

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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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, 14 July 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.

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Confirmation of the Minutes

Community Services Committee - 12 May 2009

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Closed Session

Nil

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Community Services Report No. C9/09



Subject: Council's Advisory Committee Minutes
Folder No: F2006/00216
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Introduction

At the 10 March 2009 Community Services Committee it was resolved 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:

- Aboriginal Advisory Committee May
- Older Persons Advisory Committee May

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

It is recommended that Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes of Councils Advisory Committees.

Recommendation

That Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes of each advisory committee.

Attachment/s:

1. Aboriginal Advisory Committee May
2. Older persons Advisory Committee May

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MINUTES**Randwick City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee
Meeting held on 10 June 2009 at 10:00 am**

Present: Councillor Margaret Woodsmith - Chairperson
Wayne Cook - Secretary / Minute taker
Barbara Keeley
Yvonne Simms
Michael Ingrey

Apologies: Councillor Teg Seng
Norma Simms
Elizabeth Sinnott
Vic Simms
Tracey Cooley
Lorraine Scrusse
Margie Scrusse
Gail Cooke
Karen Cooley

1: Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on April 8 were confirmed.

2: Welcome:

Wayne welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the circumstances for the confusion of changing dates for the meeting.

3: Business arising from previous minutes:

Yvonne Simms sought clarification from Michael Ingrey on the issues of the five original families that were raised from the last meeting. Yvonne wanted Michael to name the families and their association to La Perouse. Michael Ingrey explained that there was historical evidence from the Mitchell Library that makes reference to five different families that resided in La Perouse from 1883.

There was some discussion around this particular topic and Michael's position was that he could not remember the names of the five families but could research the issues and provide the information at a later date.

4: New Memberships & Terms of Reference:

Wayne handed out the new membership forms to each person that attended the meeting and explained that Randwick City Council was now in the process of re-establishing every advisory committee within Council and that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee memberships were to be renewed. To do this, new members would need to fill in the new forms and post back to Wayne Cook, Project Officer – Aboriginal Services, at Randwick City Council. These new applications will go through a selection process based on the information provided by the candidate to see if they can be beneficial to the Aboriginal community as a whole.

Wayne also explained the Term of Reference associated with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. People were informed that the number of active members will be 12 which will include 2 Councillors and the Project Officer – Aboriginal Services.

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5: Re-Naming of Frenchman's Bay Reserve – Community Consultation

Wayne provided the meeting with some background information about the Council decision to repatriate the landfill at Frenchman's Bay. As a result of this, Councillor Ted Seng, asked the Director of City Services to investigate to concerns raised by the Aboriginal community.

A consulting firm was engaged by Council to carry out repatriation work in Frenchman's Bay Landfill. At the time Council was also doing repatriation work on landfills throughout the city. In 2008, Council received a letter and accompanying petition from Ms Yvonne Simms requesting that Frenchman's Bay Reserve be renamed John Henry Simms Reserve. In response to Ms Yvonne Simms' request Council prepared a report for the 24 June 2009 Ordinary Council Meeting recommending that the main lookout be named John Henry Simms lookout, rather than the entire reserve. From this the resolution recommended that Council consult key stakeholder groups with a view to seek feedback and Council is now inviting the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to submit comments in relation to this matter. A letter outlining the above was addressed to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, which was tabled and read by Councillor Margaret Woodsmith to the meeting.

There was general discussion on this matter, but it was resolved that due to a lack of members or quorum, this matter would be put over to an extra ordinary meeting.

Resolution:

Barbara Keeley moved that an extra ordinary meeting be held within the first week of July to discuss the renaming of Frenchman's Bay Reserve.

Seconded: Michael Ingrey

Action:

Wayne Cook, Project Officer – Aboriginal Service to write to all of the current members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee advising them of the resolution and the date for the extra ordinary meeting.

Additionally, Wayne Cook, Project Officer – Aboriginal Service is to advise Ms Hayley Segedin, Coordinator Parks and Recreation (Acting) that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be calling an extra Ordinary Meeting because of a lack of members in attendance at the June meeting.

6: General Business:

1 Barbara Keeley raised the issue of Age Care Services.

There was some very general discussion surrounding which particular State Government organisation was responsible for this issue. It was pointed out that Randwick City Council was not the agency but that some enquiries with NSW Health could be the first point of contact to raising the issue.

The second point that Barbara raised was associated with the youth of the La Perouse area. As per the previous item, discussions surrounded the associated problems that faced the youth and what types of programs could be developed in partnership with other State Government and Non-Government agencies (La Pa Youth Haven) to overcoming some of the concerns.

