

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, 11 August 2009 at 6:00 pm.

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 July 2009

Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Address of Committee by Members of the Public

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Nil

Closed Session

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Community Services Report No. C11/09



Subject: Council's Advisory Committee Minutes
Folder No: F2006/00216
Author: Shane Lowe, Coordinator Community Programs and Partnerships

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 Council's website after each meeting.

This report includes minutes from:

- Access Advisory Committee - July 2009
- Older Persons Advisory Committee - June and July 2009

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 Council's Advisory Committees.

Recommendation

That Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes of each Advisory Committee.

Attachment/s:

1. Access Advisory Committee July
2. Older Persons' Advisory Committee June
3. Older Persons' Advisory Committee July

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**Randwick City Council
Access Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 9 July 2009 at 10 am**

Present

Cr Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Christopher Donnellan	Randwick City Council
Phillip Sundstrom	Community Representative

Apologies

Anne Patterson	Community Representative
Terry Fletcher	Community Representative
Mai Rose	Community Representative
Jackie Doust	Community Representative
Julie Allen	Community Representative

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 May were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Minutes**2.1 Disability Sport and Physical Activity Forum**

The Committee was informed that due to the overwhelming response to the Disability Sport and Physical Activity Forum held in May, a follow-up meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 28 July, 3rd Floor Bowen Library, Maroubra from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The follow-up meeting will be a combination Sports Ability workshop and planning for the Disability Sport Information Expo – and will also involve group activities and interactive discussions. Registrations are essential at http://www/dsr.nsw.gov.au/training/disability_forum_090728.asp.

Action: For noting.

2.2 Seating, La Perouse Loop

Chris informed the Committee that the community consultation process regarding the proposed seating at La Perouse Loop has closed and Council are currently evaluating responses from a range of stakeholders. When all feedback has been collated and appropriate responses formed, Council will re-exhibit the design and proceed with the project, pending available funds. Council is also aware of the importance of providing equitable access for all members of the community and will ensure that appropriate seating is provided for both the aged and mobility impaired at the proposed location.

Action: For noting.

2.3 Office Space, 3rd Floor Bowen Library

The Committee were advised that there is available office space for Home and Community Care (HACC) service providers, 3rd Floor Bowen Library, 669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra. There are currently 3 office spaces available – however other office space can be built if necessary to accommodate one or two more office spaces. Hours of operation must not be outside of the operation hours of the Library. For further information please contact, Sharon Plunkett, Property Coordinator on 9399 0936.

Action: For noting.

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3.1 Randwick City Council's Cultural Grants Program

The Committee was informed of Council's Community Grant Program, copies of the application forms and guidelines were electronically circulated to members. There will be two grant assessment and allocation periods each year in September and March. Frida noted that Council will be holding an information session on Thursday 9 July from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Malabar Room, corner of Frances and Avoca Streets, Randwick. For information session bookings, please contact Sue Susic on 9399 0677.

Action: For Noting.

3.2 Local Government Week (6 – 13 August)

To celebrate Local Government Week, Council will be holding an "Access All Areas" Open Day for residents on Thursday 6 August from 9.30am – 3pm at Prince Henry Community Centre, Little Bay. Expression of Interest forms were electronically circulated to Committee members regarding a range of workshop sessions and other activities to be held throughout the week. It was noted that the Community Centre is completely accessible for people using wheelchairs – Cr. Woodsmith requested that Council's Events team consider providing a free shuttle bus service to transport visitors to and from Anzac Parade and the Centre, to ensure the Open Day is accessible for all members of the Community.

Action: Frida to request that the Events team consider providing a free shuttle bus service for Council's Access All Areas Open Day.

3.3 Wheelchairs for Council Beaches

Cr. Woodsmith requested for this item to be carried over to the August meeting.

Action: Item to be carried over to the August meeting.

