

# Camden Council Business Paper

**Ordinary Council Meeting** 



SUBJECT: APOLOGIES

Leave of absence tendered on behalf of Councillors from this meeting.

## **RECOMMENDED**

That leave of absence be granted.

## **RESOLUTION**

There was no leave of absence to be granted.

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

ORD42/11

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** SUBJECT:

NSW legislation provides strict guidelines for the disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary Conflicts of Interest and Political Donations.

Council's Code of Conduct also deals with pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflict of interest and Political Donations and how to manage these issues (Clauses 7.5 -7.27).

Councillors should be familiar with the disclosure provisions contained in the Local Government Act 1993, Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and the Council's Code of Conduct.

This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any interest that they may have or Political Donation they may have received relating to a Report contained in the Council Business Paper and to declare the nature of that interest.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That the declarations be noted.

#### **RESOLUTION**

In relation to Item ORD04, Councillor Warren stated that he was a patron of the Mt Annan Junior Rugby League, however it was not considered a conflict of interest and would be taking part in voting on the matter.

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Dewbery that the declarations be noted.

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

ORD43/11

SUBJECT: PUBLIC ADDRESSES

The Public Address segment (incorporating Public Question Time) in the Council Meeting provides an opportunity for people to speak publicly on any item on Council's Business Paper agenda or on any matter within the Local Government area which falls within Council jurisdiction.

Speakers must book in with the Council office by 4.00pm on the day of the meeting and must advise the topic being raised. Only seven (7) speakers can be heard at any meeting. A limitation of one (1) speaker for and one (1) speaker against on each item is in place. Additional speakers, either for or against, will be identified as 'tentative speakers' and should only be considered where the total number of speakers does not exceed seven (7) at any given meeting.

Where a member of the public raises a question during the Public Address segment, a response will be provided where Councillors or staff have the necessary information at hand; if not a reply will be provided at a later time. There is a limit of one (1) question per speaker per meeting.

All speakers are limited to 4 minutes, with a 1 minute warning given to speakers prior to the 4 minute time period elapsing.

Public Addresses are tape recorded for administrative purposes. It should be noted that speakers at Council meetings do not enjoy any protection from parliamentary-style privilege. Therefore they are subject to the risk of defamation action if they make comments about individuals. In the event that a speaker makes potentially offensive or defamatory remarks about any person, the Mayor/Chairperson will ask them to refrain from such comments. A copy of the tape recording may be available to third parties (in certain circumstances).

The Mayor/Chairperson has the discretion to withdraw the privilege to speak where a speaker continues to make inappropriate or offensive comments about another person.

## **RECOMMENDED**

That the public addresses be noted.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Mr Noel Riordan addressed Council in relation to street lighting in the Camden Local Government Area.

<u>Moved</u> Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Funnell that an extension of two (2) minutes be granted.

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

<u>Moved</u> Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that the public addresses be noted.

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

ORD44/11

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** SUBJECT:

Confirm and adopt Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 22 February 2011.

## **RECOMMENDED**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 22 February 2011, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

## **RESOLUTION**

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 22 February 2011, copies of which have been circulated, be confirmed and adopted.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED.

ORD45/11

#### **MAYORAL MINUTE**

# ORDINARY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT -

WORLD'S LONGEST PATCHWORK QUILT

FROM: Mayor

**FILE NO:** 

Jenny Thurling, owner of Patchwork Mania, and a group of volunteers are attempting to set a new Guinness Book of Records for the longest patchwork quilt.

The group of Camden quilters have been working on the project since March 2010 and plan to unveil their creation in late March 2011.

The guilt will then be cut into smaller pieces and will be auctioned to raise money for The Right Start, a charity that supports Macarthur families with children who have Down Syndrome.

A request for a donation of \$300 has been received by Council to pay for the wadding to help complete the record attempt.

It is recommended that Council supports this World Record attempt for the World's longest patchwork quilt and donate \$300 from Ward Funds.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That Council support the World Record attempt for the World's longest patchwork quilt and donate \$300 from Ward Funds.

## **RESOLUTION**

Moved Councillor Patterson that Council support the World Record attempt for the World's longest patchwork guilt and donate \$300 from Ward Funds.