Action:

Wayne Cook Project Officer – Aboriginal Service will do some follow up consultation with Barbara Keeley on the concerns raised and look at developing programs and partnerships with the appropriate agencies

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee recommended that Randwick City Council organise the street sweeper to clean Adina Street, Gooloogong and Murrong Place on the Aboriginal Reserve, La Perouse.

Meeting closed at 12:00 pm

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MINUTES
Randwick City Council
Older Persons Reference Group
Meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2009

Present

Cr Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Billee King	Community Representative
Marlene Kerr	Coast Centre for Seniors
Susan McCann	Division of General Practice
Julie Bolan	Prince of Wales, Community Health
George Gergely	Community Representative
Shirley Smith	Community Representative/Computer Pals

Apologies

Megan Bowyer	Junction Neighbourhood Centre
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre
Mary Kennedy	Coast Centre for Seniors
Kay Ireland	Kooloora Community Centre

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on April 1 2009 were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Minutes**2.1 National Volunteer Week (May 11-17)**

The Reference Group was informed that Council will be hosting a celebratory morning tea at the Lodge Room on Friday 15 May from 10.30am to 12pm, in recognition of the vast contributions made by volunteers to the local community each year. The morning tea will include a range of volunteers from The Junction Neighbourhood Centre, Kooloora Community Centre, Randwick District & Historical Society, Prince Henry Trained Nurses Association, The Coast Centre for Seniors, Bushland and the Library Home Service. Members from the Older Persons Reference Group and Access Advisory Committee's have also been invited attend the event.

Action: For Noting.

2.2 Free Play Reading – Georgiana Women of Flowers

Frida electronically circulated information regarding the free play reading to members of both the Older Persons Reference Group and Access Advisory Committee. For further information about the play reading please contact Michelle Kline on 9314 4835 or email michelle.kline@randwick.nsw.gov.au.

Action: For Consideration.

2.3 Disability Sport & Physical Activity Forum

Frida reminded The Reference Group that the Disability Sport & Physical Activity Forum to be held on Tuesday 12 May from 6.30pm – 8pm at Bowen Library & Community Centre, has been moved from the 3rd Floor to the Vonnie Young Auditorium on Level 1, to better facilitate access for people using wheelchairs. The aim of the Forum is to facilitate networking opportunities for people with disabilities to better access mainstream sporting activities. The Forum will be held in conjunction with NSW Department of Sport & Recreation.

Action: For Noting.

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3 General Business

3.1 Future meetings & memberships

Frida advised the Reference Group that Council is calling for nominations for community representatives on all advisory Committees. All existing positions have been declared and will be advertised in the Southern Courier Newspaper. Current members of the Reference Group are eligible and most welcome to reapply to become a member of the Older Persons Reference Group. Frida will email and send hard copies of the revised Terms of Reference and nomination form to members of the OPRG – alternatively, these documents can also be accessed via Council’s website. Cr Woodsmith & Frida thanked the Reference Group for their support and participation at meetings and community events.

Action: Frida to send electronic/hard copies of the revised TORS and nomination form to Reference Group members.

3.2 Guest speaker – Peggy Hewitt & Lucy Porter Older Women’s Network Theatre

- Peggy and Lucy gave a presentation to the Reference Group about the history of the Older Women’s Network Theatre & tabled brochures at the meeting.
- The Older Women’s Network (OWN) originated in 1985 when a number of women and workers in the Combined Pensioners Assn noticed that although two thirds of pensioners were women, there was very little action or research around issues of interest and concern to older women.
- Funding was obtained and a pilot program was developed called Older Women’s Workshops. At the completion of the 1 year pilot project, OWN was established - their aim was to empower older women through participation in decision making processes re issues and concerns impacting them.
- In 1990 Sydney City Council provided premises in the Rocks, Millers Point. OWN has since grown into dynamic Australia wide organisation which is managed and operated by a dedicated group of volunteers.
- OWN has 19 groups in NSW.
- OWN Theatre also aims is to demystify the myths and stereotypes of older women in today and present a positive image of ageing to a wide variety of audiences in metropolitan, regional and remote areas of the State and promote the rights, dignity and wellbeing of older women.
- 1988 a group of OWN performed on the lawns of Parliament House in Canberra to inform politicians that older women were no longer content to remain silent and invisible.
- This was the nucleus of the OWN Theatre Group – in 1990 the NSW Office of Ageing invited the fledgling group to facilitate a workshop. From these beginnings the Theatre Group became a highlight of Seniors Week for the Office on Ageing over the next 5 years.
- OWN developed an innovative form of street theatre or “political cabaret” to address concerns relating to domestic violence, Aboriginal reconciliation, health, housing and domestic violence.
- OWN have been employed by various government departments and have performed at Conferences, International Women’s Day events, Carers & Education Seminars, Volunteer Week Celebrations and training sessions for community workers.
- Peggy noted that in 2003 the OWN Theatre Group was interviewed on the Andrew Denton show, they were enthusiastically received and later appeared in his best interview book.
- Cr Woodsmith & Frida thanked Peggy & Lucy for attending the Reference Group meeting as guest speakers.
- For further enquires please contact Older Women’s Network NSW on 9247 7046 or email tg@ownsw.org.au or www.own.org.au

Action: For Information.

