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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 26 August 2008 at 6:00pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM62/08



Subject: Waiving of Fees - Gracepoint
Christian Church - Clean Up Australia Day

Folder No: F2004/08302

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A letter has been received from the Gracepoint Christian Church to hold their Community celebration of Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, 1 March 2009 and requesting Council to waive the fees associated with this event. Grace Point Christian Church has a vision to make Clean Up Australia Day, a family fun day for volunteers in the local Community.

Grace Point Christian Church has been appointed the Site Co-ordinator for Maroubra Beach by Clean Up Australia. The Church proposes to hold a family fun day after the clean up including a BBQ, games and prizes for the volunteers.

Issues

Mr Justin Pagotto, Gracepoint Christian Church has applied to Council to waive the fees associated with this type of event, these fees include:

Application Fee:	\$ 300.00
Sound System:	1,980.00
New Banner:	828.47
Temporary Tattoos x 1,000	418.00
Cover and Stage Hire	2,326.28
Installation and Removal of Banner	612.00
Hire fee for banner (4 weeks) (Anzac Pde & Beauchamp Rd)	2,060.00
Total:	\$8,524.75

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be a contribution up to \$8,524.75 to be allocated to fund the stage, cover, sound system, tattoos and banner for the day and that the funds be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Clean Up Australia Day is a significant event throughout many communities across the country and I believe a financial contribution of \$8,524.75 from Council is appropriate and that the event organisers be advised accordingly.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote \$8,524.75 to cover part of the associated fees including hire of stage, cover, sound system, tattoos and banner for the '2008 Maroubra Beach Clean Up Australia Day Festival' and the funds be charged to the 2008/09

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Contingency Fund;

- b) the event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM63/08



Subject: Australia Day Community Service Awards 2009

Folder No: F2006/00216

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Every year on Australia Day, Council acknowledges local individuals and organisations who dedicate both time and effort to benefit Randwick City and its residents. This acknowledgement occurs through the presentation of the Australia Day Community Service and Youth Awards as part of Council's official Australia Day ceremony and celebrations.

It is proposed to slightly change the name of the awards from Australia Day Community Service and Youth Awards to the 'Randwick City Community Service Award' and award a medallion to all finalists in a general and youth category. This would be presented to award recipients at the official Australia Day ceremony and celebration as has been done in the past.

Nominee's details will remain confidential and only those chosen to receive a Randwick City Council Community Services Award medallion will be announced.

Issues

Over the past 10 years, the Australia Day Awards have operated with 5 categories in the Open Awards and 3 categories in the Youth Awards, these categories could be confusing and/or overlapping for the nominators in choosing which category to nominate and equally difficult for Council should there be no nominees or only one in any category. In this instance Council needs to 'fit' nominees into a category.

The awarding of the Randwick City Council Community Service medallion is designed to wider acknowledge the often-unsung heroes and organisations within our City that give generously of their time and expertise to help others. The proposed changes are expected to make the process of nominating and awarding easier.

Nominations will be open to all residents, community groups, businesses and associations of Randwick City who can demonstrate that they have made an obvious favourable impact on the City of Randwick. Local residents are encouraged to nominate neighbours, colleagues, friends, family members and local organisations who volunteer their valuable time for charity work; who never hesitates to participate in an important community initiative and who strives to improve the community services and facilities of our City.

The design and wording of the medallions will be chosen by the Mayor and approved via communications and Council.

Financial impact statement

The cost of providing the medallions will be approximately \$500.00 with this amount being provided through the approved 2008/09 Events budget. There will be no further cost to Council.

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Conclusion

The Community Services Awards Program acknowledges the valuable contributions of individuals/groups to our City. All finalists will be presented with a Randwick City Community Service medallion for their recognised outstanding achievements.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council agree to the proposal to amend the Australia Day Award name from the Australia Day Community Service and Youth Awards to Randwick City Community Service Award and to provide a medallion for finalists who meet all eligible criteria in the Awards.
- b) Council approve use of \$500.00 from the agreed 2008/09 Events budget for the purchase of medallions.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM64/08



Subject: Waiving Of Fees - Maroubra Chamber of Commerce - Market Day, Fun Run and Oktoberfest

Folder No: F2004/08114

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

An application has been received from Mr Richard Walsh on behalf of the Maroubra and Districts Chambers of Commerce, Maroubra Lions Club, Rotary Club of Maroubra and the South Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club to hold their annual Fun Run, Oktoberfest and Market Day on Sunday, 19 October 2008. Mr Walsh has requested that Council's fees regarding all activities and food vendors attending the event be waived.

