

## CITY OF COCKBURN

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#### PRESENT:

##### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr J Grljusich	-	Mayor
Mr S T E Battalis	-	Deputy Mayor
Mr S Lee	-	Councillor
Mrs S Hunt	-	Councillor
Mr R A Lees	-	Councillor
Mr J Ostojich	-	Councillor
Mr L Howlett	-	Councillor
Mrs N Waters	-	Councillor
Mr B P Wheatley	-	Councillor
Mr M Pecotic	-	Councillor
Mr J Gianoli	-	Councillor

##### IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R W Brown	-	Chief Executive Officer
Mr D M Green	-	Director, Administration & Community Services
Mr L J Cetinic-Dorol	-	Manager, Recreation & Special Projects
Mrs S Ellis	-	Secretary to Chief Executive Officer

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7:30pm.

#### 1. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING MEMBER [IF REQUIRED]

#### 2. PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION

**Mr Colin Crook** read a letter containing questions and was given a verbal response to each question mainly by the Chief Executive Officer. The letter was then provided to Council.



**Q1** What is the significance of monies received from the land transaction being placed in a different fund to that from which the developmental costs will be drawn?

**A** Council has adopted a plan to retain its asset base and therefore, the sale of the land is to be retained for asset purposes. The development costs are to be provided from the Community Facilities Reserve, being the purpose of that Reserve.

**Q2** Were the extraordinary rate rises of 1995 & 1996 made specially to bolster the CRF Reserve Fund so that the forecast \$900,000 required for the development of Lot 3 could be collected?

**A** No.

**Q3** What significance is there behind the dropping from this year's budget of the proposed \$600,000 loan for Lot 14 developments, which had been included in budgets since 1995?

**A** The loan itself, had a nil effect on the budget as it was self-supporting.

**Q4** Why isn't the development of Lot 3 mentioned in the Reserve Accumulation Programme in the Principal Activities Plan?

**A** When the Principal Activities Plan was prepared, the outcome of this project was unknown so it was not included in the Plan.

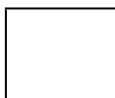
**Q5** Why has there never been a mention of the development of Lot 14 in the Corporate Strategic Plan?

**A** The Corporate Strategic Plan is for visionary and strategic items.

**Q6** Why wasn't the decision of Council on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 1996, rescinded in order to validate the decision of June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1998?

**A** The decision of December 1996 depended on the current valuation of the property. As valuations are only valid for 6 months, that valuation became void and therefore the June 1998 decision was correct. (answer provided by the Manager, Recreation & Special Projects).

**Q7** Does this year's low rate increase of 2 1/2% truly reflect Council's commitment to spending, or is it merely a carrot to woo next year's electors?



**A** Mayor Grljusich responded that this Council is certainly committed to keeping our rates down as much as possible.

Mr Crook tabled his letter.

**Mr Mark Armstrong** asked the following:

**Q1** What is the city's ability to manage the environmental side with regards to item 9)?

**A** Manager, Recreation & Special Projects responded that Council must ensure that all audit requirements are complied with.

**Q2** What guarantee is there that the public still has access to the site?

**A** Manager, Recreation & Special Projects responded that approximately 7.2 hectares will be accessible to the public.

**Q3** Is there any consideration to the wildlife corridor between the 2 areas?

**A** Manager, Recreation & Special Projects stated a cost of \$2.5 million would be required for a wildlife culvert to be constructed and that has not been considered at present.

The Chief Executive Officer clarified that at the time when Lot 2 is licenced out to the club, the licence will stipulate what hours the club requires and outside of those hours, it would be available to the public.

Clr Ostojich asked if there is no other provision for wildlife access to which the Manager, Recreation & Special Projects responded that at present, no road kills have been recorded on that area of the road however, the area will be saturated with signs warning drivers to take care.

**3. APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- Clr L. Humphreys - Leave of Absence
- Clr J. McNair - Apology



**4. PURPOSE OF MEETING**

To discuss submissions received from the public in relation to Lot 14 Progress Drive, Bibra Lake as per Council's decision of the 16th June 1998.

**5. (SCM8/98) - BUSINESS PLAN FOR A MAJOR LAND TRANSACTION (1100231) (LJCD)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to:

1. Receive the submissions lodged as recorded in the Schedule of Submissions;
2. In consideration of the submissions received, proceed with the sale of Lot 1 Progress Drive, Bibra Lake and the Lease of Lot 2 Progress Drive, Bibra Lake to the W.A. Croatian Association (Inc.) as proposed in the Business Plan prepared for this purpose.
3. Determine the extent of works to be undertaken with Council funds during 1998/99 up to an amount of \$222,450, as identified in the Schedule of Works contained in the Business Plan.
4. Inform all persons who lodged a submission of Council's decision and of Council's comment and response to their particular submission.

**TO BE CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

Moved Clr Gianoli seconded Clr Pecotic, that the recommendation be adopted.

Amendment to Motion

Moved Clr Hunt seconded Clr Waters, that this matter be deferred, as there is a possibility that this item may be included in the Terms of Reference of an Inquiry into this Council, by the Department of Local Government and should be deferred pending the outcome of the inquiry.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THIS AMENDMENT WAS NOT ACCEPTED, AS IT DID NOT COMPLY WITH COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS IN REGARDS TO THE CONTENT OF AN AMENDMENT.



Amendment to Motion

Moved Clr Lee seconded Clr Lees, that the following points be added to the recommendation:

5. That the \$50,000 for Lot 3 earthworks be moved to future costs and to be determined when the need for the further playing fields is demonstrated and that this, being part 5., be considered a determination of 3. above.
6. That all of the above being subject to the Minister for Environment agreeing to the proponent of the development being the WACA in regards to proposed Lot 1 and proposed Lot 2 and not the City of Cockburn.

CLR HOWLETT REQUESTED THAT THE LETTER SENT TO THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT FROM THE MANAGER, RECREATION & SPECIAL PROJECTS BE READ ALOUD.

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved Clr Lee seconded Clr Wheatley, that the meeting adjourn for 15 minutes, the time being 8:30pm to give officers time to locate the relevant letter.

**CARRIED**

Recommencement of Meeting

Moved Clr Howlett seconded Clr Waters, that the meeting recommence, the time being 8:45pm.

**CARRIED**

AS REQUESTED, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER READ ALOUD THE LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT DATED 15/7/98.

**AMENDMENT PUT AND CARRIED**

**AMENDED MOTION PUT AND CARRIED  
BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL**

Meeting closed at 8:49pm.



**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

I, ..... (Presiding Member) declare that these minutes have been confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