Information Share:

- South East Sydney Home Maintenance and Modification Service no longer has a waiting list for gardening or lawn mowing services. Clients needing assistance can contact SES HMMS on 8383 2290.
- Julie also mentioned that some patients may be able to receive dental services under Medicare. To be eligible, clients must have a chronic medical condition and complex care needs and their oral health must be impacting, or likely to impact on their general health. (Chronic medical conditions can include diabetes, stroke or cardiovascular illness). Clients must also be referred by their GP to a dentist to be eligible for this scheme. For further information call Medicare Australia's Patient Enquiry Line on 132 011.
- The Coast Centre for Seniors will be holding their concert day on Monday 18th May from 10am to 12.30pm, entry is \$5.00 and morning tea will be included. Marlene also noted that there are no vacancies for many classes.
- Billee informed the Committee that planning for the Back to "Prince Henry Open Day" is under way and that she will be meeting with Frida to discuss how Council can assist with the event. Booking for tours of museum are also increasing, which include tours of both the chapel and cemetery.
- The Division of General Practice are in the process of implementing a new Aged Care Access Initiative with an Allied Health Care component. To date, 10 Low Care residential facilities have been involved, areas of need identified include: Falls Prevention, Physiotherapy and counselling sessions. The pilot project ends 30 June 2009.

Correspondence:

- SENC Newsletter Issue 16 – Autumn 2009
- The Newsletter of IDEAS May/June Edition 2009
- 55 Plus Newsletter may 2009
- Sydney Multicultural Newsletter, Summer 2009
- Connections Vol.10 January 2009

Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Wednesday 3 June 2009 from 10.00am to 11.30am, Randwick Room.

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Community Services Report No. C10/09



Subject: Partnership between Randwick City Library Service and Walsh Pharmacy

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Introduction

Walsh Pharmacy currently engages 'expert' speakers on a range of issues of interest to parents with babies and young children up to pre-school age. Randwick City Library Service offers information and activities to this target group. Randwick City Library Service proposes to devise a new program – First Chapter – Ask the expert, in partnership with Walsh Pharmacy.

Issues

Randwick City Library Service and Walsh Pharmacy have a common target audience in providing information to parents and carers of young children. Both are seen by the community as providing reliable and trustworthy information. It is proposed to develop a joint program – First Chapter – Ask the expert – with the following roles:

Walsh Pharmacy

- provide 'expert' speakers on themes identified as major concerns in raising healthy children
- provide give-away gift packs to participants
- help with cost of printing flyers; also letter-box drop (if necessary)
- help with taking bookings

Randwick City Library

- provide venue
- provide promotional flyers including the Walsh pharmacy logo
- organise a 'big' launch,
- promote and market events through normal Council communication channels
- take bookings
- provide refreshments
- conduct evaluation and reporting (if necessary)

Proposed format

Each session will feature a 30-45 minutes talk from an early childhood professional on a particular topic, followed by 15 minutes of questions and answers over morning tea. There will be a display of library resources and products from Walsh Pharmacy, as relevant to the topic.

It is proposed to launch the first talk in November 2009, to test the response from the community. A popular pediatrician from Prince of Wales is proposed for the first session, topic 'When should my child see the doctor?' The focus will be on general issues of greatest worry to parents. If successful, a full scale program will be developed for 2010, with 3 to 4 sessions per year, and possibly a larger 'Ask the Expert Bonanza' day, subject to feedback after the first session.

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The format of these sessions is to engage and involve the audience, for the 'expert' to engage with the community and answer questions, which is different from the normal format of more formal seminars.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community
Direction 2b: Enrich our range of community services that meet our community's needs.

Financial impact statement

The hire fee for the Vonnie Young Auditorium for non-commercial usage is \$30 per hour. It is proposed to hold these talks three or four times a year, so a maximum \$120 per annum in venue hire fees needs to be waived.

Conclusion

Randwick City Library Service and Walsh Pharmacy in Maroubra are proposing to enter into a mutually beneficial partnership to implement the First Chapter – Meet an expert program, which will provide information for parents and carers of young children up to pre-school age. The format of the program, which includes a question and answer session, will engage the community and offer credible and reliable information in a relaxed environment.

Recommendation

That Randwick City Library Service and Walsh Pharmacy, Maroubra, proceed with the First Chapter – Ask the expert partnership for the benefit of the community.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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