

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, 9 March 2010 at 6:00pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor, J Procopiadis, Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, Hughes (Deputy Chairperson), Matson, Matthews, Nash, Notley-Smith, Seng, Smith, Stevenson, Tracey, White & Woodsmith (Chairperson)

Quorum: Eight (8) 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 - 9 February 2010

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Community Services Report No. C3/10



Subject: Community Projects Lexington Place
Folder No: F2009/00217
Author: Shane Lowe, Coordinator Community Programs and Partnerships

Introduction

A Mayoral Minute endorsed the establishment of the Lexington Place Committee to discuss a joint community response to a number of incidents that occurred in and around Lexington Place, Maroubra.

On 28 April 2009, Council resolved that;

- a) Council agrees, as a priority, to establish a Committee comprising of interested Councillors, NSW Police, the Member for Maroubra, representatives from the Department of Community Services and Department of Housing staff. The role of the working group is to:
 - (i) consult with local service providers and residents to develop a joint plan of action for reducing anti-social behaviour in the immediate vicinity;

The Lexington Place Committee was established and met twice, on June 11 and 26 August 2009 and the Mayoral Minute dated 22 September 2009 included a progress report from the Committee.

On 29 September 2009, Council resolved that;

- a) Council agrees that Council Officers commence the preparation of a report recommending projects in consultation with the community, young people and service providers.

Information contained in this report was sourced from a range of areas such as Non Government Service providers, data generated from the action research project called Working from the Ground Up who consulted widely with residents and families including young people in South Maroubra and Matraville, the Department of Housing, The Shack Youth Services, and State and Federal Government Departments.

Council Officers did not consult directly with members of the community regarding this report however, Council was able to utilise existing data that had been sourced from Councils Community Projects Officers, service interencies, neighbourhood centres and existing data from previous community consultations.

In addition, Council resolved at its ordinary Council meeting on 24 November, to provide \$11,000 sponsorship to the South Sydney Rabbitohs to run training sessions at Lexington Place to encourage local youth to get involved with rugby league and lead a healthier lifestyle.

Issues:

Council resolved that the working group advise on the implementation of an at-risk youth program in Lexington Place during the 2009-10 financial year at a cost of \$20,000, below are 4 proposed programs for Council to consider. The estimated cost for each project are listed however these can only be approximate, as Council has

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only resolved to allocated \$20,000 for a project; a detailed budget of the chosen project will be forwarded to Council.

Joint after School Care Program

Extending the after school program at Maroubra Bay to include children from Soldiers Settlement Public Schools from 2 days per week to 4 days per week. Maroubra Bay is currently successfully providing after school activities such as performing arts, music, art and a sports program called 'Muscle Sprouts'.

By extending to 4 afternoons per week across 40 weeks of the school year, the program will provide after school care for up to 25 students from Lexington Place and surrounds between the critical times of 3pm – 6pm. This time is seen by NSW Police and Maroubra Bay Public School as a time where children are "at a lose end" until their parents get home.

Project budget: \$19,200

Affordable Vacation Care Program

Affordable/free vacation care program for children (5 – 8 years) and families from South Maroubra. This need was identified by the Principal and Teachers at Maroubra Bay Public School and supported by the School as Community Centre's program at South Maroubra.

This program is seen as a diversionary program for young children who otherwise have no appropriate supports during School Holiday times and reside in the Coral Sea Park Estate. Council currently contracts an affordable vacation care program at Malabar in partnership with Kooloora Community Centre and Malabar after School Kare and it is envisaged that a Council officer would assist the school to obtain similar funding supports from external funding source.

Project budget: \$20,000 (9 weeks vacation care at the school for up to 25 children)

PCYC Activity Bus

In partnership with The Shack, PCYC and Council, provide funding to the existing PCYC activity bus to continue the Friday activity at Coral Sea Park to provide a range of fun activities and refreshments to children and young people from the immediate vicinity.

Project Budget: \$20, 000 (\$500 each week for 40 weeks)

The Shack Youth Services/Kool Kids Club

Regular events program for the community holding a different structured activity every second month across 12 months including:

- a) Open air film night at Coral Sea park including youth short film (10k)
- b) A Hip Hop and music event at Coral Sea park (3k)
- c) Skate park event at Maroubra Beach (2)
- d) A street art project in Lexington Place involving children, young people and families participating in pavement art (focus - sharing values project similar to a code of practice for the community) (5k)

Kool Kids Club is a prevention and early intervention initiative providing an after school and holiday activity program in La Perouse. The program supports the development of well being, resilience and competence for young people aged 7 – 13 years, fostering protective factors by building on young people's strengths and enhancing their connections with community and family.