3.4 Independent Disability Equipment Study Program

The Committee was informed of WWDA's submission to the Feasibility Study into an Independent Disability Equipment Program (April 2009) The submission is available at: <http://www.wwda.org.au/subs2006.htm>.

Action: For information.

Correspondence:

- The Newsletter of IDEAS, July/August Edition 2009
- Randwick Waverley Newsletter, April to June 2009
- Headeast News, Issue 40 Winter 2009
- SENC Newsletter, Issue 17, winter 2009
- IDEAS NSW E-News Issue 8, 2009

Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Thursday August 13 2009 from 10.00am to 11.30am, Randwick Room.

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**Randwick City Council
Older Persons' Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 3 June 2009 at 10 am**

Present

Cr Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Billee King	Community Representative
Megan Bowyer	Junction Neighbourhood Centre
Mary Kennedy	Coast Centre for Seniors
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre
Julie Bolan	Prince of Wales, Community Health
George Gergely	Community Representative
Shirley Smith	Community Representative/Computer Pals

Apologies

Marlene Kerr	Coast Centre for Seniors
Susan McCann	Division of General Practice
Kay Ireland	Kooloora Community Centre

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2009 were confirmed.

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

Frida informed the Reference Group that over 120 volunteers attended the Celebratory Morning Tea held at the Lodge Room on Friday 15 May 2009. The morning tea was held in recognition of the vast contributions made by volunteers in the local community each year. Billee noted that the morning tea was also a good opportunity for volunteers to engage with other volunteers from a range of organisations. Reference Group members agreed that Council should consider holding planned events and activities to celebrate National Volunteer Week on an annual basis.

Action: For Noting.

3 General Business**3.1 Randwick City Council Community Partnership Funding Program**

Frida previously circulated electronic copies of the Information Kit for Council's Community Partnership Funding Program to Committee members, and also to Home & Community Care (HACC) not for profit organisations providing services within the City of Randwick. Reference Group members requiring hard copies of the Information Kit can contact Frida for copies.

Action: For noting.

3.2 NRMA 2009 Helping People Awards

The Committee was informed that nominations for the 2009 NRMA Helping People Awards will close on Friday 10 July 2009. Frida suggested entering Olive Isdale in the Seniors Volunteer Award (Age 60+) category. In addition to charitable work performed in the local community, Olive has been a volunteer for Randwick City Council's Old Time Dance since its inception thirty years ago, and would be a deserving nominee. Committee members also discussed the contributions made by tutors and volunteers at

the Coast Centre for Seniors and Prince Henry Trained Nurses Museum, who could also be nominated for awards in the Senior & Community categories.

Action: Frida to nominate Olive Isdale for the Seniors Volunteer Category.

3.3 Free Talk: Avoiding Dementia, Bowen Library

Frida previously circulated information about the free talk to Committee members. It was suggested that Frida could table hard copies of the "What's On" monthly Library Calendar of events at future meetings.

Action: Frida to table hard copies of the "What's On" calendar at meetings.

Guestspeaker:

