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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, 24 February 2009 at 6:00 pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM1/09

Subject: Off-Shore Mining Exploration
Folder No: F2004/06574
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor



Introduction

Exploration licenses are being sought by the company Energie Future Pty Ltd to explore 6,000 square kilometres of the continental shelf off our coastline from the Illawarra to Port Stephens. This could be in sight of beaches in the Randwick City Council area. Exploration licenses are the first stage of any mining activity and by issuing permits, governments are acknowledging that, if discovered, and despite rigorous environmental impact studies, mining approvals may follow.

Issues

The company will be searching for seabed coal deposits using seismic testing and drilling. These activities have potential for marine pollution. They also threaten the successful recovery of humpback and southern right whale numbers, and their annual migrations along our eastern seaboard. Underwater vibrations and alien sounds are well known to interfere with whale and dolphin navigation calls. A vibrant whale watching tourist industry along our coastline relies on these migratory patterns.

The likely mining technique would require off-shore platforms to drill into the seabed, ignition of the coal in-situ and conversion to syngas, using an experimental process called offshore underground coal gasification. This has multiple potential environmental impacts including:

- Vibrations and shockwaves interfering with whale migrations, and seabed floor damage and sediment disturbances harming marine life already faced with the problem of rising ocean temperatures and ocean acidification;
- The constant risk of spills and leaks from shipping and construction activities, threatening water quality at our beaches and in wetlands and rivers;
- Visual impacts on the ocean horizon of drilling platforms and on coastal landscapes by storage terminals near the shore.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Fossil fuels are acknowledged as a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. The seriousness of global warming and sea level rise makes it incumbent on governments to refuse new fossil fuel mining proposals, whether exploratory or extractive, and to promote renewable technologies. There are already threats to coastal communities from storm surges and sea level rise. Mining would further imperil coastal and marine environments and threaten local coastal economies which rely on tourist activities based on attributes of the natural environment.

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Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Calls for the NSW and Federal Governments to refuse any coal or oil exploration license applications on the NSW coast from the Illawarra to Port Stephens; and
- b) Requests that the Mayor writes to the Hon Ian MacDonald, Minister for Primary Industries, Energy, Mineral Resources and State Development, the State Members for Heffron, Maroubra and Coogee, the Hon Martin Ferguson, Federal Minister for Resources and Energy and Tourism, the Federal Members for Wentworth and Kingsford Smith, the leader of the opposition, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, and the Mayors of all the coastal councils from Illawarra to Port Stephens advising them of Randwick City Council's position and urging them to take similar action (it being noted that Waverley Council has already passed a similar resolution).

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM2/09



Subject: Federal Funding - Strategic Projects - Heffron Park

Folder No: F2008/00654

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

On 18 November 2008 the Federal Government announced the \$300 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program. The program was aimed at boosting local economic development and support jobs in the community.

On 13 February 2009, the Australian Government announced an additional \$500 million to the previous \$300 million Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) announced by the Prime Minister at the first meeting of the Australian Council of Local Government on 18 November 2008. The additional funding will increase the Strategic Program to \$550 million. This brings the program total to \$800 million.

The program will be delivered as follows:

- **Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2008-09:** A one-off grant of \$250 million is being provided to local councils in 2008-09. For this program Randwick City Council will receive \$452,000.
- **Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects:** \$550 million worth of grant funding for Strategic Projects. This funding is for larger-scale community infrastructure. Councils will need to meet guidelines and go through a competitive, application-based process.

Council has previously made a submission for the upgrade of Coogee Bay Road Streetscape. On the basis of the increase to the program it is proposed to nominate Heffron Park, and hence discontinue our application for the Coogee Bay Road Project.

Issues

There are guidelines that accompany the funding. The guidelines for the strategic projects funding sets criteria for project eligibility and funding.

The funding can be spent on the following types of projects.

- social and cultural infrastructure (e.g. art spaces, gardens);
- **recreational facilities (e.g. swimming pools, sports stadiums);**
- tourism infrastructure (e.g. walkways, tourism information centres);
- children, youth and seniors facilities (e.g. playgroup centres, senior citizens' centres);
- access facilities (e.g. boat ramps, footbridges); and
- **environmental initiatives (e.g. drain and sewerage upgrades, recycling plants).**

The guidelines outline the criteria for assessment of projects. These include:

- Larger projects which include partnership funding will be given preference.
- There is a limit of 1 application per Council or group of Councils.

