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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 14 December 2010 at 6:00pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM76/10



Subject: International Women's Day Art Competition & Award Presentation

Folder No: F2006/00216

Author: Shane Lowe, Coordinator Community Planning & Partnerships

Introduction

Randwick City Council has held the very popular International Women's Day Art Competition, Exhibition and Award presentation since 2005 in celebration of the achievements of women and their contribution to the arts in Randwick City.

In 2011, International Women's Day will again be celebrated at the Randwick Community Centre. In response to participant's survey responses, it is proposed to increase the prizes of all categories to better reflect the community's expectations and the skill and capabilities of local women through their art.

Issues

International Women's Day is on Tuesday 8 March and artworks will be on exhibition from Monday 7 March through to Monday 14 March 2011. The award ceremony will be held on Saturday 5 March at 10.00am.

The current prize money per category is:

12 years – 19 Award	1 st	\$450	2 nd	\$200	3 rd	\$100
20 years and over Award	1 st	\$450	2 nd	\$200	3 rd	\$100

Councillors' commendation award - \$50 art supplies art supplies

It is proposed to increase the prizes to:

12 years – 19 Award	1 st	\$500	2 nd	\$300	3 rd	\$200
20 years and over Award	1 st	\$700	2 nd	\$400	3 rd	\$300

Councillors' commendation award - \$150 art supplies gift voucher

This event will be advertised through the Mayor's Column and mail outs to local schools, the community and art and women's organisations.

Financial impact statement

The increase to the International Women's Day existing approved budget 2010-11 is \$1,000, this amount will be sourced from Council Cultural Activities budget and there will be no further cost to Council. In addition, Randwick City Council has applied for a \$1,000 grant from the NSW Office for Women and part of this grant will be used to increase prize money as detailed in this report.

Conclusion

This event, to celebrate International Women's Day, will highlight the invaluable contribution by women in our community.

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Recommendation

That Council notes this report and endorses the changes in prize money to be awarded to the International Women's Day Art competition winners.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM77/10



Subject: Commendation Award by Planning Institute of Australia for Integrated Planning Framework - Suite of Community Plans

Folder No: F2005/00519

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

I am pleased to announce that our Suite of Community Plans, implemented through our Council's integrated planning framework, has been awarded a Commendation by the Planning Institute of Australia (NSW Chapter).

The Planning Institute of Australia is the peak body representing professions involved in planning Australia's cities, towns, regions and places. The Awards for Excellence in Planning recognise outstanding achievements of planners; and acknowledge the role of public and private organisations in creating environments of distinction.

The Citation for the Commendation in the Social & Community Based Planning category states:

This commendation recognises an important contribution to social planning practice and outcomes in Australia.

The Plans are very 'user-friendly' and colourful, and clearly present what needs to be done to improve the welfare of the community and how it can be achieved. These Plans relate to affordable housing, cultural planning, community development and crime prevention and community safety.

The Randwick Plans ensure that the long term goals for the health and growth of its people are systematically addressed as part of Council's day to day business and longer term planning.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

I am extremely proud of the good work and achievements of our Council and its planning staff, in particular Karen Armstrong, Teresa Mok, Kerrie Walshaw and David Briant. Congratulations for a job well done.

Recommendation

That Council notes the recognition by the Planning Institute of Australia of Randwick City Council's suite of Community Plans and the efforts of the Council officers involved.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM78/10



Subject: Waiving of Fees - Surfing Competition, Maroubra Beach

Folder No: F2009/08302

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

An application has been received from Mr Luke Madden, Events Co-ordinator, Surfing NSW to use Maroubra Beach to host a surfing competition "Arnette Roulette" on 12 February 2010.

Issues

Mr Madden has requested the waiving of fees to host this event and advises the following:

"The Arnette Roulette is a specialty event created for innovation and progressive surfing. Surfers will travel all around the nation to compete in this aerial surfing event. It will provide two divisions, Open Surfers and Junior Surfers (U16). It is the only event of its kind in NSW and Australia at present. It will no doubt put on a show for all spectators and public who are soaking up Maroubra Beach. The Arnette Roulette will create an opportunity for local surfers to compete on a national level. The event will bring some of the best surfers in Australia to Maroubra Beach."

The following fees include:

Application Fee:	\$ 153.00
Low Impact Event:	\$1,578.00
Total:	\$1,731.00

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be a contribution of \$1,731.00 from Council's 2010-11 Contingency Fund

Conclusion

It is considered that this event would be very beneficial to the local children and businesses in the community.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote \$1,731.00 to cover the costs associated with Council's contribution towards running of the "Arnette Roulette" surfing competition.
- b) Council advise the organisers of the surfing competition that Council be given adequate and appropriate acknowledgement for its contribution towards this event. Such acknowledgement to include Council's logo for inclusion on promotional literature and Council's banner be displayed at the event.