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

ORD46/11

#### **ACTIONS**

CRMS number, Finalised 9/03/2011 4:47:42 PM Action: Finalised, Completed

paid via EFT 9/3/2011

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**ORD01** 

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESERVE NAME - MARCELLIN PARK

**TURNER ROAD PRECINCT, GREGORY HILLS** 

**FROM:** Director Development and Health

FILE NO: Binder: Landuse and Planning/GLIS/Land Information/Naming

of Reserves

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the name "Marcellin Park" for a park in the Turner Road Growth Centre Precinct, Gregory Hills.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Council has been requested by Dart West Developments Pty Ltd (Dart West) and the owners, the Marist Bothers, to consider naming a proposed park, 'Marcellin Park'.

The proposed park is located within Lot 1181 DP1153632, which forms part of the Turner Road Growth Centre Precinct, Gregory Hills and is zoned R1 General Residential under the provisions of SEPP (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006 Amendment No 1.

In particular, the park is contained within Stage 1C of the Gregory Hills project and has been approved as part of a Development Application (DA 429/2010) approved 18 August 2010. A location plan for the park is provided at the end of this report.

#### **MAIN REPORT**

The name Marcellin was put forward by Dart West in recognition of Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, a religious congregation of men in the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to education. The following is an extract from a biography on Marcellin Champagnat:

Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat (1789-1840), was born 20 May 1789, at St. Etienne, France. He was ninth of ten children at Le Rosey. He spent his childhood years in this area amidst the turmoil of the French Revolution where he witnessed the atrocities of civil war.

From 1805 to 1813 Marcellin attended the minor seminary in Verrieres. It was here that the idea for the Society of Mary was conceived and promoted by a group of seminarians including Marcellin. From the start, he announced the Society should include teaching Brothers to work with children deprived of Christian education in remote rural areas because others were not going to them.

After his ordination as a priest on 2 July 1816, Champagnat's first posting was as

curate to the parish of Lavalla-en-Gier. Marcellin was distressed that the people in the village were so isolated that they did not know much about the rest of the world.

On 2 January 1817, Marcellin encouraged two young men, Jean-Marie Granjon and Jean-Baptiste Audras, to join him in forming the nucleus of the Marist Brothers.

Marcellin motivated teenagers with his enthusiasm for teaching and spreading the gospel. He lived amongst them, like one of them. He taught them how to pray and to live in religious community as Brothers, and how to be teachers and religious educators themselves. Between 1817 and 1824, he started a traditional primary school at La Valla and used it as a teacher training centre for his young Brothers.

After a long and painful illness caused by cancer, Champagnat died on 6 June 1840, aged 51, at Our Lady of the Hermitage in the Gier River Valley about 30km from where he had commenced his work. He was buried on 8 June.

Marcellin Champagnat was declared Venerable in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV, beatified by Pope Pius XII on 29 May 1955, and canonised by Pope John Paul II on 18 April 1999. His feast day is observed in the Roman Catholic Church on 6 June.

The Geographical Names Board (GNB) is the naming authority in this circumstance and has the role of assigning names to places and natural features. The GNB's guidelines and procedures are aimed at ensuring community input, giving all parties a say in a naming decision, and avoiding duplication of names.

The GNB has advised Council that the following process is required to be followed in respect of having a park name approved. If approved by the GNB, the park name will be formally included in the official Place Names register.

- 1. The developer of the land provides to Council, a proposed park name.
- 2. The proposed park name is checked by Council staff in accordance with the Guidelines published by the GNB.
- 3. The park name that meets the guidelines is referred to the GNB for comment.
- 4. A report is sent to Council by a Council officer, seeking endorsement of the proposed park name, that is able to be approved by the GNB.
- 5. The GNB advertises the proposed park name in the local media for four (4) weeks, inviting submissions.
- 6. If no objections, then the GNB gazettes the name and notifies Council of the gazettal.

**Steps 1 to 3** have now been completed and this report has now been prepared in accordance with **Step 4**.

The proposed park name has been considered by Council officers to be appropriate, taking into account the history of the area being developed by Dart West in the Turner Road Growth Centre, and the association of Marcellin to the Marist Brothers.

Consequently, the proposed name is now able to be recommended to Council for endorsement.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Dart West has submitted an application and background information in support of a park name to be forwarded to the GNB upon Council's endorsement.

