

Council Report (2) to NRDCAA Meeting, February 21 2017.

There were two meetings of Council on the 31st January 2017 and 14th of February 2017.

The report covers main issues as determined by the Committee of Management (CoM) that could affect residents and ratepayers, or could be a matter of public interest.

This report should not be relied upon by residents and ratepayers. The Reports, motions and resolutions are mostly truncated.

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Council Meeting 31st of January 2017.

Apologies: Councillors Calvert and Tree.

Item 1: DA 31 Flinders Place North Richmond.

There were three speakers against the recommendation to reject the application.

The DA was rejected because part of the development was subject to significant flood risk.

Councillors, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons-Bucket, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross, Wheeler and Zamprogno supported the staff recommendation to reject.

Councillors, Connolly and Richards voted against the staff recommendation.

Item 2: St Albans- Retrospective application for Function Centre and Tourist Accommodation.

There were three speakers for the staff recommendation to approve and three against the staff recommendation.

The retrospective application was to approve the use of the former St Joseph's Catholic Church for tourist accommodation and function centre.

Councillors Reynolds and Ross moved that the Tourist and Accommodation be approved subject to conditions.

Councillors Conolly and Rasmussen moved an amendment to approve the application in accordance with the staff recommendation.

The amendment was put and lost.

Councillors, Conolly, Rasmussen, Richards and Zamprogno for the amendment.

Councillors, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler against the amendment.

The original motion was put. **Councillors, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Reynolds, Ross, Zamprogno and Wheeler** for the motion.

Councillors, Conolly, Rasmussen and Richards against the motion.

Item: 3 DA for 64 Grandview Lane, Bowen Mountain-part retrospective.

There was one speaker for the staff recommendation to approve and two against the recommendation.

This item was before Council on the 29th of November 2016.

The applicant and his neighbour have had a long standing dispute re alleged non compliance and non approval of construction work.

There are over 100 entries in the BP outlining the Chronology of events at ps70-75.

Councillors, Reynolds and Wheeler moved a motion to approve the DA as recommended by staff subject to approval of an additional on-site sewerage disposal system.

Councillors, Conolly and Zamprogno moved the staff recommendation for approval.

Councillors Conolly, Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno supported the staff recommendation.

Councillors Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler opposed the staff recommendation. The amendment was lost.

The original motion was put and carried.

Councillors Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Reynolds, Ross, Richards and Wheeler in support.

Councillors, Conolly, Rasmussen and Zamprogno opposed.

Councillor Kotlash was not in the chamber when the vote was taken.

Item: 4 Hawkesbury Valley Way –Secondary Dwelling.

There were two speakers against the staff recommendation based on flood risk, heritage and aircraft noise.

Councillors, Zamprogno and Reynolds moved a deferred approval subject to the applicant conforming to schedule 1 within twelve months.

Schedule 1 set out the need for the secondary building be redesigned, pitched roof to match the main building, landscaping, and to have the secondary construction appear more as a garden element.

Councillors Garrow, Kotlash, Reynolds, Ross, Richards, Wheeler and Zamprogno in support.

Councillors, Conolly, Lyons-Buckett and Rasmussen opposed.

Item: 5 Planning Proposal (PP) 42 Bells Road Kurmond.

There were two speakers for the staff recommendation to approve and one speaker against (NRDCAA).

The PP was for five lots of no less than 4,000m².

The NRDCAA's opposition continues to be based on over 4,000 petitioners saying no rezoning of land till our infrastructure can cope. Residents are fed up particularly with transport infrastructure and that applications do not meet the conditions in Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan, Hawkesbury Residential Land Strategy or RMS recommendation for a traffic study. That has now changed, as the spadework for a traffic study has now commenced.

Councillors, Conolly and Richards moved the staff recommendation.

Councillors Conolly, Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno in support.

Councillors Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler opposed.

Another motion was moved **by Councillors Wheeler and Rasmussen to** reject the PP based on insufficient infrastructure and concerns that condition in SREP to do with viability of agricultural land and urban sprawl are not met.

