate and the lower than average household income mean that many residents of the Shire are unable to provide resources from their own budgets for books for their children or to aid their own education.

Contributions for the purchase of library stock will enable a larger number and wider variety of materials to be purchased to meet community needs. The current provision of stock is well below the State average and the collection experiences a high turnover rate. This means that stock has to be replaced more often so net growth is affected.

Staff also considered the physical constraints of the existing library floor space when recommending a suitable standard of provision for library stock as the existing floor space would not be sufficient to cater for the standard of 2 items per person. This consideration was another factor in the recommendation of 1.6 items per person. The proposal to create additional future floorspace at Bateau Bay and Warnervale plus the growth in alternative formats such as electronic books will also assist with achieving the standard of 1.6 items per person.

The costs associated with achieving this standard of provision of library stock will be shared by all development on a population basis. Council must meet the share of costs associated with the future development on existing vacant land. It is anticipated that the library resources vote (currently approximately \$434,000) will need to be increased in the future to cater for the increased standard for existing residents and the increased replacement costs due to the growing numbers in stock.

In summary, the additional cost implications for Council as a result of endorsing the revised standard of 1.6 items of library stock per person are shown in Table 1:

Shire Wide Contributions Plan (contd)

Table 1

Library Stock (1.6 items per person)		
Item	Per year	Over 25 years
Contribution by Council for future development on existing vacant lots	\$18,460	\$461,505
Contribution by Council to increase the standard to 1.6 items per person for the existing population	\$137,154	\$3,428,846
Increase in library resources vote	\$23,628	\$590,688
Total additional costs to Council	\$179,242	\$4,481,039
Total income expected from future development		\$10,736,578

Some concern has been raised during consultation that library stock is not a capital project and should be funded from rate revenue rather than developer contributions. The treatment of expenditure as either capital or operating expenditure is governed by Australian Accounting Standards and the Department of Local Government Asset Accounting Manual. The Manual states that for expenditure to be considered capital, the benefit it provides must extend over a period greater than one year and the amount of expenditure be over the limit outlined in the Manual. Expenditure for items such as library books must exceed \$1,000 to be considered as capital.

Currently, the total monthly expenditure for library books is added to Council's asset register as one asset and depreciated over 10 years.

Therefore, it is considered that the inclusion of library stock in the draft Contributions Plan is warranted. It can be demonstrated that future development will generate an additional demand on Council's library resources and under the principles of Section 94, it is valid that future development pay its share of costs associated with the demand it creates. Purchase of library stock is a very common item in contributions plans throughout the State. In fact, Council's existing contributions plan for the Warnervale District currently includes such a contribution and this will require amendment if the draft Shire Wide Contributions Plan is adopted.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (\$313.03 per Dwelling Unit)

The draft plan includes a contribution towards the establishment of a Performing Arts Centre in Wyong. Council has previously supported the concept of establishing the Performing Arts Centre. The total cost of the Performing Arts Centre (currently estimated to be \$23.6m) is to be shared by all development on a population basis. The proposed Shire Wide Contributions Plan will raise \$12.7m towards the cost of this important facility. On this basis, Council will need to provide a contribution of approximately \$10.9m toward the establishment of the facility to cover the costs apportioned to the existing population.

Shire Wide Contributions Plan (contd)

In discussions with Councillors, it was noted that existing district contributions plans contain a contribution towards community facilities which comprise a number of elements such as local centres, district centres, youth centres, children's centres and cultural/art facilities. Councillors suggested that it may be appropriate for the cultural/art element of these district community facilities contributions to be reduced as a consequence of establishing a contribution towards the Performing Arts Centre.

However, the cultural/art element of the community facilities contribution in the district plans will ultimately be directed toward providing a network of cultural facilities throughout the Shire and will be in addition to the Performing Arts Centre and as such, it is not proposed to reduce the community facilities contribution rates in the existing plans.

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS (\$23.88 per Dwelling Unit)

The draft plan proposes to levy development for the provision of public art in places of Shire wide significance. Again, the costs are to be shared by all development on a population basis. This will result in the need for a contribution of approximately \$837,415 by Council to cover the costs apportioned to the existing population.

To ensure that commissions attract the interest of established artists and ensure work of high quality and stature, the cost per commission is recommended to be \$200,000. This figure is commensurate with commissions for similar scale projects in other local government areas.

REGIONAL OPEN SPACE (\$157.43 per Dwelling Unit)

A contribution towards the establishment of areas of higher grade facilities in regional open space is also included in the draft contributions plan. During the Councillor briefing in October, Councillors agreed with the principle of including this in the draft plan, but questioned whether there may be additional projects included. As a result, the draft plan now proposes to collect a contribution towards the remaining stages of the North Wyong Regional Sporting Complex and the San Remo Extreme Sports Park. In addition to these, the establishment of a regional park at Salt Water Creek Long Jetty has been included in the plan, along with the funding for the contributions required to prepare the Recreation Facilities Strategy. Other projects may be included in the future as concepts are developed.

Shire Wide Contributions Plan (contd)

Council's contribution to the scheme needs to only cover future development on existing vacant land as Council has provided regional open space for existing residents of the Shire – eg The Entrance Memorial Park. In this case, Council's contribution will be approximately \$272,829 over 25 years.

SHIRE CYCLEWAY NETWORK (\$298.57 per Dwelling Unit)

Council has an existing program for the continued extension of the Shire's cycleway network to meet the demands of both the existing and future population. At present, each district contributions plan contains an open space contribution – a small percentage of this contribution is for the construction of cycleways. It is proposed to include this cycleway contribution in the draft Shire Wide Contributions Plan and amend each district plan to remove the cycleway element of each open space contribution.

Again, a contribution from Council will be required for future development of existing vacant land. This figure will be approximately \$517,422 over 25 years.

ADMINISTRATION (\$63.55 per Dwelling Unit)

The effective administration and management of the development contribution process is crucial to achieving the objectives of the Section 94 process. To ensure that contribution funds are managed effectively and that services and facilities are provided within a reasonable time, Council has a number of staff who are directly involved in the contribution process.

The draft Shire Wide Contributions Plan includes 15% of the administration costs with the balance of the costs spread over the remaining contributions plans based on the current level of development activity within each plan area.

Only future development is required to contribute to this scheme, not Council.