Issues

An assessment of the applicable fees are as follows:

Hiring of Stage	\$2,000.00
Three mobile food vans & food stalls (\$95 each)	\$ 285.00
Park Usage Fee	\$ 324.00
Administration Fee	\$ 450.00
Equipment Hire Fee	\$ 500.00
Bin Hire x 20 (supply and remove)	\$1,000.00
Total:	\$4,559.00

It is considered that the Maroubra Fun Run, Oktoberfest and Market Day is a non-profit community event and that funds be allocated to cover the costs of hiring a stage and other fees associated with the event.

Often in the conducting of large events such as this, Council's property is damaged. It is necessary that the organiser of the event, Mr Richard Walsh, on behalf of the Maroubra and Districts Chambers of Commerce, Maroubra Lions Club, Rotary Club of Maroubra and the South Maroubra Surf Lifesaving Club be advised in writing that should Council property be damaged in any way the organisers of the event are liable and that the organisers acknowledge this in writing prior to the event.

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be a contribution of \$4,559.00 from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Given that the level of support being offered by Council is substantial, it would be appropriate that Council be treated as a co-operative partner and be included in the event promotion. This will ensure Council is acknowledged for its support of local community events in the eyes of the community.

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Recommendation

That

- a) Council vote \$4,559.00 to cover the costs associated with Council's contribution towards the organising of the Maroubra Fun Run, Oktoberfest and Market Day to be held on Sunday 19 October 2008, and that these funds be allocated from the 2008/2009 Contingency Fund.
- b) Council advise the organisers of the Maroubra Fun Run, Oktoberfest and Market Day, that Council be given adequate and appropriate acknowledgement for its contribution to the running of this event. Such acknowledgement to include Council's logo for inclusion on promotional literature and Council's banner be displayed at the event.
- c) the organisers be advised that Council requires an acceptance in writing that should Council property be damaged in any way the organisers of the event will compensate Council for the repair or replacement of the damaged item(s).

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM65/08



Subject: Financial Support for Australian Paralympic Athletes - Sarah Stewart and Rick Pendleton

Folder No: F2004/06574

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

The Paralympic Games will be held in Beijing, China in September 2008. Australia will be taking its biggest every team of 286 athletes, coaches and officials to the Games. Australia has finished amongst the top five nations at each of the last three Paralympic Games and hope to bring home their 1,000th Paralympic medal.

Through the athletic accomplishments of the athletes comes an increased awareness of the abilities of people with a disability and building awareness of our Paralympian's achievements creates and instils a sense of pride across the whole community.

Issues

The Paralympic team needs the support of local communities to get athletes to the Games in Beijing. Two athletes named in the Paralympic Australian Team are Sarah Stewart of Maroubra and Rick Pendleton of Coogee.

Sarah Stewart is member of the Australian women's wheelchair basketball team. After injuring herself, Sarah developed dystrophy and turned to wheelchair sport. In 2003, Sarah made her first Paralympic Australian team and in 2004 she represented Australia at her first Paralympic Games in Athens where she bought home a silver medal. She now has her sights set on gold for Beijing.

Rick Pendleton was born missing his left hand and since starting swimming in 1998 he competed at his first Paralympic Games in Athens where he finished fourth by 0.07 of a second in the 100m breaststroke.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, a donation of \$1,500 could be funded from the Mayor's Future Champions Fund.

Conclusion

The Mayor's Future Champions Fund was established in February 2006 to provide assistance to encourage sporting and academic excellence. This request meets the requirements to qualify for financial assistance under the terms of the fund.

