



City of Belmont
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE CITY OF BELMONT CIVIC CENTRE, 215 WRIGHT STREET, CLOVERDALE ON MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2000, COMMENCING AT 7.32 PM

PRESENT

Cr P R Passeri, JP, Mayor	West Ward
Cr M M Bass	East Ward
Cr P Marks	East Ward
Cr G J Godfrey	East Ward
Cr L M Coops	Central Ward
Cr M C Godsell	Central Ward
Cr A T Richardson, JP	West Ward
Cr G Doney	West Ward
Cr A P Murfin, OAM, JP	South Ward
Cr R T Swann	South Ward

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr B Genoni	Chief Executive Officer
Mr N Hartley	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr S Cole	Director - Finance
Mr R Lutey	Director - Engineering
Mr N Deague	Director - Development

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were 11 members of the public, and 1 member of the Press (Southern Gazette) present.

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2. APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 APOLOGIES

Cr D J Symonds	South Ward
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2.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr M H Blair, Deputy Mayor

Central Ward

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER
(WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**

The Mayor advised of three items:-

- Keep Australia Beautiful Council (WA) letter regarding "Graffiti Week of Action 2000".

The Mayor advised that a Certificate of Appreciation (for participating during Keep Australia Beautiful Week "Graffiti Week of Action") was provided to the City. The Mayor also noted that the Forum Shopping Centre had won the Keep Australia Beautiful Council's "Perth's Best Regional Shopping Centre" Award.

The Mayor read the Keep Australia Beautiful Council letter of 8 November 2000 (see below):

"The Keep Australia Beautiful Week - Graffiti Week of Action 2000 event was a resounding success both in country and metropolitan areas. It was through the valuable co-ordination and community commitment by volunteers, that we were able to restore and maintain our state to an environmentally friendly standard.

Due to the success of Keep Australia Beautiful Week - Graffiti Week of Action 2000, the Keep Australia Beautiful Council (WA) will be holding this event again in the third week of September 2001.

Please find enclosed a short report of the week's activities and a certificate of appreciation.

Thank you again for your ongoing support."

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- Belmont City Fair.

The Mayor advised that the Chairman will be making a report tonight but he wanted like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman of the Belmont City Fair Advisory Committee, Cr Mike Godsell, and his tireless workers, both from the community and the staff, for a job well done again this year. He believed this years even surpassed last year's centenary effort.

The Mayor asked Cr Godsell to convey his thanks and that of Council to his "band of merry men and women".

- The Mayor advised that the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Chief Executive Officer attended a recent forum on the issue of a "Single [peak body] Association" for local governments. He encouraged all Councillors to contribute to this process where they can.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

*****7.37pm** For the benefit of the public present the Chief Executive Officer stated the rules of Question Time.

5.1 RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE AT PREVIOUS MEETING

ADM/16A - 03/00 RES/21

5.1.1 Mr Michael Ryan - 60 Riversdale Road, Rivervale

Mr Ryan asked the following questions at the Council Meeting held on 24 October 2000 which were taken on notice. Mr Ryan's questions were responded to in correspondence dated 10 November 2000. Details of the response are provided below.

Mr Ryan asked in regard to the Supreme Court Appeal against the Freedom of Information Commissioner's decision granting the valuations involving the Lot 712/Hardey Park land exchange, and whether Council could give some indication of the costs involved in this action, to ratepayers, as well as advising what costs have been expended to date on this action?

Council does not have a breakdown of the legal expenses specific to the court appeal, however we can advise that the specific cost of the court filing fee was \$265.

The City's legal expenses relating to the series of Freedom of Information claims lodged by My Ryan included general advice required by Council to determine its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. For example, there are other persons who may be parties to the information within the extremely large number of documents sought through these Freedom of Information claims. Council has an obligation to protect itself from claims by other parties if inappropriate, confidential or prejudicial information is provided.

The cost of this specific and general legal advice was \$3,113.55.

Mr Ryan also asked, given that 4985m² of public land, probably worth in excess of \$2,000,000, is being excised from Hardey Park to give alternative access to the adjoining Sandringham Hotel and Hill 60 sites, could the Council please advise this evenings meeting of the contribution in dollar terms these adjoining developers are paying for this land, given the huge financial benefit this alternative access will give to these developments?

Council certainly does not acknowledge the suggested valuation of this Crown land. In addition to this, the area of land involved is approximately 4429m² not 4985m². It should be remembered that the Hardey Park access not only provides for the adjoining developments but will also provide access to the two public parking areas to allow the community to enjoy the views from the remaining area of the park.

