

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **BUSINESS PAPER**

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5 May 2009

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a Community Services Committee of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 12 May 2009 at 6:00pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor, B Notley-Smith, Bowen, Matson, Matthews, Smith (Deputy Chairperson), Tracey, Woodsmith (Chairperson).

Quorum: Four (4) members.

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

### Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

### Confirmation of the Minutes

Community Services Committee - 14 April 2009

### Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Address of Committee by Members of the Public

### Urgent Business

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### Library Reports

Nil

### Closed Session

Nil

### Notices of Rescission Motions

Nil

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Ray Brownlee

**GENERAL MANAGER**

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## Community Services Report No. C7/09



**Subject:** Council Advisory Committee minutes  
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### Introduction

At the 10 March 2009 community services committee it was resolved (Tracey/Matson) that;

Council accepts and approves the revised Terms of Reference for Council Advisory Groups.

The report also stated that the minutes of the Advisory Committees be presented to the Community Services Committee.

### Issues

As scheduled the Advisory Committees (listed below) have met and the minutes of each meeting which reflect discussions and outcomes are attached.

The minutes will also be available on Councils website after each meeting.

This report includes minutes from:

- Access Advisory Committee February
- Older Persons Advisory Committee February and March
- Multicultural Advisory Committee March
- Aboriginal Advisory Committee April

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 3: An Informed and Engaged Community.  
Direction 3a: Effective communication methods and technology are used to share information and provide services.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

### Conclusion

Council receives the minutes of Councils Advisory Committees.

### Recommendation

Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes of each advisory committee.

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**Attachment/s:**

1. Access Committee Meeting Minutes 12 February 2009 - Council Advisory Committee Minutes
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 18 March 2009 - Council Advisory Committee Minutes
3. Older Person's Reference Group Minutes 4 February 2009 - Council Advisory Committee minutes
4. Older Person's Reference Group Minutes 4 March 2009 - Council Advisory Committee Minutes
5. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held on 8 April 2009.

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## Minutes

### Randwick City Council Access Committee Meeting held at 10.30am on Thursday 12 February 2009

#### Present:

Cr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Chris Donnellan	Randwick City Council
Anne Patterson	Community Representative
Phillip Sundstrom	Community Representative
Mai Rose	Community Representative

#### Apologies:

Terry Fletcher	Community Representative
Anne Lambrou	Community Representative
Jacqueline Doust	Community Representative
Julie Allen	Community Representative

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2009 were confirmed.

#### 2. Business Arising from the Minutes:

##### 2.1 International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPWD)

Frida reported that over 1200 information packs on Disability services and support available in Randwick City were distributed at Coogee Family Day on Saturday 6 December. The information packs also contained services and support provided by Council for people with disabilities and their carers, such as the Home Library Service (HLS), the Home Maintenance and Modification Service and fitness programs available at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre. Cr. Woodsmith requested that Frida ensure members of the Advisory Committee receive information packs from this years IDPWD event.

**Action:** Frida to provide to provide information packs from 2009 IDPWD event.

##### 2.2 Junction Neighbourhood Centre Doors

Frida informed the Committee that the automated sliding doors have yet to be installed at The Junction Neighbourhood Centre and that she would follow up this matter with Craig Mullins, Coordinator Building Services and provide an update at following Access Committee meeting in March. Phillip also mentioned that there has been increase in older people, people with disabilities and mothers with prams accessing the Centre and it is vital that they are able to independently access the premises.

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**Action:** Frida to provide an update at the following meeting in March.

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### 2.3 Community Nursery Accessible Toilets

Frida advised the Committee that Council has plans to refurbish the Community Nursery to enhance access for the elderly and people with mobility difficulties. The request from the Committee has been listed on the Capitol works program for 2009/10. The Committee agreed that the proposed refurbishment will also demonstrate Council's commitment to reducing barriers to access and highlight that accessibility is a priority, not just for older people but families with strollers and other people with mobility difficulties. Frida will continue to keep the Committee updated regarding this matter.