The program actively engages with young people who have been identified as participating in anti-social activities, as well as, young people universally, and

provides a program of age appropriate activities. This project operates from The Shack premises in Kingsford.

Project budget: \$20,000

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 cost to Council if approved will be \$20,000 this amount has not been budgeted and will need to be obtained from Council's existing 2009-10 approved budget.

Conclusion

Council resolved to fund an appropriate community based activity in the immediate vicinity of Lexington Place, South Maroubra to address issues identified in previous Council reports. The project should be a diversionary one that is implemented over 12 months; it should also be accessible to children or, young people and/or families and able to be evaluated. A project that is preventative in its implementation would be highly valued and worthy of Councils funds.

Recommendation

That Council agrees to fund a range of Kool Kids Club and Shack Youth Service programs to a total value of \$20,000. Both of these programs are good value for money, each has a solid and committed understanding of the issues, they both currently work together and they would be able to offer activities from 7 to 16 years of age.

Attachment/s:

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Community Services Report No. C4/10



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:

- Cultural Advisory Committee – October 2009
- Older Persons Advisory Committee – November 2009
- Multicultural Advisory Committee – December 2009

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: An Informed and Engaged Community.

Direction: 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 Council's Advisory Committees.

Recommendation

That Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes of the following Advisory Committee meetings:

- Cultural Advisory Committee – October 2009
- Older Persons Advisory Committee – November 2009
- Multicultural Advisory Committee – December 2009

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Attachment/s:

1. Cultural Advisory Committee - October 2009
2. Older Persons Advisory Committee - November 2009
3. Multicultural Advisory Committee - December 2009

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**Randwick City Council Cultural Advisory Committee
Meeting held on 19 October 2009, 6.30pm at the
Randwick Room**

Present

Cr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Cr Bruce Notley-Smith	Randwick City Council
Avril Jeans	Randwick City Council
David Briant	Randwick City Council
Teresa Mok	Randwick City Council
Barbara Todes	Randwick City Council
Mark Gaal	Artistic Associate Open Program, NIDA
Roxanne Fea	Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation
Rick Shapter	Heritage Consultant
Annette Madden	B Sharpe Theatre Director
Eileen Slarke	Artist, educator
Catherine De Lorenzo	Art Historian, Lecturer UNSW

Apologies

Scott O'Hara	Manager, Sutherland Entertainment Cent.
Lindy Morrison	Community Musician
Cr Procopiardis	Randwick City Council

1. Minutes

First meeting of the Cultural Advisory committee, no previous minutes to confirm.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**2.1** No previous business

Action: For noting

3. New Business:**3.1 Pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests**

Action: Avril/David to circulate information about this to board members

3.2 Terms of Reference

- Tenure is 2 years and coincides with election of councillors.
- Vacancies in the first 12 months will be filled by unsuccessful applicants
- Meetings will be held quarterly and set yearly
- Agenda will be circulated 10 days prior to meeting
- Chair of the committee is Cr Notley-Smith
- 12 member panel, chair has casting vote

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Role of the panel is to provide expert advice on all arts and cultural activities including acquisition and commissioning of public art. Council will base its decisions on the advice of the cultural panel

Action: For noting

3.3 Randwick City Council cultural plan - Overview

A Cultural Randwick City provides a framework for arts and cultural planning and provides an action plan for the next 10 years including allocation of funding. The main thrust of the cultural plan is to identify gaps, provide facilities, develop a program of activities and convene the Cultural Advisory Panel which will set the agenda over the next 10 years. The contribution of the panel will be well received and acted upon. **A Cultural Randwick City** received the *Social and Community Based Planning category* of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) 2009 NSW Planning Excellence Awards.

Action: For noting

3.4 Draft Public Art Policy

The draft Public Art Policy is not for publication and has been circulated to panel members for comment.

The two key strategies of the public art policy are:

- To institute a decision-making framework which includes the allocation of specific funding e.g. 5% of capital works budget
- To commission and complete one public art work every two years

The three important tasks of the public art policy are:

- To identify suitable sites and funding for public art projects and to outsource expertise in regard to the commissioning process
- To use suitable materials recognising council's sustainable objectives of reducing, reusing and recycling
- To ensure the commissioning/acquisition process meets council's guidelines

Scott O'Hara's email comments were tabled by Teresa Mok. Other comments included:

- Mention of performing arts is fairly limited. Is something specific needed for performing arts and the arts centre?
- The place-making aspect is well developed need to also develop a performing art program at the Prince Henry Community Centre.
- Performance art commissioning is not clear in the draft document
- Aim is to facilitate for all types of art including installation, multi-media and performance. Consider removing language like 'monuments' and 'sculptures' from the policy to enable this.
- Funding sources should include benefactors and philanthropic societies, section 94 funding from large developments and state and federal grants
- Build into the policy - where possible encourage artworks to be built by local artisans
- Fund and allow time for a research phase for big public art as exciting art which tests the boundaries needs a development phase