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Council is promoting this alternative access for the adjoining developments to provide safe access to Great Eastern Highway as this is one of the reasons that the City of Belmont lost its St John of God Hospital (Belmont's only hospital) when it did. It was extremely difficult and dangerous to access the site off Great Eastern Highway.

With regard to the amount that the developers are paying for this land, they are not acquiring it, as it will remain Crown land. The developers will have to meet all of the cost of road construction and drainage works, which is likely to be in the order of \$400,000. Their contributions will also cover the cost of the two public parking areas.

In addition to this, Council will be seeking to negotiate the best possible community outcomes when it sets the development conditions for these developments.

5.2 QUESTIONS ON WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN PRIOR TO THE MEETING

Nil

5.3 QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR**5.3.1 Ms Joann Copeman - 5 Towie Street, Cloverdale (Treasurer of the Residents and Ratepayers Association)**

1. *Ms Copeman thanked Council for the recent installation of the refuse bin at McLarty Park and advised that a number of used syringes have been noticed at this location. Ms Copeman asked if Council could install a "sharps container" at an appropriate point in McLarty Park?*

The Mayor advised that Council will consider this request and he would arrange for one of Council's officers to make contact with her to discuss the issue.

5.3.2 Mr Rodger Bronowski

1. *Will Council reconsider the matter of Armadale/Francisco Street intersection relative to its safety?*

The Mayor advised that a report is presently being prepared for presentation to the Works and Technical Services Committee that will include this consideration.

2. *How many deaths equal one "black spot"?*

The Mayor advised that he did not believe that it was possible to answer this question.

Item 5.3.2 continued

3. *Can Council staff be observant to the requirement to prune street trees (particularly at road intersections) in the district?*

The Mayor advised that Council Officers are always vigilant in regard to the pruning of street trees. He asked Mr Bronowski to advise Council in writing of the specific trees that he considered required attention.

5.3.3 Mrs Janet Powell - 62 Treave Street, Cloverdale

1. *What are the Council initiatives for youth in Belmont and why does Council not have a Police and Citizens Youth Club?*

Cr Coops advised that there was a PCYC in Belmont however the Kensington PCYC now provides access to programs for the Belmont community. A Council Youth Working Group is currently working on reassessing the range of Council provided youth services. A number of complimentary youth programs are operating out of the City's Youth Services Co-op and the Oasis Leisure Centre.

Cr Murfin further advised of a recent youth survey where 2000 questionnaires were distributed to local school students by the City of Belmont Youth Working Group. A large number were completed and returned and a summary of the returns is currently being prepared. The Council is also progressing towards a new Youth Co-op/drop in centre adjacent to the Police Station to replace the current building located at the Belmont City College. Construction should commence next financial year.

2. *If a PCYC program was proven to be viable, would Council be interested in supporting it?*

The Mayor advised that Council is always keen to support viable community programs.

3. *How is the new Safer WA Committee structured and how would information flow to the community?*

The Mayor advised that the Safer WA Committee structure is currently being reviewed and that their "communication plank" will be a fundamental part of the structure, however, he would advise her when the details were more certain.

5.3.4 Mr Jan Fijolek - 88 St Kilda Road, Rivervale

1. *Mr Fijolek wanted to notify Council that he would like the parapet wall moved to a further 2 metres inside of his neighbour's boundary, or to not allow the wall to be constructed adjacent to his window (so that light to the inside of his house is not affected).*

The Mayor advised that this matter would be dealt with tonight at item 8.1.2 (Planning and Development Committee) and Councillors will take into account Mr Fijolek's comments.

The Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, Cr Swann, advised that the Planning and Development Committee had endeavoured to find a compromise position that ensured both the developer and adjoining neighbours were satisfied with the proposal.

****7.53pm** As there were no further questions, the Mayor declared Public Question Time closed.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24 OCTOBER 2000

GODFREY MOVED, GODSELL SECONDED, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 OCTOBER 2000, AS PRINTED AND CIRCULATED TO ALL COUNCILLORS, BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

7. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS ON WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

Nil.

8. PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

P/KEA P/BEL

8.1 REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE CORNER OF KEANE AND BELGRAVIA STREETS, CLOVERDALE

Report by Chief Executive Officer

APPLICATION

To advise Council of a petition received from residents of Keane Street and the surrounding area in Cloverdale, requesting the installation of a roundabout at the corner of Keane and Belgravia Streets, Cloverdale.

IS THIS PROPOSAL CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL PLAN? YES
Community Objective C8 - "To encourage Community interest and participation in the affairs of Council"

BACKGROUND

A petition has been received from residents of Keane Street and the surrounding area in Cloverdale, requesting the installation of a roundabout at the corner of Keane and Belgravia Streets, Cloverdale, and reads as follows:

"We are residents of Keane Street and the surrounding area in Cloverdale.