RELATIONSHIP WITH EXISTING CONTRIBUTIONS PLANS

Existing "District" level contributions plans will remain in operation. If the draft Shire Wide Contributions Plan is adopted, future development will be required to contribute to both the district plans and the Shire Wide Plan – effectively adding \$1,122.76 to the cost of a three bedroom residential unit.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council exhibit the draft plan for public comment and subject to no objections being received as a result of the exhibition period, the plan be adopted. If any objections are received during the exhibition period, a further report to Council will be prepared addressing the submissions received.

Enclosure

Draft Shire Wide Contributions Plan

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Director's Report
Shire Planning Department

117 Water and Sewer Contributions for Industrial Developments

F2006/02264 PAB:PAB

SUMMARY

Proposing a change to the methodology used in calculating water and sewer contributions on development applications for the subdivision of industrial land. The proposal is to levy water and sewer contributions for industrial subdivision at a rate of 1 equivalent tenement (ET) per allotment.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1** *That from 1 April 2007, water and sewer contributions associated with subdividing industrial land be levied at a rate of 1ET per allotment created.*
- 2** *That industry representatives be notified of the proposed changes.*
- 3** *That the change to the methodology of assessing water and sewer contributions for industrial subdivisions be incorporated into the future amendment of the Contributions Manual.*

BACKGROUND

Water and sewer contributions are levied on development applications under the Water Management Act and in accordance with determinations given by IPART.

In accordance with Council's adopted Contributions Manual, contributions for industrial development are currently levied at the subdivision stage at a rate of 5ET per hectare (Net Developable Area). Once development applications are considered for buildings on the subdivided allotments, water and sewer contributions only apply if the proposal generates a demand in excess of 5ET per hectare (NDA). This has the effect of generally ensuring that the initial subdivision pays all water and sewer contributions associated with the new parcel and that future development on that allotment is not normally required to pay further water and sewer contributions, unless the demand for the building exceeds 5ET per hectare.

There have been a number of examples recently where the development proposed on the property has exceeded a demand of the 5ET per hectare that was paid by the original subdivider. In these instances, the development application must be assessed to determine the water and sewer demand created by the development. This current approach disadvantages some applicants and is an advantage for others. It disadvantages subdividers whose ultimate industrial development does not need the full 5ET per hectare. Conversely, where the future industrial uses need more than 5ET, this increased demand is often argued and can be overlooked, eg in situations where operating hours change, demand may increase; however, a separate consent is not required and the additional demand is therefore not considered.

Water and Sewer Contributions for Industrial Developments (contd)

PROPOSAL

In order to achieve a more equitable approach to assessing water and sewer contributions for industrial subdivision, and one that is in accordance with the methodologies used by most local government areas, an alternative calculation is proposed. This approach requires each allotment created in the subdivision to be charged water and sewer contributions at a rate of 1ET per allotment created. This approach is consistent with the approach taken for residential subdivisions within Wyong Shire, and in particular, with the methodology used by Gosford City Council and the Hunter Water Corporation. In addition, it will also provide a mechanism to reduce the initial total contributions associated with subdividing industrial land - an issue that has become very significant when formulating a draft contributions plan for the Wyong Employment Zone.

In summary, the positives for the development industry resulting from the proposal will be:

- 1 Reducing the amount of water and sewer contributions required to be paid at the subdivision stage for industrial land;
- 2 Providing a consistent approach for contributions relating to all types of subdivisions within the Shire and also surrounding local government areas;
- 3 Allowing development to contribute to water and sewer based on the demand created by the development, rather than a notional 5ET per hectare which may, at certain times, exceed that demand.

If this amended method is adopted, all development applications for industrial allotments (approved after 1 April 2007) will be assessed to determine the water and sewer contributions to be levied. The amended methodology will then be incorporated in the future amendment to the Contributions Manual when it is updated during the middle of this year.

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Shire Planning Department

118 Fees and Relief for Water Minimisation Installations

F2004/06948 MCJ:NL

SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 14 February 2007, the following Question Without Notice No Q020 was asked by Councillor Eaton:

“Can Council report on the development application fees and relief therefrom on water minimisation installations such as grey water reuse systems similar to water tank fee exemption?”

RECOMMENDATION

- 1** *That in times of water restrictions at Level 4 or greater Council waive development fees for grey water reuse systems.*
- 2** *That Gosford City Council be advised of this initiative and be requested to adopt the same joint policy.*
- 3** *That the fees for the previous grey water reuse application be refunded.*

Since the introduction of Level 4 water restrictions, only one application has been received for a grey water reuse system. The application fees paid for this application amounted to \$456.45.