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- Need to allow for flexibility as finding flaws in the artwork is part of the process and often requires more time
- Deadline for the Mayor's Public Art project. Construction logistics are still being worked out
- Identification of priority locations for public art. Can be commissioned. Look for funding.
- Public art can be incorporated into public works- pavements, street lights etc. the Public Art Policy should recognise this but should also look for art works over and above this.
- Art works can also go into council publications and provide publicity for artists.
- Find out what young people are doing
- Locate public art in the disadvantaged areas of the city not just the coastal areas
- The policy should encourage new developments to integrate art. Possibly a voluntary agreement with developers to provide art
- Public art can be ephemeral or performance based
- Council must be mindful of Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property ICIP laws and ensure consultation with the La Perouse community occurs

Action: Teresa Mok will incorporate panel's comments into the policy

3.5 Randwick Literary Award

Council endorsed the Randwick Mayor's Award for Literature which will be conducted every two years. The prize will be open to Australian authors of published works in English. Entries will open in March 2010 and close in May 2010

Action: For noting

3.6 Acquisition of Public Art

There is currently an opportunity for councils to apply to the Balnaves foundation which sponsors Sculptures by the Sea to acquire one sculpture per year for the next 10 years from Sculptures by the Sea to be known as the Balnaves Collection. Applications are due by **30 November 2009** and there is a \$50 application fee.

While this could present an excellent opportunity to fulfil one of our City Plan objectives, there are a range of factors that need to be taken into consideration before we apply:

- Longevity of the works in construction and design,
- Site specificity (Council has not identified any sites as yet and doesn't have a sculpture Park)
- Costs associated with the transport, storage, installation, signage and maintenance of the sculptures are to be covered by the public organisation which is gifted the sculpture
- The collection is to be sited in an outdoor location for permanent public display in a distinct location such as a cultural precinct or sculpture park that will attract visitors all year round

Scott O'Hara (previously Executive Manager Arts, Culture and Events at Sydney Olympic Park), who was unable to attend the meeting provided the following comments via email. The following is an extract:

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- The vast majority of works (from Sculptures) are not likely to be suitable for permanent acquisition and display as a piece of public art somewhere else - despite being offered for sale. The target market is really private and corporate collectors. Many works have ended up at Macquarie University where some of the problems arising from these points above are clearly in evidence. What I ended up doing at Sydney Olympic Park was entering into a formal partnership with Sculpture by the Sea where after each exhibition we took back unsold works which had been made by artists in residence at the Park and displayed them for a year. At the end of the year, we were able to negotiate with the artist and with Sculpture by the Sea to continue displaying those that were still suitable and which suited all parties. One work has been successfully displayed for 4 years now. Others were completely degraded and removed from display at the end of the first twelve months. I believe that this kind of approach rather than potentially unsuccessful, messy and expensive purchase of works and relocating them to sites that they were not commissioned for is likely to give you less problematic outcomes*
- Email tabled

Roxanne Fea will provide information about the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation's agreement with Sculptures by the Sea to borrow art for the hospital

Action: council will lodge an application with Balnaves

3.7 Barry Watterson's request to join the Art and Cultural Advisory Panel

Barry Watterson the Artistic Director the Coogee Arts Festival has requested that he be considered as a late inclusion on the Panel as he was unable to lodge an EOI in time. The panel has decided that protocols should be followed as there were many other unsuccessful applicants who will be unable to join the panel.

Action: Barry Watterson will be invited to attend meetings as a guest when appropriate.

3.8 Next step? Getting started

- Conduct an arts and cultural practitioners audit to find out who is here and what they are doing. Similar to Fairfield Council's 'Artfiles'
- Arts and Cultural facilities audit, where can our artists perform and show their work?
- Artists network – opportunities for local artists to meet and network
- Next round of Randwick cultural grants will close in march 2010

Action: Avril will begin audits and explore potential support

Correspondence:

- Scott O'Hara email

5. Date of Next Meeting: To be held on Monday February 8 2010 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Randwick Library, Royal Randwick Shopping Centre.