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- Projects must be additional projects.
- Projects must be 'ready to proceed' with construction to commence within 6 months of signing the funding agreement.
- Projects can be additional stages of projects already underway.
- Funding will be for community infrastructure but not for road or transport infrastructure covered by Roads to Recovery or Black spot programs.
- Application assessment will include a risk analysis to determine the proponent viability and project viability.
- The deadline for submission of applications is 4pm on 6 March 2009.

Project Nomination

The nominated project for submission as part of the 2008/09 Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects is Heffron Park – Masterplan Implementation – Stages 1 to 4.

Project Description

The proposed works at Heffron Park are part of a Draft Plan of Management reported to the Council at its meeting of 25 November 2008.

The cost of implementing the draft Plan of Management will be approximately \$33.36M. Based on estimates, the timeframe to complete the works would be 15 years. The work is divided into 5 stages with additional works including construction of a Gymnastics Centre and upgrade of the Des Renford Aquatic Centre.

The funding submission will be for stages 1 to 4. The cost of these stages is \$20.26 million, less Council's contribution. This will allow the project to proceed to stage 4 in approximately 10 years.

Project Justification

The draft Plan of Management will provide the formal framework, as required under the Crown Lands Act 1989, for management and improvements to the 44 hectare Heffron Park.

Heffron Park is a large open space area that currently provides benefits to the region. The works will create modern active and passive recreational facilities and improved open space that will benefit many groups of the community. In particular, there are numerous sporting groups that support the project.

The works also aim to address issues with asbestos that was deposited over time when Heffron Park was managed by the Commonwealth Government.

Application

The project chosen for submission will need to be detailed and an application completed by 6 March 2009.

Financial impact statement

Funding is being sought from the Federal Government under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects.

Conclusion

The Australian Government announcement of funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) - Strategic will be allocated on a competitive national basis. The program is for projects that seek a minimum Commonwealth contribution of \$2 million. Larger projects will be given preference. The guidelines require that the project be 'ready to proceed'. Further the project must commence construction within 6 months of signing the Funding Agreement.

The Heffron Park - Masterplan Implementation - Stages 1 to 4 project will provide significant benefits to the local community and surrounding regions. The project meets the guideline requirements and is an appropriate nomination for the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) - Strategic grant funding.

Recommendation

That Council endorse the submission of Heffron Park – Masterplan Implementation to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government under the 2008/09 Regional and Local community Infrastructure Program – Strategic Projects.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM3/09



Subject: Maroubra Development Program -
Des Renford Aquatic Centre - Waiving
of fees

Folder No: F2009/00001

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Council has received a request for assistance from Mr Greg Baxter, Treasurer of Maroubra Swimming Club, who is staging a Maroubra Development Program on Sunday, 24 May 2009.

Issues

The Maroubra Development Carnival is a competitive swimming event that attracts over 300 athletes and 450 spectators from 28 Swimming Clubs across Sydney. The primary goal in staging this carnival is to raise funds for the Maroubra Swimming Club to support ongoing activities at Des Renford Aquatic Centre. An assessment of the applicable fees to be waived is as follows:

Pool Hire Fee	\$ 660.00
Total:	<u>\$ 660.00</u>

Financial Impact Statement

Should Council accept the recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$660.00 which will be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

The Maroubra Development Carnival is a worthwhile local community event which provides income to Des Renford Aquatic Centre in the form of 'secondary' spend and entrance fees for spectators during one of the quietest income generating months of the year. This event is the annual fundraiser for the Maroubra Swimming Club and provides the Club with an opportunity to raise funds for its ongoing activities at Des Renford Aquatic Centre and is an opportunity for swimmers to compete against their peers.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote to waive the \$660.00 fees associated with the Maroubra Development Carnival to be held on Sunday, 24 May 2009 and the funds be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.
- b) Maroubra Swimming Club undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution, prior to and during the event (by Council logo being prominently displayed on all promotional materials such as flyers, newspaper advertisements, etc).
- c) the Mayor or the Mayor's representative is given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

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Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM4/09

Subject: Waiving of fees - Surfing NSW, Maroubra Association and Southend Boardriders Inc.
Folder No: F2004/08302
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor



Introduction

An application has been received from Mr Mark Windon, Chief Executive Officer, Surfing NSW on behalf of Maroubra Surfers Association and Southend Boardriders Inc, to use Maroubra Beach to host their local boardriders competitions. Surfing NSW would like to host the Southside Regional Titles on 6 and 7 June 2009 and the "No Way to Drugs" Junior Competition to be held on 5 and 6 December 2009.

