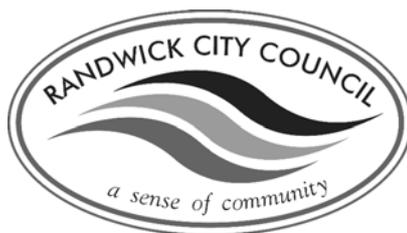


**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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, 16 December 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM110/08



Subject: Coogee Arts Festival - Waiving of Fees

Folder No: F2004/07550

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Council has received an application from Mr Barry Watterson, Coogee resident and Event Director for the staging of the "Coogee Arts Festival" to be held over various days/evenings during February 2009. The 2009 festival will mark the sixth year of the running of this event. The festival includes the following events proposed to be held in Council's parks/spaces:

- Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" – Grant Reserve Rotunda, each Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights commencing 1 February to 24 February 2009; Special performance on Thursday, 31 January, 2009.
- 'Twilight music sessions' - Clovelly Beach – 3, 10 and 17 February, 2009.

The Coogee Arts Festival is aiming to extend its activities beyond Coogee. As noted above Clovelly will also host a number of events. The main event for Clovelly will be the Twilight Music Sessions. The Coogee Arts Festival will encompass other events held at locations that will further enhance the event's catchment within the Randwick City. The "Short Film Festival" will be held at the Ritz Cinema.

Issues

Councils draft Cultural Plan acknowledges the contribution of the Coogee Arts Festival to the City of Randwick. This event has expanded from Coogee to other suburbs of the Randwick LGA.

The Short Film component of the Festival will be held on Sunday 24 February. This could provide an opportunity to hold a street festival at The Spot. Council officers are working with the Spot Business Association, the Spot Precinct and Mr Watterson to finalise the plans for this aspect of the festival.

In the covering letter attached to the 2008 application, Mr Barry Watterson has requested that Council waive the fees to stage these community activities. He has also stated:

The Coogee Arts Festival enters its fifth year in February, 2008. From our humble beginnings performing Shakespeare in Grant Reserve, the festival has grown to become the largest cultural festival in the eastern suburbs of Sydney, with over 30 days and nights of events on its schedule (proposed list of events below) and over 20,000 audience members

and

We request that the Randwick City Council waive all fees in relation to venue hire, garbage bins and amenities associated with the above application. The Coogee Arts Festival is organised and operated by dedicated local community members who give up their time, but all performers and technicians associated with the festival are paid professionals. As well as equipment (screens, lights,

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sound, staging etc) is hired for the individual events, and all insurance is paid for from money raised by events and sponsorship. We maintain our commitment to providing quality arts events which are provided at reasonable cost, with many events free or at a voluntary entry fee.

Council has previously resolved at its meeting held on 24 October, 2006 (*Mayor, Cr. P. Tracey*):

That:

- a) Council vote to support the Coogee Arts Festival in principal and financially with a \$10,000 contribution for 2007 and cover the costs associated with the use of the Reserve and associated outdoor/cleansing costs from the Contingency Fund 2006/2007.
- b) Council enter into an agreement with the Event Organiser to host the Coogee Arts Festival and associated activities in Grant Reserve and Coogee Beach until 2011.
- c) Council consider the Coogee Arts Festival for future allocation of funds in its annual budget preparation.
- d) the Festival's Event Organiser agrees to acknowledge Council's contribution to, and support for, to the Festival.

It should be noted that all the proceeds from the 'Walk For Life' event are to be donated to the Sydney Children's Hospital.

Council's fees & charges associated with the running of this event include the following:

	EVENT	COSTING	FEES
1.	Charity Walk	Application Fee	\$134.90
2.	Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"	Application Fee	\$134.90
		Grant Reserve hire x 13 nights @ \$275.00	\$3575.00
		Connection to Electricity	\$86.80
		Supply & remove additional 3 bins x 13 nights @ \$57.90	\$2,258.10
3.	Stinkwater Film Festival	Application Fee	\$134.90
		Filming fee x 2 @ \$660.00	\$1,320.00
		Screening at Coogee Beach on Sunday, 10 February 2008	\$280.30
4.	Twilight Music Sessions	Application Fee	\$134.90
		Clovelly Beach Hire x 3 nights @ \$178.90	\$536.70
5	Banner – Alison Rd & Doncaster Ave, Randwick	4 weeks @ \$500.00 per week	\$2,000.00
		TOTAL	\$10,596.50

It is considered that the above worthwhile community events provide local residents and visitors an opportunity to experience a diverse range of cultural and artistic activities.