MINUTES
Randwick City Council
Older Persons Reference Group
Meeting held on Wednesday 4 November 2009

Present

Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Marlene Kerr	Coast Centre for Seniors
Billee King	Community Representative
George Gergely	Community Representative
Julie Bolan	Prince of Wales Community Health
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre
Sharon Blunt	Randwick/Waverley Community Transport
Ron Wood	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch
Mike Cornell	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch

Apologies

Cr Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Mary Kennedy	Coast Centre for Seniors
Keith Francis	Community Representative
Susan McCann	Division of General Practice
Megan Bowyer	Junction Neighbourhood Centre
Anna Lipoma	Sydney Multicultural Community Services
Shirley Smith	Community Representative/Computer Pals

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2009 were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Minutes**2.1 Volunteer Information Session & Factsheet**

The Committee was informed that 30 community organisations and over 70 people attended the Volunteer Information Session held at Bowen Library in October. It was suggested at the meeting that the number of guest speakers at future information sessions could be reduced, to ensure attendees have sufficient time to engage with service providers about potential volunteering opportunities with their organisation. Frida also tabled Randwick Council's Volunteering factsheet at the meeting. The factsheet provides information on a range of volunteering opportunities in Randwick City and surrounding areas. Committee members agreed that the factsheet is a useful community resource for people wishing to find a pathway into volunteering.

Action: For Information.

2.2 Therapeutic Gardening Workshop

The Committee was informed that Council in partnership with Cultivate NSW held a Therapeutic Gardening workshop to celebrate Mental Health Week on Saturday 27 October. A total of 28 participants attended the workshop and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Frida also mentioned that an additional workshop will be held at Council's Community Nursery to celebrate Seniors Week in March 2010.

Action: For noting

2.3 Free Playreading – Shellcove Road

Frida tabled the poster/flyer at the meeting. The free play reading will be held at Bowen Library on Saturday 28 November at Bowen Library Theatre. The play reading will include a facilitated discussion with Emma Buzo, director of the Alex Buzo Company and a free morning tea.

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Action: For noting.

2.4 Superannuation Consultation Seminar

The Committee was advised that the Superannuation Consultation Seminar organised in conjunction with National Seniors Australia has been postponed until February 2010. The Seminar was scheduled to be held on Wednesday 18 November from 6pm at Randwick Town Hall. The Forum was postponed as the Federal Government Cooper Review on superannuation will be delayed until February or March of 2010. Frida will provide a further update at the February meeting in 2010.

Action: Frida to provide an update at the February OPRG meeting.

3 General Business

3.1 Public Health Seminar – Brain Plasticity

The Committee was informed that the Aged Care Psychiatry Department of Prince of Wales Hospital and the Dementia Collaborative Research Centre UNSW will be hosting a Consumer Forum on Brain Plasticity. The Forum will be held on 9 November from 10am to 1pm at South Sydney Juniors. The Forum will emphasise the importance of healthy lifestyle and promote physical and mental activity as tools to reduce cognitive decline. Council will have an information table at the Forum with the aim to increase community knowledge and awareness about available services and support in Eastern Sydney for older people, their carers and family members. Flyers for the Forum were previously circulated to Committee members and tables at the meeting.

Action: For Noting.

3.2 The Great Granny Revolution

To celebrate World AIDS Day, Council will be screening the NSW Premiere of the documentary The Great Granny Revolution, on November 15 from 6.30pm at the Ritz Cinema, Randwick. The documentary follows the story of the Canadian Wakefield Grannies and their partnership with South African grandmothers raising AIDS orphans. The film's associate producer, Susan Bazilli will also be speaking on the evening. Tickets are \$20 – all proceeds will be donated to the The Granny Granny Project. The event is supported by the International Women's Rights Project. Flyers for the Great Granny Project were tabled at the meeting. For further information, call Michelle Kline on 9314 4888 or email michelle.kline@randwick.nsw.gov.au or visit www.randwick.nsw.gov.au.

Action: For noting.

3.3 Seniors Christmas Concerts

Council will be hosting the Seniors Extravaganza concerts at the Shannon Room at the AJC on Wednesday 2 December. There will be two sessions available for Seniors to choose from – 9am or 3pm. Numbers for both shows are limited. To book a place contact Council's Call Centre on 1300 722 542.

Action: For noting.

3.4 December Meeting.

Frida advised the Committee that the December meeting will be cancelled as it falls on the day of the Seniors Christmas Concert Extravaganza – Wednesday 2 December. Frida will send an email to Committee members as a reminder. Frida also thanked Committee members for their attendance and contribution throughout the year.

Action: Frida to advise Committee members of cancellation of December meeting.

3.4 Royal Randwick Village

Ron requested that a set of traffic lights be installed outside Royal Randwick Village on Belmore Rd, Randwick to ease the constant use of the pedestrian crossing - as pedestrians have a tendency to cross individually rather than waiting to cross in groups. . Ron also requested that the allocated time for free parking in shopping Centres in Randwick City is increased from 2 hours to 3 hours to better accommodate the needs of people with mobility issues and their carers. Frida will raise these issues with the Access Advisory Committee and forward the recommendations to Tony Lehmann, Manager of Integrated Transport for consideration.