We would like to express our concern regarding the intersection of Keane and Belgravia Streets.

Many times vehicles have collided and people hurt due to cars not stopping at the stop signs installed there. We all have witnessed, on numerous occasions, people ignoring the stop signs and it will only be a matter of time before someone is seriously injured or killed.

As the roundabout installed at Alexander and Belgravia Streets is working well, we would strongly suggest that one be installed at the above site.

Bearing in mind that this is a growing area (with a new subdivision due to be started on Pearl Road) which will in turn increase traffic flow, we would like this to be a matter of urgency.

If funds can be allocated to the many islands currently being erected along Hardey Road, we feel funds can also be found for this roundabout.

Looking forward to your prompt reply on this matter."

The petition has been signed by 47 people.

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COMMENT

Nil.

MURFIN MOVED, SWANN SECONDED, THAT THE PETITION RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF KEANE STREET AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN CLOVERDALE, REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF A ROUNDABOUT AT THE CORNER OF KEANE AND BELGRAVIA STREETS, CLOVERDALE BE REFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

9. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

10. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

CON/16

11.1.1 Cr Richardson - Leave Of Absence

Report by Chief Executive Officer.

APPLICATION

To advise Council of a request received from Councillor Richardson requesting leave of absence from Tuesday, 14 November 2000 to Friday, 24 November 2000, inclusive.

BACKGROUND

Councillor Richardson has requested leave of absence from all Council and Committee meetings for the period Tuesday, 14 November 2000 to Friday, 24 November 2000, inclusive.

COMMENT

Nil.

DONEY MOVED, COOPS SECONDED, THAT COUNCILLOR RICHARDSON BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM ALL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD TUESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2000 TO FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2000, INCLUSIVE

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

11.2 GENERAL**HMS/13****11.2.1 Mr Gregory Rayment - Cancellation of Service of Belmont Home Care Services**

Report by Chief Executive Officer

APPLICATION

To advise Council of a letter received from Mr Gregory Rayment relating to the cancellation of the service of Belmont Home Care Services.

IS THIS PROPOSAL CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL PLAN?	N/A
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BACKGROUND

A letter received from Mr Gregory Rayment , and reads as follows:-

"Hello: Mary Jane/Gaynor.

Just me Gregory.

Subject: To cancel the service of BHCS.

Yes it's time to review my goals. As I have come to a point in time where I am at xroads. I need to continue on and assert myself toward independence.

I can not find the words to edify the team at Belmont Home Care Services.

The care received from BHCS has been invaluable through my time of rest and healing.

Your service provided comfort/empathy/reassurance, at all times raising my self esteem.

To name those who painstakingly sat me down and within conversation gave me hope to carry on.

There was always on each visit, words of encouragement, giving me renewed directions at where I am at.

Having a Tracheostomy has been devastating for me.

I would ask that my letter be forwarded onto the administrators at Belmont City.

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The women that came and went due to the rostering process have all been wonderful.

Their duty of care has left me with fond memories.

Gaynor - Jan - Mary-Jane - Margo - Kiryn. The other silent few who covered when staff have been unwell.

I'd like the administrators to know that the carers have demonstrated to me a professional manner of skills, rarely seen these days.

It is my request that the staff at BHCS be acknowledged by the administrators of Belmont Council.

I'd like to thank Belmont Council for facilitating this service to those in need within the community.

Well again thanks heaps.

Gaynor: You are a Diamond."

COMMENT

Nil

COOPS MOVED, GODFREY SECONDED, THAT THE LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR GREGORY RAYMENT BE RECEIVED AND NOTED AND A COPY OF THE LETTER BE FORWARDED TO BELMONT HOME CARE SERVICES IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THEIR HIGH LEVELS OF SERVICE PROVIDED TO OUR COMMUNITY.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

11.3 LATE CORRESPONDENCE OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil.

12. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

12.1 ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 6 NOVEMBER 2000

Receipt of Minutes

DONEY MOVED, GODSELL SECONDED, that the minutes of the Administration and Community Services Committee meeting held on 6 November 2000, as printed and circulated to all Councillors, be received.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

GODFREY MOVED, BASS SECONDED, that recommendation items 5.1, 7, 8.1.1 - 8.1.3, 8.2.1 - 8.2.3, 8.3.1, 8.4.1 - 8.4.2, and 8.5.1 - 8.5.2 of the Administration and Community Services Committee meeting held on 6 November 2000, be adopted en bloc.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

