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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, 28 April 2009 at 6:00pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM26/09



Subject: Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service - Request for Financial Assistance

Folder No: F2004/06540

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

I have received a request for financial assistance from Mr Ross Muir, General Manager of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, for financial assistance towards their annual fundraising night at Harold Park Raceway on Friday 8 May 2009.

Issues

A request has been made for Council to purchase a corporate table valued at \$2,000.00 with all funds going towards keeping the Westpac Rescue Helicopter for the Sydney region in the air and helping those most in need of emergency medical transportation. Council will receive acknowledgement of its support on the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service website.

Financial impact statement

A donation of \$2,000.00 for one table at this most worthwhile can be funded from the 2008-09 Contingency Fund budget.

Conclusion

This is a most worthwhile medical service which has saved thousands of lives over the years, including those of many Randwick City residents. Council should show its support by getting behind this fundraising event.

Recommendation

That Council purchase one corporate table valued at \$2,000.00 at the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service annual fundraising night on Friday 8 May 2009 with funds to come from the 2008-09 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM27/09



Subject: Cancer Council Relay for Life - Request for equipment hire and for Councillor support

Folder No: F2009/00041

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Councillors would no doubt be well aware of a very special fundraising event new to the Eastern Suburbs. The Eastern Suburbs' "Relay For Life" is being held at Centennial Park on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May 2009. This is a 24 hour walkathon where we celebrate survivors and remember those we have lost and those who have fought back against cancer. Over the weekend there will be live bands, kid's activities, market stalls, food and lots more.

Issues

Knowing that the Cancer Council is out there doing the fundraising and the research is a comfort to us. The belief that there can be a cure, or at least more effective and less invasive treatments, gives us hope. The fact that we can come together at an event like this to support a good cause, to do our bit and to honour those who have lost their battle, gives us a sense of community and a united front against the faceless enemy that kills thousands of Australians every single year.

Council is working together with Waverley and Woollahra Councils to make this event a success. The final stage of organising this event is the requirement for all three councils to provide relevant equipment in the form of barricades, star pickets, parawebbing and witches hats to guarantee community safety at the event.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask our councillors to form a team and participate in the relay on Council's behalf.

Financial impact statement

The cost of hiring this safety equipment is estimated to be around \$3,000.00. A letter will be sent to both Waverley and Woollahra Councils requesting they provide \$1,000.00 towards this equipment hire, meaning the net cost to Council will be \$1,000.00 which will come from the 2008-09 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is hoped that this inaugural event will become a regular on the calendar of all eastern suburbs residents and ratepayers so success in this first year is vital. Council should do everything it can in order to make this event a success.

Recommendation

That:

- (a) Council allocate \$1,000.00 from the 2008-09 Contingency Fund towards equipment hire to ensure community safety at the inaugural "Relay for Life" event; and

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- (b) Randwick Councillors form a team and participate in the relay on Council's behalf.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM28/09



Subject: Randwick Boys and Girls High Schools
- Request for financial assistance
towards 2009 Rock Eisteddfod

Folder No: F2005/00311

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

I have received a request for financial assistance from Ms Kylie Fagan, Liaison Teacher at Randwick Girls High School.

Rock Eisteddfod is an international event which promotes a “drug-free” environment for secondary school students. In Australia it is an annual competition and over 300 schools participate. Approximately one hundred and twenty students are involved in the performance and each one signs a pledge not to smoke, drink and use drugs during the production year.

Issues

Randwick Girls and Boys High Schools are now preparing for their participation in their 21st consecutive Rock Eisteddfod in 2009. Since 1997 the schools have won a place in the National Competition which is televised nationally and the schools have won the overall competition on four occasions.

Financial impact statement

Support for this event has been allowed for in the 2009-10 Contingency Fund budget.

Conclusion

Council has provided financial support for this event for a number of years. It is considered that this is an important community event and worthy of continued sponsorship by Council.