Action: Frida to forward requests to Tony Lehmann, Manager Integrated Transport and the Council's Access Advisory Committee.

3.5 Access Issues, Westfield Eastgardens

George raised the issue of the lack of access to the shopping area on Level 2 of Westfield Eastgardens prior to 10am. Patrons using the lift on the Banks Ave side of the Centre are not able to access Level 2 of the shopping area, as the shutter situated at the entrance of Hoyts Cinema is not opened until after 10am. It was suggested at the meeting that the shutter door could be relocated to the other side of the lift to enable access to Level 2 for people with mobility issues and the elderly

Action: Frida to write to Westfield Eastgardens Centre Management on the behalf of the Older Persons Advisory Committee.

Information Share:

- Marlene advised that Mary Kennedy has resigned as coordinator of the Coast Centre Seniors. The position will be advertised at the end of the year and at the beginning of January.
- The Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association held their 30 year reunion on Saturday 30 October. Billee also mentioned that there has been a lot of positive feedback regarding the Back to Prince Henry Day held in September. There has also been an increase in the number of tours held at the Nursing and Medical Museum.
- Billee also noted that the WAVES Advisory Committee will be meeting in 2 weeks.
- WAVES classes are currently full and there is no further update about the replacement hydrotherapy pool to be located at Zetland. There has been no Division of General Practice Consumer meeting in the last 12 months.
- Randwick Waverley Community Transport Group have applied to DADHC for a grant to extend their hours of service. There is an increase in demand for transport services over the Christmas period.
- SENC will be holding their annual general meeting for members of the 18 November at Hillsdale Community Centre. SENC will also be holding a fashion Show for at Pagewood Senior Citizens Centre on November.
- Simon also noted that David Atkins has resigned as Manager of SENC and has taken a position with Council on the Ageing (COTA). SENC are currently in the process of recruiting someone for the position.

Correspondence

- Junction News, Spring Edition 2009
- CPSA The Voice
- COTA News, September 2009
- Connections Vol.12 October 2009
- 55 Plus, Newsletter

The meeting ended at 11.15am

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

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Randwick City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2009 at 5.15pm

Present

Cr Bradley Hughes (Chair)	Randwick City Council
Cr Anthony Andrews	Randwick city council
Colin Rosenfeld	Randwick City Council
Katherine Zhu	Randwick City Council
Peter Schick	Community Representative
Nadia Arrage	Community Representative
Janet Timberg	Community Representative
Vicki Boiles	Community Representative
Ellen Gore	Community Representative
Patricia South	Community Representative

Apologies

Rosa Loria	Community Representative
George Varughese	Community Representative

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2009 were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

2.1 Citizenship ceremony

The next Citizenship Ceremony will be held on Australia Day 26 January 2010 at 9 am in the new Prince Henry Community Centre. VIP invitations will be available to committee members interested in attending the ceremony. Committee members also enquired about the commercial photographer who takes photos at ceremonies and the cost which seems rather high, \$15 and \$20. The general public are allowed to take photos and there is no obligation to use the photographer. Dates of 2010 ceremonies will be provide at the next meeting.

Action: Colin Rosenfeld to arrange invitations for interested committee members and seek clarification about the photography service.

2.2 East Timor

Cr Hughes has not heard from Yvonne Langley-Walsh who was to report back after her next trip on the priority needs of East Timor. Yvonne had been invited to provide feedback at a future meeting and then a report would be submitted to the

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General Manager by Yvonne through the committee, on how we can further support the East Timorese.

Action: Cr Hughes will contact Yvonne Langley-Walsh to discuss the status of her project and report to the next meeting

2.2 Sister City relationships

The committee had recommended that Council promote existing overseas sister city relationships, to increase local community awareness of these relationships. Apart from the East Timor Friendship Agreement, Council has existing sister city relationships with Castellorizo in Greece, Albi in France and newly formed relationships are being forged with Randwick (a village in Gloucestershire) in England and Hangzhou in China. Council is looking at protocols and a framework to foster these relationships which are currently mainly symbolic. The committee had suggested that local schools be approached about a possible cultural exchange program. It is planned to send letters to local schools, including an expression of interest form early in 2010, to ascertain their interest. The committee also suggested that council re-establish a sub-committee to look at sister city relationships. It was further suggested that the French School and St Spyridon School be considered initially, as they have the resources to communicate with the two overseas cities. The committee was also informed that a representative from Hangzhou has been on work experience placement at council recently. Nadia Arrage said that she would be prepared to liaise with the Rotary Club if there was interest in involving local service clubs.