12.2 SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE (ADACHI STUDENT DELEGATION) MEETING HELD 6 NOVEMBER 2000

Receipt of Minutes

RICHARDSON MOVED, GODSELL SECONDED, that the minutes of the Special Administration and Community Services Committee meeting held on 6 November 2000, as printed and circulated to all Councillors, be received.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

DONEY MOVED, COOPS SECONDED, that recommendation item 4.1 of the Special Administration and Community Services Committee meeting held on 6 November 2000, be adopted.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

**12.3 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD 7 NOVEMBER 2000**

Receipt of Minutes

MURFIN MOVED, SWANN SECONDED, that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 7 November 2000, as printed and circulated to all Councillors, be received.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

WITHDRAWN ITEMS

Item 8.1.2 was withdrawn by Cr Swann.

ADOPTION OF THE BALANCE OF THE REPORT

RICHARDSON MOVED, SWANN SECONDED, that recommendation items 5.1 - 5.2, 7, 8.1.1, 8.1.3, 8.2.1 - 8.2.7, 8.3.1, 8.4.1, 8.6.1 - 8.6.6, and 8.7.1 - 8.7.11 of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 7 November 2000, be adopted en bloc (i.e. with the exception of item 8.1.2).

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

12.3.1 Withdrawn Item 8.1.2 - Proposed Lot 542 St Kilda Road, Rivervale (WAPC Ref: 108754) Proposed New Residence

SWANN MOVED, RICHARDSON SECONDED, THAT THE RECOMMENDATION NOT BE ADOPTED AND THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. APPROVE THE BUILDING APPLICATION NO. 567/2000, TO CONSTRUCT A RESIDENCE ON PROPOSED LOT 542 ST KILDA ROAD, RIVERVALE SUBJECT TO:**
 - (i) THE PARAPET WALL LOCATED TO THE NORTH WESTERN BOUNDARY BEING ALTERED TO A ZERO LOT WALL WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 30 COURSES;**

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- (ii) THE ZERO LOT WALL BEING LOCATED INSIDE THE EXISTING DIVIDING FENCE; AND**
 - (iii) THE FRONT SETBACK TO BE INCREASED BY ONE METRE, TO REDUCE THE VISUAL IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADJOINING LOT 540.**
- 2. NOTIFY THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER AT LOT 540 (NO. 88) ST KILDA ROAD, RIVERVALE OF COUNCIL'S DECISION AND PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE DECISION.**

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

13. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

13.1 INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Report by Chief Executive Officer

APPLICATION

Council's acknowledgment of receipt of information of general interest.

IS THIS PROPOSAL CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN?	YES
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"Operational Plan O1/1(c) - To keep Councillors informed of relevant industry and officer activities, regular update reports be presented to the respective committees".

BACKGROUND

This item relates to information circulated by the Chief Executive Officer which may be of general interest to Councillors.

COMMENT

General information and memorandums:

<u>DATED</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
18/10/00	Homeswest Presence in the City
20/10/00	Annual Civic Dinner
20/10/00	Maureen Leo
20/10/00	Acting Secretary - Chief Executive Officer/Mayor
25/10/00	Red Hill Open Day
25/10/00	Tax Ruling For Councillors Sitting Fees - Salary Sacrificing to Superannuation
25/10/00	State Emergency Service Cadet Unit
25/10/00	Peet Park
25/10/00	City of Belmont Environment Plan
27/10/00	Australian Centre for Regional and Local Government Studies - October Newsletter
01/11/00	Canning River Festival
03/11/00	Draft Position Paper - Single Association Strategy
07/11/00	Managing the Risks - Conference Papers
09/11/00	Information Sessions at the City Fair
9/11/00	Engineering Staff Function
10/11/00	Review of the Local Government Act 1995

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Councillor Information Items circulated on the 27 October 2000:

13.1.1 - WAMA Week Issue No. 41.00 - 20 October 2000.

Councillor Information Items circulated on the 3 November 2000:

13.1.2 - WAMA Week Issue No. 42.00 - 27 October 2000.

Councillor Information Items circulated on the 10 November 2000:

13.1.3 - WAMA Week Issue No. 43.00 - 3 November 2000.

13.1.4 - A letter from the Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc. enclosing a WACSSO Issues Fact Sheet regarding the proposal for the introduction of new funding arrangements for Australian schools.

SWANN MOVED, MURFIN SECONDED, THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO ALL COUNCILLORS AND LISTED IN THIS "INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS" REPORT BE NOTED AND RECEIVED.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

TEN.35/00**13.2 ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER FOR PC'S FOR COUNCILLORS (TENDER NO. 35/2000)********Attachment 1 – Item 13.2 refers**

Report by Corporate Services Division.

