

**REPORT OF THE GOSFORD CBD WORKING COMMITTEE (392.23.30)**

Held on Wednesday 25 July 2001

Meeting No GC/01/06 commenced at 3.34 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Councillor M Brooks (Chairperson)  
Mr P Wilson (Gosford City Council)  
Mr J Cragg (Gosford City Council)  
Ms H Eves (Gosford City Council) (part)  
Mr D Humphries (Alternate – Chamber of Commerce)  
Mr R Hincksman (Private Property Owners)  
Mr G Hurst (Major Retail Centres)  
Ms D Warwick (Alternate – Major Retail Centres)  
Mr J Phillips (Retail Tenants)  
Mr L Maher (Central Coast Leagues Club)

Apologies: The Mayor, Councillor C Holstein  
Ms L De Martin (Chamber of Commerce)

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chairperson invited Committee members to declare any interest they might have, in accordance with Chapter 14 of the Local Government Act 1993, in respect to the business of this meeting.

No declarations were received.

**CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of Meeting No GC/01/05 held on 27 June 2001 were confirmed (Mr G Hurst/ Mr D Humphries) without amendment.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES****GC.001 GOSFORD CBD PROGRAM OF REVITALISATION PROJECTS**

General Manager Mr Peter Wilson informed the Committee that the Development Application lodged by Streamliner Supershuttle for the proposed Gosford Boatharbour Marina and Tourist Development was still being assessed by the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP). The DUAP has given the developer until 5 September 2001 to provide additional information on their proposal. Council has resolved to defer any further action until after 5 September 2001, but remains committed to the establishment of a marina on the site.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr J Phillips/Mr R Hincksman) that the information on Gosford CBD Revitalisation Program progress contained in the report be noted.

**GC.002 PROGRAM OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr D Humphries/Mr J Phillips) that the project implementation report on approved capital improvement works be noted.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr Humphries/Mr J Phillips) that a further report be made to the Committee on costs incurred to date in repairing the watering system and garden bed damaged by both northbound and southbound vehicles mounting the central median outside the Imperial Shopping Centre and on options for protecting the garden in the future.

**GC.003 GOSFORD DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY – GOSFORD CBD COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr D Humphries/Mr G Hurst) that the Gosford CBD Community Co-ordinator's July Monthly Report be noted.

**GC.004 FESTIVE LIGHTING**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr D Humphries/Ms D Warwick) that the progress report on dealings regarding the Christmas 2000 lighting by X-mas Mil Display and on the improvements to the Gosford CBD street and park lighting be noted.

**GC.005 GOSFORD CBD – ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-LITTERING LAWS**

Ms Debra Warwick reported on an incident at about 1.00 pm that day whereby it was necessary to restrain two screaming girls apparently under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol at the Imperial Shopping Centre for approximately two (2) hours whilst awaiting police attendance. Several calls were made to the police during the two hours.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Ms D Warwick/Mr G Hurst) that the advice of the Program Manager – Health on the program of anti-littering law enforcement be noted.

THE COMMITTEE FURTHER RESOLVED (Ms D Warwick/Mr J Phillips) that a letter be sent to the Brisbane Water Police Patrol Area Commander highlighting the incident involving anti-social behaviour at the Imperial Shopping Centre by two girls on 25 June 2001, and seeking a reply by the next meeting of the Committee. The letter should request advice on the reasons for a response time of approximately two (2) hours, as a much quicker response has been promised in previous discussions with Patrol representatives.

**GC.014 PROVISION OF FOOD AND SERVICES TO HOMELESS PEOPLE**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Ms D Warwick/Mr J Phillips) that the progress report on the provision of food and services to homeless people in the Gosford CBD be noted.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS****GC.032 FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2001**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr P Wilson/Mr D Humphries) that the Financial Report as at 30 June 2001 be noted.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL (Mr P Wilson/Mr D Humphries) that the following allocations be made from Gosford CBD Improvement Special Rate funds for expenditure in 2001/2002:

1	CBD Levy – Incentive Scheme	\$15,000
2	CBD Levy – Advertising (Incentive Scheme)	\$6,000
3	CBD Levy – Christmas Decorations/Banner Erection	\$15,000
4	CBD Levy – New Christmas Decorations and Special Lighting	\$80,000
5	CBD Levy – Maintenance/Security Contract – Patrol Dogs	\$31,200
		\$147,200

**GC.033 GOSFORD CBD – PROGRAM OF FESTIVE LIGHTING AND BANNER ERECTION**

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Councillor M Brooks/Mr G Hurst) that the program of festive lighting and banner erection listed in the body of the report be endorsed.

**GENERAL BUSINESS****GC.022 ROUNDABOUTS AT GOSFORD CBD INTERSECTIONS CONCERN AT SAFETY**

Mr Laurie Maher drew the attention of the Committee to the installation of footway hoardings in Donnison Street west of Baker Street which he indicated resulted in minimal sight distance for traffic entering the Donnison Street/Baker Street roundabout from Baker Street (northern leg).

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr L Maher/Mr J Phillips) that the Director – Works be requested to investigate the reduction of sight distance for traffic entering the Donnison Street/Baker Street roundabout from Baker Street (northern leg) as a result of the installation of footway hoardings in Donnison Street to the west of the intersection.

**GC.034 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (DoCS) – STREET WORKER IN GOSFORD CBD**

Mr David Humphries raised the question of the nature and amount of work actually being undertaken by a Gosford CBD Street Worker employed by DoCS in the Gosford CBD.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED (Mr D Humphries/Mr J Phillips) that the Department of Community Services be asked to provide the name and contact details of its Gosford CBD Street Worker, together with details of days and hours worked and of situations in which they can and cannot assist.

**NEXT MEETING**      **Date:**            Wednesday, 22 August 2001  
                          **Time:**            3.30 pm  
                          **Venue:**         1<sup>st</sup> Floor Committee Room

**CLOSE OF BUSINESS**

The meeting closed at 4.58 pm.

**SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS****A The Information be Noted**

GC.001      GOSFORD CBD PROGRAM OF REVITALISATION PROJECTS  
GC.002      PROGRAM OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS  
GC.003      GOSFORD DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY –  
                  GOSFORD CBD COMMUNITY CO-ORDINATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT  
GC.004      FESTIVE LIGHTING  
GC.005      GOSFORD CBD – ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-LITTERING LAWS  
GC.014      PROVISION OF FOOD AND SERVICES TO HOMELESS PEOPLE  
GC.032      FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2001

**B For the Action of the Committee**

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                  AT SAFETY  
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