

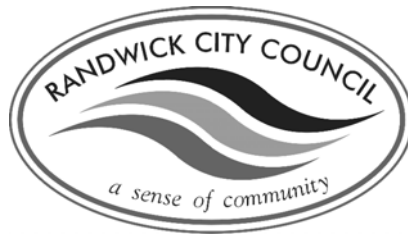
# **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **BUSINESS PAPER**

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a Community Services Committee of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 11 March 2008 at 5:30pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor, B Notley-Smith, Belleli, Hughes, Matson, Nash, Propcopiadis (Deputy Chairperson), Woodsmith (Chairperson).

Quorum: Four (4) members.

NOTE: At the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2004, the Council resolved that the Community Services Committee be constituted as a committee with full delegation to determine matters on the agenda.

### Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

### Confirmation of the Minutes

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### Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

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### Library Reports

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## Community Services Report No. C4/08



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### Introduction

National Youth Week 2008 is an annual event which not only celebrates the contribution that young people make to the community, but provides a platform for positive opportunities enabling young people to come together to share their ideas, views and concerns through networking, talking, learning, raising issues and having fun. Implemented jointly by federal, state and local government and coordinated by the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA), National Youth Week will take place from 5 to 13 April 2008. The slogan for 2008 is: Shout. Share. Live. Unite.

Events and activities organised by Randwick City Council for this year are commensurate with the aims of National Youth Week and will encourage young people to: share ideas; attend live events; have their voices heard on issues of concern to them; showcase their talents; celebrate their contribution to the community; take part in competitions; and have fun! Following are the activities proposed for Youth Week 2008 and facilitated by Randwick City Council in collaboration with Woollahra Council, Waverley Council, WAYS and The Shack Youth Services:

**Urban shorts 2008 Randwick Youth Film Festival and presentation night including several film making workshops** - in collaboration with Metro Screen and SBS Message Stick.

**Bondi Blitz** - in partnership with Waverley Council, Woollahra Council, WAYS and The Shack.

**Basketball Competition** - in partnership with Waverley Council, Woollahra Council, WAYS and The Shack.

**Youth Forum** - in partnership with Waverley Council, Woollahra Council, WAYS and The Shack.

**Beat the Drum for Youth Week** – drumming workshop at Bowen Library in collaboration with the library services and the Shack Youth Services.

**NIDA Bytes** – theatre workshop at the Bowen Library

### Issues

The following is a summary of the proposed activities planned for Youth Week 2008.

#### **Urban Shorts 2008 Randwick Youth Film Festival**

In its fifth year, Urban Shorts provides an opportunity for young people to showcase their talents, develop skills, contribute to the community and be heard on issues that concern them. In an attempt to facilitate participation from a broader section of the youth community the competition will again include the entry categories of Storyboard and Screenplay in addition to Short Film. This year a film making workshop will be conducted by Metro Screen for the South Maroubra Outreach

program (SMOP) as a development of the Photo-voice project and an attempt to generate a group entry from young people from the South Maroubra Housing Estate. Discussions have been undertaken with SBS Message Stick to facilitate a workshop and entry from young indigenous people from the La Perouse community.

The Short Film Competition is open to all young people aged 12-25 years, living, working, studying or attending recreational activities within the Randwick City. Eligible entrants include individuals, youth service providers and school, university and TAFE students. The presentation night and film viewing will be sponsored by the Ritz Cinema Randwick and held on Wednesday 9 April at 6.30 pm. Prizes will be awarded to winners of the categories and all finalists will receive a certificate of merit.

#### **Beat the Drum for Youth Week 2008**

Beat the Drum for Youth Week is a free drumming workshop which will be held for the second time in Youth Week at Bowen Library on Friday 4 April from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Well known drummer Philippe Lincy will spend 90 mins with a group of 25 young people teaching them the basics of playing the West African djembe drum.

#### **Bondi Blitz**

Bondi Blitz is an open air live music event which has been a feature of National Youth Week for 17 years. Bands and other acts will be selected by a committee of young people and will include local artists. This year for the first time, The Lapa Bummers Youth Haven will participate in planning and providing entertainment on the day. This event also provides an opportunity to promote youth services in the eastern region and to disseminate information on a wide range of subjects including health and safety. A range of other activities, including a free learn to surf clinic run by 'Let's Go Surfing', will be held. The event is to take place next to the skate park at Bondi Beach on Saturday 15 March 2008 from noon to 5 pm. Randwick City Council is involved in the planning of this event and will provide support, in relation to advertising and promotion, and staff resources on the day.

#### **Youth Forum**

The Youth Forum will be held at WAYS Youth Service at 63a Wairoa Ave Bondi Beach on Thursday 3 April from 8:30 am to 3 pm. This will be the 14<sup>th</sup> Youth Forum and will explore the issue of internet and mobile phone bullying through a range of activities, talks and creative workshops. The forum will be called In Your Facebook.

Schools from Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra will be invited to attend. Each school generally sends up to 8 students. In the past, Randwick Girls, Randwick Boys, Marcellin, South Sydney, Emanuel and Brigidine Schools have been involved in this event.

Randwick City Council staff will assist with the planning of the forum, liaise with schools in the local government area and assist on the day.

#### **NIDA Bytes**

The Bowen Library will be conducting drama workshops in collaboration with NIDA for youth Week. This event will be promoted as a Youth week event and included on the National youth Week poster for eastern Sydney.

#### **Relationship to City Plan**

The relationship to the city plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.

Direction 2b: Enrich our range of community services that meet our community's needs.

Key action: Celebrate the range of cultures and people within Randwick City.

Outcome 5: Excellence in recreation and lifestyle opportunities.

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

Key action: Increase public art, performance spaces and opportunities for creative expression across our City.

Outcome 3: An informed and engaged community.

Direction 3b: Council actively promotes the community services offered by other agencies.

Key action: Create information hubs at our libraries and throughout our City which enrich the exchange and inter flow of information.

### **Financial impact statement**

The Financial impact to Council for the above activities is \$5,150 which has been previously allocated within the 2007/2008 Community Development for Youth Week activities. To assist with the costs of offering these events, a grant of \$2,200 has been received from the NSW Department of Community Services.

### **Conclusion**

National Youth Week 2008 will provide a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution and talents of young people living in Randwick City.

The proposed activities will provide continued visibility of Council's commitment to servicing all people in the community.

### **Recommendation**

That:

- a) Council note and endorse the proposed activities planned for National Youth Week 2008 in Randwick City.
- b) All publicity relating to National Youth Week 2008 acknowledge Randwick City Council by displaying its logo.
- c) The Mayor or his representative shall be given the opportunity to address young people on behalf of Council during a National Youth Week activity.

### **Attachment/s:**

Nil