**Action:** Frida to continue to provide the Committee with further updates in regards to the refurbishment of the Nursery toilet amenity.

## 3. New Business

### 3.1 NSW Sport and Recreation Disability Forum

Kate Montague from NSW Sport and Recreation and Kelly Oldfield from Community Sport and Recreation have contacted Council in regards to holding a Disability Sport and Physical Activity Forum in the Eastern Suburbs. The aim of the forum is to facilitate networking opportunities and links between local communities and sporting clubs to support the development of local sustainable sporting opportunities for people with disabilities. Kate and Kelly have been invited to attend the next Eastern Sydney Disability Interagency meeting at Woollahra Council on 24 February to discuss with service providers the need/demand for sporting and exercise programs for people with disability. Members of the Access and Older Persons Reference Group (OPRG) will also be invited to attend the forum.

**Action:** Frida to invite members of the Access & OPRG to attend the Forum.

### 3.2 NSW Companion Card Program

The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) in conjunction with National Disability Services (NDS) will be implementing the NSW Companion Card Program. The aim of the program is to increase community participation for people with a disability, who require attendant care type support from a companion in order to participate in a venue or event. The program has been implemented in other states and people with disabilities have reported increased feelings of social inclusion, confidence and dignity. Randwick Council has been invited to take part in the Companion Card Program.

The Committee was informed that the Des Renford Aquatic Centre (DRAC) recognises the role of carers/companions and allows them free entry when accompanying a person with a disability to the Centre. Committee members discussed the positive impact of the Companion Card program, particularly in the current economic climate. Brochures regarding the Companion Program were tabled at the meeting and previously emailed to Committee members.

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**Action:** Frida to forward the Companion Card Industry Affiliation Forms to the Manager of Des Renford to complete.

### **3.3 Access Issue, Danny's Seafood, La Perouse**

Mr Tom Gosnell contacted Council regarding an access issue at Danny's Seafood Restaurant, La Perouse. Mr Gosnell rang prior to visiting the venue to enquire about the level of access for Mr Kelly, a friend using a wheelchair – and was informed that the restaurant was wheelchair accessible. Upon arriving, Mr Gosnell found a number of barriers included steps and platforms. The lack of access had a negative and hazardous impact as Mr Gosnell and patrons frequenting Danny's Seafood, had to lift Mr Kelly in his wheelchair when departing from the restaurant, resulting in a near accident. The Committee agreed this issue highlights the lack of understanding about independent access and its impact on the lives of people with disabilities. It was suggested that Council could promote a general awareness campaign to remind local business owners/mangers about their obligations to ensure appropriate access to their premises - and the importance of providing accurate information to members of the public in relation to available access.

**Action:** Frida to write a letter to Danny's Seafood on behalf of the Access Committee and invite Bart Penson from Information on Disability & Education Awareness Services (IDEAS) to speak about the Access Aware Pilot Project.

### **3.4 Client & Carer Forums (Information Exchanges) for Clients, Families and Carers**

The Committee was informed that the Metro South Region of the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) will be hosting the 2009 Client & Carer forums for clients, families and carers. The Forums provide an opportunity for older people, people with a disability and their carers to openly discuss issues relating to access and service delivery. It also provides DADHC with an opportunity to provide up to date information on the latest regional developments. Frida previously circulated information about the Client & Carer Forums to members electronically.

**Action:** For Information.

### **3.5 Seniors Week Events**

Frida tabled information in regards to planned activities and events to be held during Seniors Week from March (14 – 22).

**Action:** For Information.

## **4 General Business**

### **4.1 Guest Speaker – Sharon Blunt, Randwick Waverley Community Transport**

**Action:** Guest speaker held over until April meeting.

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## 5. Correspondence

- Headeast News, Issue 38 Summer 2008
- The Newsletter of IDEA January – February 2009
- Eastern Suburbs Aftercare Newsletter Feb – April 2009
- TAD Journal, December 2008, Vol. 28 No 4
- Connections Vol.9 January
- Accord Summer 2008

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 9 April from 10.30am-12.00pm in the Randwick Room.

