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WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A WORKS 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, 4TH DECEMBER, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members: The Mayor, Cr B. Notley-Smith, Crs Andrews, Belleli (Deputy Chairperson), Hughes (Chairperson), Matson, Seng, Tracey & White.

Quorum: Five (5) members.

NOTE: AT THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2004, THE COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE WORKS COMMITTEE BE CONSTITUTED AS A COMMITTEE WITH FULL DELEGATION TO DETERMINE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

1 Apologies/Granting of leave of absences

2 Confirmation of the Minutes

CONFIRMATION OF THE WORK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2007.

3 Declaration of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests

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6.1 DIRECTOR, CITY SERVICES' REPORT 87/2007 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - MAROUBRA BEACH VOLLEYBALL. 2

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GENERAL MANAGER

Director, City Services' Report 87/2007



SUBJECT:	EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - MAROUBRA BEACH VOLLEYBALL
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REPORT BY: DIRECTOR, CITY SERVICES

INTRODUCTION:

Council previously resolved to permit a beach volleyball trial at Maroubra Beach and Yarra Bay Beach to assess the impacts of this activity and to determine whether the activity should be permitted to continue on an ongoing basis.

Council considered a report concerning this matter at its Works Committee meeting held on November 2005 and resolved the following:

RESOLUTION: (Andrews/White)

1. That Council permit the Yarra Bay Sailing Club and Total Beach Volleyball Pty Ltd to conduct six month trials at Yarra Bay beach and Maroubra Beach respectively;
2. That at the conclusion of the six month trial a further report be submitted to Council outlining the benefits and impacts associated with the activity;
3. That the report recommend whether expressions of interest should be called for the establishment of a seasonal presence at one or more of the City's beaches; and
4. That the General Manager be authorised to negotiate appropriate conditions of use and fees for the trial period.

Total Beach Volleyball Pty Ltd was given the opportunity to run the trial at Maroubra Beach subject to payment of beach usage fees and other conditions. The Yarra Bay Sailing Club was given the approval to operate the beach volleyball at Yarra Bay Beach. Owing to a change in management at the club, the activity at Yarra Bay was not undertaken.

At the conclusion of the trial a further report was to be submitted to Council outlining the benefits and impacts associated with the activity.

ISSUES:

Reports received from Council's Senior Beach Inspectors advise that the 'one off' events are well run and have not caused any significant concern. Similarly, there have been no significant issues arising from the conducting of the seasonal beach volleyball at Maroubra Beach other than one written complaint being received. The complainant was of the opinion that a small part of the beach being used for a short period on one

day was acceptable but the extended use with a large number of courts over more days was not. This issue can be further analysed and limitations established in the Expression of Interest document for this activity. A three court restriction and narrower use window should also be considered whereby the permissible hours are contained to a smaller time band such as between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. This matter will require further consideration.

The running of the event creates a point of interest for visitors to the beach and adds to the vibrancy of the place. Given Australia's success at the Sydney 2000 Olympics in this event, it is also understandable that there has been an increased public awareness of the sport and an increased interest in people wanting to participate. However, opportunities for people to participate in an organised competition in the Eastern Beaches are limited with competitions being held outside the area both at Brighton Beach, Dee Why Beach and Manly Beach. Recently, Maroubra Beach has been the only venue for this type of activity in the Eastern Beaches. Approximately half of the participants at the Maroubra beach volleyball have been Randwick City residents with the majority of the other participants originating from neighbouring local government areas.

It is considered that the existing operation at Maroubra Beach be continued to operate over this coming season and that the expressions of interest be called in February 2008 with a planned three year licence period commencing July 2008. Proponents would be required to submit financial proposals together with proposed tournament/competition calendars.

RELATIONSHIP TO CITY PLAN:

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 5: Excellence in recreation and lifestyle opportunities

Directions 5b: A range of cultural, sporting and leisure activities

Key actions: Recognise and promote opportunities for residents and visitors to engage in sports and other cultural pursuits

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Under the requirements of the Expression of Interest, proponents will be required to submit an annual licence fee proposal to Council. The activity would generate income for Council but the quantum of this fee will not be known until submissions are assessed.

CONCLUSION:

Competition and 'learn to play' beach volleyball is seen as an appropriate activity to be conducted on the City's beaches with Maroubra Beach being a good location for this activity. The ongoing trial period has shown that the local and wider community have actively endorsed the activity with thirty teams playing in five divisions. This represents over 100 players and this number is augmented with additional participants in 'learn to play' courses and other tournaments. It is considered that the benefits of a more permanent presence will significantly outweigh any impacts on other beach users.

RECOMMENDATION:

That:

1. Council call for expressions of interest to conduct organised beach volleyball at the south end of Maroubra Beach; and
2. the existing operator of the beach volleyball at Maroubra Beach be given approval to continue conducting competitions and 'learn to play' classes until the end of June 2008, subject to payment of fees and appropriate user conditions.

ATTACHMENT/S:

Nil

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