



1 July 2003

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, 8TH JULY 2003 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 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2000, THE COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE BE CONSTITUTED AS A COMMITTEE WITH FULL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

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CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10TH JUNE, 2003.

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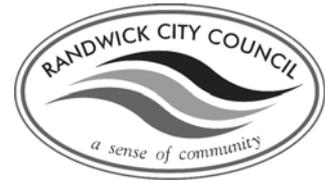
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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

Acting Director Planning & Community Development's Report 48/2003



SUBJECT:	DISABILITY AWARENESS CONSULTATION WITH THE GREEK COMMUNITY
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DATE:	27 June, 2003	FILE NO:	98/S/1005
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REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION:

During 2002-2003 the Disability Council of NSW and the NSW Ombudsman will be jointly consulting with people who have disabilities, their families and carers, from various Cultural and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities.

The Disability Council of NSW is the official advisor to the NSW Government on issues affecting people with disabilities and their families. Through the newly formed Community Services Division, the NSW Ombudsman is an independent and impartial watchdog. The NSW Ombudsman is required to consider the needs of persons receiving or eligible to receive community services and who are least likely or able to complain about a service they receive.

The consultations are designed to inform the Ombudsman and the Disability Council of the service needs of people with disabilities and their carers, barriers to accessing services, and how people solve problems in relation to the services they receive. This information will form the basis of a report to Government and improve the two agencies accessibility and practices.

ISSUES:

A previous consultation was recently held for the Greek community in Roselands, however a need was identified to provide a similar consultation in the Eastern Sydney area. In this regard, Cr John Procopiadis, Chair of the Multicultural Advisory Committee, advocated that a consultation with the Greek community be held in the Randwick area because of our significant Greek population. The Ombudsman and the Disability Council have agreed to jointly conduct a public consultation with the support of Council to be held on Thursday 14 August 2003 from 10am to 2pm in the Randwick Town Hall Lodge Room.

An invitation will be extended to members of the Greek community who have a disability or care for someone with a disability from the local government areas of Randwick, Botany, South Sydney, Woollahra, Waverley and Marrickville.

At the consultation, information about Council services and the range of disability services in the eastern area, in Greek and English, will be available to participants. The Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project (ESMAP), which targets the HACC client group, has also been invited to contribute to an information stall and help promote the function.

CONCLUSION:

The disability awareness consultation to be held at Randwick, will greatly assist the NSW Ombudsman and the Disability Council of NSW to better meet the needs of the Greek community in the Eastern Sydney area. This initiative will improve the quality of life of the increasing number of people with disabilities who live at home or in supported accommodation and reflect Council's on going commitment to our culturally diverse community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council support the NSW Ombudsman and the Disability Council of NSW community consultation for people with a disability or their carers from the Greek community in Eastern Sydney.
2. Council actively promote the consultation to the Greek community.
3. Council waive the fees for the use of the Randwick Town Hall for the community consultation on Thursday 14 August 2003.

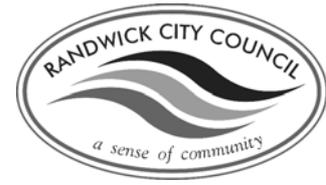
ATTACHMENT/S:

Nil

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Acting Director Planning & Community Development's Report 49/2003



SUBJECT:	LEXINGTON PLACE COMMUNITY FACILITY
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REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION:

At the ordinary Council meeting on the 25th March 2003, it was resolved:

That Council seek the support of the NSW Government to contribute towards the \$400.00 per week rental, on a dollar for dollar basis for the first two years of the lease, for the premises 3-5 Lexington Place, Maroubra South which is to be run as a Community Centre/Neighbourhood Centre.

At the ordinary Council meeting on the 25th March 2003, Council also resolved:

That the petition regarding a Community Facility/Boxing-Martial Arts Gymnasium be referred to the appropriate Committee and/or the Councillors Bulletin with a report from the relevant officer.

Through community consultations and Intergovernmental working groups, it is evident that there are key periods when concerns arise regarding young people's inappropriate behaviour in the Lexington Place area. Through these meetings a variety of models of service provision for the area have been discussed, including possible funding solutions.

ISSUES:

Council has recently resolved to investigate community proposals regarding the use of a shop in Lexington Place for Community purposes. The first proposal included investigating funding to operate an employment service. The proposal aims to increase employment services including support with resume writing and tutoring programs for tenants in the immediate area. The auspicing body Workventures, has implemented a similar service in Department of Housing sites in Woolloomooloo and Miller. In these areas they operate out of a Department of Housing site, which DoH provide at no cost.

However, Workventures and DoH have advised Council that they are unable to locate a suitable site that is DoH owned in this area. Therefore the site outlined in the submission is dependent on sourcing appropriate and available funds to cover the rental component of \$20,800 per year.

The second proposal by the community requested the development of a Council funded Community Centre and martial arts gymnasium. A petition was also signed by community members supporting the proposal. The petition discusses the need for a recreational program that involves local young people in fitness and leisure activities. The proposal requests Council to provide funding for all costs associated with the project, including rental components and establishment costs for the gymnasium.

The third proposal outlines an Outreach Service auspiced by The Shack Youth Services with support from Police, PCYC, and Randwick City Council. The service would include outreach counselling services and drop in centre from Thursday to Saturday evenings. Both the Police and PCYC are intending to support the implementation of the service by rostering uniformed officers during the operation of the drop in centre. In addition the PCYC will organise for the Mobile Games Van to be available to participants in the program and local area. The Shack Youth Services also intends to create partnerships with Department of Housing and local community groups to develop further appropriate services.

Randwick City Council has been involved in discussions regarding the Outreach Service and it is proposed that Council contribute financial assistance to assist in the implementation of a range of recreational activities. Providing financial assistance for activities will assist local young people to attend affordable and accessible services that meet their social and recreational needs. Council has allocated funds for the development of South Ward youth activities and it is proposed that Council use some of these designated funds to contribute to the service delivery of the Outreach Service.

The Community Development Department has conveyed the details of two of the proposals to the Premiers Department for consideration in relation to Community Solutions Funding. Although due to the timeliness of the recent Gymnasium proposal, it was not included in discussions with the Premiers Department.

In this regard, the Honourable Bob Carr, Premier of NSW announced on Sunday 15 June Community Solutions Funding for The Shack Youth Services Outreach Project for a 2 year period.

CONCLUSION:

Randwick Council is in a position to support a service that will increase young people's access to service provision, integrate clients into both welfare and support services, divert young people from anti-social behaviour and increase social harmony in the Maroubra area. The contributions of all the service providers will greatly enhance direct service delivery, assist disadvantaged and marginalised young people, families and community members.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council support the implementation of The Shack Youth Services Outreach Project including allocating identified funds to the implementation of recreational activities for young people in the Lexington Place area.

ATTACHMENT/S:

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