

POLICY COMMITTEE

27 January 2010

His Worship the Mayor & Councillors

I have to advise that a **Policy Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, 3 February 2010 commencing at 5.00 pm.

D J Sherley

GENERAL MANAGER

BUSINESS AGENDA

POLICY COMMITTEE

TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2010

- 1. MEETING COMMENCES
- 2. APOLOGIES
- 3. REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - * Minutes of The Policy Committee Meeting held 2 December 2009
- 4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To assist the Councillors and committee members in their correct consideration of business before them at the meeting, please give consideration to Section 451 of the Local Government Act, in relation to Declaration of Interest at meetings.

- 5. RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DIRECTORS' REPORTS
 - * Director Environmental Planning & Building Services' Report
 - * Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report
- 6. GENERAL BUSINESS
- 7. DISCUSSION FORUM DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS
- 8. MEETING CLOSE

1 MEETING COMMENCES

<u>Present</u>: Councillors Toole (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, Morse, North, Thompson, Westman.

In Attendance: General Manager, Director Corporate Services & Finance, Director Cultural & Community Services, Director Engineering Services, Director Environmental Planning & Building Services, Manager Corporate Services, Manager Bathurst Recreation, Manager Bathurst Technical Services, Manager Water & Waste, Manager Environment, Manager Strategic Planning, Manager Development Assessment, Senior Development Control Planner, Environmental Officer, Development Control Planner.

to the Policy Meeting 03/	02/2010
GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR
	Page 3

2 APOLOGIES

Nil.

to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010

_____ GENERAL MANAGER _______MAYOR
Page 4

POLICY COMMITTEE
REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010

General Manager Bathurst Regional Council

1 MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 DECEMBER 2009 (07.00064)

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2009 be adopted.

Report: The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held 2 December 2009, are attached.

Financial Implications: N/A

Report Of Previous Meeting to the Policy	Meeting 03/02/2010
GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR Page 6

3 <u>Item 1 MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 DECEMBER 2009 (07.00064)</u>

MOVED: Monica Morse SECONDED: Tracey Carpenter		
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2009 be adopted.		

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 02 DECEMBER 2009 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT: Crs Toole (Chair), Aubin, Bourke, Carpenter, Hanger, Morse, North, Thompson, Westman.

APOLOGIES

Nil.

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager, Director Corporate Services & Finance, Director Engineering Services, Director Environmental Planning & Building Services, Manager Corporate Governance, Manager Financial Services, Manager Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre, Manager Water & Waste Authority, Manager Bathurst Recreation, Manager Strategic Planning, Manager Environment, Environmental Officer, Sustainability Strategy Officer, Senior Development Control Planner.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1 <u>Item 1 MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 4</u>
NOVEMBER 2009 (07.00064)
MOVED: Cr B Bourke <u>SECONDED</u>: Cr I North

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held 4 November 2009 be adopted.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2 <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u> MOVED: Cr W Aubin SECONDED: Cr R Thompson

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

RECEIVE AND DEAL WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

This is page 1 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 2 December 2009.	
General Manager	Mayor

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT

3 <u>Item 1 SUNNY CORNER - CONTAMINATED LAND POLICY (13.00008</u> & 41.00089)

MOVED: Cr R Thompson SECONDED: Cr I North

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (a) place the Sunny Corner Contaminated Land Policy on public exhibition for a period of 60 days; and
- (b) notify all landowners within the area to which the Policy applies of the existence of the Draft Policy and the exhibition period.
- 4 <u>Item 2 ON-SITE SEWAGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (14.00057)</u>
 <u>MOVED:</u> Cr M Morse <u>SECONDED:</u> Cr R Thompson

RESOLVED: That Council:

- (a) place the revised On-site Sewage Management Strategy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days;
- (b) if no submissions received; adopt the Strategy; or
- (c) if submissions received; report back to Council.

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT

5 <u>Item 1 POLICY - STAFF - PAYMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSES</u>
(03.00049, 41.00089)

MOVED: Cr I North <u>SECONDED:</u> Cr W Aubin

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the revised Policy - Staff - Payment of Legal Expenses.

