



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS PAPER



Neighbourhood Centre Week 2002
Open Day - Sunday 26 May 2002
Werrington Community Project
Penrith Valley Concert Band entertaining the crowd



Policy Review Committee Meeting 22 July 2002



Penrith City Council

A COUNCIL COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS

17 July 2002

Dear Councillor,

In pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993 and Regulations thereunder, notice is hereby given that a **POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING** of Penrith City Council is to be held in the Pasadena Room, Civic Centre, 601 High Street, Penrith on Monday 22 July 2002 at 7.00pm.

Attention is directed to the statement accompanying this notice of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Alan Travers
General Manager

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Leave has been granted to:

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2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Policy Review Committee – 24 June 2002

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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August 2002 – December 2002

	TIME	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
		Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon	Mon
Ordinary Meetings	7.00 pm	5	2		11	2
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Policy Review Committee	7.00 pm	26	23	21	25	9

Council has two Ordinary Meetings per month where practicable. Extraordinary Meetings are held as required.

Policy Review Meetings are held monthly.

Members of the public are invited to observe at meetings of the Council. Should you wish to address Council, please contact The Public Officer, Peter Huxley on 47327649.

Meetings at which the Management Plan quarterly review is tabled and discussed.

* Meeting at which the Management Plan for 2002/2003 is adopted

^ Mayoral Election

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES
OF THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING OF PENRITH CITY
COUNCIL HELD IN THE PASSADENA ROOM. CIVIC CENTRE, PENRITH
ON MONDAY 24 JUNE 2002 AT 7.10 PM

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Councillor P Sheehy, Councillors J Aitken, J Bateman D Bradbury, G Davies, (7.12PM) G Evans, R Fowler, (7.13PM) J Greenow, (7.14PM) C O'Neill, C O'Toole, K Paluzzano, S Simat, (7.20PM) and J Thain.

APOLOGIES

PR52 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Evans seconded Councillor Paluzzano that apologies be received and accepted from Councillor D Bailey, A Khan

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Aitken was previously granted Leave of Absence by Council from 14 to 26 June 2002 inclusive.

Councillor Bateman was previously granted Leave of Absence by Council from 24 June to 7 July 2002 inclusive.

MAYORAL MINUTE

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that Peter Coyte, Council's Local Economic Development Program Manager was leaving the Council to take up a job at Ipswich City Council.

The Mayor stated that Peter, who had joined Council in 1995, has made a major contribution to the development of innovative, sustainable economic development programs in the City. In particular, Peter has overseen a significant shift in the relationship between Council and the economic stakeholders in the City and that the relationship had matured to become a partnership based on mutual trust.

Councillor Paluzzano left the meeting, the time being 7.12PM

Councillor Davies arrived at the meeting, the time being 7.12PM.

Peter also oversaw a fundamental change in the philosophy of local economic development from essentially seeking out new business to a more sophisticated approach. This approach involved creating a greater awareness of what the City has to offer in the minds of influential decision-makers and the beginning of leading local economic development towards a competitive position in the information age.

The Mayor stated that Peter Coyte's efforts deserved recognition.

Councillor Paluzzano returned to the meeting, the time being 7.14PM.

Councillor Greenow arrived at the meeting, the time being 7.14PM.

Councillor Evans echoed the Mayor's comments and on behalf of EDEC thanked Peter for his support in helping EDEC to become respected in the business community.

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PR53 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Sheehy seconded Councillor Evans that Peter Coyte be recognised by Council as contributing to the development of innovative, sustainable economic development programs in the City.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Policy Review Committee Meeting – 27 May 2002

PR54 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Fowler seconded Councillor Evans that the minutes of the Policy Review Meeting of 27 May 2002 be confirmed.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING PARTIES

Penrith Valley Community Safety Partnership Meeting – 29 May 2002

Councillor Davies reported that the work of the Community Safety Partnership was progressing exceptionally well. Councillor Davies encouraged Councillors to attend the next meeting on Wednesday 26 June 2002.

PR55 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Davies seconded Councillor Paluzzano that the recommendations of the Penrith Valley Community Safety Partnership be adopted.

M4 Motorway Bridge Naming Working Party – 19 June 2002

Councillor Sheehy reported on the deliberations of the Working Party and the numerous names that were suggested by members of the community.