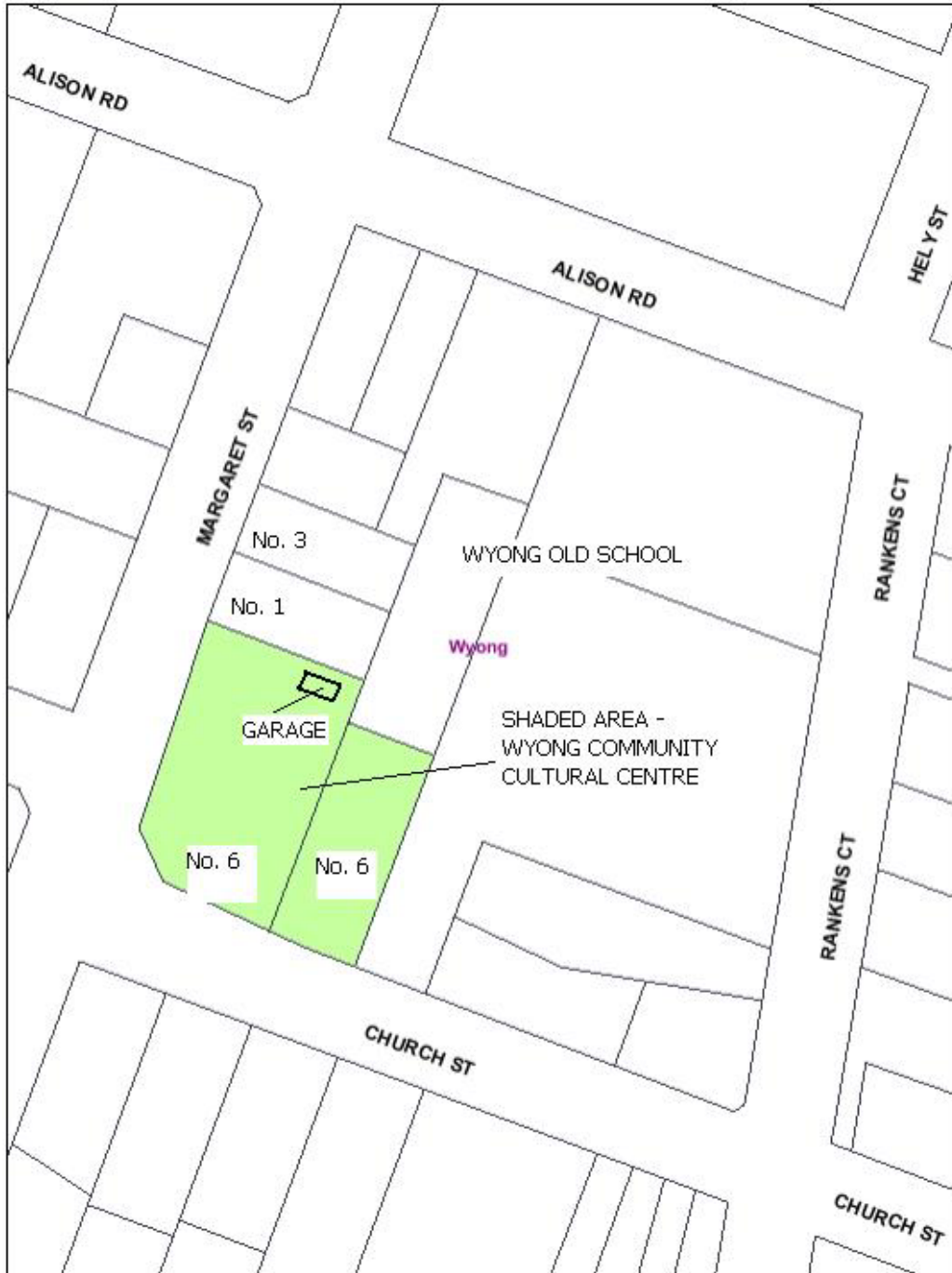
Grey water reuse systems generally require development consent and, therefore, development application fees are applicable. Should Council resolve to waive the fees whilst ever Level 4 or higher water restrictions apply (which would be consistent with Council's policy on water tanks) the exemption could be implemented immediately following the resolution and it would be unlikely to have a significant effect on Council's income.

Along similar lines, Council may recall that at its meeting of 25 October 2006, it resolved to waive development fees for rainwater tanks. In 2006, there were only 25 development applications lodged for rainwater tanks and of these, 10 were Council applications. So far this year, 10 development applications have been lodged for rainwater tanks. The relatively low number of applications may reflect that rainwater tanks are exempt development under certain circumstances, hence not requiring development approval. These numbers indicate that whilst such a policy provides an incentive for water saving and reuse, it does not have a major impact on Council's income.

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**119 Renewal of Lease to Wyong Musical Theatre Company Inc for
Garage at 6 Rankens Court, Wyong (Attachment 1)**

Location Plan



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Corporate Services Department

**119 Renewal of Lease to Wyong Musical Theatre Company Inc for
Garage at No 6 Rankens Court, Wyong**

F2004/12260 JMT

SUMMARY

Approval is sought to renew the lease of the garage located at 6 Rankens Court, Wyong.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 *That Council lease part of Lot 1 DP 663618, being the garage located at 6 Rankens Court, Wyong, to Wyong Musical Theatre Company Incorporated until 30 November 2010 with provision to hold over on a month to month basis, for nominal rent.***
- 2 *That Council authorise the Common Seal of the Wyong Shire Council to be affixed to the Lease between the Wyong Shire Council and Wyong Musical Theatre Company Incorporated.***
- 3 *That Council authorise the Mayor and the General Manager to execute all documents relating to the Lease between the Wyong Shire Council and Wyong Musical Theatre Company Incorporated.***

BACKGROUND

Council leases part of Lot 1 DP 663618, being the garage located on the land forming 6 Rankens Court, Wyong (corner of Church and Margaret Streets) to Wyong Musical Theatre Company Incorporated (WMTC) for storage of the group's equipment. The Lease was initiated as a six month occupancy, expiring on 10 April, 2005, but has continued under the holding over provisions of the lease. Recent review of the circumstances of the lease has produced the following issues.

This land, which contains the main cottage as well as the garage, was acquired in 2004. WMTC was given a six month lease of the garage for nominal rent pending consideration of the overall use of 6 Rankens Court and 3 Margaret Street, Wyong, which was also acquired in 2004.

Following the adoption by Council of a Cultural Plan for Wyong Shire on 8 June 2005, WMTC was also granted a lease of the property including a cottage, 3 Margaret Street, Wyong for meetings, practice sessions and other storage. The lease commenced on 1 December 2005 and will expire on 30 November 2010. A rent of \$2,600 per annum with annual Consumer Price Index reviews applies. The lease provisions include an option to renew the lease for a further five years.

Renewal of Lease to Wyong Musical Theatre Company Inc for Garage at No 6 Rankens Court, Wyong (contd)

The main cottage building on 6 Rankens Court houses the Wyong Family History Group under a lease operating until 4 December 2010. The lease provisions include an option to renew the lease for a further five years. A meeting room in the cottage is also available for hire to other groups and is used by the Fellowship of Australian Writers Tuggerah-Wyong Branch for their regular meetings.

The main cottage and the garage located at 6 Rankens Court comprise the area known as the Wyong Community Cultural Centre referred to in the Cultural Plan for Wyong Shire. There is no Master Plan for the site but uses are consistent with developing Wyong as a hub for arts/cultural groups in the Shire as outlined in the Cultural Plan.

A landscape plan is proposed for the Wyong Community Cultural Centre however there is no funding available from Section 94 funds for a minimum of five years. The Performing Arts Centre has priority in respect to funding. Implementation of the landscape plan would involve removal of the garage.

Performing Arts Centre

The current use of the two cottages will not be rendered redundant by the completion of the Performing Arts Centre in River Road in approximately 2010.

Almost all cultural groups, including Wyong Musical Theatre Company, Wyong Drama Group, numerous dance schools and all the other groups that currently perform or exhibit in the Memorial Hall and any that may in the future have a relationship with the Performing Arts Centre, require ongoing meeting, storage and rehearsal space of which they have exclusive occupancy. An Arts Centre that provided such a space for every group using the auditorium on a regular basis would be huge and well beyond the resources of Council. Groups will continue to need their home base and would hire the auditorium or studio at the Performing Arts Centre for public performances, late stage rehearsals, exhibitions, weekly classes, special programs, etc.