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**MINUTES****Randwick City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee  
Meeting held on Wednesday 18 March 2009 at 5.15pm****Present**

Cr Kiel Smith	Randwick City Council
Colin Rosenfeld	Randwick City Council
Katherine Zhu	Randwick City Council
G Rosa Loria	Community Representative
Peter Schick	Community Representative
George Varughese	Community Representative

**Apologies**

Cr Bradley Hughes	Randwick City Council
Nadia Arrage	Community Representative
Charmaine Silove	Community Representative
Doungporn Rittavorn	Community Representative
Rosita Simmons	Community Representative

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2008 were confirmed.

**2. Business Arising from Minutes****2.1 Citizenship Ceremony**

The next Citizenship Ceremony will be held on Thursday 30 April 2009. VIP invitations will be available to committee members interested in attending the ceremony. George Varughese offered to be the committee's representative as he already attends the ceremony on behalf of the Multicultural Support Network. The committee also suggested that copies of the Multicultural Advisory Committee brochure be available for attendees at the ceremony, to attract new members and to raise the profile of the committee.

**Action:** Colin Rosenfeld to action the committee's recommendations

**2.2 Principles of Multiculturalism for Local Government**

Copies of the document released by the Department of Local Government were distributed at the last meeting. Committee members were asked to peruse the document especially the back section. In the absence of Cr Hughes this matter will be held over to the next meeting. It was noted that this self assessment tool will be incorporated into council's annual reporting system.

**Action:** For further discussion at the next meeting.

**2.3 Inner and Eastern Sydney Migrant Interagency (IESMI)**

The committee was informed that the IESMI sponsored Multicultural Forum has been postponed to a tentative date of 10 June 2009. High profile guest speakers have been invited to provide an update on the Federal Government's policy, priorities and direction for multiculturalism, especially in relation to the government's Social Inclusion Agenda. Committee members will be sent information about the forum once the program has been formalised.

**Action:** For noting

#### 2.4 East Timor Scholarships

The two students and translator had successfully complete their stay at both Randwick and Temora Councils and had returned to East Timorese after spending time learning about the role of local government and council processes. The Committee had asked if a report on the outcome of the visit by the two visitors was available and for the information of the committee. At the time of writing the Minutes advice from council's Administrative Officer is that the students didn't submit a written report however they gave thank you speeches in their best English. A council officer is communicating via email with one of the students to assist him with his English writing skills. He's decided after starting to learn English whilst in Australia, that he wants to learn it properly. He's improving rapidly and mentions how he's pushing for laptops and internet access in his region of East Timor.

**Action:** For noting

#### 2.5 Future meetings and Membership

The meeting was informed that a report on the role of council's advisory committees including revised Terms of Reference for each committee has been endorsed by council. Council will publicise community membership places and invite nominations on all advisory committees. Current members will be eligible to re-apply for membership as a community representative.

**Action:** Committee members will be sent the necessary documents

#### 2.6 Harmony Day 2009

Council had considered holding an event to promote community harmony and celebrate the Randwick City's cultural diversity with the Eco Living Fair, which was successfully held last year. However the Eco Living Fair will be held in September 2009 and council has organised a major community event "Lets Celebrate" in Alison Park as part of council's 150 Years Celebration. This event included cultural diversity activities and participation by a number of community groups. A smaller Harmony Day event to coincide with Seniors Week is planned for 21 March from 11am to 2pm in Frank Doyle Park Randwick. Committee members requested that ideas for a cultural celebration day event in 2010 to coincide with Harmony Day be discussed at the next meeting, one that includes only multicultural performances. The committee was also informed that a Harmon Day poster competition for school students across NSW has been conducted by B'nai B'rith and winning entries will be on exhibition in the Bowen Library. However the official launch and awards presentation has been cancelled.

