



## **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 commencing at 9.08am.

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors J A C Hayes, (Mayor and Chairman), J H Howell, J C Gribbin, T L Hunt, R H McWilliam, B R Sowter and E R Walker.

Councillor D F Saul entered the Chambers at 9.14am.

General Manager, A V Burgess; Director Engineering, K J Finnie; Director Business Enterprises, G B Snape, and Pat Hanrahan.



### **APOLOGY:**

**2004.607**

#### **RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Howell  
Seconded: Cl. Hunt*

That the apology submitted by Councillor Green for non-attendance at the meeting be accepted and leave of absence granted.



### **CONSIDERATION OF LATE REPORTS**

**2004.608**

#### **RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Sowter  
Seconded: Cl. McWilliam*

That the late reports be considered in conjunction with the relevant Director's reports.



## **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL DATED 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2004**

**2004.609**

#### **RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Hunt  
Seconded: Cl. Howell*

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**MAYOR**

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Kempsey Shire Council dated 24<sup>th</sup> August, be adopted.



## ADOPTION OF AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS

2004.610

RESOLVED:

*Moved: Cl. Hunt  
Seconded: Cl. Bowell*

That the Agenda Order of Business be adopted.



## DIRECTOR BUSINESS ENTERPRISES REPORT

DBE1	LONG TERM TOURISM STRATEGIC PLAN COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION ON WORKING PARTY FILE: T3-5 SJR (NRN)	{Folio No. 281199}
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### SUMMARY:

Reporting on a request from the Working Party for Councillor representation on the Working Party.



A Working Party was formed in November 2003 as part of the process for the formulation of a long term Tourism Strategic plan for the Macleay Valley Coast.

Representatives of the four funding partners in this process meet on an 'as needs' basis. These representatives are supplemented by three local tourism industry representatives and a member of the Australia's Holiday Coast Area Consultative Committee.

Current representation on the Working Party is as follows:

Steve Read – KSC Tourism Manager, Chairperson  
Toni Shannon – KSC Tourism Officer  
Bill Mabey – Tourism New South Wales  
Rod See – National Parks Service  
Louise McMeeking – DSRD  
Peter Milner – AHCACC  
Richard Emerson – Industry representative

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Leanne Mayne – Industry representative  
Ian Flood – Industry representative

At the last meeting of the Working Party held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2004, the following resolution was moved, “*That the Working Party invites a Kempsey Shire Council Councillor to become a member of the committee.*”

Minutes of the meeting of the Working Party are attached as [\(Appendix A\)](#).

**Director’s Comment:**

**Nil.**

**Report Implications:**

***The financial, policy or statutory implications arising from the following recommendation.***

**Director Business Enterprises Recommendation:**

**That Council nominate a Councillor to join the Working Party.**

2004.611

**RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Sowter  
Seconded: Cl. McWilliam*

**That the Directors Business Enterprise recommendation be adopted.**



**At this stage 9.14am Councillor Saul entered the Chambers.**



2004.612

**RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Howell  
Seconded: Cl. Hunt*

**That the resolution adopting the Director's recommendation be re-committed.**

**RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Howell  
Seconded: Cl. Hunt*

1. **That Council nominate Councillors Hayes and Howell and Mr Steve Read as members of the Working Party.**
2. **That Council indicate to the Working Party that this is Council’s Tourism Strategic Plan**

**The Mayor noted that the above resolution was passed unanimously.**

**SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the proposed leasing of the Shire's swimming pools.



Council, at its Ordinary Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2004, resolved that –

- *“Tenders be invited for the lease of each of the Shire’s 4 swimming pool complexes for a period of three (3) years, commencing the 2004/2005 swimming season.*
- *The draft swimming pools business/management plan be amended to reflect Council’s determination and then be re-submitted to Council for adoption.*
- *A report be submitted on the current operation of pools versus tender.”*

Tenders closed at 10.00am on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2004.