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Financial impact statement

As a part of the 2008/09 Budget, Council has resolved to contribute \$10,000 towards this event. The aspect of the application relating to the waiving of the fees will be \$10,596.50, in addition to the originally resolved \$10,000 donation. This will be funded from Council's 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Coogee Arts Festival is a significant event in the Council's calendar of community and cultural events. The organisers of the event are working with Council officers to further enhance the contributions of this event to the cultural life of Randwick City. Given that the event is for the community, it is considered that Council should support the waiving of fees.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote \$10,596.50 to cover the fees associated with the 2009 Coogee Arts Festival and funds be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund;
- b) The event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the events; and
- c) The Mayor's representative shall be given the opportunity to address the events on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM111/08



Subject: Chile Ultra Marathon - Request for Financial Assistance

Folder No: F2004/07396

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A request for financial assistance has been received from Mr Erik de Haart, who will be running an ultra marathon across the Atacama Desert in Chile to raise money for the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick.

Issues

Mr de Haart will be undertaking the marathon which covers two hundred and fifty kilometres over six days in an attempt to raise \$60,000 for the Sydney Children's Hospital. Mr de Haart has asked Randwick Council for financial assistance in the form of sponsorship to assist him in his attempt to raise the necessary funds for the Children's Hospital.

Financial impact statement

It is intended to provide a donation of \$400.00 which has been allowed for in the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

As the institution benefiting from this venture provides an invaluable local health and community service, it is considered that Council's support for Mr de Haart's marathon attempt is appropriate.

Recommendation

That Council provide a \$400.00 donation to Mr Erik de Haart in support of his ultra marathon attempt across the Atacama Desert in Chile to raise money for the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM112/08



Subject: Waiving of Fees - Indigenous Athletics Coaching Clinic and Charity Fun Run/Walk

Folder No: F2004/07550

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

An application has been received from Ms Jane Saville to hold an Indigenous Athletics Coaching Clinic and Charity Fun Run/Walk at Yarra Bay Oval and Bicentennial Park. The Coaching Clinic will be held on Saturday, 28 February 2009 and the Charity Fun Run will be held on Sunday 1 March 2009.

Issues

Ms Saville would like to apply for funding to the value of \$8,000 from Council which will include the hire of audio equipment, stage, tent, porta-loos and design and implementation of a traffic management plan.

Ms Jane Saville advises:

"I am working with the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation Aboriginal Development Officers and Athletics Australia's Indigenous programme to ensure the clinic is a success. The Fun Run/Walk and support events will be held on Sunday 1 March. The proceeds of the Fun Run/Walk will be donated to Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth Charity which helps ill children through improved health and education."

As the Indigenous Athletics Coaching Clinic and the Charity Fun Run/Walk is a non-profit community event it is recommended that Council waive the fees for the use of the reserve, waste removal and associated cleaning costs. Additional costs associated with the hire of equipment and implementation of the Traffic Management Plan would have to be covered by the applicant

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council will be the additional costing of waste removal and hire of the reserve, which is \$834.00 and is to be funded from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

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.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council advise the organiser of the Indigenous Athletics Coaching Clinic and Charity Fun Run/Walk, that Council gives its "in principle" approval to host the event.

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- b) Council waive the fee to the value of \$834.00 for the use of the reserve, waste removal and associated cleaning costs and these funds be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.
- c) the event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM113/08



Subject: Council's Register of Significant Trees
Folder No: F2004/07359
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

On 4 December 2008 Randwick City Council's Register of Significant Trees won an Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) 2008 Project Award.

Issues

On 22 August 2008 Noel Ruting of LandArc lodged a submission on behalf of Randwick City Council for Council's Register of Significant Trees to be entered in the 2008 Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) Awards.

The Register was nominated for Planning in Landscape Architecture and was one of thirteen entries in that category – which included projects submitted by a number of Council's and State government departments.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The judges noted that there are many overt and covert practices that bring about the demise of significant trees, resulting in the loss of a little understood aspect of the community's landscape heritage.

The Register was commended for demonstrating a clear understanding of Randwick's natural heritage and the substantive documentation needed to support heritage planning methods. It was also acknowledged as being a thoroughly researched, professional and comprehensive tree survey document.