Recommendation

That Council donate \$1,500 to help cover the costs of Sarah Stewart and Rick Pendleton representing Australia at the 2008 Paralympic Games, such funds to come from the Mayor's Future Champions Fund.

Attachment/s:

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Subject: Maroubra Surf Club - Use of Des Renford Aquatic Centre for Annual Nippers Swimming Proficiency Test - Waiving of Fees.

Folder No: F2004/06607

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Council has received a request for assistance from Mr Lee Miller, Water Safety Coordinator for Maroubra Surf Club, who is staging their annual swimming proficiency test for 'Nippers' in the under 8's and above. They have requested to hold these tests on two weekends in September 2008 at Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Sunday 21 September from 2.30pm to 5.30pm and Sunday 28 September from 11am to 2pm.

Issues

The Maroubra Surf Club is a volunteer organisation that provides a service to the local community in training children water proficiency, surf safety and water safety. Previously, the proficiency test for all Maroubra Surf Club 'Nippers' has been conducted at Maroubra Seals Club but due to refurbishments of the pool facilities, this pool is unavailable at this time.

It is a requirement of Surf Lifesaving Society of Australia that all children who are going to participate in water activities complete an annual swim proficiency test. They anticipate approximately 600 children will participate in the 'Nipper' program.

They have requested the use of two (2) lanes for two (2) Sunday mornings in September 2008 – Sunday 21 September from 2.30pm to 5.30pm and Sunday 28 September from 11am to 2pm.

The facility is extremely popular in September, with two full day regional swimming carnivals, a number of regular user groups and other local Surf Clubs also booked for their proficiency tests on weekends during this month. It is felt that the facility could accommodate their requirements if there is some flexibility by Maroubra Surf Club. It may be possible for them to have one Sunday morning and one Sunday mid-afternoon which would enable all groups to utilise the facility during this high demand period.

An assessment of the applicable fees to be waived is as follows:

Pool Hire Fee	\$ 720.00
Pool Entry Fees	\$1,500.00
Total:	\$2,220.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$2,220.00

Conclusion

The Maroubra Surf Club Nippers program is a worthwhile local community program which provides a service to the local community and encourages children to learn and

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participate in water safety. With some flexibility by Maroubra Surf Club on times the event is conducted, it would be possible to accommodate their requirements.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote to waive the \$2,220.00 fees associated with the Maroubra Surf Club annual proficiency test for children to be held on two (2) Sundays in September 2008 (21 and 28 September) and that this amount be funded from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.
- b) That Maroubra Surf Club work with Des Renford Aquatic Centre staff to obtain the best times and dates to ensure that regular user groups and current bookings are not affected.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM67/08



Subject: Extending our City / Country
Sustainability Schools Exchange to Temora Shire

Folder No: F2007/00484

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

To provide an update on extending our City / Country Sustainability Schools Exchange program to our sister city, Temora Shire.

Issues

I am pleased to announce that Randwick City Council has been successful in a one-off grant of \$10,000 from the Natural Resources Advisory Council (NRAC) to extend our City/ Country Sustainability Schools Exchange.

The grant builds on the previous visits of Randwick schools to Tarcutta Public School in the Riverina region to improve each school's understanding of local sustainability issues. This grant enables students from Malabar Public School to travel to Temora West Public School as part of our Sustainability Schools Exchange.

Although details of the visit are still being finalised, the visit by Malabar Public School students is tentatively set from Monday September 22, 2008. The visit will see students travel to a working farm, visit rehabilitation sites impacted by erosion, drought and salinity. There will also be presentations between the local and visiting students on the sustainability actions underway within each community.

I am delighted that we are able to strengthen our ties with Temora through the City / Country Sustainability Schools Exchange. It is intended to have students from Temora West Public School visit Randwick during our 2009 EcoLiving Fair.

Financial impact statement

Although there is an amount of staff time involved in coordinating this partnership there are no direct financial implications due to the \$10,000 sponsorship grant provided by NRAC for this exchange.

Conclusion

It is a very positive result for Council that we have been able to extend our Sustainability Schools Exchange through this grant from the Natural Resources Advisory Council.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note this report.