PR56 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Sheehy seconded Councillor Greenow that the recommendations of the M4 Motorway Bridge Naming Working Party 19 June 2002, be adopted.

MASTER PROGRAM REPORTS

THE CITY AS A SOCIAL PLACE

3 Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre Extensions

961/19

Councillor Simat arrived at the meeting, the time being 7.20PM.

Council's Facilities Operations Manager, Gary Dean, introduced the report and also introduced Stuart Corner and Ed Clode from Suters Architects who gave a presentation about the progress of the project to date. The presentation covered the following:

- Definition of the project.
- Energy saving initiatives of the design.
- Access for people with disabilities.

- Budget and cost plan.

Councillor O'Toole left the meeting, the time being 7.31PM

Councillor O'Toole returned to the meeting, the time being 7.35PM

Councillor Simat left the meeting, the time being 7.38PM

Councillor Greenow sought clarification about the size of the lifts and access arrangements for people with disabilities. Councillor Greenow made particular mention of the toilet facilities, access to the main hall and the bathroom. Councillor Greenow stated that the needs of those who are visually impaired also needed to be taken into account.

Councillor Paluzzano enquired about the design and operation of the louvres along the northern-facing wall.

Ed Clode responded that the louvres were to be fixed at the required angle to control sunlight.

Councillor Davies asked whether noise abatement measures were being used to address the transmission of noise between rooms and between different performance spaces. He also asked whether the design catered for concurrent performances in the centre.

Ed Clode stated that the design brief called for the building to be capable of accommodating simultaneous performances and that this would be done.

Councillor Davies asked whether there was any provision being made for cleaning the facility.

Ed Clode said that there would be provisions made to facilitate the cleaning of the exterior and the interior walls.

Councillor Davies asked about the construction period and what provisions would be made for the facility to continue operating during construction.

Ed Clode said that the need to keep the centre operational during construction was in the brief and had been factored in to the cost plan.

Councillor Bradbury stated that the last word in the third paragraph on page 18 of the report should read "*unsuccessful*", not "*successful*", as printed.

Councillor Simat returned to the meeting, the time being 7.58PM.

Councillor Davies asked that the security and community safety aspects of the building also be taken into account.

Councillor O'Toole referred to the section about the funding of the project on page 22 of the report and asked when the proposed Section 94 citywide Cultural Plan would be presented to Council.

The Facilities Operations Manager said that the plan would be presented to Council shortly.

PR57 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bradbury seconded Councillor Davies

That Council:

1. Receive the presentation from Suters Architects.
2. Receive the report regarding the JSPAC extensions project, with the third paragraph on page 18 of the report amended to read - "The Federal Government subsequently advised Council that its Federation Fund application had been unsuccessful."
3. Agree to the ongoing engagement of Suters Architects for the JSPAC extensions project on the basis that the agreement is contemporarised to the satisfaction of the Facilities Operations Manager and Legal Officer and fee proposal be negotiated consistent with the content of this report.
4. Adopt in principal the funding strategy for the JSPAC extensions project as set out in the report.
5. Agree to the lodgement of a development application and concurrent tenders for the JSPAC extensions project subject to all the design and development issues and project cost being satisfactorily resolved.

THE CITY IN ITS REGION

1 ADI Site, St Marys

4130/2 Pt 59

Councillor Evans left the meeting, the time being 8.07PM.

Council's Environmental Planning Manager, Roger Nethercote, introduced the report and outlined the major points covered in the report. Roger then introduced Joe Gorman who made a presentation about the project.

Councillor Evans returned to the meeting, the time being 8.12PM.

Councillor O'Toole said that there were a lot of outstanding issues. One of those was the impact of the development on the existing infrastructure such as the existing roads, Parker Street and the Northern Road.

Joe Gorman responded that Lend Lease would make a contribution towards the cost of upgrading traffic facilities such as at intersections. The extent to which Lend Lease would make a contribution would be based on the extra load that the development would place on existing infrastructure. Joe went on to say there would be a Penrith bus only transit way; Lend Lease would provide a contribution towards the upgrading of Northern Road; the transport links to St Marys would be strengthened. Education programs would also be put in place to complement the marketing of the area in an attempt to get residents to undertake a shift in their mode of transport.

Councillor O'Toole stressed that there was a significant cost involved in the acquisition of land for transport corridors.