Councillors, Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler in support.

Councillors, Conolly, Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno opposed.

A rescission motion was lodged in respect to this matter.

Item: 6. PP 98 Bells Road Kurmond.

There were two speakers for the staff recommendation to approve and one speaker against (NRDCAA).

The PP was for four lots.

The staff recommendation was to support.

Councillor Rasmussen and Councillor Wheeler moved to reject as outlined in Item 5.

Councillors, Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler in support.

Councillors, Conolly, Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno opposed.

Item: 13. Code of Meeting Practice (CoMP).

Council approved changes to the CoMP which allows speakers five minutes instead of three and also allows speakers to address most items on the agenda plus more.

The previous Liberal controlled Council limited speaker's time to 3 minutes and significantly reduced items the community could speak on.

Item: 17 Rating Strategy 2017/2018 Financial Year.

Following Council's decision to review the rating system last year, Council has resolved to receive and note **the information concerning the possible rating structured that could be implemented for the 2017/18 rating year.**

In addition, **the Draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan is prepared on the basis of the rating structure commencing 1 July 2017 in accordance with Option 3 amended as detailed in this report.**

The report advises that if option 3 was supported 78% of properties would have lower rates.

Don't forget Council is proposing, just above 14% special rate variation, subject to Community support so Council is fit for the future.

Item: 18 Strategies for Reducing Family Violence within HLGA,

The report was as a result of a NoM from Councillor Barry Calvert in May 2015 calling for a report outlining possible strategies to pursue a reduction in family and domestic violence and what funds maybe available amongst other things.

Council resolved to prepare a draft family and domestic violence plan to give effect to findings of a forum held on the 10 November 2016.

The draft action plan is to be reviewed by the Hawkesbury Action and Domestic Violence Network prior to further consideration by Council.

Item: 19 support for Mental Health Activities.

The report was as a result of a NoM from Councillor Wheeler with regard to the perceived lack of support for mental illness in the HLGA and how Council could support Mental Health Month in 2017.

The report details Council's support and ongoing activities in support of mental health. It is impressive. The report is at ps 208-209 of the BP.

Council resolved to support Mental Health Month 2017 and commit to stage the Green Health zone event as outlined in the report.

Reports of Committees (ROC)

Development Application Monitoring Advisory Committee (DAMAC) .

Council resolved that the minutes of the DAMAC held on the 25 August 2016 and recorded in the BP at ps 213-215 be received.

Local Traffic Committee (LTC)

Council resolved that the minutes of the LTC held on the 9th of January 2017 as recorded on pages 216-230 of the BP be adopted.

Notices of Motion (NoM)

NoM 1, Councillor Rasmussen moved and Councillor Wheeler seconded that a report be submitted to Council regarding the feasibility of webcasting or podcasting future ordinary meetings of Council and other effects that need consideration.

NoM 2, Councillor Wheeler moved and Councillor Rasmussen seconded that Council commit to the development of a policy on short term rental accommodation.

And, that a report be prepared for Council consideration on possible changes to Local Environment Plan to ensure a fair go for all.

Questions: Councillors, Garrow 1, Reynolds 1, Wheeler 2, Kotlash 2, Conolly 1, Richards 1 and Lyons-Buckett 1.

Meeting concluded at 12.01 am 1 February 2017.

Council Meeting 14 February 2017.

Mayoral Minute (MM):

There was one speaker in support of the recommendation.

The MM **explores** ways to facilitate the enhancement of arts in the Hawkesbury.

Council resolved to request a report detailing processes to establish a working group to explore avenues to enhanced Arts in the Hawkesbury.

Item: 24, 617 BLoR Kurmond-Boarding House.

There were two speakers in support of the recommendation for approval and three speakers against the recommendation.

The application seeks Council consent to operate a boarding house (old motel Kurmond) for women who are homeless, abused, addiction or in crisis.

There was strong opposition from local residents, based on safety, privacy and was the boarding house the proper classification?