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Subject: Request for Donation for the Karitane
3rd Annual Charity Golf Day

Folder No: F2004/06574

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Karitane will be holding its 3rd Annual Golf Day on 17 September 2008 and is seeking assistance from Randwick Council through sponsorship, donation and/or participation. All proceeds raised from the Golf Day will go towards providing the Toddler Clinic with more resources to help more families experiencing parenting problems.

Karitane has been established in the Eastern Suburbs since 1923 and provides early intervention and parenting services to parents of children aged between 0-5 years across NSW. Karitane Services are accredited through Australian Council on Health Care Standards and come under the Sydney South West Area Health Service.

Issues

Funding from NSW Health continues to reduce whilst demand for Karitane's services from new families continues to increase. To meet these demands, Karitane requires to raise revenue in other ways to provide equipment that is necessary for their clients.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the donation of \$500 could be funded from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council support the services provided by Karitane to young families in the local community by supporting this worthwhile fund-raiser.

Recommendation

That Council donate \$500 to Karitane's 3rd Annual Golf Day and that the funds be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

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Subject: Waiving of Fees to Hang Banner for St Spyridon's College - Spring Fair

Folder No: F2004/06257

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Mr Andrew Tsounis of St Spyridon College Parents and Friends Association, seeking the waiving of fees associated with the installation of a banner advertising the school's Spring Fair fundraising event.

Issues

St Spyridon's College Parents and Friends Association are striving to improve the school's facilities and the Spring Fair is one of their major fundraising activities. By placing a banner at the intersection of Anzac Parade and Beauchamp Road, Maroubra the school hopes to maximise exposure to the fundraising day, adding to its success.

Costing as follows:

Application fee	\$ 135.00
Installation and removal of banner @ \$612.00 x 2	1,224.00
Hire of banner poles @ \$515.00 per week for three weeks	<u>1,545.00</u>
Total	\$2,904.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$2,904.00 and there are currently sufficient funds in the 2008/09 Contingency Fund to cover this contribution.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should vote to waive the fees associated with the installation and dismantling of the banner and that the funds be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the fees associated with the installation and dismantling of a banner for the St Spyridon College (on the flagpole at the intersection of Anzac Parade and Beauchamp Road, Maroubra), be waived and \$2,904.00 be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund;
- b) the fundraising event organiser undertakes to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: Proposed 2009 Coogee Mini-Marathon
- Coogee Public School

Folder No: F2004/06574

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

The Coogee Public School P&C is seeking Randwick Council's in-principle support for a Mini-Marathon in 2009. The proposed date is Sunday 13 September 2009, commencing at approximately 7am. The Mini-Marathon will be 7km for adults and children and 2km for children only.

Issues

In 2008, the Coogee Public School P&C began exploring unique ways to stage a community event that would promote the school, public education and assist in providing much needed funds to support the school.

The Coogee PS P&C believes that the Coogee Mini-Marathon will also benefit the local community by:

- Promoting healthy lifestyle
- Promoting community participation with local business and council
- Attracting visitors to the Coogee/Randwick area.

The school P&C would assume all organisational responsibility for the event and are committed to developing a solid relationship with Council to ensure that the event impacts positively on the local area and does not limit or restrict access for local residents.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

That Council support the proposed Coogee Mini-Marathon in principle as it will raise much needed funds for the Coogee Public School.

Recommendation

That Council support the proposed Coogee Mini-Marathon in-principle.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: The Progressive Community of Agiassos - Use of Town Hall for Photographic Competition

Folder No: F2004/08174

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

The Progressive Community of Agiassos is a non-profit organisation serving the Greek community of Agiassos a village on the Greek island of Lesbos. In the post-war migration to Australia, several hundreds of the villagers migrated to Sydney.

Issues

This community group has requested use of the Town Hall over the weekend Friday 28 February to Sunday 1 March 2009 to hold a photographic exhibition to celebrate the sixty years presence of the community in Sydney. It is proposed that the photographic competition will highlight aspects of the homeland these migrants left behind in Agiassos, and the homeland they adopted in Sydney.