APPLICATION

Council to accept the successful tender for the supply, installation and support of Councillors personal computers.

IS THIS PROPOSAL CONSISTENT WITH COUNCIL'S OPERATIONAL PLAN?	YES
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Organisational Objective #.06 - "To ensure a commitment to the development, implementation and maintenance of information technology systems which meet the present and future organisational needs."

BACKGROUND

Following a thorough assessment of Councillors needs in relation to access to information technology, tenders were called for the supply, installation and maintenance of personal computers.

Following the mandatory advertising period, tenders closed at 4.00 pm on Thursday, 2 November 2000. At the time of opening the tender box, ten (10) suppliers had submitted tenders. One tender was lodged at the front counter on Friday, 3 November 2000 at 4.27 pm and has not been accepted. The amount of information supplied by the late tender did not conform in any event.

The tenders that were opened on 2 November 2000 were submitted by:

- NEC
- Power Computers
- User Friendly
- Ultra Media
- PC Consultants
- Corporate Computers
- Westlink
- Sylex
- Boise Technology
- Dallon

Sylex was also deemed to be a non-conforming tender as the content of their document related to computer furniture and did not address any of the criteria.

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Correspondence was also received after the tenders closed from Dallon, advising that they had made an error in their calculations and requested that their tender not be considered.

This left eight (8) tenders, the details of which have been summarised in the attachments and have been subject to a very vigorous review against the selection criteria.

COMMENT

The tender document (available from Director - Corporate Services if required by Councillors) focussed on securing a supplier who could provide the following:

- A cost effective configuration that met a minimum set of specifications.
- Cost effective on-site support.
- Proven track record of customer focussed service.
- Flexible, timely delivery and installation of equipment, was also seen as an important criteria.
- Financial stability of the supplier.

The desired outcome for Council is a reliable personal computer, configured to Council's requirements and supported by an external service provider who can meet the requirements of Councillors.

The detailed analysis undertaken by the Manager – Information Technology, with input from the Director - Corporate Services and other Information Technology staff, has produced a summary of suppliers that were treated as a short list, which is detailed below:

- Corporate Computers
- PC Consultants
- Power Computers

These three suppliers provided the most cost effective solutions and were able to demonstrate a solid customer base and company support. Reference checks revealed a customer focussed approach to support with the required degree of flexibility.

With a strong focus on support, the supplier that could demonstrate the most cost effective, flexible, on-site support agreement would emerge as the successful tender. Corporate Computers have tendered on the basis that installation, import of existing programmes, transfer of existing data and flexible, prompt on-site support will be provided at no charge. Included in Corporate Computers tender is PC Smart Care.

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This extended manufacturer's warranty provides all of the above requirements with the cost to do so being included in the cost of the personal computer.

After discussions with the Senior Sales Consultant of Corporate Computers, and a number of their customers, this on-site warranty really did stand their tender aside from the others. Whilst all tenders were of quality and there was little margin between most tenderers, no other supplier could match Corporate Computers cost effective on-site support service.

Following the acceptance of the Tender from Corporate Computers by Council, details of the installation plans will be forwarded as soon as finalised, however, it is anticipated that installations will commence the week beginning 20 November 2000. Whilst all Tenderers were asked to also provide details of their preferred Internet Service Provider (ISP), Councillors can exercise discretion to which provider they prefer as Councillors will be required to meet the costs from their Communication Allowance.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Tender No: 35/2000 for the Supply, Installation and Support of Personal Computers for Councillors be awarded to Corporate Computers.
2. That all unsuccessful tenderers be advised immediately.
3. That an installation timetable be prepared and forwarded to Councillors as soon as it has been finalised with Corporate Computers.

RICHARDSON MOVED, COOPS SECONDED:

1. ***THAT TENDER NO: 35/2000 FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND SUPPORT OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS FOR COUNCILLORS BE AWARDED TO CORPORATE COMPUTERS.***
2. ***THAT ALL UNSUCCESSFUL TENDERERS BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY.***
3. ***THAT AN INSTALLATION TIMETABLE BE PREPARED AND FORWARDED TO COUNCILLORS AS SOON AS IT HAS BEEN FINALISED WITH CORPORATE COMPUTERS.***
4. ***THAT COUNCIL DEVELOP A POLICY ON THE "PROVISION OF THE COMPUTERS TO COUNCILLORS".***

CARRIED 9 VOTES TO 1

**For: Passeri, Doney, Richardson, Coops, Godsell,
Marks, Godfrey, Swann, Murfin
Against: Bass**

14. REPORTS OF DELEGATES

14.1 NATIONAL RESPITE CONFERENCE HELD ON 10-13 OCTOBER 2000

Report by Cr Margie Bass.