Councillor Bradbury asked what the expected population was for the Marsden Park area and what was its approximate size.

Roger Nethercote replied that those details were not yet finalised.

Councillor O'Toole asked whether the existing rail corridor could, at some time in the future, be used for light rail?

Joe Gorman replied that the existing rail reserve was located too far west of the proposed population centres to be of use for light rail.

Councillor O'Toole enquired about water cycle management in the development.

Joe Gorman stated that there would be a total water cycle management plan for each precinct. Each house would have a rainwater tank and recycling centres for the recycling of building waste would be set up within the development.

Councillor Aitken asked whether all of the roads within the development were above the 1:100 year flood level.

Councillor Paluzzano asked whether any fill in the development would affect flooding.

Councillor O'Toole whether Council had received a response on the REP with regards to the flooding issues.

The Environmental Planning Manager responded that advice was received that any filling would require consent.

Councillor Davies asked about whether the existing railway line could service the eastern precinct.

Joe Gorman responded that the existing rail was unserviceable.

Mr Gorman said that there would be sporting fields in each of the urban villages as well as within Regional open space.

Councillor Davies asked whether the precincts would be linked with roads and whether there was a bushfire management plan.

Joe Gorman responded that there would be plans of management for the regional park and that there would also be a bushfire management plan for the development.

Councillors Aitken, Davies and Simat left the meeting, the time being 8.53PM.

Councillor O'Toole referred to page 5 of the report and the comment about the Development Agreement. Councillor O'Toole asked how Council could ensure that the agreements could be made "watertight".

The Environmental Planning Manager responded that PlanningNSW were aware of the Development Agreement and the proposal to write specifications for the provision of facilities.

Councillor O'Toole asked about how the agreement would deal with such issues as the decontamination of land.

Councillors Aitken, Simat and Davies returned to the meeting, the time being 8.55PM.

Joe Gorman stated that Comland had remediated the land.

Councillor Thain left the meeting, the time being 8.57PM.

Councillor O'Toole asked what protection is being put in place to address any liability issues.

Councillor Thain returned to the meeting, the time being 8.59PM.

PR58 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bradbury seconded Councillor Fowler

That:

1. Council write to PlanningNSW in response to their request advising that Council would like the following issues resolved prior to the Minister's proposed release of the Eastern and Dunheved Precincts:
 - (a) Acceptance by the State Government of the transfer of the additional 250 hectares of AHC listed bushland and its inclusion as Regional Park to be managed by the NPWS.
 - (b) A commitment by the Minister for Planning to amend SREP 30 to incorporate all of the additional 250 hectares of the AHC listed bushland within the Regional Park zone.
 - (c) Commitment from PlanningNSW and NPWS for a plan of management process to be implemented promptly once the Regional Park land is transferred to the State Government and this process being integrated with the precinct planning of the adjoining urban areas.
 - (d) PlanningNSW providing full opportunity for Council to input into the finalisation of Part 2 of the Development Agreement, when reviewed, prior to it being executed by the Joint Venture and State Government.
 - (e) An agreement being reached between the parties on the nature and extent of the transport corridor to be established through the ADI site and its inclusion within the Development Agreement.
 - (f) A commitment being received from the Joint Venture and PlanningNSW that the site decontamination processes will be completed and signed-off prior to the completion and adoption of the first precinct plans.
 - (g) The issues that Council has relating to the filling of the flood plain being addressed.
2. Council write to Environment Australia expressing its disappointment at the determination of its NHT application and seeking that authority's reconsideration of the use of that funding source, or alternative funds, for the initial set-up and management planning processes related to the establishment of the expanded Regional Park.

3. Council again write to the Commonwealth Minister for Environment & Heritage, the Hon Dr Kemp, seeking further information about the Commonwealth Government's pre-election commitment to conduct a comprehensive review of all Commonwealth owned lands in Western Sydney.
4. A further report be presented to Council detailing the transport matters raised during recent discussions with Blacktown City Council relating to the ADI site and adjoining areas.
5. A further report be provided to Council on the relationship of and linkages to future developments to the north of the ADI site.

THE CITY IN ITS ENVIRONMENT

Councillor O'Toole left the meeting at 9.10PM and did not return.

2 Badgerys Creek Airport

9000/2

The Facilities Operations Manager, Gary Dean introduced the report and Noel Child, from the Western Sydney Alliance, who gave a short verbal status report on the work of the Western Sydney Alliance in respect of the Badgerys Creek Airport Proposal and associated matters.