3.4 Ron Woods & Mike Cornell, National Seniors, Randwick Botany Branch.

- Ron & Mike introduced themselves as the President and Vice President of the National Seniors, Randwick Botany Branch.
- Ron tabled a range of brochures at the meeting.
- National Seniors Association Ltd was formed in 1976 in Queensland and is a nationwide organisation that has 300, 000 members.
- National Seniors is the 4th largest Seniors organisation in the world, representing Australians aged 50 and over to government and industry.
- There are currently 42 branches in NSW.
- National Seniors Randwick Botany branch covers areas from Sydney Harbour to Botany Bay – there are approximately 2,700 members in the area covered by the Randwick Botany Branch.
- Ron advised that National Seniors is a not-for-profit membership based community organisation which has as it's major objectives:
 - To provide economic and social benefits for people 50 years and over;
 - Represent its members views to Government on all levels – local, state and national;
 - To make donations and provide service and advice to charitable institutions assisting people 50 years and over.
- Membership is divided between those in the workforce, those on social security pensions and self funded retirees.
- National Seniors are involved in policy and development and also have major input to the government's reform of the superannuation system.
- Actively lobby for it's members on all Seniors issues, by making recommendations to the Federal Government on the behalf of pensioners, self-funded retirees, aged care residents, carers and for those still working.
- Provide 50 Something magazine to members, access to shoppers discounts, financial advise and insurance polices. (Membership is \$29 inclusive of magazine).
- What does Randwick Botany Branch do?
- Hold meetings on a monthly basis at South Sydney Juniors, Kingsford. The meetings are held on 2nd Monday of the month commencing from 10.00am, morning tea is provided.
- The meetings aim to reduce social isolation by encouraging members to "bring a friend" and to increase community participation in older people.
- Up to 102 people attend the monthly meetings.
- Ron advised that there are between 6 -7 new members per meeting.
- Guest speakers at meetings provide relevant and timely information regarding issues impacting older people.
- Randwick/Botany branch also organise bus trips, tours & conferences of interest to Seniors, and have also been involved in many Seniors events and activities organised by Randwick Council, such as Information Expo's etc.
- Frida thanked Ron & Mike for attending the meeting as guest speakers.
- For all enquires about NSW Randwick Botany Branch please contact Mike Cornell on 9661 3764 or email mikcornell@bigpond.com.au.

Action: For Information.

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Information Share:

- Billee mentioned that W.A.V.E.S are still waiting for a site to replace the pool at South Sydney. The navy stores were identified as a possible location but they are on a flood plain. Billee noted that the hydrotherapy pool must be a stand alone pool.
- In conjunction with South East Sydney Illawarra Area Health Services (SESAHS), the Coast Centre for Seniors will be running an 8 week cooking program for men. The program aims to present ideas for nutritious and economic meals. There will also be an opportunity to explore healthy food options to assist with management of heart disease, hypertension and diabetes. The first class will be held on Thursday 18 June – flyer distributed at meeting.
- Mary also noted that the Coast Centre has up to 40 different activities that also provide social support such as book clubs and group outings and trips.
- Megan mentioned that the social group shopping service held every 2nd Monday is continuing to be popular with clients, as are the social short outings held on Friday mornings.
- Simon distributed the latest copy of the SENC newsletter at the meeting. The Food Distribution Network for Randwick/Botany has capacity - \$10.00 per box for fruit and vegetables.
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Correspondence:

- Little Bay Coast Centre for Seniors Newsletter
- Insite Newspaper, June – July, Issue 54
- Wayside Chapel Newsletter

Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Wednesday 1 July 2009 from 10.00am to 11.30am, Randwick Room.

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**Randwick City Council
Older Persons' Advisory Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 1 July 2009 at 10 am**

Present

Cr Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre
Billee King	Community Representative
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre
Shirley Smith	Community Representative/Computer Pals
Ron Wood	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch
Mike Cornell	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch
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Apologies

Mary Kennedy	Coast Centre for Seniors
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Julie Bolan	Prince of Wales Community Health
Kay Ireland	Kooloora Community Centre

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2009 were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Minutes**2.1 Free Play Reading**

The Reference Group was informed that Council was successful in obtaining \$500 sponsorship contribution from Clovelly Community Bank towards a free play reading for Seniors, their carers and supporters. The professionally moved play reading will be presented in partnership with The Actors' Forum, 3rd Floor Bowen Library in either October or November. The play reading will include a free morning tea and a Q & A session with the Actor's Forum. Frida will provide further information about the free play reading at the August Reference Group meeting.

Action: Frida to provide update about the free play reading at the August Reference Group meeting.

2.2 Disability Sport & Physical Activity Forum

The Reference Group was informed that due to the overwhelming response to the Disability Sport & Physical Activity Forum held in May, a follow up meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 28 July, Level 3 Bowen Library, Maroubra from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. The follow up meeting will be a combination Sports Ability workshop and planning for the Disability Sport Information Expo - and will also involve group activities and interactive discussions. Registrations are essential at http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/training/disability_forum_090728.asp.