In brief, the tender specifications provided for:-

- i) Lease of one or more of the swimming pools for a period covering 3 summer swimming seasons ie. 26<sup>th</sup> September 2004 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007.
- ii) Lease to include operation of kiosk and coaching rights.
- iii) Lessee to be responsible for all administration expenses, public liability insurance, staff employment, cleaning of premises and grounds maintenance.
- iv) Council to be responsible for rates and charges, waste services, maintenance and repair, painting, electricity, chemicals, equipment and capital works.
- v) Council to pay to the Lessee a fixed sum.
- vi) Tender assessment criteria to include –
  - quality of customer service offered
  - previous experience and performance
  - marketing and promotion plans
  - potential to increase patronage and profit ability
  - improvement programs
  - available resources

- industrial relations and safety records

### **Village Pools**

Tender proposals were received from the following –

#### **South West Rocks Pool**

- S & D Purvis (current employee)
- A Bow
- J Tonner
- A Westaway

#### **Crescent Head Pool**

- R & M Marchment (current employee)
- A Bow
- A Westaway

#### **Gladstone Pool**

- L Wright (current employee)
- A Bow
- J Tonner
- A Westaway

Council was advised at its Extraordinary meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2004 that the United Services Union (which represents the current employees) had put forward a compelling case for the affected staff at the village pools to be given more time to adequately prepare for the submission of a competitive tender to lease.

Management considers that it would be fair and reasonable to allow continuation of the existing employment arrangements for one more season, with an understanding that they would go to lease for the 2005/06 season.

This would be achieved by rolling over the existing Employment Agreements for one more season, and conditional upon the Union and the employees ensuring safety compliance and the avoidance of any conflicts in regard to work practices.

The Union has given Council a letter of agreement. [\(Appendix A\)](#)

Therefore it is strongly recommended, in the interest of industrial harmony that the current employees of the village pools be allowed the option to remain on employment arrangements for a maximum of one more swimming season.

In the tender submitted by Rob and Mason Marchment in respect of the Crescent Head Pool they have indicated –

*“If our Tender is successful we are prepared to go to lease for the Crescent Head Swimming Complex. If not successful we would like to remain as employees for one year as offered to all village pool employees by Council and by the Union on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2004.”*

Assessment of the Marchment’s tender against the abovementioned criteria results in their tender being the preferred choice.

The current employees at South West Rocks Pool and Gladstone Pool have indicated in their tenders that they wish to remain on an employment arrangement for the 2004/05 season.

In pre-Tender discussions with the current Pool operators it was requested that Council consider extending the term of any lease from 3 years to a lease of 3 years plus 2 year option ie. effectively 5 years.

In view of the subsequent developments with the village pool negotiations it is recommended that the three (3) year term as advertised be adhered to.

### **Comparison of Costs for Village Pools Operation**

Set out on the attached sheet [\(Appendix B\)](#) is a comparison of the operating income and expenses for village pool operation for -

- i) Actual 2003/04
- ii) Budget 2004/05
- iii) Compliant 2004/05 (ie. employment arrangements compliant with Award and OH&S requirements)
- iv) Tender Proposal

In summary the net costs to Council of the village pools under the above scenarios are as follows

	<b><u>Actual 2003/04</u></b>	<b><u>Budget 2004/05</u></b>	<b><u>Compliant 2004/05</u></b>	<b><u>Tender Proposal</u></b>
Crescent Head	\$59,633	\$70,525	\$80,085	\$71,400
Gladstone	\$68,556	\$67,175	\$82,085	\$72,400
South West Rocks	\$46,580	\$61,225	\$75,135	\$61,700

### **Note:**

- 1. Budget 2004/05 costs includes increased costs for water and sewer charges.
- 2. South West Rocks Pool net costs lower than other village pools as South West Rocks Country Club make a donation of \$10,000pa towards costs.

The above comparison clearly shows that the Tender arrangement is clearly the preferred approach for the long term.

To continue the operation of the Gladstone and South West Rocks Pools under the existing employment arrangements for one more season will be relatively similar in cost to the Tender Proposal.

### **Kempsey Pool**

Tender proposals were received from the following –

- T Preston (current employee)
- Aqua Mac
- T & H Hudson
- Swimwell Pty Ltd
- R & J Weir
- A Westaway

The tender from Swimwell Pty Ltd has been assessed as the one which scored the highest degree of satisfaction in relation to the specified criteria. The principals of Swimwell Pty Ltd are Michael and Cindy Mullens who are currently the lessee's of the Port Macquarie Olympic Pool.

In the original tender specification for Kempsey Pool the payment to the Lessee was indicated to be \$98,000pa. Upon re-examination of the financial implications of the tendering proposal it became clear that this amount was well above Council's available financial resources.

Consequently negotiations have been held with Swimwell Pty Ltd and they have agreed to vary their proposal to:-

- i) reduce the Pool opening hours from 78 hours per week (Min) to 64 hours per week, and
- ii) reduce the required payment by Council to \$58,000pa.