Issues

Mr Windon explained in his letter that the children that enter these competitions are all local children and it gives them the opportunity to enter a competition at an entry level stage. The Southside Eliminations is a stepping stone for young hopefuls wishing to pursue surfing as a career.

Maroubra Surfers Association and Southend Boardriders Inc. are both non-profit organisations and Mr Windon is requesting that due to the nature of these events that the appropriate fees be waived:

Application Fee:	\$ 135.00
Amateur Sports Beach Hire fee x 16 days (both clubs) (March – November) @ \$432 per day	\$6,912.00
Southside Eliminations x 2 days @ \$432.00 per day	\$ 864.00
"No Way to Drugs" Junior Comp x 2 days @ \$432.00 per day	\$ 864.00
Total:	\$8,775.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$8,775.00 which will be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that these events would be very beneficial to the local children in the community.

Recommendation

That:

- a) fees in the amount of \$8,775.00 associated with Surfing NSW, the Maroubra Surfers Association and Southend Boardriders Inc, be waived and funds be charged to the 2008/09 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 events

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on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM5/09

Subject: Waiving of fees - Maroubra Bodyboarders Inc.
Folder No: F2004/08302
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor



Introduction

An application has been received from Mr Bradley George, Maroubra Bodyboarders Inc to host bodyboarding competitions at Maroubra Beach from March through to November 2009.

Issues

In the letter from Maroubra Bodyboarders, Mr George states that:

“Maroubra Bodyboarders Inc is a community based not for profit association which is part of the Surfing Australian and Surfing NSW Community. The club is aimed at promoting the sport of body boarding in the local community for a diverse range of participants of all ages and socio economic backgrounds”.

Mr George is requesting that, due to the nature of these activities, the appropriate fees be waived:

Application Fee	\$ 135.00
Beach Hire x 10 days @ \$432.00 per day (March – November)	\$4,320.00
Total:	\$4,455.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$4,455.00 which will be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that this is a worthwhile sporting activity and beneficial to the local children in the community. By waiving these fees it would be consistent with other beach activities and surf life saving carnivals in which the fees have been previously waived by Council.

Recommendation

That:

- fees in the amount of \$4,455.00 associated with Maroubra Bodyboarders Inc be waived and funds be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund;
- the event organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the events on behalf of Council.

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Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM6/09



Subject: Request to waive fees to hang banner –
St Catherine's School, Waverley

Folder No: F2004/06257

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Ms Glenda Stevens, Community and Public Relations Manager, St Catherine's School, Waverley, seeking the waiving of fees associated with the installation of a banner at the intersection of Alison Road and Doncaster Avenue, Randwick and Arden Street and Malabar Road, South Coogee to advertise the school's Open Day on 17 March 2009.

Issues

St Catherine's School would like to display their banner to advertise their Open Day and invite members of the community to come and visit the school.

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 x two (2) weeks x two (2) locations	\$2,060.00
Total	\$3,419.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$3,419.00 which will be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the fees associated with the installation and dismantling of a banner and the hire of Council's banner poles for St Catherine's School, Waverley (on the flagpoles at the intersection of Alison Road and Doncaster Avenue, Randwick and Arden Street and Malabar Road, South Coogee), be waived and \$3,419.00 be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund; and
- b) the organiser undertakes to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the Open Day.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM7/09



Subject: Maroubra Bay Public School - Request for financial assistance

Folder No: F2004/07396

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

I have received a request for financial assistance from the P & C Committee of Maroubra Bay Public School to help repair the school canteen, which is currently in a very poor state.

Issues

The school only has a relatively small number of students, which makes raising sufficient funds to repair the canteen very difficult. A small contribution from Council will make a big difference to the students at Maroubra Bay Public School. The school will also be running a competition amongst the students to name and design the newly renovated café.

Financial impact statement

A proposed donation of \$500.00 will be charged to the 2008/09 Council Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that as this school is an important part of the local community, and has traditionally found it difficult to raise funds for maintenance, it is worthy of Council's support.