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Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM79/10



Subject: Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign - Ongoing Membership and Financial Contribution

Folder No: F2004/06638

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

In 2005, at the invitation from the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Council officially joined the Mayors for Peace Campaign which aims to have nuclear weapons banned across the entire world by the year 2020. A request has been received from this organisation to provide an annual financial contribution in order to support the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, who have carried the financial burden of this campaign for over twenty five years.

Issues

2010 marks 65 years since the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which took hundreds of thousands of lives. Thousands of citizens still suffer the devastating after effects of radiation and unfathomable emotional pain. The cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have continually sought to tell the world about the inhumane cruelty of nuclear weapons and have consistently urged that nuclear weapons be abolished. On 24 June 1982, at the 2nd UN Special Session on Disarmament, then Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima proposed a new Program to Promote the Solidarity of Cities toward the Total Abolition of Nuclear Weapons. This proposal offered cities a way to transcend national borders and work together to press for nuclear abolition. This was the beginnings of the Mayors for Peace movement, which now has a membership of over four thousand cities from all corners of the globe.

Managing an organisation of this size has become extremely challenging. Up until now the campaign has relied upon donations from member cities. However in order to continue the push for complete nuclear disarmament, the Mayors for Peace organisation has had to request contributions direct from all member cities, with a commitment to continue these annual contributions up until the target year of 2020.

Financial impact statement

The campaign contribution for 2010 is 600 Euros, or \$820.00, with funds allowed for in Council's memberships budget.

Conclusion

There is no more worthwhile a cause than striving to ban nuclear weapons all around the world. This small contribution, which will become an annual contribution, is most appropriate.

Recommendation

That Council strengthen its membership of the Mayors for Peace 2020 Vision Campaign by making an annual contribution to support the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in striving to ban nuclear weapons worldwide by the year 2020.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM80/10



Subject: Last Drinks Campaign
Folder No: F2004/07767
Author: Allan Graham, Coordinator Regulatory Projects

Introduction

On the 30 March 2010, a 'Coalition of Concerned Emergency Services Workers', consisting of the Australian Medical Association (NSW), NSW Nurses' Association, the Health Services Union and the Police Association of NSW, launched the *Last Drinks* campaign.

The *Last Drinks* campaign is primarily focused on bringing about a reduction in trading hours for late-trading licensed premises which is contended to be the prevailing cause of alcohol related violence against emergency workers across the State.

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to bring the campaign to the attention of Council and in doing so, seek the Council's support in respect to this campaign.

Issues

The *Last Drinks* campaign highlights the correlation between violence in and around late-trading licensed premises and the violence inflicted upon our emergency workers when dealing with the 'fall-out' from intoxicated patrons of licensed premises and the substantial costs associated with treating alcohol related assault victims.

The launch of the *Last Drinks* campaign was accompanied by a 'Paper' from the Coalition of Concerned Emergency Workers. This Paper articulates the concerns of the Coalition of Concern Emergency Services Workers which relate to, not only occupational health and safety issues for doctors, nurses ambulance paramedics, health workers and police, but also the broader public interest implications in decreasing of alcohol related assaults to members of the public.

The Paper refers to the much published "Newcastle Trial" whereby in March 2008 the then NSW Liquor Administration Board imposed number of restrictions on 14 Newcastle hotels, including a 1.00am lock-out and a reduction in trading hours (brought forward to 3.00am). The Paper states that these restrictions have resulted in a 29% reduction in assaults that occur in Newcastle after dark. The Paper also refers to research conducted in other jurisdictions (Brazil, the UK, Alice Springs and Queensland) in respect to alcohol related violence.

In this regard, and to address the concerns of the respective emergency services representative associations the Coalition of Concern Emergency Services Workers have proposed the following:

1. Extend the [Newcastle] trial of reduced opening hours across the state for a period of twelve months.
2. Impose a lockout from 1am for all hotels across the state.
3. Develop a model management plan based on the Newcastle trial to be adopted by all licensed venues.
4. Prohibit the sale of shots, mixed drinks with more than 30mls of alcohol and ready mixed drinks stronger than five per cent by volume after 10.00pm.

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5. Engage BOCSAR to evaluate the impact of these measures on violent crime.