Recommendation

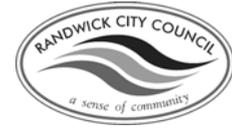
That Randwick City Council's staff be acknowledged and commended for the receipt of an Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) Award for Council's Register of Significant Trees.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM114/08



Subject: Waiving of Fees - Randwick Rugby Juniors Registration Day

Folder No: F2004/08145

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Correspondence has been received from Mr David Shalhoub, President, Randwick District Rugby Union Football Club to hold a Registration Day for the Randwick District Rugby Union Juniors on Sunday, 15 February 2009 at Goldstein Reserve, Coogee. Mr Shalhoub has requested that Council's fees regarding the use of the reserve and other associated fees to hold the event be waived

Issues

An assessment of the applicable fees are as follows:

Administration Fee	\$300.00
Food Stall	\$ 95.00
Bin Hire x 80 (supply and remove)	\$479.20
Total:	\$874.20

Mr Shalhour has advised Council that:

"This day will be the official Registration Day for the Randwick Juniors. Having this Registration Day at Goldstein Reserve will help to promote and raise the awareness of junior rugby as Randwick District Junior Rugby covers the ages from 6 upwards."

It is considered that this event is a worthwhile community event and it is recommended that Council waive the above fees for this activity

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be a contribution of \$874.20 from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Given the level of support being offered by Council, it is recommended 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.

Recommendation

That

- a) Council vote \$874.20 to cover the costs associated with Council's contribution towards the organising of the Randwick District Junior Rugby Union Registration Day to be held on Sunday 15 February 2009 at Goldstein Reserve, Coogee and that these funds be allocated from the 2008/2009 Contingency Fund; and

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- b) Council advise the organisers of the Randwick District Junior Rugby Union Club, that Council be given adequate and appropriate acknowledgement for its contribution to the running of this event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM115/08



Subject: Coastal Management Grants Program
Folder No: F2004/06574
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Randwick City Council has been successful in receiving \$598,970 grant funding from the Coastal Management Program. This funding is to be used for two projects;

- Coastal Fauna Corridor enhancement, up to \$142,768
- Upgrade of Coastal Walkway at Clovelly Beach, up to \$455,970.

These funds will be used with funds already allocated in Council's budget to further enhance the spectacular coastline in the Randwick City local government area.

Issues

As funding for capital works is always needed it is of great benefit to receive this alternative funding.

Financial impact statement

Council will receive \$598,970.

Conclusion

Works along the coastal fringe benefit both residents and visitors alike. The two areas of works will contribute to improved access to the area and environmental benefits with the upgrade of the coastal fauna corridor.

Recommendation

That the report on the Coastal Management Grants Program be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM116/08



Subject: State Flood Plain Management Program Grant

Folder No: F2004/07675

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Randwick City Council has been successful in receiving \$165,000 grant funding from the Flood Plain Management Program. This funding is to be used for the following two projects;

- Kensington and Green Square flood risk management study
- Maroubra Beach flood study.

Issues

As funding for capital works is always needed it is of great benefit to receive this alternative funding.

Financial impact statement

Council will receive \$165,000 from the State Flood Plain Management Program.

Conclusion

Flood studies are an important part of management of storm water within the area. The flood study is the first step which comes up with the flood levels. The flood risk management study resolves the works to be undertaken to reduce the risk of flooding.

Recommendation

That the grant for \$165,000 from the State Flood Plain Management Program be accepted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM117/08



Subject: Parking Changes in Matraville
Folder No: F2005/00601
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Parking in Matraville shopping centre is very limited. This causes difficulty for residents and visitors wanting to park in this location to visit the local businesses.

Issues

Increased parking could lead to greater use of the Matraville shopping town centre and a revitalisation of this area. If the parking on Bunnerong Road was able to be changed from parallel to angle parking the benefits would include:

- More available parking for visitors.
- An opportunity to widen the footpaths and produce more of a "village" atmosphere.
- A slowing of traffic through the shopping area.

In 2006 Randwick City Council approached the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) to seek approval to change the parking in the Matraville Shopping area on Bunnerong Road between Franklin Street and Beauchamp Road from parallel parking to angle parking.

The RTA did not grant approval for this change to be implemented.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The changing of parking on Bunnerong Road, Matraville between Franklin Street and Beauchamp Road from Parallel parking to angle parking would lead to a number of benefits in this area.

I propose that Council write to the Minister for Roads requesting that he reconsider the RTA's past refusal of this project.

Recommendation

That a letter be written to the Minister for Roads, Mr Michael Daley, to seek approval to change the parking in the Matraville Shopping area on Bunnerong Road between Franklin Street and Beauchamp Road from parallel parking to angle parking.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: Keep Australia Beautiful NSW - 2009
Clean Beaches Challenge

Folder No: F2006/00597

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Now in its eighth year, the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Clean Beach Challenge encourages and recognises coastal communities, local councils, volunteers and surf lifesaving clubs who focus on dune and habitat conservation, environmental education programs, anti-litter initiatives and actions that generally enhance the beach visitor's experience and protect this State's beautiful coastline.