The proposed name 'Marcellin Park' is in accordance with guidelines as determined by GNB which seek to recognise outstanding achievement in the community by commemoratively naming relevant geographical features. Acts of bravery, community service and exceptional accomplishment by both individuals and groups are grounds for this recognition.

The application and supporting information have been considered and Council officers are able to recommend that Council endorse the proposed naming of the currently unnamed proposed park located at Gregory Hills (within the Turner Road Precinct).

#### RECOMMENDED

#### That:

- i. Council endorse the name 'Marcellin Park' for the identified park land site within Lot 1181 DP1153632, within the Turner Road Precinct, Gregory Hills, and
- ii. the application prepared by Dart West Pty Ltd be forwarded to the Geographical Names Board for 30 days consultation, to be considered for formal inclusion in the official Place Names register.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location plan.



Marcellin Park Gregory Hills.pdf

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved Councillor Campbell, Seconded Councillor Funnell that:

- i. Council endorse the name 'Marcellin Park' for the identified park land site within Lot 1181 DP1153632, within the Turner Road Precinct, Gregory Hills, and
- ii. the application prepared by Dart West Pty Ltd be forwarded to the Geographical Names Board for 30 days consultation, to be considered for formal inclusion in the official Place Names register.

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

(Councillors Anderson, Cagney, Campbell, Cottrell, Dewbery, Funnell, Patterson, Symkowiak and Warren voted in favour of the Motion. No Councillor voted against the Motion).

ORD47/11

ORD02

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ROAD NAMING - HARRINGTON GROVE.

**HARRINGTON PARK** 

**FROM:** Director Development and Health

FILE NO: Binder: Landuse & Planning/GLIS/Land Information/Naming of

Roads

## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's further direction in relation to a proposed list of street names within the Harrington Grove release area.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Harrington Grove release area consists of two parts. The first part is bounded to the north by Cobbitty Road, Cobbitty, to the south by Narellan Creek, to the east by The Northern Road and to the west by The Lanes and Kirkham estates.

The second part is bounded to the west by The Northern Road, to the east by Camden Valley Way, to the north by Cobbitty Road, Oran Park and to the south by the suburb of Harrington Park. A location plan is provided at the end of the report.

The developer of Harrington Grove originally advised Council of its desire to use ecological names which were in keeping with the theme of natural environmental outcomes intended as part of the Harrington Grove development.

Council officers considered this would conflict with the guidelines developed by the GNB as an Australian flora theme exists within Mount Annan. A list of alternative themes was provided to the developer which related to Australian heritage and culture.

From the list of options, the developers chose a bushranger related theme. Subsequently, a list of names was prepared by the developer using this theme. This list, reviewed by Council officers, was referred to the GNB, who raised no objections to the proposed list of names.

Council at the meeting of 9 November 2010 considered a report and resolved to endorse a list of new road names for use in the Harrington Grove release area; to proceed with the new road naming process; and be provided with a further report detailing the results of a 30 day public exhibition period.

## **MAIN REPORT**

The GNB has advised Council that the following process is required to be followed by the relevant roads authority in respect of having new road names approved. In this instance, Council is the road names authority:

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- 1. The developer of the land provides to Council, a list of proposed road names.
- 2. These are checked by Council staff in accordance with the guidelines published by the GNB.
- 3. The names that meet the guidelines are referred to the GNB for comment.
- 4. A report is sent to Council by Council officers, seeking endorsement of the list of names that are able to be approved by the GNB.
- 5. The endorsed list is published in the proposal notice in a local newspaper, ensuring that the notice states that written submissions on the name may be made to Council.
- 6. Council concurrently serves notice of its proposal to Australia Post, the Registrar General, Surveyor General and, in the case of a classified road, to the RTA if it is not the authority involved.
- 7. All submission are compiled and the list of road names are reviewed by officers.
- 8. The results of the notification period are reported back to Council, with a recommendation in relation to adoption.
- 9. The adopted names are published in the NSW Government Gazette and in the local newspapers.
- 10. Council informs Australia Post, the Registrar General, Surveyor General and the RTA, giving sufficient particulars to enable the roads to be identified.

**Steps 1 to 7** have now been completed and this report has now been prepared in accordance with **Step 8.** 

#### **NOTIFICATION**

During the notification period, no submissions were received, however two (2) submission were received prior to the public exhibition period. It is understood that the submissions were lodged as result of a newspaper article within the Macarthur Chronicle. A copy of the submissions is provided with the Business Paper supporting documents.

