



HASTINGS COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SERVICES

COUNCIL MEETING, 20 DECEMBER 2004

Wheeled Sports Precinct

Plans have moved ahead to create a wheeled sports precinct within the Cowarra Dam area following consultation with a number of sporting groups. Council have agreed to a land allocation and have invited sporting groups such as Hastings Valley Motor Cycle Club, Hastings Sporting Car Club, Port Macquarie Cycle Club, and Hastings Motor Sports Development Group to submit development applications for their various proposals and undertake at their cost any necessary studies or reports to support their proposals. If development consent is given to any of the sporting club proposals formal leases on standard terms will be granted.

Update on Port Central Parking

Under the parking agreement with Port Central Shopping Centre, Council has a responsibility to enforce parking time limits in the Centre. According to the DA for the Centre Council also stipulates that the Centre provides 200 all day parking spaces, but setting all other time limits within the park is the responsibility of the Port Central Management. Council has no power over the Centre to provide any more all day spaces or to alter the time limits.

While Council's long term Parking and Access Strategy has identified the need for additional carparking spaces in the CBD the following indicates some of the all day parking spaces currently available;

- a) Top Deck (Port Central) - 200 spaces.
- b) Short Street Carpark - approx 50 spaces.
- c) Hayward Street Carpark - 154 spaces
- d) Hollingsworth Street (centre parking) - approx 100 spaces
- e) Top (southern) end of Murray Street - approx 70 spaces

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Children's Crossing at Kennedy Drive

Council have approved installation of a children's crossing in Kennedy Drive, between Hillcrest Avenue and Allunga Avenue, at the site of the existing pedestrian refuge, subject to support from Hastings Public School to place out and take in the Children's Crossing Flags for the specified children crossing times in the morning and afternoon.

Museum Projects Funding

Hastings Council has received a number of grants, which will significantly boost museum displays and historical presence in the Hastings. An \$18,000 grant from the NSW Heritage Office will go towards compiling 'Her Story'. The series of exhibitions, commencing late 2005, will show the role of women, both historically and contemporarily, in the development of the Hastings Valley. This project will tell the stories of women in the Hastings by researching the museum collections, identifying significant places and recording the stories and history.

A further \$30,000 grant has been secured from the Ministry for the Arts for the completion of Stage 2 of "Her Story" which includes a publication and web site.

Funding of \$14,500 for a "Museum in a Box" Education Kit has been made available from the Ministry for the Arts. The Museum in a Box project will create a complete education kit that interprets the story of our local history by providing museum artefacts, student worksheets and practical learning exercises to primary schools, all based around the education syllabus outcomes and designed as a fold out box/case for ease of use by teachers.

Koala Warning Signs

In support of the Koala Preservation Society NSW, Council has agreed to design and erect new prominent Koala warning signs for known Koala Black Spots. It is hoped the distinctive warning signs will minimise the death and injury of koalas caused by cars along Ocean Drive from Matthew Flinders Drive to Elkhorn Avenue as well as other known koala crossings such as Kennedy Drive, Lake Road, the Oxley Highway and Hastings River Drive.

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