Action: A progress report to given at the next meeting. Council be requested to consider establishing a Sister City sub-committee

3. New Business:

3.1 Meetings for 2010

It was agreed that meetings be held on the 3rd Tuesday every two months at 5.15pm in the 3rd floor, Bowen Library Building Maroubra.

Action: For noting

3.2 Signage in Customer Service Centre

The committee had suggested that council erect a sign in the reception area with similar wording to "we speak your language" in the main six community languages to assist people who may have difficulty with English and need assistance. A recommendation had been sent to the Manager of Customer Service Centre for an A3 size sign in community languages in the reception area. To read "if you need help with English council can arrange for an interpreter in your language". This will require approval of the General Manager

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Action: A progress report to be given at the next meeting

3.3 Chinese New Year 2010

The Committee was informed that council had decided to hold a Chinese New Year celebration at Pacific Square Maroubra on Saturday 13 February from 2pm to 6pm. This decision was in recognition of the significant Chinese community residing and working in Randwick City.

Action: For noting

3.4 Harmony Day 2010

The Committee recommended that a separate report go to Council requesting that sufficient funds be allocated in the 2010/2011 financial year budget for a multicultural celebration or festival. The funds be used for an inclusive event that incorporates all multicultural groups in Randwick City, either during Harmony Day (21 March) or at some other appropriately deemed date.

It was suggested that the Xmas Carols at Maroubra and Matraville could be combined to achieve savings that could be allocated for other projects.

It was noted that a Chinese New Year celebration has been added to the council event list and that additional funds have been allocated to hold this event. The Committee was concerned that there was no opportunity for them to comment on the decision to use limited funds exclusively for a Chinese New Year celebration. The Committee did recognise the need and significance of holding a CNY celebration given the size of that community.

A smaller Harmony Day event is planned in conjunction with the Library for Saturday 20 March 10.30am in the Bowen Library involving the Tales of many Cities project launch. Other ideas include; a photo competition, national dress display by school children, an art workshop on multicultural theme also by school children. It was also noted that the Inner and Eastern Sydney Migrant Interagency was interested in an area wide project involving Randwick TAFE students to produce a video and poster for display at various vantage points.

Action: Council is requested to allocate specific funds in 2010/2011 for multicultural celebration. A separate budget be allocated for a Chinese New Year event

3.5 An inclusive Randwick City

A copy of the draft plan was tabled for the committee's information and consideration. It is a 10 year plan to enhance opportunities for people living within Randwick City to be able to participate and be actively involved in community life. Council's Senior Social Planner will attend the next meeting to discuss the plan and invite the committee's views. The draft has been endorsed by council.

Action: For discussion at the next meeting

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4. Correspondence: Nil**5. Presentation;**

Ellen Gore, Coordinator of Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project (ESMAP) gave a power point presentation on her service. ESMAP operates to increase access by people from CALD background to the Home and Community Care (HACC) program. Tel: 97008872.

6. Date of Next Meeting: To be held in Bowen Library, Tuesday 16 February 2010 at 5.15pm**C4/10**

Community Services Report No. C5/10



Subject: Seniors Week 2010
Folder No: F2004/07689
Author: Frida Kitas, Community Project Officer (Aged & Disability)

Introduction

NSW Seniors Week is an initiative supported by the State Government and coordinated and funded by NSW Human Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC). This initiative is held annually, on a national basis to celebrate, highlight and affirm the positive contributions older people make to their local community. Seniors Week 2010 will be held from 21–28 March and the theme for this year is "LIVE LIFE."

Each year Randwick City Council acknowledges Seniors in the City of Randwick by organising events and activities during Seniors Week. In 2010 it is proposed that Council work in partnership with local services and organisations to offer activities and opportunities that will reflect the theme "LIVE LIFE." The proposed activities have been organised in consultation with Council's Older Person's Advisory Committee and residents will benefit from these organised events that will aim to promote social interaction, active lifestyle. and community participation.

The following activities are proposed for Seniors Week 2010 and facilitated by Randwick City Council in partnership with Cultivate NSW, Horticultural Therapy Society, The Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association and The Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project (ESMAP):

- Therapeutic Gardening Workshop** in partnership with Cultivate NSW Horticultural Society
- An Evening Tour of The Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum** in partnership with The Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association
- Playwriting and Performance Workshop** facilitated by acclaimed playwright Hilary Bell and local director/actor Bill Conn (The Actors' Forum)
- Healthy Living Workshops for Older People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds** in partnership with Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project

Randwick has a culturally diverse Seniors population. The proposed events and activities focus on Seniors of all cultural backgrounds who live in Randwick, this demonstrates Council's ongoing commitment to servicing and supporting all members of the community. In addition, events and activities organised by Randwick Council are commensurate with the objectives of NSW Seniors Week.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the planned Seniors Week activities

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The following is a summary of the proposed activities planned for Seniors Week 2010.