Below is a summary of the submissions and a comment.

(a) These criminals were "bloodthirsty murderers who do not deserve to be honoured for their crimes against humanity".

#### Officer comments:

The comment is understood and appreciated. It should be noted that not all names are those of bushrangers. Rather, some are general names, such as place names and names of other people relevant to the theme.

(b) Given that Harrington Grove is close to Oran Park, the street names should be named after car types.

Officer comments:

Oran Park is a different suburb with a different developer. Motor racing is used as a street naming theme there. The bushranger theme was put forward by the developer of Harrington Grove and assessed against the GNB's guidelines.

# **Bushranger Related Names**

The proposed list of new road names to be used in the Harrington Grove release area, for which adoption is sought by the developer, is as follows:

| ABERCROMBIE | Abercrombie caves - hideout of Ribbon     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------|
|             | gang                                      |
| ATTERALL    | James Atterall                            |
| BEECHWORTH  | VIC town famous for Kelly gang activity   |
| BENALLA     | VIC town where Ned Kelly was imprisoned   |
| BIGGA       | NSW town - location of crimes by John     |
|             | Piesley                                   |
| BINDA       | NSW town - location of crimes by Ben Hall |
| BOBIN       | Bobin Creek - place where Jimmy           |
|             | Governor                                  |
|             | was captured                              |
| BOGONG      | Bogong Jack                               |
| BOW         | Charles Bow                               |
| BREZA       | NSW town - birthplace of Ben Hall         |
| BRYANT      | Richard Bryant                            |
| BUGG        | Mary Ann Bugg                             |
| CAMERON     | "Cameron letter"                          |
| CAESAR      | John Caesar                               |
| CASH        | Martin Cash                               |
| CASTLEMAINE | Birthplace of Jack Doolan from song "Wild |
|             | Colonial Boy"                             |
| CHAMBERLAIN | George Chamberlain                        |
| COGRINGTON  | Cogrington Revingstone                    |
| COLLECTOR   | NSW town - location of Ben Hall's         |
|             | robberies                                 |
| COLT        | Colt revolvers                            |
| COMERFORD   | George Comerford                          |
| CROOKWELL   | NSW town of Larry Cummins' crimes         |
| CUMMINS     | Larry Cummins                             |
| DALEY       | Patrick Daley                             |
| DALTON      | James Dalton                              |
| DARGIN      | Billy Dargin                              |
| DONAHUE     | John Donahue                              |
| DOOLAN      | John Doolan                               |
| DOUGLAS     | Black Douglas                             |
| EGERTON     | Mount Egerton Bank - robbed by Captain    |
|             | Moonlite                                  |
| ELLEN       | Ellen Kelly - Ned Kelly's mother          |
| ENTWISTLE   | Ralph Entwistle                           |

| EUGOWRA     | NSW town - famous gold robbery                    |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| EUROA       | Euroa Bank - robbed by Kelly gang                 |
| FLINTLOCK   | Flintlock rifles                                  |
| FOLEY       | John Foley                                        |
| FULLER      | John Fuller - Dan "Mad Dog" Morgan                |
| GOVERNOR    | Jimmy and Joe Governor                            |
| GRETA       | VIC town - birthplace of Ned Kelly                |
| HALL        | Ben Hall                                          |
| HART        | Steve Hart                                        |
| HAWTHORNE   | John Hawthorne                                    |
| HOWE        | Michael Howe                                      |
| HUGHES      | Thomas Hughes                                     |
| JENOLAN     | Jenolan Caves - used as safehaven by              |
|             | bushrangers                                       |
| JERILDERIE  | "Jerilderie Letter" penned for famous Kelly       |
|             | Gang bank robbery                                 |
| KATE        | Kate Kelly - Ned Kelly's sister                   |
| KEYS        | Joseph Keys                                       |
| LAGGAN      | NSW town - location of Ben Hall's crimes          |
| LONGARM     | Reference to long rifles used by                  |
|             | bushrangers                                       |
| LONIGAN     | Constable Lonigan                                 |
| LOWRY       | Fred Lowry                                        |
| MAWBEY      | Mawbey Family                                     |
| MIDNITE     | Thomas Smith "Captain Midnite"                    |
| MOONLITE    | Captain Moonlite                                  |
| O'MEALLY    | Johnny O'Meally                                   |
| OURA        | Oura Hotel - robbed by Captain Moonlite           |
| PAID        | John Paid - Wolloo Jack                           |
| PEISLEY     | John Peisley                                      |
| PENTRIDGE   | Pentridge Prison                                  |
| PIGEON      | Aboriginal Bushranger                             |
| RAMMER      | Rammer Gang                                       |
| REDFORD     | Harry Redford                                     |
| REVINGSTONE | Codrington Revingstone                            |
| RIBBON      | Ribbon Gang                                       |
| ROGAN       | Thomas Rogan                                      |
| RUTHERFORD  | Charles Rutherford                                |
| SCANLON     | Constable Scanlon - killed by Kelly gang          |
| SHERRIT     | Aaron Sherrit                                     |
| SORELL      | Lieutenant Governor Sorell                        |
| STARLIGHT   | Captain Starlight                                 |
| STRINGYBARK | Stringybark creek, location of Kelly Gang         |
|             | gunfight                                          |
| TENTERFIELD | Tenterfield races - robbed by Captain Thunderbolt |