Councillor Bradbury asked about the effect of the clause in the privatisation contract that would give the owner first right of refusal of a site for a second airport within a 100 km radius of KSA.

Noel Childs responded that, in his view, that left open three possible sites. These sites were:

- Wilton/Darkes Forest
- Badgerys Creek
- The Refinery site at Kurnell, (if vacated).

Councillor Bradbury asked about the study that the government had commissioned into the High Speed rail link and whether Council could obtain a copy.

Noel Childs stated he had made a verbal request to the Department of Transport for a copy. The response that he had received was that it was not available as the information was considered to be "commercial in confidence".

Councillor Bradbury said that Council needed more information on the findings of the study because the study's findings had caused the government to redirect significant funds from the study to be spent elsewhere. Council needed to look at the recommendations.

PR59 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bradbury seconded Councillor Davies

That:

1. Council receive the presentation from Mr Noel Child regarding Badgerys Creek Airport.
2. Council write to the Western Sydney Alliance, requesting that it write to the Minister for Transport requesting a copy of the report on the high speed rail link study.

4 Companion Animals

7028/10

Council's Waste and Community Protection Manager, Barry Ryan introduced the report.

Councillor Paluzzano referred to point number 3 on page 26 of the report and asked about the provision of an "off-leash" area in South Ward.

Councillor Evans left the meeting, the time being 9.46PM.
Councillor Aitken left the meeting at 9.48PM and did not return.
Councillor Bradbury left the meeting, the time being 9.49PM.
Councillor Evans returned to the meeting, the time being 9.49PM.
Councillor Fowler left the meeting, the time being 9.50PM

Councillor Sheehy asked whether any dog owner had been issued with an infringement notice because their dog had deposited faeces in an inappropriate location.

Barry Ryan answered that no one had yet been issued with such a notice.

Councillor Greenow suggested that the leaflets be placed in people's letterboxes.

Councillor Paluzzano said that there was an education program and the \$7,500 to fund it in the Management Plan.

Councillor Fowler returned to the meeting, the time being 9.53PM.

Councillor Bradbury returned to the meeting, the time being 9.54PM.

PR60 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Davies seconded Councillor Evans that the draft Strategy for companion animal management be adopted.

5 NAIDOC Week Activities - July 2002

1105/23 Pt4

PR61 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Paluzzano seconded Councillor O'Neill

That:

1. Council permanently fly the Aboriginal flag in accordance with the agreed protocol, at the Penrith Civic Centre.
2. Council display the Aboriginal flag signed by Mr Harold Thomas and donated to Council by the organisers of the Mulgoa Aboriginal Children's Home Reunion in a prominent public place.

6 Social Indicators

1042/2

His Worship the Mayor advised the Council that this matter had been withdrawn from the agenda for tonight's meeting.

7 Operation of Council's Cemetery Services

1004/7

Council's Neighbourhood Facilities Co-ordinator, Tony Jarrett introduced the report.

Councillor Paluzzano asked whether there was enough staff to move the shade structure, depicted in one of the photographs, from place to place within the cemetery.

Tony Jarrett said that this was being looked at as part of next year's budget.

Councillor Paluzzano also asked about the need for more maintenance staff due to the increased area of gardens being looked after.

Tony Jarrett responded that this too was being looked at as part of next year's budget.

Councillor Paluzzano asked whether the fencing had made a difference to the vandalism.

Tony Jarrett said that the fencing was a very positive move and that they were now able to do things that they would not otherwise have been able to do.

Councillor Greenow said that the other cemeteries in the City also needed to be looked at especially those having heritage significance.

Councillor Paluzzano asked whether there were any plans to do any tree planting in Council's Cemeteries on National Tree Day.

Tony Jarrett said that there were no plans to do this.

Councillor Bradbury congratulated the staff involved for their efforts.

PR62 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Paluzzano seconded Councillor Bradbury that the report on the operations of Penrith Valley Cemeteries be received.

8 Lemongrove Gardens (Hostel) and Lemongrove Gardens Retirement Village

1012/6 Pt2

Councillor Paluzzano left the meeting, the time being 10.04PM.

Councillors Paluzzano and Simat returned to the meeting, the time being 10.05PM.