### **Comparison of Costs for Kempsey Pool**

The attached sheet - [\(Appendix C\)](#) – shows the various comparisons of the operating expenses and income for the Kempsey Pool.

In summary, the net costs to Council under the various scenarios are as follows:

Actual 2003/04	-	\$124,271
2004/05 Budget	-	\$ 96,630
2004/05 Compliant	-	\$137,125
Tender Proposal	-	\$145,500

Whilst the tender proposal represents an increase of \$48,870 over the 2004/05 Budget provision Council has previously been advised that the 2004/05 Budget provision was inadequate to provide for the current services.

The actual cost in 2003/04, and the requirement for providing a "Compliant" operation are both well above the 2004/05 Budget provision.

The net cost of the tender proposal is only marginally above that which Council faces to run a fully compliant (Award and OH&S) operation.

It is reasonably expected that the level of expenditure on staffing the Pool would be similar to both the Lessee and Council. In addition to these costs the Lessee is also responsible for the additional costs involved in Public Liability insurance (say \$10,000 - \$15,000); cleaning materials, consumables; telephone; administration costs; staff training; etc.

Should Council determine that the Tender Proposal must be brought within the constraints of the Budget allocation, it will be necessary to renegotiate the service levels to be provided. However reduction in services (hours, programmes, etc) has an impact on the viability of an overall tender and a point is quickly reached where a tender becomes financially unviable.

In that event, Council would be faced with reverting to a day labour operation, with similar drastic reductions in service levels.

**Director's Comment:**

***The recommendation that the present staff employed at the three (3) village pools be granted the option to remain on a day labour employment arrangement for the 2004/05 season would be consistent with the outcome of the community based Pools Advisory Committee which recommended "That Council retain management of the Pools using day labour staff for the present". Notwithstanding, the preparedness of the current operators of the Crescent Head Pool to move out of employment and into lease arrangements is welcomed and should be supported.***

***Council has been concerned for some years with the services provided at the Kempsey Pool. Acceptance of the Swimwell Pty Ltd tender offers the opportunity for Council to install a proven Pool business manager with confident expectations of turning the Pool Complex into a facility of which the community supports and Council is proud of.***

**Report Implication:**

***The financial implications are outlined above.***

***Council should be aware that there is also a one-off cost in terminating employment (ie. redundancy), and this has been estimated at approximately \$68,588 for all Pools.***

***There are no policy or statutory implications arising from this report.***

**Director Business Enterprises Recommendation:**

1. That Council accepts the tender submitted by Rob Marchment and Mason Marchment for the lease of the Crescent Head Swimming Pool Complex.
2. That Council declines to accept any of the tenders for the village pools at Gladstone and South West Rocks, and that the tenderers be advised that Council postpones the proposal for lease of the pool complexes until after the completion of the 2004/05 swimming season.
3. That Council accepts the tender submitted by Swimwell Pty Ltd for the lease of the Kempsey Swimming Pool Complex.

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**RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Bowell  
Seconded: Cl. Hunt*

- 1 That Council accepts the tender submitted by Rob Marchment and Mason Marchment for the lease of the Crescent Head Swimming Pool Complex.
- 2 That Council declines to accept any of the tenders for the village pools at Gladstone and South West Rocks, and that the tenderers be advised that Council postpones the proposal for lease of the pool complexes until after the completion of the 2004/05 swimming season.
- 3 That Council;
  - a. declines to accept any of the tenders for the lease of the Kempsey Swimming Pool,
  - b. enters into negotiations with a view to entering into a contract, and
  - c. states the reasons for declining to invite fresh tenders as being insufficient time to allow fresh tenders to be invited and determined before the commencement of the summer swimming season
- 4 That the General Manager finalizes the negotiations and contractual arrangements with a contractor subject to Council's financial commitment not exceeding that as outlined in the Director's report.

**DBE3  
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**KEMPSEY POOL INFRASTRUCTURE  
FILE: R3-5 GTS**

{Folio No. \*}

**SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the Kempsey Pool Infrastructure.



## **Background**

Council resolved in May 2003 that Council agree to support the concept of an indoor pool into the indoor stadium and that a further report be submitted of the financial effect of the Risk Audit that has been carried out.