I was able to attend the addresses of many of the speakers presenting their papers over the three days of the conference. The underling message from the carers and professionals is that we need to listen to the people that are directly involved, ensure that policies that we have made come from those directly involved and not from some departmental office whose main agenda is the economies of needs, not the human face.

With approximately 199,600 people in need of care in WA, a number that will continue to grow as more people live longer, the cost associated with care is going to grow. At present, with the closure of hospitals that for many decades played a large part in this field of respite, families, friends and agencies are becoming the substitute. They struggle trying to find guidelines and policies under which services operate, with the result in many cases, being that the carers respite needs are not being adequately met. Carers reported that emotional barriers like guilt of not doing enough, what people thought, lack of confidence, and the service providers lack of understanding of the carers own needs.

Among the many speakers, we had parents who bravely shared their stories giving us a glimpse of what it's like from where they are. Mary Louise Allen (from WA) is the mother of a 12 year old boy with a chromosome disorder. Charlie Rook is a single dad who holds down a job as well as care for his special son Richard, who is now 20 years old. Richard suffered brain damage during birth. These people were among many who spoke on the experiences and frustration of things like service barriers with their lack of continuity, respite not always being available, and irregular timing. Other barriers faced include cultural differences, needing the right label to be able to access services, filling in forms time after time, only being able to access certain services and the constant search elsewhere for help.

The financial costs for respite is often too expensive, resulting in giving up your employment to become a full time carer with the increased costs associated with the person's illness or disability. Leisurely pursuits such as going to the cinema, shopping or even just an afternoon snooze are things that the general public get for free, and carers have to pay for. This also includes providing meals for care workers from agencies on a limited income, and the increased costs for medical assessments where the right label is required before services can be accessed.

At present, 70% of the help needed by people with disabilities is provided by family and friends, 24% is provided by agencies and in 6% of cases, no help is provided (this figure is down from 10% last time). In the case of carers needs for respite, 83% is not required, 14% is unmet and only 3% is fully met. In the main, these people work until they are almost ready to drop and then when they ask for help we, as a community, owe it to them to help quickly and responsively.

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A pilot of the Host Family Program has commenced in South Perth and host families and carers are currently being sought and approved. This service offers a flexible response to carers needs for respite and the program has been developed through guidelines by the Commonwealth Government.

In 1999, the Child and Youth Respite Program underwent a change in the manner and form in which the service was implemented. Consultation with existing and prospective families played an integral part in developing a service that is equitable, flexible and appropriate to the varied and individual needs of families.

That development of flexible and creative respite options and the strengthening of partnerships with stakeholders has led to numerous benefits for the respite programs and importantly, ensures that the program is more responsive to the needs of its target group and community as a whole.

Dementia patients are amongst the highest users of both community and residential care services, particularly respite services. Hundreds of thousands of people who live in Australia either have dementia or are caring for a person with dementia. Because old age is the biggest known risk factor for developing dementia, such factors as the post war baby boom, plus the implementation of intensive migration from over two hundred different national origins, we can expect a proportionate rise in numbers of dementia in the years ahead. The average rate amongst Australians with dementia is one in fifteen, aged 65 and over, and one in nine people over 85 years of age.

It is estimated that one in four individuals in our country will be from a cultural and linguistically diverse background. Coupled with these realities are our indigenous communities, who have 170 classified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. Because of the twenty year lower life expectancy, only 3% of the indigenous population are aged over 65, however alcohol related brain damage is high amongst people under 65. Most residents with dementia in aboriginal hostels are suffering from alcohol related brain damage.

We can anticipate a rise in the number of families, particularly spouses, who at present provide the vast bulk of care. The demands of caring for a loved one carries an enormous burden of grief, with carers facing both the loss of the person they love and loss of their relationship with that person.

In concluding, I would like to thank the organising committee for a well run conference, and Council for the opportunity to attend and share my thoughts on a topic which is very close to my heart.

DONEY MOVED, GODFREY SECONDED, THAT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR BASS BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

14.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOUR 2000

Report by Cr Glyn Doney.

Along with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, I recently attended the a Local Government tour of the cities of Playford and Onkaparinga and the Local Government Association's office in South Australia, followed by the cities of Macedon Ranges and Manningham in Victoria.

The tour party consisted of 29 Councillors and Senior Staff from all around Western Australia, so this gave Neil and I the opportunity to network with these people as well as with Councils that we visited.

