

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **BUSINESS PAPER**

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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 May 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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**GENERAL MANAGER**



## Community Services Report No. C11/10



**Subject:** Lexington Place Projects - The Shack  
Youth Services and Kool Kids Club

**Folder No:** F2009/00217

**Author:** Shane Lowe, Coordinator Community Programs and  
Partnerships

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### Introduction

On 9 March 2010, the Community Services Committee resolved (Andrews/Matson) that;

'Council agrees to fund a range of Kool Kids and The Shack Youth Service programs to a total 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 officer activities from 7 to 16 years of age.'

Council Officers worked with The Shack and Kool Kids Club and developed a program of structured activities over 12 months for young people living in and around South Maroubra and Lexington Place.

### Issues

Council officers met with the service providers to develop the proposed activities. The Shack and Kool Kids will run a joint program every Friday night from 4pm through to 7pm over 12 months. These structured activities will provide a safe and supported environment for children and young people.

The Kool Kids Club will provide activities to children aged from 7-11 years of age and The Shack Youth Services will provide activities to young people from 12-17 years of age. After consulting children, young people and their families who use these services, activities planned include attending NRL matches, ice skating, rock climbing sports at PCYC and movie nights.

Each activity will support between 10-15 children or young people and will provide transport from Duffy's corner and Lexington Place. It is also envisaged that the younger children who may choose to use The Shack Services in a year or so will be introduced to the staff and the service during the activities.

### 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

Council has allocated \$20,000 in the current budget towards this project.

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**Conclusion**

The program of activities developed will provide children and young people in and around Lexington Place and South Maroubra to opportunity to participate each week in a number of safe educational, recreational and fun activities.

**Recommendation**

That the report be received and noted.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Community Services Report No. C12/10



**Subject:** Purchase of Beach Wheelchairs  
**Folder No:** F2004/07645  
**Author:** Frida Kitas, Community Project Officer (Aged & Disability)

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### Introduction

On 25 March 2009, a letter was received from a resident requesting that Council consider the purchase of a Freewheeler Beach Wheelchair for the purpose of enabling people with a disability, access onto the sand and in the water, at Maroubra Beach.

At a Works Committee meeting dated 12 May 2009, Council resolved that:

- a) Council consult its Access Advisory Committee prior to allocating funds in future budgets to purchase the Freewheeler Beach Wheelchair for Clovelly, Coogee and Maroubra beaches, and to ensure that the appropriate measures are undertaken to successfully implement and manage this facility; and
- b) The Access Advisory Committee be asked to test different makes/models of Freewheeler Beach Wheelchairs and report back to Council on the most appropriate make/model for purchase and that the further report on this matter also address any liability issues that might arise from this initiative.

Council's Access Advisory Committee was consulted in regards to the purchase of wheelchairs for Council's beaches, and on issues associated with the implementation and ongoing management of this facility.

### Issues

Council has recently purchased a water wheelchair at Clovelly Beach. The water wheelchair is used in conjunction with the existing footpaths and ramp. Residents and visitors can access the wheelchair from September to April during operational hours from 8am to 6pm.

Based on information provided to the Advisory Committee from Council's Beach Services, the demand for the wheelchair to date has been minimal, with only two requests for the wheelchair over the past two years including this request.

In consultation with the Committee it was determined the wheelchair should initially be offered only at Clovelly Beach as this location has good exit and entry points to and from the water, calm conditions and an existing accessible ramp on the northern side of the beach to be used in conjunction with the beach wheelchair.

As part of the ongoing management of this equipment, the Advisory Committee also recommends that Council implement a management procedure, safe manual handling training for Lifeguards and promotion of the beach wheelchair.

To ensure that the needs of all community members are met, the Advisory Committee also suggested that individuals are accompanied by carers to facilitate with the correct use of the equipment.

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In the event there is an increased demand for the beach wheelchair, Council should also consult with the Disabled Surfers Association in regards to the purchase of additional wheelchairs for Coogee and Maroubra Beaches.

### **Relationship to City Plan**

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

- Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.
- Directions 2a: Maintain our current understanding of our community needs.
- Directions 2b: Enrich our range of community services that meet our community needs.
- Direction 2e: Barrier free access to community facilities is provided.

### **Financial impact statement**

The cost of the water wheelchair purchased is \$1,800; this cost has been accommodated in Council's 2009-10 budget.

Should Council decide to purchase Beach wheelchairs for Coogee and Maroubra, the total cost will be \$8,480.00, as these are different types from the wheelchair purchased for Clovelly.

However, Council's Access Advisory Committee does not recommend the purchase of these wheelchairs.

### **Conclusion**

This proposed initiative will be of benefit to older people, people with disabilities, and their carers living in the City of Randwick.

### **Recommendation**

That:

- a) Council promote the existing wheelchair at Clovelly Beach to residents and visitors by advertising the initiative in the Mayor's Column, Council's Website, local networks, community newsletters and via signage at Clovelly Beach.
- b) A report will be prepared at the end of the 2011 summer season with further recommendations regarding the purchase of additional wheelchairs for Council's other beaches.

### **Attachment/s:**

Nil

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