As many member of the community reside in the Council area, the Randwick Town Hall has been identified as an appropriate location to host the photographic exhibition and the Progressive Community of Agiassos has asked if Council could waive the fees for the use of the Town Hall on the basis of the group's non-profit status and that there will be no entry fee into the photographic exhibition, which will be open to the public at large.

Financial impact statement

The fees for use of the Town Hall for Friday, Saturday & Sunday would be as follows:

Friday 28 February 2009: 9.00am to 5.00pm @ \$145 per hour	\$1,160.00
Friday 28 February 2009: 5.00pm to 9.00pm @ \$170 per hour	680.00*
Saturday 29 February 2009: 9.00am to 5.00pm @ \$145 per hour	1,160.00
<u>Sunday 1 March 2009: 9.00am to 5.00pm @ \$145 per hour</u>	<u>1,160.00</u>
Total:	\$4,160.00

* Note: Friday night has been included for an opening night cocktail party.

To protect Council's interests, it is suggested that the required \$1,000 refundable bond be required to be met by The Progressive Community of Agiassos.

If the report recommendation is adopted the fees in question (being \$4,160.00) could be funded from the 2008/2009 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is recommended that this worthwhile community event be supported and that the fees for use of the Town Hall be waived.

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Recommendation

That:

- a) The fees for use of the Town Hall (for Friday 28 February to Sunday 1 March 2009) by the Progressive Community of Agiassos be waived and the funds be charged to the 2008/2009 Contingency Fund
- b) the event organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: Austalian Mayoral Aviation Council -
Invitation to Become a Member

Folder No: F2004/07493

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

An invitation has been received from the Executive Director of the Australian Mayoral Aviation Council to become a member of this organisation and have our say in the future development of Sydney Airport.

Issues

Council's position has consistently been one of opposition to the Government's plans to greatly expand the Airport's operating capacity and its retail and commercial precincts.

Randwick and Woollahra were the only Councils to challenge the Government's decision in the late 1990's to revise operating schedules and flight paths without a consultation process. Council was unsuccessful in the High Court and incurred substantial costs which were settled in 2004.

In May 2005 Council resolved to allocate funds to contribute towards the organisation of an airport expansion protest rally at Tempe Reserve as well as further funds for joint campaigning with other Councils on the consultation process involving the Airport Ground Travel Plan which was required to be produced under the approved Major Development Plan (MDP).

In late 2005 Council made extensive submissions on the Major Development Plans (MDPs), which proposed additional car parking and extensive retail and commercial uses on the Airport site. Council also expressed similar concerns over the suitability and legality of development at Sydney Airport for non-aviation uses.

In its latest correspondence to Council, the Australian Mayoral Aviation Council advises that the latest Sydney Airport Master Plan indicates that by 2023/24 Sydney Airport will be operating at its maximum capacity for four hours in the morning on a busy day. It also rightly points out that commercial developments at airports should be subject to the same land use planning legislation as similar developments elsewhere.

Financial impact statement

The annual membership fee will be \$2,625.00 and has been allowed for in the 2008/09 budget.

Conclusion

It is important that Council becomes a member of the Australian Mayoral Aviation Council as it is the most appropriate forum in which Council can continue to have its say and be heard on this issue of major regional concern.

Through this body, Council will continue to challenge the Government's plans to greatly expand the Airport's operating capacity, as well as the suitability of retail and

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commercial development proposals for the Airport site and the potential impacts this form of development will have on the local area and the wider Sydney region.

Recommendation

That Council become a member of the Australian Mayoral Aviation Council and continues its fight against the Government's plans to expand the Airport's operating capacity, as well as the suitability of retail and commercial development proposals for the Airport site.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM73/08



Subject: Council coordination of incentive package for energy and water saving measures for householders and businesses in Randwick

Folder No: F2007/00474

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

To seek support for Council to negotiate a package of measures that simplify opportunities for Randwick residents and businesses to implement energy and water savings around the home or workplace, incorporating existing rebate offers from Randwick Council, State and Commonwealth Governments, suppliers of energy and water saving products, and a Green Loans package available from the Bendigo Community Bank, Clovelly.