Action: For noting

2.3 Membership and Future Meetings

Frida thanked Committee members for reapplying for another term on the OPRG and advised that they will receive confirmation of membership within the next few weeks. Frida also reported that new representation on the Committee will be from Randwick

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Waverley Community Transport Group (RWCTG), National Seniors, Randwick Botany Branch and Sydney Multicultural Centre and Services (SMCS)

Action: For Information.

2.4 Hospital Wards

Billee raised the issue of the increased practice of combining male and female patients in hospital wards, as a cost and time saving measure. Members agreed that this practice was lacking in sensitivity to both genders and is culturally inappropriate, and hence can be detrimental to the recovery of patients. It was also noted that while Area Health Services are often under-resourced, the needs of people, particularly from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) and ATSI backgrounds need to be better considered by ensuring their stay in hospital is comfortable and meets all their needs. Cr. Woodsmith requested that Frida write a letter to South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Services (SESIAHS) outlining the Committee's concerns regarding this matter.

Action: Frida to liaise with Billee to draft a letter to SESIAHS and table a copy at the August meeting.

3 General Business

3.1 Randwick City Council Cultural Community Grants Program

The Committee was informed of Council's Cultural Community Grants Program, copies of the application form and guidelines were electronically circulated to members. There will be two grant assessments and allocation periods each year in September and March. Frida noted that Council will be holding an Information Session on Thursday 9 July from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Malabar Room, corner of Frances and Avoca Streets, Randwick. For information session bookings, please contact Susana Susic on 9399 0677.

Action: For Consideration..

3.2 Local Government Week (6-13 August)

To celebrate Local Government Week, Council will be holding an "Access All Areas" Open Day for community members on Thursday 6 August from 9.30am – 3pm at Prince Henry Community Centre at Little Bay. Expression of interest forms were electronically circulated to Committee members regarding a range of workshop sessions and other activities to be conducted by Council staff throughout the week.

Action: Frida to distribute posters/flyers re Council's Access All Areas Open Day to Advisory group members and local community groups and organisations.

3.3 Office Space, 3rd Floor Bowen Library

Frida advised the Reference Group that there is available office space for Home and Community Care (HACC) service providers, 3rd Floor Bowen Library, 669-673 Anzac Parade, Maroubra. There are currently 3 office spaces available - however other office space can be built if necessary to accommodate one or two more office spaces. Hours of operation must not be outside of the operation hours of the Library. For further information, please contact, Sharon Plunkett, Property Coordinator on 9399 0936.

Action: Frida to email additional information to Committee members.

3.4 Free Computer Courses, Randwick TAFE

Frida tabled brochures at the meeting.

Action: For consideration.

Guestspeaker: Nil

Information Share:

- Billee mentioned that the Prince Henry Nurses Association are continuing with their plans for the Back to Prince Henry Day, to be held on Saturday 5 September from 10am to 4pm. The Community Day will include performances by Aboriginal dancers and the UNSW Army band.
- Susan reported that the Division's Aged Care Access initiative has ended - the program provided health-related services (without education) to 10 aged care facilities. The Division are seeking additional funds to continue running the program.
- Simon reported that SENC's Food Service Program has capacity in the Randwick area. The program is currently operating 2 days per week but SENC would like to run the service 5 days per week in order to reach a greater number of isolated and frail aged clients and their carers living within Randwick City.
- Ron advised that National Seniors, Randwick/Botany Branch have written to MP Michael Daly, to request that the 400 Metro bus service travels to Maroubra. They have also requested for an additional bus stop (both ways) at Botany and Birrell Streets, Waverley to enable older people to better access War Memorial Hospital.
- National Seniors, Randwick Botany Branch's next meeting will be held at South Juniors Leagues Club on Monday 13 July from 10.00am and will include morning tea and a presentation from Peter Garrett about his trip to Antarctica.