**Action:** For noting and discussion at the next meeting

### 3. New Business:

#### 3.1 Welcome to Cr Kiel Smith

The committee welcomed Cr Smith who is the new Councillor Representative replacing Cr Belleli. The committee wished to acknowledge the past contribution of Cr Belleli.

**Action:** For noting

#### 3.2 Sydney Multicultural Community Services

Rosa Loria informed the meeting that her centre was holding an event for 120 frail aged seniors to celebrate Seniors Week at the Randwick Community Centre on 20 March. Rosa also mentioned that a Bangladeshi worker was now providing services at the centre.

**Action:** For noting

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### 3.3 Information Days

An Information Expo is to be held in conjunction with the Indonesian Welfare Association for the Indonesian speaking community in the Randwick Town Hall on Friday 17 April from 10am to 2pm. Some 20 service providers will be participating in this activity. Also an information day for the Russian speaking community will be held in conjunction with the Russian Ethnic Council of NSW in the Bowen Library on Thursday 23 April from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Colin Rosenfeld is assisting with both events and council will have a stall. These initiatives aim to provide information to these communities about the range of community services available to them.

**Action:** For noting

### 3.4 Sister Relationship with City of Makati Philippines

Rosita Simmons has written to council suggesting that council consider entering a sister relationship with this city in the Philippines. Unfortunately due to illness in the family Rosita was unable to attend the meeting to present this proposal to the committee.

**Action:** Rosita Simmons to present the proposal for the sister city relationship with the City of Makati Philippines at the next meeting

### Correspondence:

Lions Club of Sydney (Chinese) Humanitarian \$2,000 Award for University students.  
National Council of Jewish Women Harmony Day event on 11 March 2009 invitation.

**Date of Next Meeting:** To be held in May 2009, date to be advised pending appointment of new community representatives.

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# RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL OLDER PERSON'S REFERENCE GROUP MINUTES

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2009

**Venue:** Randwick Room  
**Chair:** Cr. Margaret Woodsmith  
**Minutes:** Frida Kitas  
**Meeting opened:** 10 am

**Attendance:**

Cr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Julie Bolan	Prince of Wales, Community Health
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre
Shirley Smith	Community Representative/Computer Pals
Megan Bowyer	Junction Neighbourhood Centre
Marlene Kerr	Coast Centre for Seniors
Mary Kennedy	Little Bay Coast Centre for Seniors
Billee King	Community Representative/Waves
Susan McCann	Division of General Practice

**Apologies:**

George Gergely	Community Representative
Kay Ireland	Kooloora Community Centre
Lucilla Leung	Australian Chinese Association (ACCA)

Introductions: The Reference Group issued a warm welcome to Mary Kennedy, newly appointed coordinator of the Coast Centre for Seniors. Marlene informed the Committee that John Geerligs had recently accepted a position at Redfern Food Distribution Network (FDN). Cr. Woodsmith thanked John on the behalf of the OPRG for his contribution to the Reference Group and wished him well in his new position at FDN.

**Business Arising From Previous Minutes:**

**Randwick Community Centre**

No further updates.

**Action:** For Information

**Junction Neighbourhood Doors**

Megan informed the Reference Group that the automated sliding doors have yet to be installed at the Junction Neighbourhood Centre. Cr. Woodsmith will investigate the matter further and provide an update at the following meeting.

**Action:** Cr. Woodsmith to provide an update at the Reference Group meeting in March.

**General Business:**

**Seniors Week 2009 (March 14 – 22)**

In addition to the \$500 sponsorship contribution from Clovelly Community Bank, Council was also successful in securing \$1000 grant from the Department of Ageing,



Disability and Home Care (DADHC) for planned activities and events to be held during Seniors Week. Frida informed the OPRG that a Therapeutic Gardening workshop will be held at Council's Community Nursery on Saturday 14 March from 11.00am to 2.00pm. The workshop will be presented by Cultivate NSW and will have a Seniors focus. Workshop content will include useful tips and methods for modified gardening and an introduction to a range of modified tools. Places for the workshop will be limited, hence bookings will be essential.