Issues

Council is currently offering Randwick residents rebates for the installation of rainwater tanks, greywater systems and energy efficient downlights. There are also a range of rebates currently on offer from the State and Commonwealth Governments for householders to install solar energy products and rainwater systems.

The Commonwealth Government is planning additional incentives, probably from July 2009, in the form of a green home loan and rebates for rainwater tanks. Unfortunately the current household means test of \$100,000 for the existing Commonwealth scheme is likely to disadvantage residents of Sydney's Eastern suburbs, including Randwick.

There is a need to consolidate information on the range of rebates and other offers available aimed at assisting energy and water conservation actions available for Randwick householders and businesses.

Solar hotwater and photovoltaic panel systems

Council staff have been discussing a number of potential opportunities for discounted solar panel and solar hotwater systems from a number of product providers, in particular Green Solar Group and JackGreen Energy. These providers would provide a discount for residents which can be taken in conjunction with the various rebates on offer from Council, State Government or the Commonwealth (subject to the eligibility conditions). Eligible residents and businesses will be able to generate sound reductions in energy and water consumption from a combination of these solar or water saving installations.

Bendigo Community Bank

The location of the Bendigo Community Bank in Clovelly and the availability of Bendigo Community Bank's 'Generation Green' loans provide a useful form of assistance to householders and businesses to support the installation of a full range of water and energy saving measures including, rainwater, greywater and solar systems.

Discussions with Bendigo Community Bank at Clovelly has confirmed their strong interest in working with Council to increase the take-up of the above measures in Randwick.

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It is proposed that Council staff negotiate a package of measures with the Bendigo Community Bank and the above providers enabling take-up of additional energy and water saving opportunities for Randwick's residents and businesses before the end of this year.

In response to probity issues, the above suppliers understand that if a similar provider of the same products approach Randwick Council and can match the existing conditions, residents will be advised that they have a choice of provider to approach for the service or product they are interested.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 10: A Healthy Environment

Direction 10(a) Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.
10(f) A total water cycle management approach including water conservation, re-use and water quality improvements is adopted.
10(g) Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced.

Financial impact statement

There are no financial implications for Randwick Council in this matter as financial rebates involved are the subject of previously approved measures for residents from Council's environmental levy program. There are no other financial implications as eligible residents or businesses will access other financial rebates available from State and Commonwealth Governments or access the 'green' loans available from the Bendigo Community Bank.

Conclusion

This is an innovative approach to facilitate an increased take-up of energy and water saving measures for residents and businesses and work towards the delivery of good environmental outcomes. Council's role is primarily to coordinate and promote the opportunities that exist. All financial and installation arrangements as well as contact between the parties involved will primarily occur between the various providers. This in turn should minimise Council's direct role in enabling this package of energy and water saving measures and incentives.

Recommendation

That Council authorise the General Manager to negotiate with the above providers, Green Solar Group, JackGreen Energy and Bendigo Community Bank to enable a package of energy and water saving measures to be communicated to Randwick residents and businesses and a report be brought back to Council for determination.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM74/08



Subject: Celebration of Cycling - 3-Council
NSW Bike Week Event

Folder No: F2008/00383

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

The "Celebration of Cycling" Community Bike event is a joint initiative between Waverley, Woollahra & Randwick Councils as part of the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Project.

This event is scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 28, 2008 at the Learners Cycleway in Centennial Park, between 9am and 12 noon. The event is supported by the Centennial Parklands Trust and has received \$11,500.00 from the Roads and Traffic Authority as part of Bike Week 2008.

Issues

The emphasis of this joint event is to promote cycling as a healthy and sustainable activity that everyone can enjoy.

The 3-Councils have been working together with the RTA, the NSW Police Force and local Bicycle User Group (BUG) BikeEAST to assist in planning the event. This event aims to increase cycling by individuals and families and promote safe cycling as a healthy transport option that also helps reduce our ecological footprint.

The aims and objectives of the event:

- o to promote the new, existing and future bicycle networks and cycle paths in each Council area
- o to encourage residents to consider cycling as a viable option for short distance recreational or commuter trips
- o to increase community understanding and support of cycling and cyclists needs.