Both States have, in recent years, been subjected to amalgamations of Councils. Although the effects of this was interesting, I tended to concentrate more on their committee structures and meetings as these are the issues facing Belmont, today.

Wherever we went, we were received enthusiastically by our hosts. Most of the presentations were "burnt to disc" for our benefit – a sign of modern technology.

I have traditionally been opposed to open committee meetings, as our current system works well for us (in my opinion). However, this trip has allowed me to witness how other Councils are operating and compare the outcomes with ours.

As Belmont is in the process of building a new works depot, we took particular note of Onkaparinga's pride and joy – certainly there is something to be said for the economies of scale brought about by amalgamations of Councils.

Compulsory Competitive Tendering (C.C.T.) has been replaced by a new system referred to as "best value" following a change in State Government in Victoria about 12 months ago. This was particularly interesting, as a similar system may well be anticipated here in Western Australia., eventually.

This particular study tour has been of great value to me in broadening my horizons as a Councillor, and I wish to thank Council for the opportunity to participate in it.

MURFIN MOVED, GODFREY SECONDED, THAT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR DONEY BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

14.3 DELEGATION TO ADACHI-KU TOKYO, JAPAN - TOUR LEADERS REPORT

Report by Cr Ron Swann.

I would like to thank Council for the opportunity to lead the student delegation to Adachi.

The experience is something I will always remember and I am certain the chaperones and students will also remember their time in Japan with pleasure. The time has certainly rushed by this year. The delegation worked hard at singing, Japanese language and cultural lessons, and fund raising.

A significant highlight would have to be the visit of the Japanese students to Belmont and the camp at Munthoola in particular. This activity achieves the closest bonding between the two student groups.

Uniforms

While the red jackets were hot in Japan, they were very smart looking and makes the group look very professional. The white shirts looked smart but need to consider that there will be times in Japan where the delegation will not be wearing their jackets. The hassle of finding a suitable tracksuit that is available in a wide range of sizes and is priced within reach of all students is hardly worth it given the four times it was worn. Options include deciding on a standard and having them made and hired out like the jackets or not having any tracksuits.

Comments on fundraising

Cake stall – easy, useful and effective.

Quiz night – fun, good involvement of parents and students in seeking donations for prizes and running raffles etc on the night. Also enables extended family to enjoy the evening.

Sausage sizzle – (at opening of City Farmers) easy to do but was it as good financially as the cake stall?

Movie Night – easy and effective fundraiser. Reading agreed to repeat. Advice – check the movie first; and get Reading's rules in writing. Raffle on the night also effective.

Cabaret Night – least useful, limited interest for students and their family – resulted in poor attendance.

Stall at Fair – need early establishment of fixed use so that it can be fitted into Fair program and limit competition with other stalls.

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General comments on fundraising – need to fix whole program early on in the year. Minimise the number of meetings required to organize each event. Delegate specific talks to specific parents. In addition parents and students need feedback on funds raised for each event.

Japan

The time in Japan was very busy. There was time after exiting the plane for the students to get changed at the airport. Consideration should be given to formally doing this - a red jacket, me and a aircraft toilet is a tight fit!

The host families wanted more time with the students. The students enjoyed their time at Lake Yamanako and would like more time there exploring the area around Mt Fuji. For example when we stop at Station Five on Mt Fuji it was only for 30 minutes, it would have been nice to walk some distance up the mountain.

The time at the hotel at the end of the trip seems pointless. Most of the students have already spent all of their money and having closed their cases really should not open them again. If the farewell ceremony could be at lunchtime the host family could drop the students at the function and we could leave for the airport from there. It would give the host families more time with the students and be less expensive.

I had failed to gain an appreciation of the role of a host family from the Japanese perspective until I had been in Japan for a few days. The host family assumes total responsibility for the person staying with them regardless of the their age.

I think it is incumbent upon us to respond to this culture situation by accepting this role.

I think the role of both tour leader and chaperone should be seen as a duty to be fulfilled. There is the opportunity within this to enjoy the experience but it is not just a trip to Japan.

The chance to have dinner with the tour leader and chaperones that visited Belmont was fantastic and should be repeated if possible.

Again I would like to reiterate that it is a great opportunity to:

- (a) interact with the community via the students and their parents; and
- (b) experience a people and a culture completely different to our own.

I am very grateful to Council for the privilege of leading this delegation.

MURFIN MOVED, RICHARDSON SECONDED, THAT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR SWANN BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

14.4 AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - 27TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE HELD 15-19 OCTOBER 2000

Report by Cr Ron Swann.

