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Mayoral Minute No. MM32/09



Subject: Delegation from City of Hangzhou
Folder No: F2009/06574
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

A delegation from the City of Hangzhou, China, is currently visiting our City. The purpose of the visit is two fold. The City of Hangzhou has been in contact with Randwick Council for a number of years with regard to Council's environmental achievements.

Earlier this year the City of Hangzhou was advised of our 150th anniversary. In honouring our 150th anniversary, the visit of the delegation was scheduled for 2009. A formal invitation has also been extended to me to visit Hangzhou in July.

Issues

In 2006 the City of Hangzhou hosted the International LivCom Conference. The then Mayor, Councillor Tracey, and Council officers attended the Conference. Randwick Council was successful in winning two prestigious awards, a gold medal for our sustainability achievements and a silver medal for our City's overall Liveability.

Since 2006 the City of Hangzhou has had a number of contacts with Randwick Council gaining further insight about our City and our programs. A formal delegation from Hangzhou visited Randwick in November 2007.

The current delegation from Hangzhou is comprised of officials from the Environmental Protection Department of the City of Hangzhou. During their week of stay in Randwick they will be briefed on our activities and undertake the inspection of Council's facilities and our environmental practices/achievements.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter apart from meeting refreshments and meals.

Conclusion

The visit of this delegation and our continuous relationship with the City of Hangzhou provides a framework for exchange ideas about environmental programs and activities.

Recommendation

That Council welcome Mr Sun Shuihua, Mr Zhen En' mei and Ms Bao Zhen to the City of Randwick.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM33/09

Subject: "Ocean View" 370 Alison Road,
Coogee- Heritage recognition

Folder No: F2004/06755

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor



Introduction

"Ocean View" is listed as a local heritage item under Randwick LEP 1998 being noted as an "outstanding, individually styled Edwardian mansion, virtually unaltered. One of the best surviving mansions in the Municipality. Historical association with famous circus."

A more recent Heritage Impact Statement considered the dwelling to be significant as a highly intact and picturesque example of the late Federation Edwardian style applied to a substantial residence. The HIS noted that the house is one of the largest in the Randwick area with strong landmark qualities when viewed from Alison Road, owing to its substantial size, the open curtilage and hilltop position.

Issues

The State Heritage Register is a list of the most significant heritage places and objects in New South Wales. Listing a place or object on the register means official recognition of its high heritage significance to the people of NSW and means Heritage Council approval is required for major changes to ensure its heritage significance is retained.

A nomination for State listing of a property can be made by completing a Nomination Form and submitting it to the Heritage Council for consideration. The Nomination Form requires the inclusion of detailed information on the place and its history. It is envisaged that an inspection would be required to determine its condition and intactness, as well as investigation of documentation available at Council's Local Studies section and the Randwick and District Historical Society. Copies of original drawings and historical photographs would be of assistance, in addition to current photographs. A curtilage map is required which generally includes the whole of the property according to its most long-standing boundary. It is necessary to evaluate the heritage significance of the item in relation to the seven criteria for listing on the State Heritage Register and to make comparisons with other important examples of the type in NSW.

Financial impact statement

An independent heritage assessment and nomination may have a cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Recommendation

That, on the basis of the heritage values of "Ocean View" which have been recognised to date, its significance be further investigated with a view to evaluating "Ocean View" for listing on the State Heritage Register.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM34/09

Subject: Introduction of a Deposit/Refund System on Beverage Containers
Folder No: F2009/07550
Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor



Introduction

Correspondence has been received from the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW in relation to the Container Deposit Legislation (CDL).

Issues

For many years the Local Government and Shires Association have campaigned strongly for the introduction of a deposit/refund system on beverage containers. The pursuit of Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) is an important part of Local Government's position on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), the principle that manufacturers should be responsible for the economic, financial and environmental impacts of their products, especially beverage containers.

Councils and community organisations such as Clean Up Australia expend enormous amounts of energy and money in the collection of containers from households every week via the kerbside collection system and cleaning up litter when these containers are irresponsibly discarded. Such a system will dramatically reduce the amount of container litter and will also increase the viability of kerbside recycling. South Australia has a successful container deposit system in place.

For Randwick City Council's environmental and financial future we seriously consider a refund system and we strongly urge the State Government to introduce such a system, which means that every container is worth 10 cents in the recycling process – effectively paying for itself.

Financial impact statement

There is no financial implication to Council.

Conclusion

That Council launch a campaign in support for the refund system or Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) via local media releases calling for community support and lobbying the State and Federal Members and the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Peter Garrett MP.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council support the refund system or Container Deposit Legislation (CDL); and
- b) Council launch a campaign via media releases and lobby the State and Federal Members and the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Peter Garrett MP, in support of the refund system.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM35/09



Subject: Toilet facilities at Dunningham Reserve

Folder No: PROJ/10199/2006

Author: Councillor Notley-Smith, Mayor

Introduction

The current proposal to build a new toilet block and staff facilities in Dunningham Reserve, Coogee, came off public exhibition in April. Both the General Manager and I and most Councillors have received a petition and dozens of letters opposing the construction of any new facility on the site.

Issues

Given the obvious opposition and the degree of concern demonstrated by the local community that Council may proceed with the proposal, I recommend that Council immediately cease all work on the current proposal and seek an alternative location and design for a toilet block and the staff facilities.

Council should first investigate and report to Council the actual demand for any new toilet facility to determine whether it is justified, given that the current toilet block in Dunningham Reserve is rarely used and is a 350 metre walk away from the toilet and shower facilities in Arden Street.

I also propose that Council demolish the existing Dunningham Reserve toilet block, clear the area and turf it as soon as possible.

Recommendation

That:

- (a) Council immediately ceases all work on the current proposal for a new toilet block and staff facilities at Dunningham Reserve, Coogee and Council seek an alternative location and design for a toilet block and staff facilities, should a demonstrated need or demand for such be indicated; and
- (b) Council demolishes the existing toilet facility at Dunningham Reserve, clear the area and turf it.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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