Provision will be made in the Performing Arts Centre for some storage. WMTC will be considered for allocation of some of that space when the garage lease is no longer available. WMTC will still require the use of 3 Margaret Street for meetings, practice sessions and other storage.

Proposal

WMTC has requested that the lease be renewed, generally on the same terms. WMTC is still in need of the facility for storage of larger props and equipment not able to be stored in the premises at Margaret Street.

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The Manager, Customer and Community Services, is agreeable to renewal of the lease for the recommended period.

Council's Shire Planning has advised that it has no objection to the proposal.

The property, Lot 1 DP 663618, is classified Operational land and zoned 2(c) Medium Density Residential.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Lease of the garage be granted for a term of approximately four years terminating on 30 November 2010. The lease should include a holding over provision enabling continuation of the lease on a month to month basis after 30 November 2010.

Attachment 1

Location Plan (1 page)

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Corporate Services
Department

120 Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants

F2006/00788 JL

SUMMARY

Councillors proposed the following allocation of funds for expenditure from Councillors' Community Improvement Grants.

RECOMMENDATION

That an amount of \$5000.00 be allocated from the 2006/2007 Councillors' Community Improvement Grants as outlined in Attachment 1.

Funds are available and expenditure is permissible under Section 24 and 356(1) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Attachment 1***Councillors' Community Improvement Grants 2006/2007
(1 page)***

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Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants (Attachment 1)

Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants 2006/2007

COUNCILLORS' COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS ALLOCATION		Best	Eaton	Forster	Graham	Pavier	Rose	Stevens	Stewart	Veugen	Welham	SUB TOTAL
Allocation 01/07/2006 - 30/06/2007		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	150,000
Expenditure up to and including Ordinary Council Meeting of 28/02/2007		10,700	3,500	6,600	5,900	9,000	10,728	3,300	2,565	9,450	7,019	68,762
Available allocation as at 14/02/07		4,300	11,500	8,400	9,100	6,000	4,272	11,700	12,435	5,550	7,981	81,238
14 March 2007												
Central Coast Divison of Country Rugby League	Assist in purchasing shirts for players representing Wyong Shire in Wyong Shire V Gosford Shire representative trial game	100			250		300				300	950
Central Coast Dragon Boat Club	Purchase a set (20) of international compliant dragon boat paddles.	250					200				500	950
Central Coast Group Training	Assistance with 'Apprentice of the Year' Awards Night					100			1,000			1,100
Central Coast Symphony Orchestra (Community Orchestra)	Colour copying of flyers to advertise concerts held in Wyong Shire	50				50						100
Central Coast Ugnay Kabayan (Filipino-Australian People's Link) Inc.	10th Filipino-Australian Fiesta on the Coast; promote and raise awareness of the cultural values and heritage of Filipino Australians	250	250				150				400	1,050
Lifeline Central Coast	Fundraising Event - International Women's Week	100			250							350
Tuggerah Lakes Art Society	Assistance with costs of special 10th Annual Central Coast Fab Fakes exhibition	250				250						500
Total Proposed Allocations for 14/03/2007		1,000	250	0	500	400	650	0	1,000	0	1,200	5,000
Total Accumulated Allocations as at 14/03/2007		11,700	3,750	6,600	6,400	9,400	11,378	3,300	3,565	9,450	8,219	73,762
Balance Uncommitted as at 14/03/2007		3,300	11,250	8,400	8,600	5,600	3,622	11,700	11,435	5,550	6,781	76,238

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General Manager's Report

121 Information Reports

F2006/02282 ED:MR

SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice reports for the information of Council are provided for adoption either individually, by nominated exception or englobo.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine the method of adoption of the Information Reports for this meeting.

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Director's Report
Shire Planning Department

122 Pacific Highway, Wyong – Funding

F2004/08230 RCB

SUMMARY

This report advises of the responses received to a request for candidates for the Wyong State Electorate to advise of their parties' commitment to funding of the Wyong - RTA Options Study.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the information noted.

Report 555 on the Pacific Highway, Wyong – RTA Options Study was presented to Council on 13 December 2006. The Options Study was on exhibition from 25 October 2006 to 15 December 2006.

Council resolved inter alia:

“3 That Council request all local candidates for Wyong State Electorate to advise their parties' commitment to funding of this project and that the candidates' responses be reported to Council at its first meeting in March.”

Letters were sent to potential candidates for the Wyong State electorate requesting advice regarding their parties' commitments to funding a Highway upgrading option or alternative by-pass route that may be determined by the Roads and Traffic Authority.

Liberal Party

The former Liberal Party candidate, Brenton Pavier, advised that a commitment to funding for the Wyong Township options or alternative by-pass routes would be a decision for the government of the day, once a decision was made on the preferred alignment. The new Liberal Party candidate, Ben Morton, has advised that he endorses the commitment from the Liberal Party of \$5 million for construction of additional parking at Wyong Railway Station which will assist in facilitating upgrading works along the Highway through the Wyong township.

Labor Party

The Labor Party candidate, David Hall has advised:

“I am committed to working together with the RTA, Wyong Chamber of Commerce, Wyong Shire Council and the NSW State Government to ensure that the best possible outcomes are reached for the Wyong community.

....If the people of Wyong give me their confidence at the March 24th election, I will work diligently to achieve the best result for them.”

Pacific Highway, Wyong – Funding (contd)

Greens Party

The Greens Candidate for Wyong, Scott Rickard, advised that:

"The Greens' transport policy takes a fundamentally different approach than that taken by the NSW Government at the present time.

Our policy focuses on alternatives to private car and truck use, such as rail, light-rail, buses, cycling and walking.

The Greens present a radical alternative to the present transport agenda. As such we will not be committing to fund the present proposal."

Independent

Councillor Greg Best has advised that:

"I guarantee to Council and to the community that I will obtain funding and construction upgrade work to the Highway through Wyong and to Wyong Rd when elected as the local member and this is one of my priority programs.

I also advise that I personally support the tunnel option as proposed by the Chamber of Commerce but recognise it still needs engineering work and costings to enable it to be fully assessed."

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Corporate Services
Department

123 Schedule of Bank Balances and Investments – January 2007

F2004/06604 KF

SUMMARY

The attached Schedule of Bank Balances and Investments as at 31 January 2007 is submitted for information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the information noted.