| THUNDERBOLT  | Captain Thunderbolt                       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| UNDERWOOD    | Jacky Underwood                           |
| URALLA       | NSW town of Captain Thunderbolt's death   |
| VANE         | John Vane                                 |
| WANTABADGERY | Wantabadgery Station - robbed by Captain  |
|              | Moonlite                                  |
| WELLINGTON   | Wellington Caves, used as a hideout       |
| WERNICKE     | Augustus Wernicke - 15 year old member of |
|              | Captain Moonlite's gang                   |
| WESTWOOD     | William Westwood - Jackey                 |
| WHITTEN      | Thomas Whitten                            |
| WINGHAM      | NSW town where Jimmy Governor was         |
|              | imprisoned                                |
| WOLLOO       | John Paid - Wolloo Jack                   |
| YELLILONG    | Captain Thunderbolt's wife                |
| YOUNGHUSBAND | Location of Kelly Gang raid and hideout   |

Council at the meeting of 9 November 2011 approved the following five (5) names, which have now been amended in the above list to correct the spelling:

- Crokwell now Crookwell
- Peosley now Peisley
- Sheerit now Sherrit
- Staingybark now Stringybark
- Flintock now Flintlock.

If Council adopts the above list of proposed new road names, the list will be published in the NSW Government Gazette and in the local newspapers. Also, Council will inform Australia Post, the Registrar General, Surveyor General and the RTA.

The list will then be able to be formally used as street names within the Harrington Grove release area.

#### **CONCLUSION**

A proposed list of road names for the Harrington Grove development has been assessed by Council officers in accordance with the criteria of the GNB. The list has been publicly exhibited for 30 days. Two (2) submissions were received raising concern over the bushranger theme. The names satisfy the guidelines for the naming of roads.

The list is now able to be referred to Council for further consideration. If the list is adopted by Council, the required road naming procedure will continue.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

#### That Council:

i. endorse the final list of new road names within this report, for use in the

Harrington Grove release area;

- ii. publish the approved names in the NSW Government Gazette and in the local paper; and
- iii. inform Australia Post, the Registrar General, Surveyor General and the RTA of these approved names.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Location plan.
- 2. Submissions (sup doc)



Bushranger submission-2.pdf Bushranger submission-1.pdf Site Location Map - Harrington Grove.pdf

## **RESOLUTION**

Item ORD 02 was withdrawn from the meeting for minor amendment and resubmission to a later Council Meeting.

ORD03

SUBJECT: LGSA'S NSW ELECTION PRIORITIES 2011 TOOLKIT FOR COUNCILS

**FROM:** Director Governance

FILE NO:

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW (LGSA) launching of its 'NSW Elections Priorities 2011'.

## **MAIN REPORT**

On Monday 7 February 2011, The Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA) launched its *NSW Election Priorities 2011*. The document outlines to all political parties the current issues for councils and the proposed solutions.