Recommendation

That Council donate \$3,000.00 to the Randwick Girls and Boys High School Rock Eisteddfod Team for their 2009 production, such funds to come from the 2009-10 Contingency Fund budget.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM29/09



Subject: Establishment of Light Rail Joint Working Party

Folder No: F2004/08175

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

At a recent Mayor's Meeting between the Mayors of Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils, I proposed to establish a joint working party to facilitate further discussion on proposed and potential light rail routes and capabilities throughout the three council areas. The Mayors of Waverley and Woollahra are supportive of this initiative on behalf of Randwick City Council.

Issues

The issue of light rail has long been on the agenda at Randwick Council so I am very pleased to announce this initiative. The joint working party will consist of the integrated transport staff from all three councils as it is these staff members that have the necessary expertise to examine proposed and potential light rail routes and capabilities throughout the three council areas. The joint working party will provide regular reports back to each of the three councils.

This coordinated approach also represents an excellent opportunity to obtain much needed grant funding for the proposal. The joint working party will also investigate the feasibility of engaging light rail experts to assist with this extremely worthwhile project.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Working with surrounding councils for improved public transport, including light rail, is a key action of Council's twenty year City Plan so it is imperative that the profile of this issue is raised. Having the best available staff from all three eastern suburbs councils working together on this project is an excellent opportunity for each council to make this proposal a reality.

Recommendation

That Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils establish a joint working party consisting of integrated transport staff from all three councils to facilitate further discussion on proposed and potential light rail routes and capabilities throughout the three council areas.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM30/09



Subject: Invitation to attend the Sister Cities Annual Conference 2009

Folder No: F2007/00072

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

From 19 to 22 July 2009 Tamworth City Council will play host to the 2009 Australian Sister Cities Association (ASCA) national conference. The Mayor of Tamworth City cordially invites Councillors to attend this conference.

Issues

The program is designed to assist delegates to maximise their sister city programs with a combination of keynote speakers, interactive workshops and master classes, networking opportunities, social events and optional tours. A parallel youth program will run in conjunction with the adult program, with a focus on interactive learning through story telling, dance, arts and multimedia.

Sister Cities of Tamworth will be giving keynote addresses, including Chayang District (Beijing) China, Sannohe, Japan and Gore, New Zealand. Ms Pam Fayle, the former Australian Ambassador to Germany, will also be giving a keynote address.

Financial impact statement

Councillors' attendance at this conference has been allowed for in the 2009-10 budget.

Conclusion

Councillors are encouraged to attend the 2009 ASCA national conference to exchange information and explore other cultural opportunities.

Recommendation

That:

- (a) the invitation from the Mayor of Tamworth City Council to attend the 2009 ASCA national conference be accepted; and
- (b) any interested councillors advise the General Manager as soon as possible for registration purposes.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM31/09



Subject: Lexington Place Committee
Folder No: F2006/00216
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

Anti social behaviour of young people, particularly in Maroubra and adjoining suburbs is an issue of concern. In response, Council has implemented a range of youth focused projects, as well as providing cash grants through its own Community Partnership Funding Program for youth services to deliver structured diversionary activities for tweens and teenagers.

However, due to the recent events in Lexington Place involving young people and anti-social behaviour, there is a pressing need to better understand the circumstances and issues which have lead to these events.

It is proposed that a committee be convened, at the earliest convenience, to meet and discuss solutions with key agencies.

Issues

The establishment of a committee comprising of interested Councillors, officers from the NSW Department of Housing and the Police is an essential starting point to help us put in place sustainable solutions for addressing anti-social behaviour in Lexington Place.

Key stakeholders including local service providers such as The Shack, PCYC and local tenant groups such as EAST, and local precinct committees will be consulted as part of the work to be undertaken by the Committee in the development of a longer term action plan.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

There is an urgent need for Council to meet with relevant state government agency officers to discuss, identify, and implement an agreed action plan for addressing the abovementioned concerns.

Recommendation

That Council agrees, as a priority, to establish a Committee comprising of interested Councillors, NSW Police, and Department of Housing staff. The role of the working group is to consult with local service providers and residents to develop a joint plan of action for reducing anti-social behaviour in the immediate vicinity.