Recommendation

That Council donate \$500.00 to the P & C Committee of Maroubra Bay Public School for their canteen renovation, such funds to come from the 2008/09 Council Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM8/09



Subject: Request to waive fees to hang banner
- St Mary-St Joseph Primary School

Folder No: F2004/06257

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Ms Andrea Dollman, Assistant Fundraising Co-ordinator, Parents and Friends Committee of St Mary-St Joseph Primary School, Maroubra, seeking the waiving of fees associated with the installation of a banner at the intersection of Arden Street and Malabar Road, South Coogee. The banner advertises the school's first fete on 5 September 2009.

Issues

St Mary-St Joseph's school would like to display their banner to advertise their first fete and invite members of the community to attend.

The cost as per our 2008/2009 Fees and Charges are:

Application fee	\$ 135.00
Installation and removal of banner	\$ 612.00
Hire of banner poles @ \$515.00 per week x two (2) weeks	\$1,030.00
Total:	\$1,777.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$1,777.00 which will be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Recommendation

That:

- the fees associated with the installation and dismantling of a banner and the hire of Council's banner poles by St Mary-St Joseph Primary School, Maroubra (on the flagpoles at the intersection of Arden Street and Malabar Road, South Coogee), be waived and \$1,777.00 be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.
- the organiser undertakes to appropriately and prominently acknowledge, and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the fete.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM9/09



Subject: Randwick City Council 150th Anniversary - Endorsement of updated Council Logo

Folder No: F2004/06333

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

At the Councillor Weekend Workshop, held in November 2008, Councillors agreed on the design and use of an updated logo as of 22 February 2009 to celebrate Council's 150th anniversary. The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to formally endorse the new logo.

Issues

The logo has been updated in terms of its style and colour shades whilst maintaining the main elements – the waves, their three colours and the words “a sense of community”. Examples of the use of the new logo are attached to this Mayoral Minute. Council is also implementing visual standards for its printed and electronic material to ensure clear and consistent high quality presentation and to reinforce Council's role in providing information to its residents.

There has been no change or modification to the Randwick City Council Coat of Arms or 'Mayoral Crest' which is only used with the official permission of the Mayor and General Manager.

Financial impact statement

The revised logo is being implemented on a replacement basis, incurring no additional costs apart from the design refresh cost of \$1,800.00. The logo can be applied to electronic templates and on new printed material immediately and on other material as stocks need replenishing or replacing.

Conclusion

It is ten years since Council's logo was last reviewed so our 150 year anniversary is an ideal time to refresh our corporate image and incorporate it into our celebrations.

Recommendation

That Council formally endorse its new official logo for use as of 22 February 2009 as agreed to at the Councillor Weekend Workshop held November 2008.

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1. Logo Design Examples

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Mayoral Minute No. MM10/09



Subject: Request to waive fee - Returned Services League of Australia Coogee Randwick Sub-branch

Folder No: F2009/07550

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Mr John Neenan of the Returned Services League of Australia Coogee Randwick Sub-branch, seeking Council's assistance in paying the hire cost for a public address system for their Anzac observance on the Sunday before Anzac Day.

Issues

Most of the schools in the Coogee and Randwick district will be participating in the service. As per the quote provided, the cost of hiring a public address system is \$100.00.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$100.00 which will be charged to the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council cover the cost of hiring a public address system and the funds be allocated from the 2008/09 Contingency Fund.
- b) the organiser undertakes to appropriately and prominently acknowledge, and promote Council's contribution prior to and after the activity.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM11/09



Subject: Notice of Extraordinary Council Meeting at Prince of Wales Hospital

Folder No: F2007/00636

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

As part of Council's 150th celebrations I propose that Council meet on 7 April 2009 to commemorate Randwick Council's first meeting in 1859.

Issues

On the 1 April 1859 Council's first meeting was held in the Edmund Blacket Building at the Destitute Children's Asylum, now Prince of Wales Hospital. This location was used for the next 18 months while the first town hall was being built.

To commemorate this event, I propose that Council meet for an Extraordinary Meeting in the Edmund Blacket Building, with an agenda to reflect the significance of the occasion, to be followed by a reception.

Financial impact statement

A budget of \$5,000 has been allocated in the 2008/09 Council budget as part of the 150th Celebration of Randwick City Council.

Conclusion

This is an important historical event to the mark the 150th Celebration of Randwick City Council.

Recommendation

That an Extraordinary Council Meeting and reception be organised for 7 April 2009 at the Edmund Blacket Building and the event be funded from the 2008/09 budget for Council's 150 year anniversary celebrations.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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