*In October 2003, an interim report which identified the need for additional assessments was submitted to Council and it was resolved that a further report be submitted.*

Detailed assessments relating to the Kempsey Pool were provided including the ESP General Safety Review, LGES Structural Report, Statewide Mutual Risk Management Report, Risk Officer's Report and LGES costings of remedial measures).

All reports referred to a high-risk facility in terms of infrastructure condition, sufficiency and serviceability along with inadequate procedures.

The complex dates back to 1935 (25m pool) and 1968 (50m pool).

The condemned, secondary grandstand has been demolished.

*A backwash water treatment and disposal system has been constructed to meet EPA requirements.*

Other compliance works are in train including overhaul of the chemical dosing and & delivery systems, provision of lifting gear, platforms, stairways, amenities refurbishment and structural repairs to awning (including removal of the weighty solar panels).

As part of the OH&S and risk assessments, Council Resolved at its Ordinary Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2004 to re-allocate \$10,000 from 2003/2004 savings on pools operational expenditure for underground infrastructure investigations and testing.

The results of investigations and options relating to infrastructure provisions (along with costings) were reported to Council at its 10<sup>th</sup> August Ordinary Meeting. The matter was then deferred and additional information called for.

*Expanded, full-text versions of reports prepared thus far are available (including colour photographs). Some are tabled separately at this time.*

Recent reports relate primarily to the older 33m pool and surrounds.

Specialist expertise was required to address different aspects of the infrastructure at various times. This expertise spans across more than one consultancy.

## **Condition Report (extract)**

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This report was a condition assessment of the existing infrastructure done as an attachment to the pool company's proposals for remedial measures and/or new facilities. It reinforces the separate assessments carried out by others.

In relation to the 33m pool and surrounds, "Pool Link" (26.08.04) advises that

- leak points have been exposed at the connection between gutter and manifold tees, at connections at either side of each tee at some filtered water return pipework joints and all water return pipework joints would be suspect
- the condition of all pipework and pipe connections is poor
- the pipework is not designed or installed properly & affected by ground movement
- it would not be good practice to attempt a budget repair or patch-up at this time
- A major cost component will be the re-instatement of pool concrete concourses over the pipework and this work should only be undertaken prior to ensuring that all pipework and pool penetrations have been renewed to a satisfactory long-term standard
- tiled interior surfaces are in a poor condition and will have to be upgraded in the short-term
- currently all three pools have a shallow skimming gutter and wet edge tile system
- the tiles are no longer commercially available and the existing tiles are in a very poor condition.
- paved brick pediments will require re-instatement.
- old cast iron pipework and valves to pool inlets and linking pipes to plantroom are badly corroded and should be replaced.
- the circular wading pool has an asbestos cement pipe (linking from the plantroom to new uPVC pipework adjacent to the 25 metre pool deep-end) which should be decommissioned and replaced.
- all existing pipework and the sump pit should be re-designed because the existing system is a combination of pipes and valves.....some of which are either no longer in use or superfluous to current operations.

### **Dilapidation Report (extract)**

*This report was commissioned to address the condition of underground infrastructure as originally called for.*

"Ove Arup" (25.08.04) advises, within its final dilapidation report, that

- the pool filtration plant is very old, non-compliant with latest health department standards and needs replacement
- the pump, pipes and fittings show signs of corrosion
- water distribution is inadequate and may lead to stagnation and poor water quality
- the return pipes have several leaks and need to be repaired or replaced
- the distribution pipes are generally in poor condition with sections repaired with inappropriate materials and with poor workmanship

- water inlets show signs of corrosion (some heavy) and need to be replaced
- cast iron sections are heavily corroded due to immersion in wet soil
- domestic plastic pipes used in connecting pipes to scum gutters... some have hardened and broken
- return pipes are not properly supported and consequential movement will cause them to crack
- cracks have developed between tiles and pool surrounds
- grating is required at some scum gutter outlets and shape of scum gutters can be an OH&S issue
- cracks in the concrete wall at the toddler pool (structural engineer should inspect the condition of the pool structure) whilst the structure generally appears to be in good condition

### **Structural Report (extract)**

This report was commissioned in response to Council's call for a structural assessment of the pool with particular emphasis on the shell and its capacity to support a wet-deck system.