Council's investments are made in accordance with the Local Government Act (1993), the Local Government (General) Regulation (2005) and Council's Investment Policy which was adopted by Council on 22 November 2006 (Minute No. 519).

The Schedule of Bank Balances and Investment Accounts shows that Council has total cash and investment funds of \$95,848,360 as at 31 January 2007. This compares to an opening balance of \$116,561,933 as at 1 July 2006. These funds are invested with Fund Managers in accordance with Council's decision to adopt an investment policy that involves the use of external Fund Managers.

During the month of January interest earned (net of fees) on Council's investments was \$609,822. Financial year to date earnings were \$4,117,445.

The following table provides a summary by fund of the above information:

	Investment Balances		Interest	
	Opening Balance	Closing Balance	Interest Net Of Fees	Annual Budget
	July 1 2006	January 31 2007	YTD	
General	66,533,621	67,757,063	2,497,866	4,265,000
Water	34,456,574	11,179,130	1,004,463	1,286,000
Sewer	15,571,738	16,912,167	615,116	751,000
Total	116,561,933	95,848,360	4,117,445	6,302,000

Schedule Of Bank Balances And Investments – January 2007 (contd)

Council's bank balances and investments as at 31 January 2007 are listed as Attachment 1 to this report. Also submitted is a Certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 that the Investments held at 31 January 2007 have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policies.

Performance

Council's investment portfolio is monitored and assessed based on the following criteria:

Management of Bank Balance

The aim is to keep the bank balance as low as possible and hence maximise the amount invested on a daily basis.

Monthly performance against the UBSWA Bank Bill Index

The weighted average return for each of Council's investments is compared to the Union Bank of Switzerland Warburg Australia (UBSWA) Bank Bill Index which is the market benchmark rate.

The weighted average return for the total portfolio of Council's managed funds (net of fees) during January was 7.20% compared to the benchmark of the UBSWA Bank Bill Index of 6.65%.

During the previous 12 months Council's return has been 6.21% compared to the Bank Bill Index of 6.09%.

The Schedule of Investment below details for each Fund Manager annualised returns for the:

- current month;
- financial year-to-date;
- moving annual total.

Schedule Of Bank Balances And Investments – January 2007 (contd)

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS AT January 31 2007							
FUND MANAGER	TYPE	PORTFOLIO BALANCE	INCOME FOR MONTH	FEES	ANNUALISED RETURNS		
					MONTH	FYTD*	MAT**
Local Gov't Financial Serv	Cash Plus	1,142,028.41	6,351.64	-	6.79%	6.24%	6.08%
BT Institutional Managed Cash (AAA)	Cash	2,017,976.71	18,697.70	213.42	6.60%	6.13%	5.87%
Deutsche Fund (A)	Cash Plus	22,984,039.22	144,491.08	1,504.97	7.34%	6.48%	6.18%
ING Enhanced (A)	Cash Plus	16,957,711.55	99,823.78	1,107.27	6.86%	6.49%	6.21%
Perennial Cash Enhanced Fund (AA)	Cash Plus	14,086,383.80	103,275.56	1,061.01	7.47%	6.45%	6.08%
Macquarie Income Cash Plus (A)	Cash Plus	21,401,197.05	116,859.63	1,354.19	6.58%	6.49%	6.15%
T-Corp (WorkCover NSW)	Cash Plus	7,111,000.00	37,444.90	-	6.20%	6.01%	5.85%
Merrill Lynch (A)	Cash Plus	9,341,163.10	68,619.28	590.29	8.99%	7.24%	6.90%
QIC Cash Enhanced (AA)	Cash Plus	806,860.09	8,915.05	104.25	5.99%	6.40%	6.34%
TOTAL		95,848,359.93	604,478.62	5,935.40	7.20%	6.52%	6.21%
UBSWA INDEX					6.65%	6.32%	6.09%

*- FYTD= Financial Year to Date

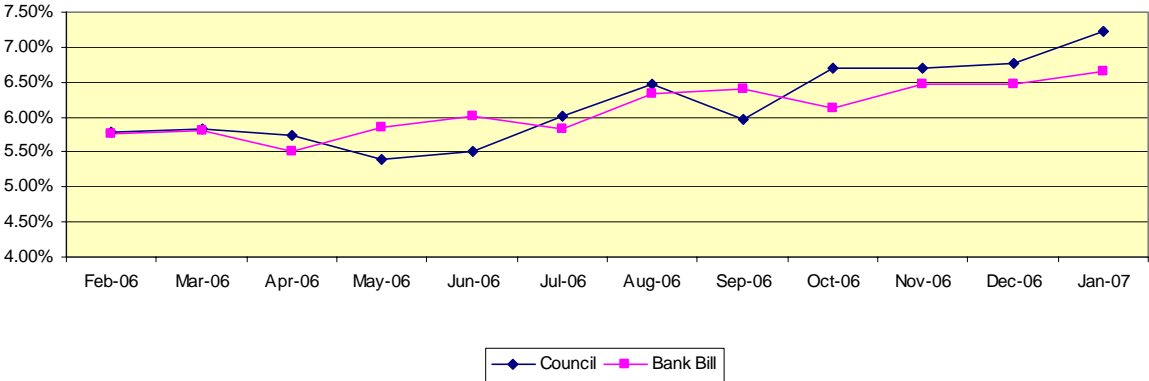
**- MAT = Moving Annual Total

Note: The above returns are net of fees charged

Schedule Of Bank Balances And Investments – January 2007 (contd)

Portfolio Performance against the UBSWA Bank Bill Index

Council’s investment strategy has continued to produce above market returns, the average monthly return of the portfolio compared against the Bank Bill Index for the previous 12 months is displayed in the following graph.