The Conference was titled *"Asian and Pacific Partnerships... alliances for action in the 21st Century – Local issues within the Global Context"*.

The traditional welcome by the indigenous people of Cairns included the best didgeridoo player I have ever heard, David Hudson. He has recorded a number of CDs if Councillors are interested.

The opening address by Michael Wooldridge, Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, like many of those that followed, emphasized access and equality of access to healthy environments and wellbeing for the next generations. He also spoke of relationships beyond legislation and impact statements. Effective communication and administration and operational links should connect all involved.

In a paper by Sophie Dwyer entitled *"Integrated Public Health Practices – Responding to Health Determinates at the Local Level"*, she spoke of vertical strategies with a clearly defined single focus. She suggested that it is not the extent to which we involve the community but the extent to which we utilize the problem solving skills of the community which will determine the success of a project. This was aligned with the view that we should be seen as the custodians of the healthy environment rather than the managers.

Other speakers when discussing this, used phrases such as 'community action plans' and 'municipal health plans'.

There were several presentations on food safety, however I feel that the Western Australian program *"Food Safe WA"* is still several years ahead of current progress in the eastern states. With regard to food prosecutions, there was a contrast between the high fines imposed in the UK (16,000 pounds in a case presented) to the struggle to introduce good practice into Malaysia.

An interesting paper was presented by Dr Chloe Mason entitled *"Transport as a Social Determinate of Health – a Setting Approach to Promote Healthy Transport"*. This involved analysis of current transport patterns for an area and offering useable alternatives which both reduced greenhouse emissions and offered healthy activity. Some of the examples included preparing guides for public building access to public transport and improving streetscape for safe walking stages.

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A very topical paper was given on the health problems faced by the Interfet forces in East Timor.

Councils were also encouraged to develop a model for health and environmental planning with presentations on Agenda 21, Health Cities and Municipal Health Planning.

Overall, it was a very useful and active Conference and I thank Council for the opportunity to attend. I have placed my notes in the Councillor's office for further information.

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CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

14.5 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE ROYAL SHOW

Report by Cr Mike Godsell.

On Monday, 6 November 2000, I attended a function at the Reading Cinema Complex accompanied by Cr Phil Marks and our Director - Corporate Services, Mr Stuart Cole.

We were only three of about 100 people who turned up to be presented with a certificate of thanks for a job extremely well done.

Cinema 8 was "bubbling" with the enthusiasm of all the young people who had made the Fashion Show such a success and there was much laughter as they watched themselves on the large screen as the show was replayed.

I presented a certificate to each of the major players from the show and they all vowed and declared that they would be back bigger and better next year.

Special thanks went to all of the volunteers because, as always, without their help the show does not go on.

Mrs Carol Hanlon gave her own personal thanks to Council for being a major sponsor of the Fashion Show and she feels sure the name of the City of Belmont was well and truly put before people from all parts of the metropolitan area.

COOPS MOVED, GODSELL SECONDED, THAT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR GODSELL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

14.6 WILDERNESS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Report by Cr Mike Godsell.

On the evening of Melbourne Cup Day, 7 November 2000, Cr Lynne Coops and myself attended a presentation night at the Belmont City College.

The evening was arranged to reward participants of the Wilderness Intervention Program with a certificate of merit.

The Wilderness Intervention Program is an initiative of the Belmont City College chaplaincy service to help young adults who may be a little shy, find it hard to interact with people around them or lack some confidence when it comes to decision-making or completing tasks.

Well, these ten young ladies are not lacking confidence after going on a five day expedition that was physically and mentally demanding.

The whole group walked from "Cape to Cape" in the Leeuwin Naturalist National Park, finishing their trek at the Leeuwin Lighthouse near Augusta.

The distance travelled was about 80km and each student was expected to carry all of their personal camping gear and their food in their backpacks.

By successfully completing this arduous task (and they all did), it goes to show that the program builds up self esteem, facilitates the development of co-operation, problem solving skills and significantly develops and establishes mentor relationships between the students and staff, not forgetting "TRUST".

The presentation night was an opportunity for families and friends to acknowledge and celebrate their outstanding achievements and to give the students an opportunity to individually tell their story of the tears, the laughter, the hard going and the cold, sleepless nights.

I am sure some life-long friendships were formed.

City of Belmont Council should feel very proud to be a part of such an innovative program that can put so much confidence and self esteem into a young person in such a short time.

Once again, congratulations to all who took part.

RICHARDSON MOVED, SWANN SECONDED, THAT THE REPORT AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLOR GODSELL BE RECEIVED.

CARRIED 10 VOTES TO 0

15. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil.

16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Nil.

17. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

18. CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.11pm.