This is page 2 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 2 December 2009.	
General Manager	Mayor

6 <u>Item 2 DELEGATIONS REGISTER (41.00088)</u> MOVED: Cr R Thompson SECONDED: Cr G Hanger

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the Delegations Register as tabled.

7 <u>Item 3 2009 COMMUNITY SURVEY (23.00103)</u> MOVED: Cr W Aubin SECONDED: Cr M Morse

RESOLVED: That:

- (a) the report be noted
- (b) the report be made available on Council's Website

GENERAL BUSINESS

8 **CHIFLEY ENGINE (23.00022)**

Cr Bourke - enquired if any problems occurring re display of engine.

The Director Corporate Services & Finance advised that the engine is complete. Lease has now been received from Rail Authority and this is currently being reviewed.

9 DERELICT HOUSES IN TOWN (02.00005)

Cr North - advised had received concerns from residents about houses in town which are derelict - can we address these problems in the Local Environmental Plan.

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services spoke to powers in place and lack of jurisdiction. Needs to be a public safety matter.

This is page 3 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 2 December 2009.

General Manager_____Mayor

10 ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND - SMOKE FREE AREA (04.00069)

Cr North - asked where this matter is at.

The Director Engineering Services advised a report is being prepared, hopefully for the February 2010 meeting of Council. The report will cover various parks/sporting ovals, not just the Adventure Playground.

11 **LIBRARY USAGE (21.00054)**

Cr Morse - advised that recent statistics show a record usage for the Bathurst Library

12 HOWICK STREET INFRASTRUCTURE (TRAPDOOR) (25.00006)

Cr Morse - thanked the Engineering Department for its prompt response on this matter.

13 BCCAN SUSTAINABILITY SEMINAR 2010 (18.00251)

Cr Morse - advised that Sally Dominguez (sustainability consultant) will be at the BCANN Sustainability Seminar in March 2010. Can we promote the sustainable house initiative at this seminar.

14 <u>CLEARING OF TIMBER ON ROADS (13.00020)</u>

Cr Thompson - advised that with dry weather, timber from clearing activities can cause a problem. Could we look at developing a Policy.

15 <u>LIGHTING AT VICTORIA PARK (04.00069)</u>

This is page 4 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 2 December 2009.	
General Manager	Mayor

Cr Thompson - advised has been approached by a member of the public regarding lighting at Victoria Park.

The Mayor advised that a reply has been sent.

16 LGSA SUSTAINABILITY SEMINARS (18.00244)

Cr Carpenter - asked could Council nominate itself as a proposed site for the seminar.

17 <u>ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (04.00069)</u>

Cr Carpenter - asked will there be recycling bins at the site.

The Director Engineering Services spoke of the bins to be placed at strategic entry points.

18 **RIVULET ROAD, PEEL (25.00306)**

Cr Carpenter - advised concern has been expressed about the public roads in this area and the Department of Lands will not do anything. Apparently the Department of Lands will hand-over roads, however, Council will not take over. Need matter to be resolved.

The Mayor noted Rivulet Road is a public road. The area off this is Crown Road. Council will not take these over unless brought up to a standard that is acceptable to Council.

<u>DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS.</u>

19 <u>Item 1 DRAFT BATHURST SOUTHERN RING ROAD STUDY 2008</u> (28.00025)

This is page 5 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 2 De	ecember 2009.
, -	
General Manager	Mayor

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services gave a background on the matter.

Discussion included:

Tiffany Mason (Boundary Road Landcare Group) - concern is that a proposed route is shown and this bisects the reserve. The map shows the Reserve as mixed industrial/business. This area is not this and contains endangered species.

Margaret Glen (Boundary Road Landcare Group) - advised the Reserve was started twelve years ago under the auspices of Cr John Cousins. Tabled a brochure on the Reserve operations. This year the Reserve won two CMA Awards. Council supports the Reserve with funding, which allows works to be undertaken. Have put in a submission, notes the route is only notional but it is of concern. Request Council to give assurance conceptual route will be changed.