Randwick Council has again been recognised as having some of Sydney's best beaches winning one award in the 2009 Sydney Regional awards and picking up five Highly Commended awards.

Issues

Council's successful beaches in these awards include the following:

Sydney Regional Winners for 2009	Winner	Highly Commended
Environmental Protection Award	Clovelly Beach	
Litter Prevention Award		Coogee Beach
Water Conservation Award		Coogee Beach
Resource Management Award		Yarra Bay Beach
Friendly Beach Award		Yarra Bay Beach
Resource Management Award		Maroubra Beach

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

It was an honour to receive these awards on Council's behalf and I would like to congratulate the community and Council staff for their ongoing commitment to providing clean and safe beaches for Randwick's residents and visitors to the area.

Recommendation

That Council thank the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW organisation for selecting one of Council's beaches for the prestigious Sydney Region awards and awarding Council with five Highly Commended awards.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM119/08



Subject: Coogee Bay Road Upgrade
Folder No: F2008/00028
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Coogee Bay Road, Coogee, is in need of an upgrade in line with the level of use it receives.

Issues

Coogee Bay Road between Brook Street and Arden Street has a number of cafes and restaurants offering outdoor dining. The footpath in this area is concrete and has been in place for some time. There is conflict between the users of the footpaths due to limited space for dining and pedestrian use.

A working party has been in place and produced 3 draft options for the upgrade of Coogee Bay Road, Coogee, from Brook Street to Arden Street that involve reconstruction of the footpaths and changes to the kerb alignment to improve the aesthetics and usability of this area.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

To move the upgrade of Coogee Bay Road project forward a new working group should be set up to finalise the design. This group should include; the Mayor, the Ward Councillors, a present committee member(s), a representative(s) from the Randwick City Tourism board and a member of the chamber of commerce.

Recommendation

That:

- a) a working party be set up to improve the streetscape in Coogee Bay Road between Brook And Arden Streets by finalising the concept for the improvements to the dining and the outdoor areas and;
- b) the working party should include; the Mayor, the Ward Councillors, present committee member(s), representative(s) from the Randwick City Tourism board and a member of the chamber of commerce.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM120/08



Subject: Endorsement of Key Principles Arising from Local Government Constitutional Summit

Folder No: F2008/00656

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

From 8 to 11 December 2008, the Deputy Mayor Councillor Woodsmith, Councillors Hughes, Matthews, Procopiadis and Stevenson represented Council at the inaugural Local Government Constitutional Summit held in Melbourne.

Issues

This Summit was an important step in achieving the ultimate goal of local government recognition as the third sphere of government in the paramount political document of the Australian Federation – the Australian Constitution.

In a strong show of bipartisanship, the delegates attending the Summit resolved the following:

“to ensure the quality of planning and delivery of services and infrastructure provided to all Australians, and the ongoing sustainability of local government, any constitutional amendment put to the people in a referendum by the Australian Parliament (which could include the insertion of a preamble, an amendment to the current provisions or the insertion of a new Chapter) should reflect the following principles:

- The Australian people should be represented in the community by democratically elected and accountable local government representatives;
- The power of the Commonwealth to directly fund local government should be explicitly recognised; and
- If a new preamble is proposed, it should ensure that local government is recognised as one of the components making up the modern Australian federation.”

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Constitutional recognition will assist in the process of reforming the Australian Federation by correcting the historical oversight of not recognising in Australia's paramount political document the level of government that is closest to the people.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Randwick City Council endorse the three principles in the motion arising from the Local Government Constitutional Summit;

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- b) Council thank the delegates who represented the people of Randwick at the Summit; and
- c) Council forward this resolution to both the Australian Local Government Association and the Local Government and Shires Associations and request that all bodies keep Council informed of all developments concerning this vital issue.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM121/08



Subject: Annual Pere Receveur Historic Mass -
Request for Assistance

Folder No: F2005/00182

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A letter has been received from Rev L Cauchi, Parish Priest of St Andrew's Catholic Church, Malabar, advising that the annual mass is being celebrated at La Perouse on Sunday, 15 February 2009, in honour of the late Father Pere Receveur. The organisers request that Council pay for the hiring of a marquee.

Issues

Since 1988, the St. Andrews Parish and the Friends of the La Perouse Museum have organised the Annual Commemorative Mass for the late Father Pere Receveur, who died at Botany Bay on 17 February 1788. He was a Franciscan Priest and a noted scientist with the La Perouse expedition. The La Perouse area is almost certainly where the first Mass was celebrated in Australia. 2009 marks the 21st anniversary of this wonderful community celebration as well as the 800th anniversary of the Franciscan Movement.