Council resolved to defer the decision till a Councillor briefing session.

Councillors, Calvert, Conolly, Garrow, Kotlash, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen Reynolds, Richards, Ross, Tree, Wheeler and Zamprognio in support.

Item: 25 National STEM Centre.

The report advised Council of a proposition put forward by One Giant Leap Australia to establish a National Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in the Hawkesbury. Another aim is to set up a Hawkesbury Regional Science Hub in the Hawkesbury.

Councillors were briefed on the proposal in December 2016.

A three part recommendation was proposed. That three part recommendation was moved by **Councillor Calvert and Councillor Ross.**

An amendment was moved by **Councillor Reynolds seconded by Councillor Garrow and supported by Councillors** that Council endorse the proposal and invite One Giant Leap Australia to apply for financial assistance under the Community Assistance Program for the purpose of sponsoring a student in the space Camp USA 2017 event.

Item: 26 Draft Redbank Precinct Community Land Plan of Management.

A draft Plan of Management has been prepared as required for the future community land at Redbank development site, Peel Park and Pecks Road Reserve.

Council resolved that the Redbank site be declared a place of Cultural Significance, the Draft Plan be placed on Public Exhibition with a modification of the Master Plan for Peel Park to include the potential for a low impact/small

scale water play area. Further, the community is asked to comment on the naming of the reserve along Redbank Creek.

Item: 27 Recognising and Protecting the values of St Albans Common.

The State Government are again proposing changes to the Crown Lands Legislation.

The St Albans' Common trustees are concern the changes will not be beneficial to the St Albans' precinct.

Council agree and resolved to support the St Albans' community for the common to remain in fee simple title managed by the local community under the Commons Management Act and will advise the State Government accordingly.

Reports of Committees (ROC).

Hawkesbury Civic and Citizenship Committee (HCCC)-12 December 2016.

Council resolved that the minutes of the HCCC held on the 12th of December 2016 as recorded on the pages 63-66 be received.

The minutes of this meeting record Hawkesbury Australia Day Award recipients.

The Citizen of the Year Award was Yvonne Tuckerman.

Notices of Motion (NoM)

Rescission Motion 1; St Albans Function Centre.

There were three speakers for the rescission motion and three speakers against.

Council **rejected** the application for a function Centre at the January 31 2017 meeting.

Councillors, Conolly, Richards and Zamprogno lodged a rescission motion to overturn the original resolution.

Council debate ensued and Council went into confidential session to discuss legal advice. On return to the public meeting there was no mover or seconder for the rescission motion. **The original decision remains.**

RM 2: PP 42 Bells Road Kurmond.

There were two speakers for the rescission motion and one against (NRDCAA)
Council rejected the application for a PP at the 31st of January 2017 meeting.

Councillors Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno lodged a rescission motion to overturn that decision.

The decision was overturned, but a new resolution to defer the PP pending completion of studies which will determine the lot yield, a report on the impact on infrastructure is considered by Council and the adoption of long term policy for the development in the locality.

Councillors, Calvert, Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler in support

Councillors Conolly, Kotlash, Richards, Tree and Zamprogno against.

RM 3: PP 98 Bells Road Kurmond.

There was one speaker for the rescission motion.

Council rejected the application at the Council meeting 31st of January 2017.

Councillors Kotlash, Richards and Zamprogno lodged a rescission motion to overturn that decision.

The decision was overturned, but a new resolution to defer the PP pending completion of studies which will determine the lot yield, a report on the impact on infrastructure is considered by Council and the adoption of long term policy for the development in the locality.

Councillors, Calvert, Garrow, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler in support

Councillors Conolly, Kotlash, Richards, Tree and Zamprogno against.

Questions: Councillors, Richards 2, Tree 1, Zamprogno 1, Kotlash 2, Calvert 1, Wheeler 4, Reynolds 2, Garrow 3 and Rasmussen 3.

Meeting closed at 11.19pm.

Recommendation: That the report be received and noted.