PR63 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Davies seconded Evans

That:

1. The information in the report be received.
2. That a working party comprising Councillors Davies, Sheehy and Fowler and other available and interested Councillors be formed to consider the issues raised by the report.

COUNCIL'S OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

9 Review of Section 2D of the Trade Practices Act.

PR64 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Simat seconded Councillor Fowler that Council make a submission to the Productivity Commission supporting the LGSA's position in regard to the review of Section 2D of the Trade Practices Act 1974 and, further, recommend that the provision of the Trade Practices Act be limited to declared business activities pursuant to Department of Local Government guidelines.

10 Meeting with Blacktown City Council

The Director – City Planning gave a verbal report about a meeting that was held between Blacktown City Council and Penrith Council earlier this afternoon.

The Director stated that there would be a report prepared for the Council Meeting on 1 July 2002. The report would detail the issues discussed with particular emphasis on the role that the Werrington Arterial (with its linkages to the M4 and the Western Sydney Orbital) could play in addressing such matters as residential amenity in the suburbs of Willmot and Hebersham. There would also be discussion about a proposal to form a joint working party comprising Penrith Council, Blacktown Council and the RTA to look at the development of recommendations for the Werrington Arterial to resolve some of the issues of concern to both Councils.

There would also be discussion, in the report, about the Ropes Creek Corridor and the Management Plans for the Ropes Creek and South Creek Corridors.

PR65 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Davies seconded Evans that the verbal report from the Director – City Planning be received.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 10.08PM.

Confirmed
Chairperson

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE PENRITH VALLEY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP OF
PENRITH CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, PENRITH
ON WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE 2002 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor Greg Davies,

IN ATTENDANCE

Yvonne Perkins (PCC), David Burns (PCC), Ben Artup (CRRI, UWS), Andy Hart (WAHS), Lawrence Bonello (Penrith Police), Cathie Brown (Penrith Police), Gary Dean (PCC), Wendy Herne (St Clair-Erskine Park C.S. Ass'n), Sharon Maddox (St Marys Police), Ernest Kaucis (Penrith Valley Senior Citiz)

APOLOGIES

Cl. J Greenow, Cl. K Paluzzano, Ian Drummond (PCCA), Jeni Pollard (PCC), Laura Williams (WINC)

PVCSP16 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Wendy Herne, Seconded Andy Hart, that apologies be received and accepted.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Penrith Valley Community Safety Partnership – 29 May 2002

Laurie Bonello advised that he was not noted as in attendance. Wendy Herne corrected a word on the last page of the minutes "objections" should read "objectives". Ernest Kaucis corrected a reference from him asking why Police did not attend suspected stolen vehicles. The comment was referring to Police receiving information on suspected vehicles for follow up action.

PVCSP17 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Laurie Bonello, Seconded Wendy Herne that the minutes of the Penrith Valley Community Safety Partnership 29 May 2002 be confirmed as amended.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest.

1 Master Program Report

1117/29 pt 4

The Facilities Operations Manager introduced the report and referred to the two elements of that report, namely key outcomes from recent audits/assessments across the City. The other element relates to a proposed strategy for dealing with future audits, ie to be prioritised by the partnership. The Facilities Operations Manager introduced Council's Asset Manager to speak in further detail to each of the audit areas. A paper was distributed which provided the members with more detail about the level of physical improvements carried out in each area.

The Asset Manager reminded the members that many of the items were done under normal maintenance programmes. He spoke about the significant budget allocation for 2002/03.

Ernest Kaucis sought clarification about persons who attended the audits.

The Facilities Operations Manager spoke about the need to ensure that we adopt a co-ordinated and orderly approach to audits (and implementation of outcomes) in the future. He referred to the two pilot areas targeted for 2002/03-Management Plan year.

Constable Cathie Brown referred to the need for an audit around the Kingswood Park shopping centre. Penrith Police has some issues in that locality. A nominated date was set for the audit.

Wendy Herne raised some concerns about the partnership prioritising audits, although she recognised the merit of their approach. She suggested a modified approach, which those present felt could be trialled. It was agreed that there should be flexibility to introduce an audit into an area where urgency is need.

PVCSP18 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Wendy Herne, Seconded by Ernest Kaucis that:

1. the information in the report be received.
2. that all requests for community safety audits or implementation of community safety audits be assessed, prioritised and scheduled for 2003 by the Partnership.
3. the partnership should be flexible to allow for audits to be done where urgency is required.
4. Council officers investigate what legislative authorities exist to allow Council to determine what is required and to direct work to be done on private lands.