"Local Government Engineering Services P/L" (27.08.04) advises

- there are some moderate structural cracks in the pool walls that require rectification by reconstruction of the walls around them locally as a minimum (as defined by AS2870)
- the pool does not comply with the current Australian Standard AS3735-2001 – Concrete Structures for retaining liquids and certain materials quality of the of the day would have been poor.
- compliance with the current Australian Standard would require additional reinforcement, cover of reinforcement, increase in concrete grade and (after a proper structural analysis) the pool, may require an increased wall-thickness
- to comply with the current Australian Standard for concrete structures retaining liquids the pool may need to be reconstructed
- investigation of ways and means to retrofit the existing pool to ensure it complies with the Australian Standard is recommended
- a risk assessment should be carried out to determine the costs and legal ramifications involved with having a non-compliant structure
- testing is the only way to ascertain the structural strength of the pool.
- destructive and non-destructive testing may be carried out to ascertain the structural adequacy of the pool (destructive testing through taking core-samples is the most accurate method available)
- non-destructive testing (including rebound, ultrasonic & radioactive) have high costs, are comparative and not very accurate
- destructive (core) testing would involve one month of testing and analyses to obtain meaningful results and restoration of core locations would be required
- further investigation is required to draw any conclusions in relation to pool strength

### **Remedial Measures: “bandaiding”**

- whilst it was previously thought that “bandaiding” the existing pipework at a cost of \$10K plus \$30K restoration was a viable short-term option, it is now recognized that, although expedient in terms of immediate service provision, such a measure would be a waste of time and money
- a service provider was confident that fibreglass bandaging of the pipework was possible (based on consideration of photographs of the pipework) but, upon field inspections, confirmed that the condition of the pipework was worse than expected and advised that wrapping would not be successful
- latest assessments of the temporary repair option by Council’s works department have led to the timeframe for this option being extended to be the same as that for wholesale pipework replacement (3 weeks)

### **Remedial Measures: pipework replacement**

- a local plumbing company has verbally quoted \$43K to replace the existing pipework with PVC. Other quotes and estimates vary \$65K to \$95K depending on pipe type (eg polyethylene) and other quality parameters.
- including restoration, pipework replacement will cost between \$73K and \$125K with a 6 weeks overall time for completion. This magnitude of variation is expected for estimates of cost associated with works of this type.

### **Remedial Measures: pipework replacement / upgrade for future heating**

- the 25m pool has a 2.7m deep section which would normally require filling in to avoid excessive heating costs and poor circulation
- the existing scum gutters would not be big enough to accommodate the 4 hourly water turnover rate for a heated pool and would need to be replaced or complemented by another system (such as a submerged, grated, valved, longitudinal outlet which would take 50% of the return flow farther down the wall)
- the pipework must closely match the pool filtration/heater system that is to be installed, so a decision as to what filtration/heating system is to be installed is normally required at the time of providing the pipework
- as a minimum, the existing 6 inlets would need to be replaced by 10 new 80mm inlets or a manifold of inlets depending on the type of system to be installed
- a manifold system commonly involves wall returns at 1 to 2m centres at 300-400m above floor level and floor returns at about 1m centres via a slot which is cut in the floor and restored (pipework is concrete encased)
- providers are reluctant to quote budgets outside a formal quote situation and without hydraulic analyses being done, but it is thought (in discussion with Council’s works department) that the infrastructure upgrade to suit future heating would be at least double the cost of that of straight replacement

## Options

- There have been recent suggestions from some external service providers, and from within Council itself, that the 33m pool be retained with the end (non-swimmer) section filled in. It is generally agreed that the issues currently identified are most prominent in this section which is also too close to the entry concourse and kiosk. The nett additional cost, considering savings in pipework replacement of filling in the section is about \$7,000.
- In view of the structural report currently in hand and in the absence of further investigation and testing, a “wet-deck” system could not be proceeded with immediately
- There is insufficient time available to fully explore options outside the one of basic pipework/inlets replacement. Whilst there is a high degree of confidence with the accuracy of logistics and bulk costings presented to Council thus far, there are a number of detailed analyses and additional options being targeted. Some external service providers suggest that the 33m facility be isolated for 12 months so that analyses, plans and proposals can be developed in order to avoid a rushed decision which may not deliver the desirable value-for-money and long-term infrastructure.
- Other options include lining the existing structure.