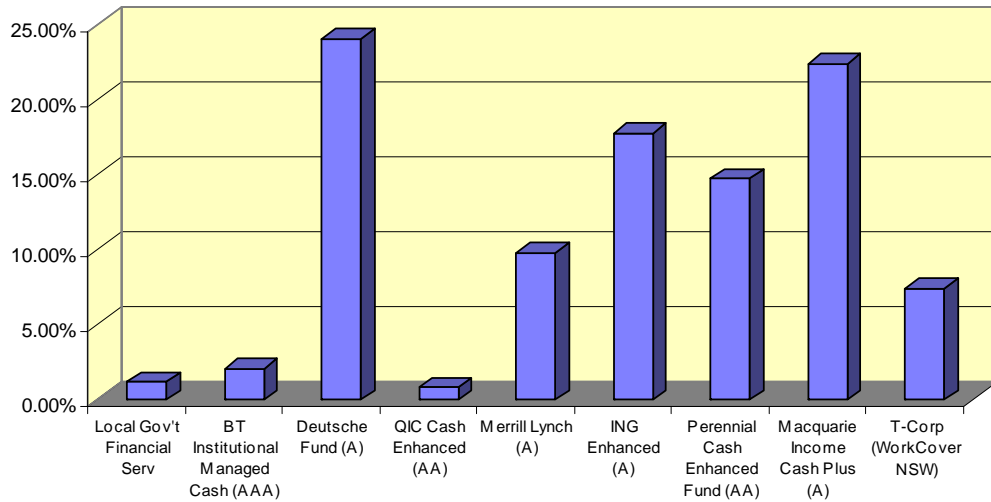


Allocation of Investment Funds

This represents the mix or allocation of investment funds with each of Council’s Fund Managers.

Council’s funds during January were allocated as follows:

Schedule Of Bank Balances And Investments – January 2007 (contd)



INVESTMENT STATEMENT

In accordance with the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, Part 9, Division 5, Clause 212, I certify that the investments held at 31 January 2007 have been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Council's Investment Policies.

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Director Corporate Services

Schedule Of Bank Balances And Investments – January 2007 (Attachment 1)

SUMMARY

January 31 2007

<u>General</u>	\$
Unrestricted	2,541,389.26
Restricted - Internally	23,843,900.00
Restricted - Externally	41,371,773.88
Total General	67,757,063.14
<u>Water</u>	
Unrestricted	-6,313,777.45
Restricted - Internally	864,000.00
Restricted - Externally	16,628,907.45
Total Water	11,179,130.00
<u>Sewer</u>	
Unrestricted	1,225,026.96
Restricted - Internally	1,558,000.00
Restricted - Externally	14,129,139.83
Total Sewer	16,912,166.79
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	95,848,359.93
BANK BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT	2,330,894.79
TRUST ACCOUNT PER BANK STATEMENT	23,695.73

*Water fund loan currently being drawn

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Corporate Services Department

124 Outstanding Questions Without Notice and Notices of Motion

F2005/00926 MW:SW

SUMMARY

Report on outstanding Questions Without Notice and Notices of Motion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received and the information noted.

Question Asked	Asked By	Meeting Asked	Department
Q003 – Business Arising – December 14 2005 (Staff sent Memo to Councillor Best on February 7 2006, October 11 2006 and March 1 2007 requesting an answer)	Councillor Welham	January 23 2006	Corporate Services
Q013 – Possibility of Foam Injection Used on Sporting Fields (A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)	Councillor Veugen	14 February 2007	Shire Services
Q014 – Installing Shelter at Picnic Point, The Entrance (A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)	Councillor Stewart	14 February 2007	Shire Services
Q015 – Installing Shelter at Terilbah Reserve, The Entrance North (A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)	Councillor Stewart	14 February 2007	Shire Services
Q017 – Computer Usage at Council's Libraries (A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)	Councillor Welham	14 February 2007	Shire Services

Outstanding Questions Without Notice and Notices of Motion (contd)

Questions Asked	Department	Meeting Asked	Status
<p>Q019 – Coastal Hazard Zone</p> <p>(A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)</p>	Councillor Pavier	14 February 2007	Shire Planning
<p>Q021 – Query on Level 5 and Level 6 Water Restrictions</p> <p>(A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)</p>	Councillor Eaton	14 February 2007	Shire Services
<p>Q022 – Donations to Liberal Party by Central Coast Tourism Inc</p> <p>(A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)</p>	Councillor Eaton	28 February 2007	Corporate Services
<p>Q023 - Non Declaration of Interest by Councillor Stevens in relation to Central Coast Tourism Inc.</p> <p>(A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 28 March 2007)</p>	Councillor Eaton	28 February 2007	Corporate Services
<p>Q024 – Query on Public Walkways and Foreshores Access in Gwandalan/ Summerland Point Area</p> <p>(A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 11 April 2007)</p>	Councillor Welham	28 February 2007	Shire Services
<p>Q025 - Installation of Bike Rack at San Remo Shops</p> <p>(A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 11 April 2007)</p>	Councillor Welham	28 February 2007	Shire Services

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Q026 - Removal or Update of Lakes Restoration Signs (A response will be reported to the Ordinary Meeting on 11 April 2007)	Councillor Stewart	28 February 2007	Shire Services

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314 – Regional Sporting Facilities	Shire Planning	9 August 2006	A prospective purchaser has been asked to include the development of regional sports fields in their feasibility investigations. This includes the need for seasonal flora and fauna surveys due to the presence of threatened species. The results will be reported back to Council as soon as Council receives a reply.
423 – Blue Bell Park, Berkeley Vale	Shire Services	11 October 2006	Awaiting community consultation. A report will be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of 11 April 2007.
550 – Advertising of Level 4 Water Restrictions	Shire Services	13 December 2006	A report will be submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of March - April 2007.

Motion of Urgency	Department	Meeting Asked	Status
049A – Safety of Beach Patrons at Magenta Beach	Shire Planning	14 February 2007	Awaiting response from Department of Planning.

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Q120 - Traffic Movements – Pacific Highway Charmhaven

Asked by Councillor Councillor Welham at the Ordinary Meeting held on 22 November 2006
DA/2793/2003/M

“Could staff review traffic movements in and around the Kelloggs factory on the Pacific Highway at Charmhaven, especially vehicles entering and leaving the site and report to Council on measures that can be undertaken to improve road safety and impacts on residents opposite?”