Importantly in respect to this matter, the following motion was adopted, lending support to the Coalition of Concerned Emergency Services Workers, at the Local Government Association of NSW Conference 2010 held at Albury in October this year:

- *That the Local Government Association of New South Wales requests all councils to support the pleas and ongoing related campaigns by the Coalition of Emergency Service Workers; the Police Association of NSW, Australia Medical Association (NSW), NSW Nurses Association and The Health Services Union (HSU) for tough new restrictions on the sale of alcohol at pubs and clubs across NSW to reduce the number of frontline staff being abused, intimidated, threatened, assaulted and injured in the course of their duty because of alcohol fuelled violence.*
- *That the Local Government Association of New South Wales call on both the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition to reject donations to their parties from hotels, clubs and the alcohol industry.*

Financial Impact Statement

There are no financial impacts associated with this Mayoral Minute.

Conclusion

The *Last Drinks* campaign was launched in March this year by the Coalition of Concerned Emergency Services Workers. This campaign is focuses on bringing about further restrictions for late-trading licensed premises, which are contended to be the prevailing cause of alcohol related violence against emergency workers across the State.

In addition, the concerns, as articulated in the *Last Drinks* campaign, were the subject of a motion, subsequently adopted, at the 2010 Local Government Conference requesting all councils to “*support the pleas and ongoing related campaigns by the Coalition of Emergency Service Workers*”.

As such, I propose that Randwick City Council writes to the Coalition of Concerned Emergency Services Workers to offer its support to the *Last Drinks* campaign.

Recommendation

That:

- (a) Randwick City Council writes to the Coalition of Concerned Emergency Services Workers to offer support for the *Last Drinks* campaign;
- (b) Council inform the State Government that it intends to make petition under the The Liquor Act 2007 to seek the imposition of 1am lock outs on the Coogee Beach Palace hotel and the Coogee Bay Hotel in accordance with *Last Drinks* campaign objectives; and
- (c) Commence the drafting of a DCP for late night trading reflecting the objectives of the *Last Drinks* Campaign.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Mayoral Minute No. MM81/10



Subject: 2011 Eastern Suburbs Relay For Life -
Cancer Council NSW

Folder No: F2008/00153

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

In October 2007, Council resolved to become a 'community partner' with the Cancer Council NSW. This allows Council to work in cooperation with the Cancer Council on a range of activities, such as:

- Learning about and adopting new policies that will lead to a reduction in the incidence of cancer;
- Supporting Cancer Council advocacy campaigns that benefit the residents of Randwick City Council;
- Using Council communication channels, venues, staff and networks to disseminate Cancer Council health promotion and patient support materials;
- Helping the Cancer Council to support patients and their families in the community by allowing use of Council venues for support group meetings and education programs; and
- Supporting Cancer Council efforts to raise money in the local area.

Issues

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to the Cancer Council's community partnership agreement, I am proud to put forward the Cancer Council's proposal to hold a 3rd Eastern Suburbs 'Relay For Life' event (the 1st and 2nd Eastern Suburbs Relays were supported by Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra Councils and the Centennial Park Trust).

'Relay For Life' aims to bring local communities together in the fight against cancer, a disease that directly affects one in three people in the community. The event is an overnight, outdoor experience where teams of 10-15 people take turns to walk around a local oval (in this case Centennial Park) whilst enjoying local entertainment, food and activities for all ages.

Since its inception in 2000, Relay For Life has become the Cancer Council's main fundraiser. In Australia, our 150 Relay communities raise over \$14 million each year for the Cancer Council. In 2008, over \$15 million was raised.

At the 2011 Eastern Suburbs Relay For Life, which is planned to be held in Centennial Park on 21 and 22 May 2011, the Cancer Council is aiming to raise \$200,000.

Financial impact statement

This report recommends an allocation of \$1,000 from the 2010-11 Contingency Fund, towards equipment hire, to ensure community safety at the event. The event will be organised and run by a committee of volunteers, but there may be a small indirect cost to Council in assisting with media coverage and including information about the event in Council's community information, where appropriate.

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Conclusion

This is a very significant event on the Cancer Councils funding raising calendar. Council's support for events such as this, are an important aspect of the 'community partnership' that Council has formed with the Cancer Council NSW.

Recommendation

That Council support the 2011 Cancer Council Eastern Suburbs Relay for Life event by:

- a) providing media and other community information to encourage staff and the community to participate in the event;
- b) inviting Waverly and Woollahra Council's to also support the event;
- c) working with the Cancer Council to promote the event; and
- d) allocating \$1,000 from the 2010-11 Contingency Fund, towards equipment hire, to ensure community safety at the event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM82/10



Subject: Cancer Council NSW - Sun Sound Program

Folder No: F2008/00153

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

The Cancer Council of NSW has approached Randwick City Council to participate in a sun awareness program called 'Sun Sound.' The Sun Sound program aims to target 13 to 24 year olds and was trialled over the 2009-10 summer season at Sutherland and Gosford Councils. There are now plans to rollout the program throughout NSW over the 2010-11 summer season. So far Sun Sound will be played in Bondi, Manly, Cronulla, Penrith, Gosford, Newcastle, Port Stephens, Tamworth, Armidale, Wagga Wagga and Dubbo.