The LGSA's NSW Election Priorities 2011 covers major issues of significance for councils under six key themes;

- 1. Improved Local Government financial viability.
- 2. Restore the balance to land use planning.
- Stronger support for communities.
- 4. Greater natural environment protection.
- 5. Enhanced infrastructure provision and maintenance.
- 6. Better local governance.

The LGSA has requested an official response from all NSW political parties contesting the 2011 NSW Election by Monday 28 February 2011 and will be publishing these responses.

The majority of the serious problems facing Local Government in NSW are not new, and the LGSA is seeking the support of all NSW councils for its *NSW Election Priorities 2011* and participation in its campaign at a local level.

The LGSA has written to all councils in NSW encouraging them to review the *NSW Election Priorities 2011* and embark on locally based 'sister' campaigns to strengthen the case for Local Government in NSW. Camden Council has been sent a 'tool kit' of useful information to assist with local media campaigns.

The LGSA has also recommended that Council write to its own local member of parliament and other local candidates, bringing the *NSW Election Priorities 2011* to their attention and asking for their individual response on the six themes, and issues of particular relevance to their Council.

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The LGSA is aiming to strengthen and build a more consultative relationship between the NSW Government, all political parties, independents, and Local Government in the future.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

#### That Council:

- i) support the LGSA's NSW Election Priorities 2011 and seek an official response from all political parties contesting the 2011 NSW Election; and
- ii) participate in the LGSA's media campaign during the lead up to the 2011 NSW Election by writing to Camden's local member of parliament and other local candidates seeking their response to the NSW Election Priorities 2011.

#### **RESOLUTION**

<u>Moved</u> Councillor Dewbery, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that Council:

- i. support the LGSA's NSW Election Priorities 2011 and seek an official response from all political parties contesting the 2011 NSW Election; and
- ii. participate in the LGSA's media campaign during the lead up to the 2011 NSW Election by writing to Camden's local member of parliament and other local candidates seeking their response to the NSW Election Priorities 2011.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED.

ORD48/11

ORD04

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM 2010/2011

**FROM:** Director Works and Services

FILE NO:

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek Council's endorsement of the recommended funding allocations in this year's Community Small Grants Program.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Council provides an annual financial assistance program to assist local groups, one element of which is the Community Small Grants Program (CSGP). In the current budget, \$42,000 has been allocated for this purpose.

The grant guidelines provide assistance for consideration of applications for the provision of financial assistance, and these are provided to not-for-profit local groups when preparing their application.

#### **MAIN REPORT**

The availability of financial assistance via the Community Small Grants Program was:

- advertised in the Camden Advertiser;
- displayed on Council's website;
- advised by fliers emailed across Council's networks of community service providers; and
- mailed to organisations on Council's mailing list.

Fifty nine (59) applications were received with a total of \$200,562 being requested, a much higher amount than available.

Each of the applications highlight the commitment the respective groups make to the community and their efforts to make Camden a better place.

Each application was assessed against the guidelines for the program, with further consideration given to the impact on the local community, number of participants, applicant's contribution (financial or in-kind) and availability of other funding sources.

While it is not possible to fund every project under the program, unsuccessful groups will be:

- advised of potential alternate sources of funding and provided assistance to access these funds wherever possible, and
- provided support with the formation of partnerships which may be possible to

achieve project goals.

After assessment against the CSGP guidelines, sixteen (16) applications have been recommended for funding totalling \$42,000. A summary of the applications and assessments are included in the supporting documents.

The following projects are recommended for the full amount of funding requested:

- Restoration of Grandstands at Onslow Park Camden Show Society Inc -\$5,000
   Comment: Part of a five (5) year maintenance program, this project represents
  - <u>Comment</u>: Part of a five (5) year maintenance program, this project represents good value for the community with the estimated use of this facility shared not only by show goers, but parents from Little Athletics, cricket spectators as well as other users.
- Seating for Softball Complex Macarthur District Softball Association Inc -\$4,204.
   Comment: Will benefit some 1400 people who use the softball complex regularly.
- 3. Rossmore Reserve Reinvigoration Camden Tree Planting Committee \$5,000 Comment: Project will improve the amenity at Rossmore and encourage activity and ownership from a group of volunteers.
- BBQ and Meeting Area Mount Annan Currans Hill Junior Rugby League -\$5,000
   Comment: Construction at Jack Nash Reserve and will benefit some 3000 annual users. Large in-kind and financial contribution by Club.
- 5. Installing a Visually Safe Barrier Narellan Rangers Soccer Club \$5,000

  Comment: Visually safe barrier on Liquidamber Reserve will improve pedestrian safety and general ground improvements, and will also be substantially enhanced by large in-kind contribution from Club members.
- 6. Seating for Spectators and Players at Narellan Hockey Complex \$4,710

  Comment: This facility benefits a large number of our residents and the grounds are leased to the Macarthur Hockey Association.