Correspondence:

- Little Bay Coast Centre for Seniors Newsletter
- The Newsletter if IDEAS, July/August Edition 2009
- CCTA Connections, June 2009
- CPSA, The Voice, June 2009
- Parklands News, Winter 2009

Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Wednesday 5 August 2009 from 10.00am to 11.30am, Randwick Room.

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Community Services Report No. C12/09



Subject: Childcare Centres in Randwick City
Folder No: F2006/00216
Author: Shane Lowe, Coordinator Community Programs and Partnerships

Introduction

At the Ordinary Council meeting dated 16 December 2008, Cr Bowen sought:

“that a report be brought back to Council detailing the options available for Council to assist childcare centres located in Randwick City to maintain their current level of child care services, bearing in mind the guiding principle that there be no new external cost to Council’.

It was the collapse of the then ABC Learning Centres that could have resulted in the potential loss of availability of childcare in Randwick City. There were 2 ABC Centres in Randwick City, these centres are now being operated under new management and there has not been any loss in availability of places in Randwick City.

Issues

Information obtained from the Department of Community Services (DOCS) states that Randwick City has over 70 registered childcare providers, 46 of these provide long day care, with approximately 1500 available places according to the LINC community information directory data base.

Of this amount, 39 children attend Moverly Children’s Centre which is managed and maintained by Council. There are 9 childcare centres located on Council owned or managed land, but run by other operators. Council provides a significant amount of subsidies (\$381,101.89) towards these centres as outlined below:

Childcare Centre	Subsidy Category	Current Subsidy
Clovelly Childcare Centre Inc 40a Arden Street, Clovelly	Subsidised full rent – existing lease	\$78,000
KU Children’s Service 17 Alison Street, Randwick	Subsidised in accordance with Community Facilities Management Policy	\$35,209.02
Rainbow Street Childcare Centre 100 Rainbow Street, Randwick	Subsidised full rent - existing lease	\$78.000
Malabar Occasional Childcare 1B Prince Edward Street, Malabar	Subsidised in accordance with Community Facilities Management Policy	\$15,032.08
Randwick/South Sydney Day Care 23 Munda Street,	Subsidised in accordance with Community Facilities Management Policy	\$10,493.48

Childcare Centre	Subsidy Category	Current Subsidy
Randwick		
SOS Preschool 25 Munda Street, Randwick	Subsidised in accordance with Community Facilities Management Policy	\$15,719.37
Peter Pan Kindergarten 30 Canara Avenue, La Perouse	Subsidised full rent - existing lease	\$78,000
Duffy's Corner Occasional Childcare 419A Beauchamp Road, Maroubra	Subsidised in accordance with Community Facilities Management Policy	\$18,647.94
ROCK Child Care Centre 30-32 Waratah Street, Randwick	Subsidised full rent - existing lease	\$52,000
TOTAL		\$381,101.89

In addition to the subsidies available from local government, there are a number of State and Federal grants and subsidies available to all childcare centres to assist with staffing and operational costs.

Dependant on the category of each centre, its ability to charge and obtain tax relief and the employment costs of staff, has a large impact on the viability and profitability of a centre. There are also Federal Government subsidies available to families for costs associated with childcare. The Moverly Childcare Centre currently runs at a net cost to Council of \$355,643. This includes corporate overheads, employee costs and the operating costs of running the program.

Currently, there are no development applications for additional Childcare Centres in Randwick City.

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 services.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Randwick City is currently serviced by over 70 childcare service providers that can offer Long Day Care; Occasional Care, Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) and Family Day Care that all offer a range of quality programs that meet the needs of families from a range of socio-economic backgrounds, circumstance and cultures. Council is connected via a number of avenues to ensure that Council is well informed of current issues and trends in the childcare industry within Randwick City.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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