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Therapeutic Gardening Workshop

Cultivate NSW will run a therapeutic gardening workshop for older people, their carers and family members at Randwick Council's Community Nursery on Saturday 20 March from 11.00am to 3.00pm. This workshop provides an opportunity for residents to learn about planting and pruning, useful tips for modified gardening and an introduction to a range of modified tools. This workshop will be of particular benefit to older people with mobility impairments who wish to improve their general health, wellbeing and fitness.

Evening Tour of The Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum

Members of the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association will host a guided tour of the Nursing and Medical Museum at Little Bay on Wednesday 24 March from 6.00pm – 8.00pm. This guided tour and presentation is a unique opportunity for all members of the community to discover more about the fascinating history of the Prince Henry Hospital (formerly known as the Coast Hospital) from its origins in 1881 to 2003, when it finally closed its doors.

Playwriting and Performance Workshop

Multi award winning playwright Hilary Bell and actor/director Bill Conn will facilitate an intergenerational workshop to be held on Saturday 10 April from 10.00am – 4.00pm at Bowen Library and Community Centre. It is open to residents aged over 16 years who live, work, study or attend recreational activities in Randwick City. This workshop aims to offer learning opportunities for seniors to build skills and provide enjoyable opportunities for social inclusion, both with other seniors and across generations. This workshop will also challenge some of society's stereotypes around ageing.

Healthy Living Workshops for Older CALD People

Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project will facilitate a series of healthy living workshops for older people and carers from Non –English speaking backgrounds living in Randwick City and surrounding areas. The workshops will be held at various venues throughout Randwick City during Seniors Week from 21–28 March, and aim to increase awareness and improve understanding about a range of health issues impacting older people from CALD backgrounds. The sessions will be delivered by Prince of Wales Hospital Community Health, South Eastern Sydney Division of General Practice (SESDGP) and The Dementia Advisory Service (DAS). The sessions will address areas concerning nutrition, heart disease, diabetes, stress management, depression, quality use of medication and the benefits of exercise on mood and memory. In addition, Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project will promote existing support, programs and health services available throughout Eastern Sydney and disseminate information on how older people from CALD backgrounds can access home and community care through bilingual workers.

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 needs/strong partnerships between Council, community groups and government agencies.
Key action:	Celebrate the range of cultures and people within Randwick City
Outcome 3:	An informed and engaged community.
Direction 3b:	Council actively promotes the community services offered by
other	agencies.
Key Actions	Support the provision of services and facilities to meet the needs of our target groups.

Financial impact statement

The total financial impact for the above activities will be \$6,500. This includes printing, advertising, hiring, refreshments and catering. An amount of \$3,800 has been approved in the 2009-10 budget and has been allocated to the Community Programs and Partnerships budget.

In addition, Council has been successful in receiving \$500 funding from the NSW Human Services Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) and \$1,000 from South Eastern Sydney & Illawarra Health (SESIH) through the NSW Carers Program. Randwick Labor Club has provided a sponsorship contribution of \$700 and Clovelly Community Bank has provided a contribution of \$500 towards organised events and activities for Seniors Week 2010.

Conclusion

The proposed activities, events and workshops will provide continued visibility of Council's commitment to supporting and serving members of the community and especially highlight the needs of older people in Randwick City.

Recommendation

That Council note and endorse the proposed activities and events planned as part of Seniors Week 2010 in Randwick City.

Attachment/s:

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Community Services Report No. C6/10



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Introduction

National Youth Week (NYW) is the largest celebration of young people in Australia with thousands of young people aged 12-25 getting involved. Randwick City Council has planned a range of events and activities in partnership with City of Botany Bay Council, the Shack Youth Services and Randwick TAFE. NYW 2010 will take place from 10 to 18 April 2010.

NYW aims to encourage young people to:

- share ideas
- attend live events
- have their voices heard on issues of concern to them
- showcase their talents
- celebrate their contribution to the community
- take part in competitions, and
- have fun!

NYW is implemented jointly by State and Local Governments and coordinated by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, in collaboration with the departments responsible for youth affairs in each state and territory. The slogan for 2010 is Live it Now.