A number of activities are being organised within Centennial Park as part of the "Celebration of Cycling" event including:

- o Free bicycle health check from professional shop mechanics
- o Photo competition exhibition
- o Kids guided adventure bike ride through Centennial Park
- o Free 'How To' maintenance workshops
- o Free advice, giveaways and information for cyclists
- o Face painter & children's entertainment
- o BBQ food & coffee.

Financial impact statement

This 3-Council Bike Week event has been awarded RTA Bike Week funding of \$11,500.00 to be used in the promotion of the event only. In addition, \$7,000.00 has been allocated to this event from the 3-Council Ecological Footprint Project, and \$1,000.00 in in-kind support from each of the participating Councils.

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The Centennial Parklands Trust has agreed to waive the \$2,000.00 fee of hiring the space in Centennial Park to host this event, on the condition that they are acknowledged on all printed promotional material.

Local Bicycle shops across the 3-Council areas have also offered their expertise to run free bicycle health checks and workshops on bicycle maintenance.

Conclusion

This event not only carries an important message about the health benefits of cycling, but also helps showcase Council's increasing network of dedicated bicycle lanes and facilities and promotes cycling as a viable sustainable transport option in Randwick and across our neighbouring Councils.

This event is also demonstrating the collaboration and cooperation between the 3 Councils as part of the 3-Council Ecological Footprint project.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: Earth Festival Centennial Park,
November 2008 - Request for
Sponsorship

Folder No: F2004/06257

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Council has received a request for sponsorship for promotional banners for 'Earth Festival "Celebrate Planet Earth," being held at Centennial Park, November, 2008.

Issues

Randwick Council has been asked to support the "Celebrate Planet Earth" Festival, a not-for-profit family friendly event being held in Centennial Park in November 2008, through banner sponsorship. The total sponsorship requested is \$5,979 to cover production and installation of 2 banners at 2 locations within Randwick for a period of 8 weeks. The organisers have requested Council waive application and hire fees for this promotion.

The Earth Festival aims to motivate and inspire positive environmental change by individuals and communities through the promotion, appreciation and understanding of the natural environment in a fun, creative and entertaining way.

In return for the sponsorship, Randwick Council will be able to take advantage of support branding within the event program, free tickets to the event and advertising space on the site and in other electronic media utilised for the event. Profits earned from the event will go to marine conservation issues.

While the sponsorship request is for \$5,979 including banner printing, I would propose that the advertising period be reduced to 2 weeks at each location due to the time of year and demand for banner advertising. The total cost for the sponsorship will be \$4000.00.

Financial impact statement

The total cost to Council for sponsoring this event will be \$4000.00 which will be covered through Council's Environment Levy Program.

Conclusion

Total sponsorship requested is \$5,979, however, I would propose that Council support the printing and installation of the banners plus waiver of fees in 2 locations within the LGA for 2 weeks prior to the Festival.

Recommendation

That Council agrees to waive fees and support banner installation as above to promote the Celebrate Planet Earth Festival for the amount of \$4,000 from the environmental levy program.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM76/08



Subject: Tibet to Nepal Bike Ride - Request for Financial Assistance

Folder No: F2004/07396

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A request for financial assistance has been received from Ms Sally Ann Hunting who will be bike riding from Tibet to Nepal to raise money for the Oncology Children's Foundation at Westmead Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Randwick.

Issues

Ms Hunting will be undertaking this bike ride with a number of fellow Randwick residents in an attempt to raise money for these two worthwhile charities. The Sydney Swans are also sponsoring Ms Hunting. Each person undertaking the bike ride has been set a target of \$1,500.00 in order to raise the necessary funds to make this venture worthwhile.

Financial impact statement

It is proposed to donate \$500.00 to Ms Hunting with funds to come from the Mayoral Donations 2008/09 Budget.

Conclusion

As both institutions benefiting from this venture provide an invaluable community service, it is considered that Council support for this venture is appropriate.

Recommendation

That Council provide a \$500.00 donation to Ms Sally Ann Hunting in support of her Tibet to Nepal Bike Ride to raise money for the Oncology Children's Foundation at Westmead Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Randwick.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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