A celebratory morning tea will be held at Bowen Library and Community Centre on Wednesday 18 March from 11.00am – 1.00pm. The morning tea will also include a series of short presentation on safety at home and in the community, from NSW Fire Brigade Services and Maroubra Police. In addition, Bill Conn, local actor and director will also talk about the Actors' Forum program for 2009 and his work as a narrator with Vision Australia.

In recognition of the many positive contributions made by older people in the local community, Council will be holding a Seniors Celebration at Peace Park on Saturday 21 March from 11.00am – 2.00pm. Council will invite Seniors, their family, friends and carers and residents to enjoy a range of information displays, food, entertainment and free giveaways. The park celebration will also be an opportunity to promote a range of services, activities and programs that Council provides to Seniors on an annual basis. The Committee agreed that the planned events aim to increase community participation in older people by raising awareness about personal safety and the importance of activity for daily living.

**Action:** Frida to provide copies of posters and brochures pertaining to all Seniors Week events and activities at the following meeting.

#### **Free Professional Play Reading for Seniors**

Due to the overwhelming response to the professionally moved play reading from the Actors' Forum in 2007, Billee suggested that Council consider holding another free play reading for Seniors at Bowen Library and Community Centre during the year. Committee members supported an additional play reading as it would be of benefit to many older people living in the City of Randwick and assist to reduce social isolation in this target group. Cr. Woodsmith requested that Frida investigate the matter further.

**Action:** Frida to investigate the possibility of holding a play reading in collaboration with the Actors' Forum during the year.

#### **Prince Henry Trained Nurses & Medical Museum**

Billie mentioned that the Prince Henry Trained Nurses Association are planning to hold a "Back to Prince Henry" Open Day, for staff who previously worked at Prince Henry hospital in a paid or voluntary capacity. The purpose of the Open Day is for ex-staff to see how the hospital has since evolved and to showcase the medical museum. Billie asked about the possibility of financial support from Council to assist in holding the Open Day in 2009. Cr. Woodsmith suggested the Trained Nurses association apply for funding through Council's Cultural grants program to hold the event.

**Action:** Billee to follow this suggestion up with the Trained Nurses Association.

#### **Guestspeakers: Lisa Johnson, Program Officer, Des Renford Aquatic Centre**

Lisa spoke about a range of water and land based exercise programs that cater to the needs of mature adults (55 +). The programs aim to improve overall fitness and energy levels and encourage older people to maintain a healthy heart and weight range. The programs are designed to meet the varying abilities and needs of clients and a trained fitness instructor supervises each session. In addition to increased fitness, the programs are also an opportunity for older people to form networks and

reduce isolation - as a consequence each program has a strong social component. The OPRG discussed the importance of physical activity in relation to reducing the incidence of depression in older people.

Lisa tabled a range of brochures in relation to fitness programs available at Des Renford. Cr Woodsmith thanked Lisa on the behalf of the Committee for attending the meeting as a guest speaker. For further information about programs at Des Renford, please contact 9349 9749 or email [drac@randwick.nsw.gov.au](mailto:drac@randwick.nsw.gov.au)

**Action:** For Information

### Information Share

The Junction Neighbourhood Centre are now running a "short outing" group on Friday mornings from 9.00am to 1.00pm, as places on the Day Away group are now at capacity. Morning Tea is provided

Julie mentioned that ACART has now been changed to Community Health Assessment Therapy Team (CHATT), with the aim of being more inclusive to younger people with disabilities.

SENC will be holding a "Seniors Vitality Seminar" which will be run by Helen Wilmore from Community Health as part of Seniors Week.

SENC is also running an additional social support group, which is a shopping bus service. This is a one-to-one service in which clients are appointed a volunteer to assist them. (This service aims to target isolated clients). The library bus is also used on Monday's as an access bus, to link clients to the community and to each other.