2 General Business

1117/29 pt 4

Crime Figures

Laurie Bonello tabled and distributed statistics for Penrith Patrol. He gave a brief overview of the statistics.

Penrith LCA -May 02

Assault	80
Break & Enter	114
Drug Detection	23
GIC/Receiving	22
Malicious Damage	80
Robbery	10
Stealing	276
Stolen Vehicles/Vessel	121
Street Offence	112

Traffic Offence 528

Sharon Maddox presented statistics on the St Marys Patrol. Overall there was a significant improvement.

St Marys LAC - May 02

Assault	81
Break & Enter & Steal	128
Drug Detection	18
GIC/Receiving	10
Malicious Damage	80
Robbery	7
Stealing	167
Stolen Vehicles/Vessel	81
Street Offence	71

Media Report - deferred to next meeting.

Members Feedback - no issues raised.

Emerging Issues / New Issues

The Community Safety Officer spoke about the success of initiatives in and around Tench Avenue, Penrith in regards to vehicle misuse of public roads and anti-social behaviour. This behaviour is occurring in the nearby area of Blaikie Road, Penrith. Road classifiers have been requested for the area to measure the volume and speed of vehicles.

Penrith Valley Community Safety Plan

Ben Artup tabled a copy of the final plan. It was agreed that the plan would contain a slogan - a number of suggestions were tabled:

"people working together" was adopted.

Community Safety Brochure

Wendy Herne identified a text error. Brochure was adopted for printing and distribution.

Council Open Day

Community Safety Officer referred to Council's Open Day. It was agreed that the partnership should have an appropriate display highlight Community Safety Initiatives. Members were invited to participate.

Dates for Working Groups

Community Safety Officer tabled a list of suggested dates for the five key groups to meet - accepted.

Skate Park - Jamison Park

The Asset Manager advised the members of the construction of the new Skate Park. He outlined the consultation / approval process. Reference was made for the need to prepare a community safety management plan. This plan would fall under the responsibility of the partnership. The Community Safety Officer handed out invitations to several of the members of the partnership to attend a review of the draft community safety management plan currently being prepared.

The Asset Manager indicated that construction should be completed mid July, official opening end of July, 2002.

The Chairperson offered an apology for the deferral of the presentation of the Youth Needs Audit - next meeting.

The Chairperson referred to Council's contribution of \$22,000 towards the Police Citizen's Youth Club bus. He requested that the Police investigate the current position regarding the operation of these buses - maybe someone could attend the next meeting.

Next Partnership Meeting and Presentation

9th October, 2002. Guest speaker to be invited from Eagleby, Qld.

PVCSP19 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Greg Davies seconded Wendy Herne That:

1. the information in the report be received.
2. that all requests for community safety audits or implementation of community safety audits be assessed, prioritised and scheduled for 2003 by the Partnership.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed the time being 8.05 pm.

Confirmed
Chairperson

MASTER PROGRAM REPORTS

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The City as a Social Place

1 Aquatic Plants in Nepean River

7025/2 Pt 8

Compiled by: Raphael Collins, Parks Construction & Maintenance Manager

Authorised by: Ray Moore, Director City Operations

Management Plan 4 Year Outcome (Page ##): *Community recreation facilities and services in new and established areas meet contemporary needs.*
02/03 Critical Action: *Optimise recreation opportunities from Penrith Lakes, Nepean River and former ADI site.*

Purpose:

Councillor Paluzzano requested a report on the current classification of Egeria densa and what would be involved to have it categorised as a noxious weed. Two speakers will be making presentations at tonight's meeting, one is Daniel Roberts PhD who is a lecturer in Estuarine Ecology. Dr Roberts will be talking about the aquatic plant communities in the Nepean River. The other speaker is David Karlson, the Operations Manager at Hawkesbury River County Council who will talk about the categorisation of weeds under the Declared Noxious Weeds Act of 1993.

Background

Council will recall the report concerning the aquatic plant problem in the Nepean River tabled on 3 June 2002. The report looked at the range of aquatic plant species that have occurred upstream of the weir to the M4 Motorway Bridge.