#### The following projects are recommended for part of funding requested:

- 7. Incorporation of Association Macarthur Textiles Network \$1,500

  Comment: Start up funding to enable the group to plan and run an annual textile exhibition.
- 8. Vege Garden Uniting Care OOSH (Out Of School Hours care) \$500 Comment: Project adds value to childrens knowledge of permaculture.
- 9. Gentle Exercise Program Camden District Activity Centre \$2,000

  Comment: Program will benefit members over 65 years of age and those with mobility problems in wheelchairs.
- 10. Cultural Experiences Northcott Disability Services \$1,200

<u>Comment:</u> Performaces will introduce cultural experiences to families residing in our LGA. Would be part of the weekly program.

- 11. Getting Out and About Camden Stroke Recovery Group \$1,100

  Comment: Recreational trips will benefit this pro-active community group who are active in assisting stroke victims.
- 12. Camden Public School Working Farm Camden Public School P&C \$800

  Comment: Funds will be used to purchase a chicken coop and thereby extend an existing environmental education program. Discussion with applicant has confirmed that the chicken coop portion of the project can be funded as a stand-alone project.
- 13. Discobility Evenings Rotary Club of Macarthur \$1,200 Comment: Disco evenings for adults with a disability.
- 14. Community Storage Facility Lions Club of Camden \$3,000

  Comment: Contribution towards storage shed for Camden Lions. Discussions with the applicant have indicated that an alternate site may be sought but will be in keeping with the purpose, so slight change to comments reflect this.
- 15. Young Mums Get Up and Grow Camden Community Connections \$1,286

  Comment: Focuses on health and well-being for young mums aged 16-25 years.
- 16. Youth Cultural Garden Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living \$500

  <u>Comment:</u> Involves disadvantaged students from local schools and community groups.

There were a number of eligible projects which are of value but did not rank as highly as those recommended for funding as part of the competitive ranking process. Some of these projects will be referred to other funding sources and/or potential partners where appropriate.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The breadth of work being undertaken by a range of not-for-profit community organisations that contributes to the increase of social capital and improved community well-being within the Camden LGA has been demonstrated again by the high quality, number and range of worthwhile projects seeking assistance. Unfortunately Council is not in a position to meet all requests.

Projects recommended for funding will complement existing services within the community and provide improved opportunity for the community to access services and/or facilities within the LGA.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

#### That Council:

i. approve grants as recommended to projects 1-16, totalling \$42,000 as outlined in this report, to be funded from the 2010/11 Community Small

## **Grants Program; and**

ii. write to each applicant both successful and unsuccessful advising them of the outcome.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT



summary-community small grants.xls

## **RESOLUTION**

Moved Councillor Anderson, Seconded Councillor Campbell that Council:

- i. approve grants as recommended to projects 1-16, totalling \$42,000 as outlined in this report, to be funded from the 2010/11 Community Small Grants Program; and
- ii. write to each applicant both successful and unsuccessful advising them of the outcome.

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

ORD49/11

ORD05

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY FACILITIES - RENEWAL OF LICENCE AGREEMENTS

**FROM:** Director Works and Services

FILE NO:

## **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report seeks Council's approval to renew licence agreements with three (3) community organisations for use of Council's office facilities in Harrington Park Community Centre, Narellan Community Hall and Narellan Library for a twelve (12) month period.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Council provides office space to not-for-profit community groups at prices below market rates in recognition of the valuable contribution that they make to the local community. The 2010/2011 Fees and Charges are applicable to the current licence agreements and are subject to change as part of the annual budget.