The organisers' finances cover costs for the sound system, advertising, seating and the provision of a barbeque. The organisers request Council's assistance by contributing to the hiring of the marquee for protection against the weather.

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council is \$2,675.20 (covering the hiring of the marquee) which is available from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

The organisers are requesting Council to assist with the sponsoring of the marquee only and, given that this is a very historic and worthwhile community event, it would be appropriate for Council to support the annual Father Pere Receveur Historic Mass.

Recommendation

That

- a) Council agree to assist by underwriting the hire charges of the marquee amounting to \$2,675.20 for the Annual Pere Receveur Historic Mass to be held on Sunday 15 February 2009 and the funds be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund;
- b) the organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the celebration; and
- c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the celebration on behalf of Council.

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Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM122/08



Subject: The Mayor's Medal for Academic Excellence

Folder No: F2006/00216

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

To celebrate and recognise excellence in education, I propose Randwick City Council present an Academic Achievement Medal to those students who have achieved the highest Universities Admission Index (UAI) scores in each of their respective Randwick City Secondary Schools, and The Mayor's Medal for Academic Excellence for the student with the highest score.

Issues

Council will invite students who have received the highest UAI scores in their respective schools to a reception where students receive an acknowledgment and an Academic Achievement Medal presented by the Mayor. The Mayor's Medal for Academic Excellence will be awarded to the student with the highest UAI score, who is a permanent resident of Randwick irrespective of what school they attended, whether within the Randwick LGA or not. Randwick City Council would like to recognise these young people who have achieved a very high standard and prepared themselves for a great future ahead

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council will be \$1500.00 which would be allocated through Council's contingency fund.

Conclusion

By highlighting the dedication and commitment to education shown by Randwick City students in 2008, Randwick City Council will acknowledge the importance of education, learning and striving for excellence in its young people.

Recommendation

That Council agree to provide \$1500.00 from Councils contingency fund for The Mayor's Medal for Academic Excellence and associated reception.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM123/08



Subject: Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature

Folder No: F2007/00057

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

In line with the Randwick City Plan and the vision of the Council's Cultural Plan to "foster an environment that recognises, supports and celebrates our community's cultural diversity ... and the many forms of creative expression including literature" and to stimulate the arts and culture within our City, I propose to introduce an award for literature. This award would be a prestigious prize and enhance Council's reputation for supporting cultural programs. The Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature would be announced as part of Council's ongoing legacy for the 150th anniversary celebrations for Randwick City Council.

The award program will foster an appreciation of literature and run every two years. It will be open to authors who have had their work published within the previous two years. A judging panel will consist of at least three independent experts from the literary community as well as Council's Manager of Library Services. The main criteria for the award would be outstanding literary merit.

Short-listed authors will be invited to participate in readings of their works at Council libraries to create awareness and encourage wider readership.

Issues

Literature is an area of cultural expression which is worthy of increased attention and support. There are few Councils who hold such an award program. Waverley Library with sponsorship has run an annual literary award for 6 years; their award is now nationally recognised.

Randwick Council runs the Lionel Bowen Young Writers Award biennially which is an acknowledgement of local young people's writing talents. This award is for unpublished writing and will be conducted again in 2009.

At present, Council runs few cultural events during winter. The Cultural Plan supports a more vibrant mix of cultural activities throughout the whole year. This proposed Randwick literary award program would conclude with the award presentations in winter.

Detailed guidelines and procedures for the Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature program will be developed by Council with advice from the Australian Society of Authors, the NSW Writers' Centre and Arts NSW.

Costs to run the Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature every two years are to be determined and will include the prize money, administration, judges' honorarium and presentation function.

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Financial impact statement

Costs to run the Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature every two years are to be determined and will be reported to Council as part of the 2009-10 budget determinations.

Conclusion

The Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature will be an important addition to Randwick City Council's cultural activities. It will be a prestigious prize to foster an appreciation of literature in our community and enhance Council's reputation for supporting cultural programs.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorse the Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature which will be conducted every two years.
- b) the guidelines for the award and the program details, including costs, be developed and reported to Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM124/08



Subject: LGSA Excellence in Environment Awards

Folder No: F2007/00485

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Advising of Council's success at the recent LGSA Excellence in Environment Awards.

Issues

Council achieved a great result at the annual Excellence in the Environment Awards announced by the LGSA last week.

Council was overall winner in the category for Energy and Water savings with the efforts over the past 12 months at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre.

In addition, recognition was provided for Randwick's Biodiversity Conservation Program, our Community Sharps program with neighbouring Councils and the development of the Local Government Emissions Trading Scheme.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The LGSA Excellence in the Environment Awards are one of the main awards programs for local government in NSW. This is a very positive result for Council.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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