The proliferation of Egeria densa in recent times is especially concerning because of the damage it has caused to other water bodies in Australia and North America. The Nepean River is a near perfect environment for Egeria and because the plants biomass is produced near the water surface, it interferes with human activities such as rowing.

Four management technologies could be used to control aquatic plants in the Nepean River:

- Biological control
- Chemical control
- Physical control
- Mechanical control (harvesting)

At tonight's meeting, I have arranged for two speakers who will talk about the aquatic plants and the various management options. David Karlson is the Operations Manager at Hawkesbury River County Council. Mr Karlson will inform Council about the benefits of harvesting and herbiciding would have not only in the Nepean River but in other trouble spots as well. Mr Karlson will also talk about the categorisation of the weeds and the process involved in having weed classified as 'noxious'.

Daniel Roberts PhD is a specialist in Estuarine Ecology and lectures at the University of NSW. Mr Roberts supervised the ecosystem sampling at Penrith Lakes during the lead up to the Olympics. Mr Roberts is very familiar with the Nepean Hawkesbury River system due to

his environmental monitoring (mapping) he carried out for NSW EPA since 1993. Mr Roberts will talk about *Egeria densa* and other aquatic plants in the Nepean River and what is most likely to occur if the plants continue to grow unchecked.

Categorisation of Weeds

Under the Noxious Weeds Act 1993, plants can be declared noxious by the Minister for Agriculture. Applications for specific plants are normally submitted to the local weed control authorities (HRCC) who then seek advice from Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee.

The following factors are considered by the Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee before recommending particular plants as noxious to the Minister.

Weed Potential

The weed has the potential to spread and become established in the area. Potential is related to biological factors such as amount of seed set, mode of distribution, plant competitiveness etc.

Need

The weed has, or could have, serious adverse effects on agriculture, the environment, or human health.

Benefit

A significant benefit to agriculture, the environment, or the community can be expected from declaration

Means

There are reasonable and enforceable means available to control the weed as categorised

Intent

There is a firm intention by the Local Control Authority, or the Government, to implement a planned program to control the weed as categorised

Weed Distribution

The weed does not occur in NSW, or is of limited distribution and as the potential to become more widespread.

Outcome

For a species to remain categorised, the Local Control Authority must maintain an effective control program.

Summary

Declaration of a weed can impose considerable costs on public and private landholders and local control authorities. Declaration may also restrict personal freedom by forcing landholders to carry out activities that they would not otherwise carry out. There must be a clear public benefit from the proposed declaration.

Mr Karlson will advise Council of the benefits and constraints of having *Egeria densa* categorised as a noxious weed.

The option of harvesting may be the only viable method of controlling sections of the Nepean River. In order to gain a better appreciation of mechanical harvesting, I am arranging to have a demonstration of a new type of harvester for Council's Works Committee on 16th August on the Nepean River.

RECOMMENDATION

That the information concerning the management of aquatic plants in the Nepean River be received.



The City as a Social Place

2 Presentation of the Draft Penrith Valley Community Safety Plan

1117/31 Pt 2

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Management Plan 4 Year Outcome (Page 48): *A City-wide Community Safety Plan, supported by the community, is in place.*

02/03 Critical Action: *Adopt and implement the Penrith Valley Community Safety Plan in conjunction with the community and stakeholders.*

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to gain Council support for the exhibition of the draft Penrith Valley Community Safety Plan. and to receive a presentation on the draft by representatives from the Centre for Regional Research & Innovation, University of Western Sydney.

Background

The Penrith Valley Community Safety Partnership has recently adopted the draft Penrith Valley Community Safety Plan. The draft plan has been developed in partnership with the Centre for Regional Research & Innovation, UWS. This has involved extensive consultation, networking and research across the Penrith Local Government Area.

The draft plan (circulated to all Councillors under separate memo) has undergone a review by the Partnership with some minor changes occurring.

Tonight's presentation will include an overview of the process that involved three primary tasks including:

1. The preparation of the Penrith Valley Crime & Safety Profile.
2. Reviewing the existing community safety programs in Penrith.
3. The selection of appropriate community safety strategies to address issues identified in five (5) key areas.

Current Situation

The draft plan is now ready for exhibition. That period will commence on 23rd July and conclude on 21st August. This exhibition period will also meet the requirement process of the NSW Attorney Generals Dept.