## Costings

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| • “bandaid” pipework & restore (not recommended) | \$40K         |
| • replace existing pipework, repair, restore     | \$75K-\$125K  |
| • upgrade infrastructure for future heating      | \$170K        |
| • upgrade infrastructure with wet deck system    | \$150K        |
| • isolate 33m pool area with fence               | \$5K          |
| • upgrade, heat & enclose existing 33m pool      | \$800K-\$1.5m |
| • demolish existing 33m pool                     | \$60K         |
| • new outdoor 25m pool shell                     | \$250K        |
| • new outdoor, conventional 25m pool with filter | \$500K        |
| • new outdoor leisure pool with beach/spouts     | \$500K        |

## Footnote

- Council is not alone in the need to avoid deep water. Whilst there are many reports being prepared for meetings of various Councils across the country in recent times, a typical situation is the one presented to the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2003 ordinary meeting of a northern council. Council staff undertook a safety audit and risk assessment of both pools. The audit revealed a substantial number of potentially serious safety issues, which must be addressed by Council.

Possible reasons presented as to why many of these issues have arisen  
Include

- lack of past attention to routine maintenance & repair
- poor past standards in engineering or design
- poor product or apparatus selection
- changes in standards expected since the pools were initially constructed

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- possible under-provision of funding for needed works

Adelaide City Council has launched an investigation into the standard of the Adelaide Aquatic Centre following complaints from users according to OH&S e-news Aug 25, 2004.

#### **Departmental Comment**

- The operational framework changing at an accelerating pace is a key, relevant factor in the industry
- The 33m pool infrastructure has been assessed by various quarters as having a high degree of dilapidation, as having suspect structural adequacy, as being of poor condition and as having some safety/health issues.
- More costly and detailed investigations would be required to address certain aspects of the facility (eg structural strength, hydraulics etc) or the finer points of any requisite remedial option
- It is recommended that Council make a decision based on information presented thus far.

#### ***Directors Comment:***

***Nil.***

#### ***Report Implication:***

***Financial implications are outlined above.***

***There are no Policy or Statutory implications arising from the following Recommendation.***

#### **Director Business Enterprises Recommendation:**

1. That Council proceeds to replace the existing pipework and restore the area from the \$100,000 allocation provided from revotes.
2. That the small wading pool be de-commissioned and area restored.
3. That Council supports for the longer term the concept of developing new aquatic facilities including a heated 25 metre pool and a recreational pool.

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#### **RESOLVED:**

*Moved: Cl. Howell  
Seconded: Cl. Walker*

1. That Council proceeds to replace the existing pipe-work and restore the area from the \$100,000 allocation provided from revotes.



- 3 That the General Manager would follow up the reasons the applicant was not invited to the recent Works Inspection by Council of a proposed subdivision at Cyrus Saul Circuit, Frederickton.
- 4 That the Director Engineering believed that the work on Point Plomer Road would be commencing in November 2004 and he would provide Council with a copy of a full proposed works program in the near future. The Director also advised that the National Trust of NSW had listed Point Plomer Road on their Heritage Listings without any liaison with Council.
- 5 That the Acting Director Environmental Services would advise Council at the September Council meeting when the LEP variations regarding the Point Plomer Road LEP would become legislation.

Councillor T Hunt

Councillor Hunt was advised:-

- 1 That the Director Engineering would raise with the RTA the left turn exit at the Traffic Lights exiting Woolworths in Smith Street and the need for this to also allow traffic to proceed across to Stuart Street.

Councillor R H McWilliam

Councillor McWilliam was advised:-

- 1 That the Mayor was aware of the complaints regarding the benefit of Traffic Lights at the Woolworths exit but the RTA believed this was the best option and also the RTA are considering the need for a reduced traffic speed through the Kempsey CBD as a result of the recent heavy vehicle accidents.
- 2 That the Director Engineering would investigate the Mattys Flat boatramp area where a rail is only held together by wire and the floating pontoon is coming apart.
- 3 That the General Manager would arrange for Councillor McWilliam to be advised of the cost of erecting an information sign for the South West Rocks Industrial Area.

Councillor B R Sowter

Councillor Sowter was advised:-

- 1 That the Director Engineering would contact the Principal of the Aldavilla School regarding the need for parents to park on the school side of the road so children do not have to cross the road as a pedestrian crossing at this location would not be approved.

Councillor E R Walker

Councillor Walker was advised:-

- 1 That the Director Engineering would raise with the RTA the possibility of installing cameras through the Kempsey CBD to deter speeding heavy vehicles.
- 2 That the Acting Director Environmental Services would check on the reason why the recent development approvals listings did not show the applicants names and why the development application listings were not advertised in the Macleay Valley Happynings as well as the Macleay Argus.



**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further business, the Meeting terminated at 10.23 a.m.