The Coast Centre for Seniors are currently investigating strategies to increase membership.

### Correspondence

CPSA, The Voice Newsletter February 2009

SENC Newsletter, Issue 15, 2008

Connections Vol 9, January 2009

55+ Newsletter

Little Bay Coast Centre for Seniors Newsletter 08/09

INsite News, December – January 2009

INsite News, February – March 2009

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**Business Arising From Previous Minutes:**

**Randwick Community Centre**

No further updates.

**Action:** For Information

**Back to Prince Henry Open Day**

Billee informed the Committee that the "Back to Prince Henry" Open Day will be held on Saturday 5 September 2009 from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The aim of the Open Day is to revitalize community interest in Prince Henry and also serve as an opportunity for people who were patients or employees to view how hospital has since evolved. As the Open Day will be held during History Week, Billee mentioned the possibility of Randwick District and Historical Society becoming involved, in addition to National Parks & Wildlife who are responsible for maintaining the Prince Henry Hospital cemetery.

Council will also provide in-kind assistance with the event and ensure that the Open Day is promoted widely via the Mayor's Column and at Council's libraries and community centres etc. Frida will also forward information to Billie in relation to Council's Community Partnership Funding Program.

**Action:** Frida to provide in-kind assistance in regards to the Open Day and information on available grants to the Prince Henry Trained Nurses Association.

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### **Amendment to Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting should read that SENC provides a shopping bus service that picks-up HACC clients from home and takes them to and from Eastgardens and Eastlakes shopping centres. SENC can also link volunteers to clients to assist them with shopping (this is a one-on-one service). Frail aged clients with mobility issues who cannot use the shopping bus service to do their own shopping or require additional assistance can be transferred to the social support shopping car service.

This one-on-one assisted shopping service involves a paid member of staff picking up a client from their home (in a car) and taking them to the shopping centre etc. The aim of the shopping bus service and social support shopping car service is to link the elderly to the community and encourage them to remain active. (Simon also noted that SENC has a volunteer coordinator which is advantageous in retaining volunteers).

**Action:** For Information

### **Automated Sliding Doors, JNC**

Megan confirmed that the automated sliding doors have not yet been installed at the Junction Neighbourhood Centre. The purpose of the sliding doors is to improve access to the Centre for people with disabilities/mobility issues and families using prams. Frida will follow this matter up with Craig Mullins, Coordinator Building Services and provide an update at the April meeting.

**Action:** Frida to provide an update regarding the installation of the automated sliding doors at the April meeting.

### **General Business**

#### **Seniors Week 2009 (March 14 – 22)**

Frida provided the Committee with an update in relation to planned activities and events for Seniors week. Frida tabled flyers at the meeting and reported that a number of people have registered to participate in the Therapeutic Gardening Workshop to be held at Council's Community Nursery on Saturday 14 March.

There has also been a great deal of interest in the Celebration in the Park to be held on Saturday 21 March at Frank Doyle Park, Randwick - the celebrations will be inclusive of Harmony Day. Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project (ESMAP), The Junction Neighbourhood Centre and Joy Hruby have confirmed their attendance, in addition to Council services such as the Library and Des Renford Aquatic Centre (DRAC). NSW Fire Brigade Services and Maroubra Police will be giving practical tips and demonstrations on safety in the home and community for the elderly. Bill Conn, local director and actor will also be speaking about the Actors' Forum program for 2009 and his rewarding work with Vision Australia.

**Action:** For Information.

#### **Disability Sport and Physical Activity Forum**

Council in collaboration with NSW Sport and Recreation will be hosting a Disability Sport and Physical Activity Forum on Tuesday 12 May at Bowen Library, Maroubra from 6.30pm to 8pm. The aim of the forum is to establish a need/demand to support the development of local sport and physical activity opportunities for people with a disability in the local community. The forum also aims to facilitate networking opportunities and links between schools, local communities and sports sectors to support the development of local sustainable sporting opportunities for people with a disability living in Randwick City. Registrations are essential. For more information, please call 13 13 02 or register online at [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au).

