



5 November 2002

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANDWICK WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, 90 AVOCA STREET, RANDWICK, ON TUESDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER 2002 AT 5:30 PM

Committee Members: His Worship, the Mayor, Cr D. Sullivan, Crs Backes (Chairperson), Matson, Notley-Smith, Procopiadis, Tracey (Deputy Chairperson), and Whitehead.

Quorum: Four (4) members.

**NOTE:** AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2000, THE COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE BE CONSTITUTED AS A COMMITTEE WITH FULL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

**1 Apologies**

**2 Minutes**

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2002.

**3 Addresses to Committee by the Public**

**4 Mayoral Minutes**

**5 Library**

5.1 DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SERVICES' REPORT 39/2002 - COMMUNITY DRUG INFORMATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES PROJECT: DI@YLL: DRUG INFORMATION @ YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY. 2

**6 General Business**

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## ***Director Governance Management & Information Services' Report 39/2002***

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Community Drug Information and Public Libraries Project: DI@YLL: Drug Information @ Your Local Library
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**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SERVICES

### **INTRODUCTION:**

This report outlines the Drug Information at Your Local Library Project – DI@YLL, the Statewide and local launches of the campaign and the associated involvement by staff of Randwick City & Information Service.

### **ISSUES:**

The 12 month Community Drug Information and Public Libraries Project is a joint initiative of the State Library of NSW and the NSW Premier's Department. The project has been renamed **DI@YLL** - Drug Information @ Your Local Library. The Project forms one component of the Community Information Strategy, which was a recommendation of the NSW Governments Plan of Action, developed in response to the 1999 Drug Summit.

The DI@YLL Project provides an opportunity to link strongly with Local Councils, Community Drug Action Teams (CDATs) and other partners at a local level, to support information delivery by Library staff. The aim of the Project is to build the capacity of the NSW Public Library Network to provide access to quality illicit drug information.

The Project comprises five main elements: quality illicit drug information collections and resources, workforce development, partnerships, marketing and communication, and evaluation.

An Expert Reference Group (ERG) has been commissioned to inform the direction and assist in implementation of the Project. Representatives included staff from the following organisations:

- Health Information Service, State Library of NSW
- Public Libraries Branch, State Library of NSW
- NSW Premier's Department

- Community Drug Action Teams
- Department of Community Services
- Department of Education and Training
- National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre
- NSW Police Drug Programs Coordination Unit
- NSW Users & Aids Association
- St Vincent's Hospital Alcohol & Drug Services

Representatives were called for from the Metropolitan Public Libraries Association (MPLA) and the Country Public Libraries Association (CPLA). Two staff members from Randwick City Library & Information Services, Megan Saville and Mary Nikolakopoulos were selected to the committee as MPLA representatives.

To address the main issues of the project, the ERG was ultimately divided into two subcommittees, the Core Collection and the Implementation subcommittee.

The Core Collection subcommittee focused on developing a collection using quality assurance mechanisms for evaluating resources for print and Internet illicit drug collections. The core collection has now assessed a wide-ranging selection of both online and printed illicit drug information. The result is a website [www.diayll.sl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.diayll.sl.nsw.gov.au) and a core collection of quality assured books and folder collection of pamphlets. Each central public library in NSW will receive a core collection and folder collection. Additionally, each branch library will receive a folder collection. All libraries will have access to the Internet gateway of quality assured illicit drug websites. A members only section for the website has also been planned.

The Implementation subcommittee planned and developed the successful DI@YLL forum, held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2002 at the State Library of NSW. 82 representatives from organisations attended, including representatives from:

- NSW Public Libraries,
- NSW Premier's Department,
- Community Drug Action Teams (CDATs)
- Department of Community Services,
- members of the public.

This committee has also developed the workforce development training kit. The training kit will provide all necessary resources to ensure staff are able to provide competent and understanding assistance in what is a sometimes sensitive issue. Staff training sessions will include:

- Background to the Di@yll Project,
- Alcohol and other drugs information sessions,
- Drug Action Forum Video,
- Working with your community and
- A run through of the Di@yll resources.

Each public library will be responsible for training their staff, Megan Saville and Mary Nikolakopoulos will be training all RCLIS staff.

The Honourable John Della Bosca MLC, Special Minister of State officially launched the NSW Community Information Campaign on October 29<sup>th</sup> 2002. Di@yll is an integral component of this campaign. Advertising for the campaign includes bus and printed media advertisements and local cinema advertising. The still images for these advertisements were shot on location at the Bowen Library.

To ensure the collection is highly visible in the libraries, Di@yll spine labels stickers will be placed on all resources in the collection. Other in house promotional material will include A3 and A4 sized posters, mouse mats and balloons.

The local Randwick launch will be held in February 2003 at Bowen Library. Proceedings will begin at 6pm with a welcoming speech, from the Mayor Councillor Dominic Sullivan, who will invite the Premier (subject to the Premier's availability) to officially launch the project.

A key success factor to the success of the Di@yll project will be the relationship cultivated between Public Libraries and their local CDAT (Community Drug Action Team). Liz Junck, Project Manager for the Drugs and Community Action Strategy, NSW's Premiers Department is working with the manager for Eastern Region CDATs and RCLIS.

The Community Drug Information and Public Libraries project will be ongoing, however the Senior Project Manager's position will not be continuing. The project will be maintained through the State Library of New South Wales. The listserv will be maintained by Health Information Services, SLNSW, the collection will be evaluated in March and then a full evaluation of the project will occur in June. The ERG will also continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The library will continue to support the project by purchasing any updated resources, continuing representation on the ongoing ERG committee, ongoing evaluation of the project and the core collection and continued promotion of the collection throughout the community. Refresher training will be provided to all library staff annually.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the report on the Di@yll Project be received and noted.
2. That council invite the Premier Mr Bob Carr, the Honourable Deirdre Grusovin and the Honourable Ernie Page to attend the launch of Di@yll.

### **ATTACHMENT/S:**

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