Wendy Smith (Primary Producer) - runs a 225 acre vegetable growing business in Bathurst. The proposed Southern Ringroad will destroy the business. Referred to Bathurst Region Urban Strategy Plan and tabled a letter at the meeting covering issues raised. These included Economic Strategy Outlook and Rural Lands Principles included in the Strategy. Feels the Ringroad as proposed conflicts with Council's Urban Strategy.

Andrew Wells (Morrow Place, Robin Hill) - Confirms contents of submission made to Council. Detailed history of bypass proposal, both to North and South of the city. concern at lack of information that is available and feels route needs to not impact on residents or property. The threat is highly distressing and raises the possibility of compulsory acquisition. Suggests Council look at Orange distributor road to see widths required. When bought land did not expect this to occur. The Ringroad is located too close to development and some of the proposed benefits are questionable by extra traffic on Gorman's Hill Road. Threats and dangers are not removed, just located on other people. Also what need is there to connect trade centre and industrial area as mentioned in the report. Council needs to be aware of public expectation issues such as natural and community environments are very important. The Bypass should be looked at as a national benefit not just local, spoke of various federal projects.

The solution is to put the route well away from residential areas. Any proposed routes should not impinge on existing residential areas. Tabled a submission.

This is page 6 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 2 December 2009.

Mayor

General Manager

G Dunn (CW Transport Forum) - noted Councillors have the Forum's submission. Spoke to the submission and issues such as lack of State Planning, RTA shortfalls. Concerned at BRC getting federal funding for roads (local), the Forum is against this. Referred Councillors to the forums website and full submissions made to Federal Government and RTA. It is only early days, but there are too many problems with the southern option.

B Roberson (White Gate Estate) - asks Council to consider if they could divorce themselves from the indicative route. Land values have plummeted, this would provide support to residents. Need to have a lot of community consultation in this process.

A Bland - advised communities are facing many issues, eg, ETS, water, etc. The bypass might be an almighty cricket pitch that no one will use. Perhaps should put the pause button on, as there is unprecedented uncertainty at the moment.

Chris Stewart (Lloyds Road) - has made a submission to council. Questions the data provided. The traffic in South Bathurst included the last days of the Saleyards. Spoke of putting in a bridge across the river to join to industrial estate.

MEETING CLOSE

The meeting closed at 6.08 pm	
CHAIRMAN:	
Date:	3 February 2010

This is page 7 of Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 2 December 2009.

General Manager Mayor

4	DECLARATION OF INTEREST
-	DEGEARATION OF INTEREST

MOVED: Ian North SECONDED: Greg Westman

RESOLVED: That the Declaration of Interest be noted.

MAYOR Page 8

POLICY COMMITTEE	
DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT	
3 FEBRUARY 2010	

DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES' REPORT TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010

General Manager Bathurst Regional Council

1 POLICY UPDATE (41.00089)

Recommendation: That Council adopt the amendments to the Policy Manual as detailed in the report.

Report: The Environmental Planning & Building Services Department has undertaken a review of Council Policies relating to this Department. Below is an outline of the proposed changes. The relevant Policies with changes tracked are provided at **attachment 1**.

Policy	Amendment	
Advertising signs in public areas	Remove clause 1.18 as no longer part of the permit process and renumber remaining clauses.	
Development and building applications – referral to the National Trust	Delete Policy as Policy has been incorporate in Clause 1.9.1 of Development Control Plar – Advertising and Notification of Development Applications.	
Footpath restaurants	Remove clause 9.2 as application fee no longer relevant and renumber remaining clauses.	
Greywater reuse (Residential Households)	Amend number of systems accredited by NSW Health from three to seven.	
LEP's & DCP's & Local Approvals Policy	 LEP's (Local Environmental Plans): Delete Bathurst Local Environmental Plan 1997 (as amended) - repealed Delete Evans Interim Development Order 1980 (as amended) - repealed Add Bathurst Regional (Interim) Local Environmental Plan 2005 DCP's (Development Control Plans): 	
	Delete dates from following DCPs	
	Delete following DCPs that have been previously repealed • Evans Development Control Plan – Rural Residential Subdivision	

Director Environmental	Planning & E	Building Servic	es' Report to the	e Policy Meeting	03/02/2010