Council Staff have completed a traffic count for traffic entering and leaving the Kelloggs factory site on the Pacific Highway, Charmhaven. It is noted that traffic can only enter and leave this site via the north bound traffic lane due to a median stopping traffic movements from the south bound lane. This count has identified the following;

Time Period	Cars North In	Trucks North In	Cars North Out	Trucks North Out	Vehicles North
6:00 am to 9:00 am	86	3	32	3	1315
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	14	0	57	0	2749

As a part of the traffic survey, vehicle movement counts at the Beresfords Concrete factory were also undertaken. The Beresfords Concrete factory is located adjacent to and north of the Kelloggs factory. Traffic at this site can enter from either a northerly or southerly direction. It should be noted that this factory has a secondary access point located in Chelmsford Rd. This count has identified the following;

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Time Period	Cars North In	Trucks North In	Cars North Out	Trucks North Out	Vehicles North
6:00 am to 9:00 am	13	0	7	3	1337
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	0	0	22	2	2806

Time Period	Cars South In	Trucks South In	Cars South Out	Trucks South Out	Vehicles South
6:00 am to 9:00 am	18	0	1	0	1837
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	4	0	7	2	1702

During the traffic survey, one southbound vehicle was observed undertaking a U-turn manoeuvre on the highway to access the Kelloggs site

A survey of adjacent residents was also undertaken. This identified a number of traffic concerns including:

- Trucks blocking the highway while reversing into Beresford
- Trucks parking on the road shoulder
- Vehicles making U-turns to access the highway

None of these concerns were observed during the survey and from discussion with residents they are infrequent.

No accidents have been recorded adjacent to the Kelloggs/Beresford factory sites for the period between 1995 and 2005 inclusive. Accident statistics include incidents reported to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) involving all vehicle types.

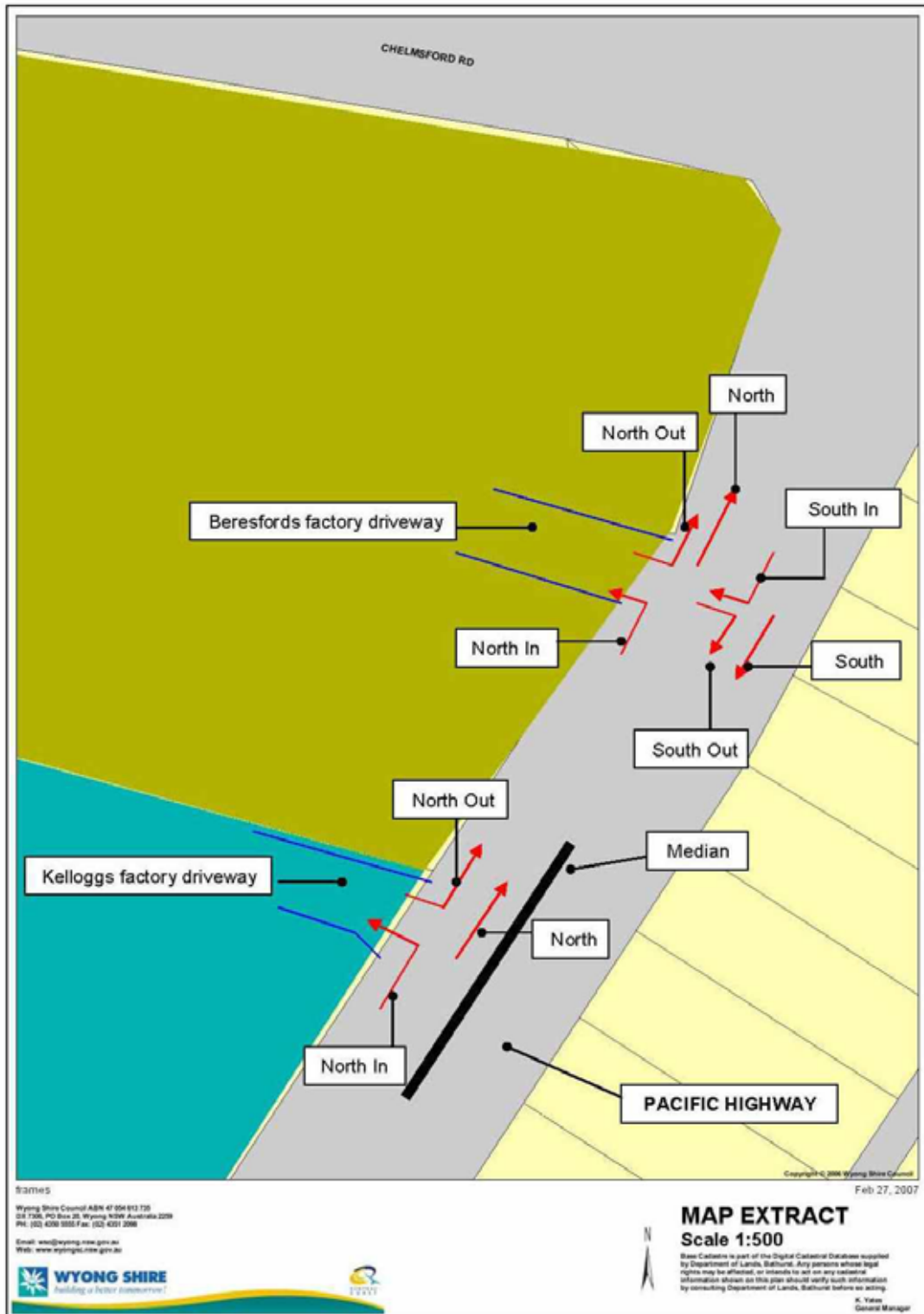
The RTA will be contacted and asked to investigate options, such as extending the centre median strip, to address the issue of vehicles illegally completing U-turns across the highway.

A location plan is included as Attachment 1.

Attachment 1

Location Plan (1 Page)

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Q001 – Water Banking for the Pool and Spa Industry

Asked by Councillor Veugen at the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2007
F2006/01604

Could staff please report on the amount of water that has been pre paid for in water banking for the pool and spa industry? The report is to give it in a percentage of total storage so as to indicate the realistic storage left within our dams for domestic use. N.B this report is not aimed at limiting or stopping the pool and spa industry.

Water Banking involves Gosford and Wyong Councils tankering water, from sources not economically viable for use by the town water supply, into Mardi and Mooney Dams. This water is sold for use by the pool, spa and nursery industries to lessen the impact on employment of water restrictions. While, in the longer term, the volume of water tankered will equate to that sold there will be, in the short term, an operating discrepancy depending upon the demand for water banking and the rate at which the Councils can supply the need. Similarly, at any point in time, there will be a volume of water paid for by industry that they have not yet used. Statistics, relevant to water banking for both Wyong and Gosford Councils, as at 27 February 2007 are as follows:

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| • Water paid for | • 30.2 ML |
| • Water actually used | • 24.6 ML |
| • Water tankered into dams | • 23.1 ML |
| • Total dam storage | • 26,570 ML |
| • Difference between water paid for and water used as a percentate of storage | • 0.021% |
| • Difference between water paid for and water tankered as a percentage of storage | • 0.031% |

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Q002 – Cost and Feasibility of New Technology for Library System

Asked by Councillor Veugen at the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2007
F2004/11651

“Could staff please report into the cost and feasibility of installing a new hand held talking book known as the Navigator into our library systems? This new technology has been trialled by North Sydney and Maitland Councils.”