Attachment/s:

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General Manager's Report No. GM19/09



Subject: Alison Road, Coogee - Sandstone Retaining Wall
Folder No: PROJ/10483/2009
Author: Mark Shaw, Manager Technical Services

Introduction

There is a significant sandstone retaining wall on Alison Road, Coogee located on the southern side between Arcadia Lane and Brook Street.

The wall was constructed approximately 80 – 90 years ago and is now in poor condition.

The reconstruction of 70m of this retaining wall has been listed in the draft 2009-10 Capital Works Program. This report requests that funds be borrowed from reserves to allow the work to commence in the 2008-09 financial year and then repaid with the proposed 2009-10 funds for this project.

Recently, a collapsed drainage pipe has resulted in damage to the retaining wall and the land behind the wall outside of 343 Alison Road. The repairs to this section of the retaining wall are being carried out as emergency works utilising infrastructure reserves.

Issues

Site Description

The properties on the southern side of Alison Road between Arcadia Lane and Brook Street are approximately 2m - 3m below the level of the road. A sandstone retaining wall up to 2.4m in height retains the upper level footpath and road. There is a lower level footpath along the base of the retaining wall that permits access to the properties. See the photographs below.

Wall Description and Condition

The sandstone wall is approximately 124m in length. It varies in height from 0.8m to 2.4m. The tallest part of the wall is 50m in length and includes 2 sets of stairs for access between the road and the properties.

The wall consists of sandstone blocks with mortar joints. The mortar has deteriorated over time and cracks have formed along the mortar joints. Along its tallest section, the wall has horizontal displacement, at the top away from the road, of over 100mm.

The movement and settlement of the stairs has resulted in a slope across the step.

The wall is a segmental wall that has the potential for sliding. The wall has commenced overturning as is indicated by the horizontal displacement at the top.

The wall was structurally assessed by consultants in December 2003. At the time, they noted the same damage and concluded that remedial measures would need to be undertaken at some time.

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In the meantime, we have monitored the wall for any changes. Up until recently, the extent of movement (deflection) had stabilised. However, with the recent rain, there are now signs that the movement has increased.

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Risk Assessment

Should the wall fail and collapse, it would cause damage to private property and could cause injury to a pedestrian. If the wall did collapse, it would block the footpath, closing access to the properties in this section of Alison Road.

The lower footpath provides access to private property. This prohibits the closing of the lower footpath.

To assess the stability of the sandstone retaining wall, we have engaged Structural Engineers. The Structural Engineers will first assess if short-term measures are needed to stabilise the wall and then produce a design for the reconstruction to the wall. Once the design is completed, it is proposed to engage contractors and commence work immediately.

Design Options

Modern retaining structures that retain ground over 2m in height are generally reinforced concrete structures.

The sandstone texture and look provides an aesthetic that is a prominent feature of this area.

On this basis, it is proposed to construct a retaining structure that will have a similar look to the existing sandstone wall. It is Council's intention to retain the existing sandstone wall if structurally possible.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 6: A Liveable City.
Direction 6a: Our public assets are planned, managed and funded to meet the community expectations and defined levels of service.

Financial impact statement

There is funding in the 2009/2010 budget to repair this wall.

This report requests that funds be borrowed from infrastructure reserves to allow the work to commence in the 2008-09 financial year. The borrowings will be repaid from the project funds proposed for this project in 2009-10.

Conclusion

The condition of the wall is poor. We have engaged Structural Engineers to assess the stability of the wall and recommend measures to temporarily stabilise the retaining wall.

The reconstruction of 70m of this sandstone retaining wall was proposed in the draft 2009-10 Capital Works Budget. However, it is proposed that the work commence immediately to avoid any potential collapse due to recent deterioration of the wall due to heavy rainfall.

Recommendation

That:

- a) funds be borrowed from the infrastructure reserve fund to allow commencement of planning and work on the Alison Road Retaining Wall.
- b) the borrowings be repaid from funds allocated in the 2009-10 Capital Works Budget.

Attachment/s:

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