#### **MAIN REPORT**

#### **Renewal of Licence Agreements**

- 1. Macarthur District Temporary Family Care is a not-for-profit community organisation that provides services to families with children with a disability and families in crisis. The existing twelve (12) month licence agreement for an office in Harrington Park Community Centre expires on 12 March 2011. It also has two (2) offices at Narellan Library with these licence agreements expiring on 1 March 2011. Under current fees and charges, the licence fees are \$67 per week for the office at Harrington Park Community Centre and \$175 per week for the two (2) offices at Narellan Library. The organisation has requested a renewal of all agreements for a further twelve (12) months.
- 2. Camden Community Connections is a not-for-profit community organisation providing support services to youth, children and families. Its existing twelve (12) month licence agreement for the use of the small meeting room and office at Narellan Community Centre is due to expire on 12 March 2011. It also has a licence agreement for an office in the Narellan Library Building which is due to expire on 1 March 2011. Under current fees and charges, the licence fees are \$86 per week for the meeting room at Narellan Community Centre and \$175 per week for the office at Narellan Library. The organisation has requested a renewal of both agreements for a further twelve (12) months.
- 3. Sector Connect is a not-for-profit peak community organisation that works with all

community services in the Macarthur area. Its existing twelve (12) month licence agreement for the use of the Macarthur Community Cottage is due to expire on 1 March 2011. Under current fees and charges, the licence fee for Macarthur Community Cottage is \$245 per week. The organisation has requested a renewal of the agreement for a further twelve (12) months.

## **Discontinuation of Current Licence Agreement**

Families in Partnership is a not-for-profit community organisation that works with families that have a member with a disability. It currently occupies an office at Harrington Park Community Centre and the current agreement ends on 12 March 2011. The organisation has indicated that it will be vacating the premises by the end of April 2011. The organisation's funding for the project has finished and services will be provided by Macarthur District Temporary Family Care. Expressions of Interest for the vacated office will be invited from community services providers next month.

## **CONCLUSION**

All groups provide a valuable contribution to the local community. The local community will benefit with these organisations accommodated and operating within local community facilities.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That Council renew the licence agreements based on prevailing fees and charges for:

- i. Macarthur District Temporary Family Care for an office in Harrington Park Community Centre for twelve (12) months and for the use of two (2) offices at Narellan Library, taking the licences to March 2012;
- ii. Camden Community Connections for use of the small meeting room at Narellan Community Centre, use of an office at Narellan Community Centre and the use of an office at Narellan Library, taking the licences to March 2012; and
- iii. Sector Connect for the use of an office at Mount Annan Community Cottage, taking the licence to March 2012.

#### **RESOLUTION**

<u>Moved</u> Councillor Warren, Seconded Councillor Anderson that Council renew the licence agreements based on prevailing fees and charges for:

- i. Macarthur District Temporary Family Care for an office in Harrington Park Community Centre for twelve (12) months and for the use of two (2) offices at Narellan Library, taking the licences to March 2012;
- ii. Camden Community Connections for use of the small meeting room at Narellan Community Centre, use of an office at Narellan Community Centre and the use of

an office at Narellan Library, taking the licences to March 2012; and

iii. Sector Connect for the use of an office at Mount Annan Community Cottage, taking the licence to March 2012.

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

ORD50/11

ORD06

RESIGNATION FROM CAMDEN TOWN FARM COMMITTEE SUBJECT:

**Director Works and Services** FROM:

FILE NO:

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Council that Mr Abe Peacock has tendered his resignation from the Camden Town Farm Community Management Committee.

#### MAIN REPORT

At its meeting of 10 March 2009 Council resolved to accept nominations from the community to membership of the Camden Town Farm Community Management Committee, including Mr Abe Peacock. Mr Peacock has been a long term member of this Committee but has indicated that he no longer wishes to participate on the Committee.

#### **RECOMMENDED**

#### That Council:

- i. accept the resignation of Mr Abe Peacock from the membership of the Camden Town Farm Community Management Committee; and
- ii. thank Mr Peacock for his interest and participation in, and contribution to, the Committee's activities.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved Councillor Funnell, Seconded Councillor Symkowiak that Council:

- i. accept the resignation of Mr Abe Peacock from the membership of the Camden Town Farm Community Management Committee; and
- ii. thank Mr Peacock for his interest and participation in, and contribution to, the Committee's activities.

THE MOTION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.20PM.

ORD51/11

THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH 2011 WERE ADOPTED AT AN ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22 MARCH 2011. MIN. NO. ORD 55/11

**CHAIRPERSON**