**Action:** Frida to provide flyers & brochures at the April OPRG meeting.

### **Information Share**

Computer Pals are continuing to operate from UNSW and have vacancies for some classes.

Megan spoke about the revamped Aged & Disability services available at the Junction Neighbourhood Centre, including a Short Outing Group which is held on Friday from 9am – 1pm. (Please refer to the Junction News tabled at meeting).

The Coast Centre for Seniors, Line Dancers will be performing at Eastgardens Shopping Centre on Friday 20 March. The Coast Centre will also have information displays showcasing activities and classes available at the Centre. The purpose of the mini expo is to generate interest in the Centre and increase membership.

On Thursday 30 April, guest speaker Joe Fleming will speak about his visit in April 08 to the World War 1 Battlefields on the Western Front (France) at the Coast Centre. Ring 9311 4886 to book your seat.

The Coast Centre will also hold a Games Day on Tuesday 16 June from 10am to 2pm. The Games Day will include a range of activities such as indoor bowls, table tennis, chess, bridge etc (Please refer to CCFS Newsletter tabled at the meeting).

SENC has a new Children's Toy Library (brochure tabled at meeting).

**Action:** For Information.

### **Correspondence**

CPSA The Voice, March 2009

The Junction Neighbourhood News, Autumn 2009

Little Bay Coast Centre for Seniors Newsletter 2009

The Newsletter of IDEAS, March – April 2009

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday April 1 2009 from 10.00am - 11.30am, Randwick Room.

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# MINUTES

## Randwick City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 April at 10:00 am

### Present

Councillor Margaret Woodsmith, Chairperson  
Wayne Cook – Secretary

Karen Cooley, Gail Cooke, Michael Ingrey, Chris Ingrey,  
Raymond Ingrey

### Apologies

Barbara Keeley, Yvonne Simms, Liz Sinnott, Tracey Cooley,  
Norma Simms, Maggie Scruse, Danny Allende, Aunty Jean  
Stewart  
Councillor Ted Seng

### 1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2009 were confirmed.

### 2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

In accordance with the previous minutes, the meeting decided to go through and address the actions inclusive.

Wayne will contact the other non-government agencies that provide a service to the community about domestic violence specifically relating to distributing information throughout their respective networks on future workshops, community gathering and white ribbon day activities.

Councillor Woodsmith believed that holding the White Ribbon Day celebrations in Bicentennial Park was insensitive and made the suggestion that the next event should be held indoors.

Wayne advised the meeting that article on the days event was published in the NSW Community Drug Strategies Newsletter Autumn 2009 edition.

Wayne advised the meeting that Mark Shaw has been asked to provide an update on Simms Reserve.

Michael raised the issue of the 5 original families that lived in the La Perouse area well before the Missionaries came to the area and suggested that Randwick Council should consider naming reserve within the local government area after those families.

Michael will provide historical documentation / evidence on those 5 families.

Response: Mark Shaw provides the following advised on 8 April 2009 at 10:17 am that:

“Council previously resolved to consult further and that Council will commence further consultations shortly”

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The setting up of a pool or roster of local Aboriginal elders from within the La Perouse Aboriginal community to do Welcome to Country is to be established through the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council.

### 2.1

**Action:** Wayne to e-mail or consult with Roslyn Field Acting CEO of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council to establish such a list. It is agreed that this will be the best way of rotating the workload to the wider community.

### 2.2

**Action:** Wayne to follow up with Michael the names of the five families

## 3. New Business:

Survival Day or Yarban Concert

It was raised in the previous minutes that specific members of the La Perouse local Aboriginal community would like to see the Survival concert back at La Perouse. Yvonne Simms also asked if Randwick City Council could contribute financially to making these happen.

The discussions surround the particular issue were long and there were a number of issues that were highlighted.