The consultation process proposed during the exhibition period includes presentations, displays and access at the following:

- Civic Centre Media Launch of the draft 23rd July 02.
- Council's Open Day activities.
- Neighbourhood Facilities forum.

- Penrith/St Marys Chambers of Commerce.
- Access through Council's Web page.
- City Libraries.

Progressing the Community Safety Plan

The Penrith Valley Community Safety Partnership has been meeting monthly (March to June) during its establishment stage and will now commence a quarterly meeting cycle with the next meeting scheduled for 9th October 2002.

During the period July to October (02) the Partnership will convene in small working groups (schedule of meeting times provided to Councillors under separate memo) to begin preliminary development of strategies and actions outlined in the five key areas of the plan pending its final endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the presentation by representatives from the Centre for Regional research & Innovation be received.
2. Council agree to the exhibition of the draft Penrith Valley Community Safety Plan for the period commencing 23rd July 2002 and concluding 21st August 2002.



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3 Department of Housing Update

4105/88 Part 3

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Management Plan 4 Year Outcome (Page 52): *Social Services and facilities are established and operating to meet community needs.*
02/03 Critical Action: *Support local community programs to meet identified community needs.*

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on Department of Housing initiatives and partnerships in the Penrith Local Government Area. The update will include a progress report on Community Renewal Strategies in Cranebrook. The report is accompanied by a presentation from the Department of Housing.

Background

A key priority of the Department of Housing (DOH) is to build and renew community life through providing housing options and involving tenants in improving their neighbourhood. A number of strategies have been employed locally to address the difficulties being faced by tenants in the Penrith area. Some examples include:

- tenancy management initiatives
- asset reconfiguration
- improvement of the type and coordination of services to tenants
- creating sustainable employment opportunities
- transfer of management to non-government housing providers

At the Policy and Review Meeting of 2nd July 2001 DOH representatives gave an update on future DOH Projects in Penrith and on the Community Renewal Strategy in Cranebrook. The issue of affordable housing and homelessness was identified in their presentation.

This issue was further investigated in an extensive report to Council at the Policy and Review Meeting of 12th November 2001. The report was accompanied by a further presentation from the Department of Housing. Council resolved at this meeting to establish a partnership with DOH to assist in the development of an affordable housing strategy for the Penrith Local Government Area.

Other DOH/Council partnerships include:

- Cranebrook Community Renewal Strategy
- E-communities Project
- Nth St. Marys Community Renewal

Tonight presentation will focus on these initiatives. An update on the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement (CSHA), a summary of Department of Housing activities in the Penrith LGA and the 2002/2003 budget will also be presented.

Affordable Housing Strategy

A joint working party has been established for this project. The development of a local affordable housing strategy will require direction and information from the following sources:

- The State Government's Affordable Housing Strategy
- Penrith Public Housing Strategy (presently being developed by DOH)
- Local research to be undertaken into demographics and social indicators of advantage / disadvantage in the context of the older established areas of the city (Council Management Plan for 2002 - 2003).
- Census data 2001 (2nd release scheduled for September 2002)

Community Renewal Strategies in Cranebrook

Implementation of the Community Renewal Strategic Plan for Cranebrook is now well advanced. Stage 1 and 2 of the Physical and Infrastructure Improvements Program are completed and planning for Stage 3 is well underway.

The primary strategy of the Community Renewal Strategies (CRS) is to increase the sense of ownership amongst residents of their community. To this end the Department has worked with residents in the Cranebrook area to establish appropriate and continuous structures that involve tenants in the directions of the CRS and in decisions about the management of their homes and the community. Some examples include:

- CRS Steering Committee
- Cranebrook Neighbourhood Advisory Board
- Cranebrook Town Centre Project
- Housing Community Assistance Projects (eg. Community Garden, Food Share, Women's Internet Café etc).

E-communities Project

DOH is presently working with a number of partners on an "E-communities" project - a demonstration project that has electronically connected public housing tenants in Cranebrook to the Internet, e-mail and information on government and local services. The trial involves providing internet services via the television for approximately one year at minimal cost.

Nth St. Marys Community Renewal

Initial discussions regarding opportunities for community renewal strategies in Nth. St. Marys were held recently between Council and DOH representatives. These discussions will be progressed in the near future and a workshop is planned for August. Other partners have been identified and will be included in the process.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Department of Housing Update report be accepted.