	 Evans Development Control Plan – Wattle Flat Evans Development Control Plan – Hill End (Draft) Evans Development Control Plan – Sofala (Draft) Evans Development Control Plan – Rockley (Draft) Evans Development Control Plan (Exempt and Complying Development) - 7.1.2000 Evans Development Control Plan – Brookfield Add the following DCPs Bathurst Regional Council Development Control Plan – Mount Haven Estate Bathurst Regional Council Development Control Plan – Mount Panorama Bathurst Regional Council Development Control Plan – Villages Bathurst Regional Council Development Control Plan – Rural Lands Bathurst Regional Council Development Control Plan – William Street Carpark Bathurst Regional Council Development Control Plan – William Street Carpark Bathurst Regional Council Development Control Plan – Lots 1 & 2 DP 1067087, White Rock
Licensing fees – Refund of fees for rural public halls and community facilities	Delete Policy - approval no longer required as legislation has been repealed.
Rezoning Applications – Refund of fees	Delete first heading and paragraph as not relevant to this Policy; and change Department of Urban Affairs and Planning to Department of Planning.

Financial Implications: Nil.

GENERAL MANAGER

5 <u>Item 1 POLICY UPDATE (41.00089)</u>

MOVED: Tracey Carpenter SECONDED: lan North

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the amendments to the Policy Manual as detailed in the report.

Yours faithfully

D R Shaw **DIRECTOR**

ENVIRONMENTAL, PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

GENERAL MANAGER

POLICY COMMITTEE
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT
3 FEBRUARY 2010

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE'S REPORT TO THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010

General Manager Bathurst Regional Council

1 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT (GIPA ACT) 2009 - DELEGATIONS (18.00171, 41.00088)

Recommendation: That the Delegations Register be updated to reflect the introduction of the new Government Information (Public Access) (GIPA ACT) 2009 and the revoking of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

Report: The Government has introduced new legislation in relation to public access to information. The new Act will be titled "Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009". This Act will replace the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 1989 in its entirety. As a result it will be necessary to amend the Delegation Register to reflect the removal of the Freedom of Information Act 1989 and the introduction of the new Government Information (Public Access) (GIPA) Act 2009.

At this point in time the actual date of commencement of the new GIPA Act is scheduled for early 2010. In order to facilitate legal determinations of applications for access to Government information it will be necessary to maintain existing Delegations under the FOI Act until formal notification is received, at which point in time, it will be necessary to have the requisite delegations under the GIPA Act in place.

With the introduction of the new legislation it will be necessary for council staff to:

- review all current documentation to ensure it complies with the GIPA Act
- create a register of Government contracts which must be publicly available and contains substantially more information than is currently provided to the public in relation to tenders
- undertake considerable training in the new legislation

To this end, it is recommended that the Delegations Register be updated to reflect the introduction of the new Government Information (Public Access) (GIPA) Act and the revoking of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

<u>Financial Implications</u>: Additional training costs and staff costs will be incurred as a result of the introduction of the new Act and will have to be absorbed by Council. The full extent of these costs is unknown as there will need to be considerable changes to documentation and procedures. These costs will need to be met from within the Council's adopted budget.

Director Corporate Services & Finance's Report to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010	
GENERAL MANAGER	MAYC

Page 14

6 <u>Item 1 GOVERNMENT INFORMATION (PUBLIC ACCESS) ACT (GIPA ACT)</u> 2009 - DELEGATIONS (18.00171, 41.00088)

MOVED: Graeme Hanger SECONDED: Warren Aubin

RESOLVED: That the Delegations Register be updated to reflect the introduction of the new Government Information (Public Access) (GIPA ACT) 2009 and the revoking of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

Yours faithfully

R Roach **DIRECTOR**

CORPORATE SERVICES & FINANCE

POLICY COMMITTEE	
GENERAL BUSINESS	
3 FEBRUARY 2010	

7 FIRE BRIGADE OPERATIONAL HOURS (22.07106)

MOVED: SECONDED:

Cr Thompson - advised Council needs to ensure has a full understanding of the proposal re 24 hour station operations, including costing impacts.