- 1: Randwick City Council politically could not become involved.
- 2: Gadigal Radio in partnership with the City of Sydney has a 5 year contract to continue to hold the January 26 Yarban festival in the boundaries of the City of Sydney.

Gail also gave a background history of the Survival festival as it related to La Perouse, including the use of the Yarra Oval, financial problems and the reason behind the contract with City of Sydney.

Randwick Council received a letter from Ms Sherese Thomas, Executive Coordinator for NAIDOC Week 2009 asking if Council would like to purchase wrist bands with the word "Respect" embroiled in the colours of the Aboriginal Flag. The wrist bands could be purchased at \$2.50 per band. The monies raised would assist Koori Kids.

The meeting decided against purchasing these wrist bands, opting to go with the same company as 2008.

Karen raised on behalf of Yvonne Simms the planting of scrubs around the flag pole at the end of Murrong Place, La Perouse.

Gail also raised the issue of the restoration of a large mural in Belmore Road. She was advised that Council already has this mural on its agenda.

### 3.1

**Action:** Wayne to seek advice from George Bounassif, Project Manager, for the Frenchman's Bay Landfill, the reason for planting the scrubs, the size they are likely to grow and whether or not lot 29 will have an impact on the flag pole and the scrubs at a later stage.

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**3.2**

**Action:** A copy of the protocols for the flying of flags is to be provided to the members at the next meeting.

**3.3**

**Action:** Gail raised some issues relating to Yarra Recreational Reserve and Councillor Woodsmith gave an undertaking to organise executive staff of Randwick Council to hold an on-site meeting with the Yarra Recreational Reserve Trust, La Perouse United Rugby League Football Club to discuss the issues.

**3.4**

**Action:** Councillor Woodsmith also undertook to hold an on site meeting with the Local Aboriginal Land Council and executive staff of Council to discuss issue relating to Frenchman's Bay Landfill.

**4. Correspondence: Nil**

**5. Date of Next Meeting:** To be held in Wednesday 10 June 2009 commencing at 10:00 am at Yarra Bay House, La Perouse.

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## Community Services Report No. C8/09



**Subject:** Youth Advisory Committee (online forum)  
**Folder No:** F2006/00216  
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### Introduction

At the 10 March 2009 community services committee it was resolved that;

- (b) Council investigates the recruitment of further members to serve on the Youth Advisory Committee to facilitate it meeting on a more regular basis.

### Issues

In developing strategies on how to attract and recruit new members to the Youth Advisory Committee, Council Officers from the Community Programs and Partnerships team researched other community service organisations and Councils. This research highlighted that many were offering an online forum to facilitate gathering of issues, ideas and solutions.

A popular, safe and easy way of doing this, as supported by Council's Information Technology Department, would be to set up a 'web group' which would be available to members who's nomination to Council were accepted as per the Terms of Reference.

Information provided and shared would be only available for viewing by elected members of Youth Advisory Committee web group. This format is currently used successfully by the Eastern Sydney Youth Services Network (ESYSN).

The Youth Advisory Online Forum will operate in a similar fashion as Councils other advisories; however, it is proposed that the Youth Advisory only meet face to face twice or as necessary depending on issues or scheduled activities such as Youth week.

It is proposed to set up the Yahoo group, advertise for members along with the other five committees, from there choose members according to the Terms of Reference and the begin a trial of the on line forum for 6 months and then review along with the members.

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 3: An Informed and Engaged Community.  
Direction 3a: Effective communication methods and technology are used to share information and provide services.

### Financial impact statement

There is no additional financial impact on Council.

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**Conclusion**

The proposed online forum for young people is an important tool to support Council's many focused initiatives for young people and services that work with young people in Randwick City. The forum will assist Council in developing current and future strategies, ensure that proposed activities and events are targeted to the right areas and people and keep Council up to date with current issues that effect young people living in the City.

**Recommendation**

Council accepted the proposed new format and receives the report.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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