Events and activities organised by Randwick City Council for this year are commensurate with the aims of National Youth Week and will encourage young people to achieve NYW goals. The following activities are proposed for Youth Week 2010 and facilitated by Randwick City Council in partnership with City of Botany Bay Council and the Shack Youth Services:

- Urban Shorts 2010 Randwick Youth Film Festival** is a short film competition culminating in a presentation night and screening
- Youth Issues Forum** in partnership with City of Botany Bay Council and the Shack Youth Services and including students from Randwick and Botany high schools.
- Stopmotion Workshop** in partnership with Bowen Library, the Shack Youth Services.
- Storyboard Workshop** in partnership with Randwick Girls High School Film Club.
- Sea Kayaking** in partnership with Council's Sustaining our City program.
- Chalk the promenade** pavement art activity to be held at Maroubra Beach

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Issues

The following is a summary of the proposed activities planned for Youth Week 2010.

Urban Shorts 2010 Randwick Youth Film Festival

Urban Shorts provides an opportunity for young people to showcase their talents, develop skills, contribute to the community and be heard on issues that concern them. It is open to all young people aged 12-25 years who live, work, study or attend recreational activities in Randwick city. In an attempt to facilitate participation from a broader section of the youth community the competition will again include the entry categories of Storyboard and Screenplay in addition to Short Film. Urban Shorts will culminate in an awards night and screening kindly sponsored by the Ritz Cinema Randwick. Sponsorship has also been secured for \$2,000 in prizes from Thinkspace at the Powerhouse Museum. Film making workshops have been a feature of Urban Shorts for the last 5 years and 2010 will include stopmotion and storyboarding workshops.

Stopmotion Film Workshop

A Stopmotion film maker will conduct a free public workshop at the Bowen Library to introduce local young people to the intricacies of film making using stop frame photography of animated 3D figures. This workshop will relate directly to Urban Shorts and may eventually form another entry category for the festival. Local youth centres will be encouraged to bring young people from their centres and to follow up with their own activities at a later date.

Storyboard Workshop

Well known storyboard artist Colin Dowden will conduct a workshop on the function of the storyboard in film making for students at Randwick Girls High School. The workshop will be held on a Saturday to enable other young people from the Shack to attend accompanied by youth workers. It is anticipated that the workshop will generate entries into the storyboard category of the Urban Shorts Youth Film Festival and will also appeal to young people who are keen cartoonists and graffiti artists.

Youth Issues Forum

The Forum will explore an issue which is identified by local young people as important to them. Schools from Randwick and Botany will be invited to send up to 8 students to the forum. In 2009, 100 young people attended and participated in workshops including Rap music, drama and art, listened to health experts and enjoyed the activities and information stalls provided in 'side-show alley'. A documentary was made by TAFE students which was distributed to all local high schools. TAFE will again be invited to participate as well as area health, the Shack Youth Services, Pointzero and other organisations.

Chalk the Promenade

For the first time in 2010 an outdoor art activity is planned for Maroubra Beach. This activity will involve young people from the South and Central Wards in a chalk art activity on the pavements of Maroubra promenade. The activity will be facilitated by Zest Events in partnership with the Shack Youth Services and Randwick Sustaining our City as part of the Marine Discovery program.

Sea Kayaking

Young people from Housing NSW estates will be given an opportunity to learn to sea kayak and to explore an area of the coastline under the supervision of Oz Paddle and youth workers from the Shack Youth Services. This is a targeted activity for disadvantaged young people and will deliver a coastal conservation message. It will be facilitated in partnership with Randwick Sustaining our City and will be part of the April holiday Marine Discovery Program.

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

Key action: Celebrate the range of cultures and people within Randwick City

Outcome 5: Excellence in recreation and lifestyle opportunities

Direction 5b: A range of cultural, sporting and leisure activities

Key action: Increase public art, performance spaces and opportunities for creative expression across our City.

Outcome 3: An informed and engaged community

Direction 3b: Council actively promotes the community services offered by other agencies

Key action: Create information hubs at our libraries and throughout our City which enrich the exchange and inter flow of information.

Financial impact statement

The total cost for the above activities is \$4,920, the financial impact to Council will be \$2,460, this amount has been approved in the 2009 / 2010 Community Programs and Partnerships budget and a grant of \$2,460 has been received from the NSW Commission for Children and Young People.

Conclusion

National Youth Week 2010 will provide a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the contribution and talents of young people living in Randwick City.

The proposed activities will provide continued visibility of Council's commitment to servicing all people in the community.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council note and endorse the proposed activities planned for National Youth Week 2010 in Randwick City.
2. All publicity relating to National Youth Week 2010 acknowledge Randwick City Council by displaying its logo.
3. The Mayor or his representative shall be given an opportunity to address young people on behalf of Council during a National Youth Week activities.

Attachment/s:

Nil