



7th October, 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, 14TH OCTOBER, 2003 AT 5:30 P.M.

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, 12TH AUGUST, 2003.

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Director Planning & Community Development's Report 79/2003

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| SUBJECT: | WOMEN'S CORROBOREE - RECLAIMING BACK OUR RIGHTS |
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| DATE: | 29 September, 2003 | FILE NO: | 98/S/5129 |
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REPORT BY: DIRECTOR PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION:

“Reclaiming Back Our Rights” is an Aboriginal Women’s Corroboree Event that seeks to publicise and protest against the prevalence of both domestic violence and sexual assault perpetrated against Aboriginal Women, Children and Youth.

“Reclaiming Back Our Rights Corroboree” will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2003 10.30am –2.30pm at Yarra Bay House La Perouse.

BACKGROUND:

Domestic Violence and sexual assault against Aboriginal Women is a huge issue of concern for both the Community and the three tiers of Government.

Whilst the Federal Government is focusing on bringing domestic violence within Indigenous Communities finally back on to the Agenda, and similarly the NSW Government Strategic Initiatives is focusing on violence within Indigenous Communities, there is unfortunately a segment of the Community that is overlooked.

This is the area of Aboriginal Youth and Domestic Violence.

In order to address this issue, a collaborative approach with relevant stakeholders from Local, State and Federal Government Departments and Community Organisations providing services to Aboriginal Women and Youth, has been undertaken in organising the “Reclaim Our Rights” Corroboree.

The Corroboree will focus on Domestic Violence, Youth and sexual assault, with information sessions on:

- Community Education
- Community Discussion & Strategy

- Intervention
- Prevention
- Empowerment
- Information Sharing

The “Reclaim Our Rights” Corroboree will offer the participants comprehensive information on services available, and assist with referral information through information stalls and pre packed information bags.

This is an Aboriginal Women’s Event, which will provide an opportunity for Aboriginal Women from across NSW to come together to speak out against the violence perpetuated against Women.

Council’s Aboriginal Community Development Officer has been a member of the Working Party organising this Event.

ISSUES:

The Working Party is seeking Council’s support in organising the Corroboree with a financial commitment of \$500.00 towards the following expenses:

- Speakers
- Entertainment
- Pre packed Information Bags

Funds associated with organising the ‘Reclaim Back Our Rights’ Corroboree (\$500) are available through the Community Development Project Budget.

Council has also been asked to provide 100 chairs for Corroboree participants and 20 trestle tables that will be used for information stalls.

The cost of transportation of the chairs and trestle tables by Council is \$600.00. It is also requested that Council waive these fees to support this community event.

Funds associated with the waiving of these fees are available through the Councillors’ Donation Vote for 2003/04.

CONCLUSION:

“Reclaim Back Our Rights” Corroboree for Aboriginal Women Children and Youth is a significant community event that addresses escalating violence towards women. Council’s involvement in this event enhances our relationship with Indigenous service providers, and women from the Randwick LGA.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council support the implementation of the “Reclaiming Back Our Rights” event including allocating identified funds for the implementation of the event.

2. That Council vote \$600 to cover the transportation costs, be allocated from the Councillors' Donations Vote for 2003/04.
3. That Council's contribution to the "Reclaim Back Our Rights" Corroboree is appropriately publicised.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Nil

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SIMA TRUUVERT
DIRECTOR PLANNING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

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HELEN BROWN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
OFFICER

Director Governance, Management & Information Services' Report 26/2003



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| SUBJECT: | MATRAVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION |
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| DATE: | 12 September, 2003 | FILE NO: | 98/S/0280 |
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REPORT BY: DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

The resolution of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December (Director Governance Management & Information Services Report 44/2002) was that “a trial of the proposed new hours of operation be initiated for a six month period commencing Saturday 1st February 2003 and that a report on the trial be presented to the Committee.” Following is the report, which identifies the new initiatives and promotional activities and provides an analysis of monthly usage since February 2003 and concludes with the recommendation to continue with the new hours.

ISSUES:

Previous Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday 9.30 am – 1.00 pm, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Friday Closed

Trial Hours of Operation

Monday 3.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Tuesday – Thursday 9.30 am – 1.00 pm, 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Friday Closed
Saturday 9.30 am – 12.00 noon

The Library commenced operating with the hours on 1st February 2003. To communicate the change of hours and promote further usage the Library staff undertook a number of initiatives.

In March 2003 the Outreach staff initiated improvements to the layout and presentation of the branch including:

- Painting of the Junior area
- Increased seating in the Serial and Reference sections
- Integration of the Adult and Junior Non Fiction collections to improve access to the collection.
- Introduction of a DVD collection

- Expansion of the Spoken Word and Video collections
- New display boards

To publicise these changes and the change of hours of operation the newly formed Randwick City Library & Information Service Marketing Group undertook the following initiatives:

- Production and distribution of a Matraville Branch Library brochure. The Library arranged a letterbox drop to residents in the area using Local Special Project Grant funding.
- Poster campaign. The posters were displayed at all three service points and distributed to local businesses.
- The introduction of a monthly "Morning Tea and New Things" to offer adult library patrons the chance to preview new additions to the collection.

Future initiatives will include:

- An expansion of the Outreach Library Service Author Talk series to include sessions at Matraville Branch
- Increased displays to take advantage of the new display boards.

Since March 2003 there has been a significant increase in monthly loans compared to the previous year (see Attachment 1). Library staff believe that the increase in monthly usage is partly due to the change in hours of operation, partly due to the initiatives put in place to improve the ambiance of the branch and enhanced collections and partly due to the promotional campaign.

CONCLUSION:

The change in operating hours has been well received by the community, with a gradual increase in loans per month (average 11.7% over the last four months). We will continue to make improvements aimed at meeting community needs.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That in view of the increased usage of resources and promotional activities held at Matraville Branch Library that the new hours of operation continue; and
- 2) That staff are to continue to monitor community usage and preferences and will recommend any adjustment to the hours of operation in the future to the Director.

ATTACHMENT/S:

1. Circulation Statistics (Monthly) - Matraville Comparisons. (Under Separate Cover)

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& INFORMATION SERVICES