The Mayor provided details on recent meeting with NSW Fire Brigade and noted the Brigades are currently collecting data at this time. This will be available second half of this year.

to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010	
 GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR Page 17
	Page 17

MINUTE				
8	ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND (04.00121)			
	MOVED: SECONDED:			
Cr The	ompson - advised fencing is an issue, would like to revisit this matter in the next of months.			
	to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010			

MINUTE			
ALDENTE COFFEE SHOP (25.00039)			
MOVED: SECONDED:			
Cr Morse - asked could Council look at providing a bike rack in this area.			
to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010			

GENERAL MANAGER

10	BEN CHIFLEY DAM CAMPING (32.00005)
	MOVED: SECONDED:

Cr North - advised there is a need for camping in this area, would like Council to further investigate this.

to the Policy Meeting 03	3/02/2010
GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR Page 20
	· ·

11	CARAVAN REST AREA	(04.00034)
----	--------------------------	------------

MOVED: SECONDED:

Cr North - asked if Council could look at a rest area for caravans as an overnight spot, with a dump point.

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services noted Council is accredited by the Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia Ltd.

to the Policy Meeting 0	03/02/2010	-
GENERAL MANAGER	MAY Page	YOR e 21

12	MOUNT PANORAMA - DAMAGE CAUSED BY RABBITS (04.00019)
	MOVED: SECONDED:

Cr North - expressed concern with damage rabbits are causing around the circuit.

The Director Engineering Services advised he is currently talking to Central Tablelands Rural Lands Protection Board about possible works.

to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010)
GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR Page 22
	Page 22

13	<u>WATER</u>	USAGE	<u>(32.00017)</u>

MOVED: SECONDED:

Cr North - would like Council to review water usage in the area, e.g. watering during middle of the day. Request a working Party to discuss this further.

to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010	
GENERAL MANAGER	MAYOR Page 23

MOVED: SECONDED:

Cr North - advised that when a shut-down occurs at Mount Panorama during an event, there is a problem with mail delivery - can we review this.

The Director Engineering Services noted this has never been a problem in the past, currently liaising with the contractor.

to the Policy Meeting 03	/02/2010	
_ GENERAL MANAGER		MAYOR Page 24
		Page 24

MINUTE			
15	TIES CHALLENGE - MOUNT PANORAMA (23.00133)		
	MOVED: SECONDED:		
Cr No	rth - thanks to everyone for their assistance in this project.		
01 110	THE THAT IS TO EVERYOTIC FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THIS PROJECT.		
	to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010		

MINUTE				
16	CREMATORIUM (36.00246)			
	MOVED:	SECONDED:		
Cr Boı	urke - advis	sed project is going well, thanks to everyone who has been involved.		
		to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010		

GENERAL MANAGER

MINUTE			
17	BEN CHIFLEY DAM (32.00005)		
	MOVED: SECONDED:		
Cr. Do	curles and that Council review wiles on sometime at the dam		
Cr Bo	urke - asked that Council review rules on camping at the dam.		
	to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010		
	to the Folloy Modeling 00/02/2010		

GENERAL MANAGER

POLICY COMMITTEE	
DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS	
DIGCOGGIONI CINOMI-DEVELOT MENT ALL EIGATION GOBINIGGIONS	

<u>DISCUSSION FORUM - DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS TO THE POLICY</u> COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010

General Manager Bathurst Regional Council

1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 2010/0395 – DEMOLITION OF TWO DWELLINGS AT 424 & 426 HOWICK STREET, WEST BATHURST. APPLICANT: UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY. OWNER: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DA/2010/0395)

Recommendation: That the information be noted.

Report: Council has received a Development Application (DA) for the demolition of two dwellings at 424 Howick Street and 426 Howick Street, West Bathurst described as Lot 23, DP 38322 and Lot 30, DP 38322 (see location plan at **attachment 1**).

Each site contains a single storey masonry dwelling with a tiled roof. Each site also contains a single car metal garage.

The proposal involves the demolition of the two existing dwellings only and does not include any infill development at this stage. Council is however aware that a Development Application will be lodged in the near future for the erection of Student Accommodation on the subject land.