Audio-Read is a system that allows the delivery and receipt of audio content, via a portable player called a Navigator.

The system is targeted at clients who are blind or vision impaired or who have some other print disability.

The Navigator can be used to deliver audio newspapers, books and other information. The titles are downloaded by the library from a server to the Navigator and the Navigator is loaned to the borrower. An average of 5 titles can be stored on a single Navigator. The Audio-Read system also has the ability to convert text to voice to allow access to documents.

Audio-Read Pty Ltd is an Australian company which has been developing and marketing the system since 2001.

Costs of implementation are outlined below;

Hardware Cost:

20 x Audio Navigators (512Mb) @550.00	\$11,000.00
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Installation of Audio Content

On Site upload and training (approx 4 hours max)	\$ 400.00
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Total	\$11,400.00
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Ongoing costs (Per Annum)

Annual License per Audio Navigator (\$100 each)	\$ 2,000.00
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Annual license/update/support fee (\$1000/site)	\$ 1,000.00
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Total	\$ 3,000.00
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Twenty (20) devices have been costed as a guide for the provision of the service. This figure is based on the number of clients of the Home Library Service who currently exclusively use audio resources (Home Library Service clients may use a mixture of print and audio items, print items only or audio items only depending on their needs and capabilities).

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Currently, the Home Library Service provided by the Library caters to clients via a range of audio books on cassette or compact disc. In 2005/2006 there were a total of 9,090 loans of audio books to Home Library service clients. The need for resources in audio format is expected to continue to grow as the population ages.

While this system would allow for an improved service to be provided to clients, there is no funding available within the 2006/2007 budget to implement this system. Provision of the service in 2007/08 would require an additional budget allocation.

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Q006 – Traffic Calming Devices in Vales Road, Mannering Park

Asked by Councillor Rose at the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2007
F2004/06630

Would staff investigate traffic calming devices in Vales Road, Mannering Park?

An investigation of the above site was previously undertaken in 2004 which indicated that appropriate traffic calming can be achieved by works adjacent to the primary school.

The work includes a pedestrian refuge and associated linemarking and signage. These works are scheduled to be undertaken in 2006/2007 utilising ancillary Roads to Recovery funding.

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Q007 – Possible Desalination Plant at Vales Point

Asked by Councillor Rose at the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2007
F2004/08368

Would Staff organise to meet with residents of Mannering Park to inform them of the possible construction of a desalination plant at Vales Point?

The Vales Point Desalination Plant proposal is currently being developed by Council's Engineering Projects and Contracts Group. The community consultation element of the project includes a public meeting, to be held on 1 March 2007, at the Mannering Park Community Centre Hall, Dunvegan Street, Mannering Park. The community consultation consultant for the project is currently developing the necessary flyers to advise the public of the meeting, through a letter box drop throughout the Mannering Park area.

Council representatives will be available at the meeting to provide relevant information.

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Q008 – Lighting of Laneway between Reef Close and Roper Road, Blue Haven

Asked by Councillor Pavier at the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2007
F2004/05506

Could staff install lighting in the entrance and length of a laneway between Reef Close and Roper Road, Blue Haven as soon as possible?

Council staff are currently working with Energy Australia to investigate options for improving the lighting for this lane.

Energy Australia has advised that the concept design and costing for this work will be available in May 2007.

When this information is received a further report will be provided.

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Q009 – Financial Cost of Providing Rain Water Tanks to All Rateable Properties

Asked by Councillor Pavier at the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2007
F2004/07528

Can Council report on the financial cost of providing rain water tanks to all rateable properties through the Shire?

Currently there are approximately 60,000 properties in the Shire connected to the town water supply and subject to water supply charges.

It is estimated that a combination of Council's building requirements, rebate schemes and individual choice to install a rainwater tank has resulted in approximately 10,000 of these properties currently having a tank.

The costs associated with providing a tank to those remaining properties are as follows:

• Supply and deliver 5Kl tank only @ \$900 each	\$45M
• Prepare base, install tank with gutter connection and tank tap @ \$400 each	\$20M
• Connect tank internally with pressure pump system, top up provision etc @ \$1,700	\$85M
Total	\$150M

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Q011 – Water Permits for Sale at Ferriers Nursery, North Wyong

Asked by Councillor Eaton at the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 January 2007
F2004/00338

Could Council investigate and report on the sign at Ferriers Nursery North Wyong, purporting to sell water permits for \$5?

Ferriers Gardens R Us, North Wyong, is participating in the Water Banking Scheme. The business has purchased a number of booklets of water banking exemptions that it may sell to customers for \$5 when purchasing plants to the value of \$50 or more. An exemption permit allows the customer to water newly purchased plants for a period of two months from the purchase date. A customer who has purchased an exemption permit can use up to 1kL of town water to establish the purchased plants over the two month period. All watering must be done using a bucket or watering can.

Investigations indicate that Ferriers Gardens R Us, North Wyong, is adhering to the terms and conditions of the Water Banking Scheme, selling exemption permits to only those customers who have purchased the required minimum \$50 worth of plants.

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Q016 – Thank Staff Involved with Australia Day Functions

Asked by Councillor Welham at the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 February 2007
F2004/05339

“Could the General Manager personally thank staff involved in the various Australia Day functions especially the two staff who promoted Council’s water initiatives at Canton Beach, Wyong and The Entrance?”

The appropriate staff have been thanked by the General Manager.

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Q018 – Rangers on Duty

Asked by Councillor Pavier at the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 February 2007
F2007/00276

“Can staff outline how many Rangers excluding those engaged by Town Centre Management are on duty after 9.00pm at night, both on a weekday and a weekend?”

Unless specifically rostered by the Chief Ranger or at the request of Management, or in response to a ‘call-out’, no Rangers are on duty after 9.00pm at night, either during the week or on the week-end.

Although starting and finishing times are variable throughout the week, the Rangers roster provides for a spread of hours starting from 6.00am and finishing no later than 9.00pm. The Chief Ranger and one other Ranger are rostered on-call each week to attend urgent jobs outside of the rostered hours. Attendance at any job after hours is at the discretion of the Chief Ranger, but mostly limited to dog attacks in progress and stock wandering on public land or roadways.