The subject land is located within the Heritage Conservation Area under Clause 23 of Bathurst Regional (Interim) Local Environmental Plan 2005; it does not however contain any identified heritage items.

In accordance with Clause 26 of Bathurst Regional (Interim) Local Environmental Plan 2005 (Advertising of Heritage Applications) the Development Application required advertising as it involves demolition within the Heritage Conservation Area.

The Development Application was advertised and notified to adjoining property owners in accordance with Clause 10 of Bathurst Regional (Interim) Local Environmental Plan 2005. The Development Application was advertised and notified for a period of 14 days from 11 January 2010 to 25 January 2010.

During the advertising and notification period a total of 2 submissions were received (see attachment 2).

Issues raised in the submission from the adjoining owner included the following:

- Removal of trees.
- Height of proposed replacement buildings.

Issues raised in the submission from the National Trust included the following:

- Absence of any plans for redevelopment.
- Parking or lack thereof in Howick and Daly Streets.

- The cottages form part of the Chifley Memorial Housing Scheme opened by Elizabeth Chifley in February 1954.
- The houses form part of an important and consistent streetscape.
- Supports adaptive re-use of the buildings by UWS.

Following this Discussion Forum a report will be prepared for the February Council Meeting.

Financial Implications: Nil.

18 Item 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 2010/0395 – DEMOLITION OF TWO DWELLINGS AT 424 & 426 HOWICK STREET, WEST BATHURST. APPLICANT: UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY. OWNER: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DA/2010/0395)

The Director Environmental, Planning & Building Services spoke to the Development Application received by Council. Discussion included:

<u>lan McPherson</u> (National Trust) - The trust submitted an objection to the demolition. Feels should not consider a Development Application for demolition until the proposal for what is to replace it is received. Requests Council refuse Development Application. Spoke to submission and the linkage of the houses to the Chifley Memorial Housing Scheme. The houses are in perfect order and are suitable for adaptive re-use. The hospital area is a very important area to Bathurst and any action should be sympathetic.

<u>Sue Armstrong</u> (adjoining owner) - No objection to redevelopment, however, wish it to be consistent with development in the area. Would like some of the trees saved on the site.

<u>Lachlan Sullivan (ratepayer)</u> - Concern at adequate provision of parking. There are problems with the health Service parking in the area. Need to ensure sufficient parking is provided, local resident amenity is an issue.

<u>Bob Triming (ratepayer)</u> - Parking is a major issue in this location. Often cars are parked on footpath and if there is an expansion of facility, problem will be worse.

<u>John Bonanno - University of Western Sydney (applicant)</u> - Tabled a proposal document. Purpose of project is to link with medical training school at Campbelltown. Working on proposals at Lismore, Bathurst & Blacktown, also looking at Dubbo and Broken Hill as a whole of government initiative. Site is critical as it is near the hospital. The initiative is funded by the government stimulus package. Spoke to government timeframes set for utilising funds.

Charles Vella - University of Western Sydney (applicant) - Have provided further information (pictures) of variations to other buildings in the area. Trees around perimeter of development will be retained. Will try to work into existing streetscape amenity. Will need to remove trees in middle of block, 2 houses will be built. Each will accommodate six students. Adaptive re-use was assessed, but was not practical as work was required by extending out the front to get the capacity. Off street car parking will be provided at back - 5 spaces. The proposal is also working within funding that is available. Front of buildings are single story and two story to the back. Communal area is provided out the back. Residences will be 'disable friendly', this is extremely difficult, particularly with one of the dwellings. Spoke of condition of existing dwellings. Buildings will initially have 8 students, will move to 12 students. Car parking will be managed. Intention is not to change streetscape, will look at materials, access, etc.

Yours faithfully

D R Shaw **DIRECTOR**

ENVIRONMENTAL, PLANNING & BUILDING SERVICES

19 MEETING CLOSE

The Meeting closed at 5.9	52 pm		
CHAIRMAN:			
Date:	(17 February 2010)		
	to the Delies Marking 00/00/0040		
	to the Policy Meeting 03/02/2010		