It is proposed that Randwick City Council run the program at Coogee and Maroubra Beaches over the 2010-11 summer season.

Issues

Sun exposure during the first 15 years of life is a critical factor in developing skin cancer later in life. Despite high levels of awareness about sun protection, National Sun Protection Survey Data indicates young people are more likely to tan and burn, and less likely to use sun protection when compared to adults. The Cancer Council NSW research showed that a key barrier to using sun protection among youth is the tendency to forget or not consider sun protection when outdoors. Further, young people were found to disengage from overly authoritative messages or directive approaches.

The 'Sun Sound' Program

The Sun Sound is an environmental strategy that aims to improve sun protection behaviours at the point of sun exposure. The objective of the program is to improve the scope and frequency of sun protection behaviours among young people by:

- Increasing recognition, recall and discussion of the Sun Sound and related call to action (five forms of sun protection).
- Increasing the numbers of young people in NSW using a minimum of three out of five sun protection elements when outdoors, in response to hearing the Sun Sound.

The Sun Sound is a short, catchy jingle played outdoors at regular intervals on loud speakers, prompting young people to protect their skin from the sun.

It was produced in 2009 by musician Ben Lee and Sony Music, in partnership with advertising agency Three Drunk Monkeys. The tone of the Sun Sound is recognisable and attention grabbing, yet friendly and 'fun'. The Sun Sound tested positively in online youth surveys, with 91% of 13-17 year olds believing it was a 'good idea' and 72% claiming they would respond and take action.

To raise awareness of the Sun Sound, there will be a state-wide media and communications campaign run by the Cancer Council.

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Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter. It is proposed that the jingle be played by life guards on duty.

Conclusion

The Sun Sound Program supports community health and safety and forms part of Council's Community Partnership with the NSW Cancer Council (established in 2008).

It is proposed to play the Sun Sound at Coogee and Maroubra beaches approximately hourly between 11am and 3pm when UV levels are at their peak.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) approve the NSW Cancer Council's 'Sun Sound' program at Coogee and Maroubra beaches for the 2010-11 summer season.
- b) endorse the participation of Randwick City Council in the NSW Cancer Council's 'Sun Sound' program.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM83/10



Subject: Waiving of fees - Tamarama to Clovelly Ocean Swim

Folder No: F2010/00096

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

An application has been received from Mr Joel Turner, Tamarama Surf Life Saving Club, seeking Council's assistance in the waiving of fees for the staging of an ocean swim from Tamarama Beach to Clovelly Beach on 6 March 2011.

Issues

This is the third time this event has been run and both surf clubs are very excited about the prospect of hosting an ocean swim. Mr. Jim King, President of the Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club has advised that nippers will be cancelled on this day.

This community event will raise modest proceeds through its entry fees and that money will be donated to both surf life saving clubs.

The associated fees include:

Application Fee	\$ 153.00
Beach Hire – Clovelly Beach (half day)	\$ 280.60
Jet ski (4 hours @ \$59.00 p/h)	\$ 236.00
Total:	\$ 669.60

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$669.60 and currently there are sufficient funds in the 2010-11 Contingency Fund to cover these fees.

Conclusion

It is considered that this ocean swim is a non-profit activity and to assist with this event, costs be allocated to cover the associated fees.

Recommendation

That

- a) Council vote \$669.60 to cover the fees associated with the holding of the Tamarama Beach to Clovelly Beach Ocean Swim on 6 March 2011 and that the funds be allocated from the 2010-11 Contingency Fund;
- b) the organiser of the event undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution to the swim; and
- c) the Mayor or his representative to be given the opportunity to address the ocean swim on behalf of Council.

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Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM84/10



Subject: Profundo Report into Banking Investments in Coal

Folder No: F2004/08411

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

Greenpeace Australia Pacific has just released a banking report by specialist finance firm Profundo, which reveals the extent to which Australia's big four banks are investing in polluting coal.

"According to the Profundo research, over the last five years Australia's big banks have invested over \$5 billion into mining, transporting and burning coal and only \$0.78 billion into renewable energy. ("Pillars of Pollution - How Australia's big four banks are propping up pollution" Greenpeace 2010)

Issues

Burning coal is the single biggest contributor to global warming, air pollution and drinking water.

Greenpeace notes that banks have choices - they can continue with destructive investment in polluting coal or they can invest in building a clean, reliable, renewable energy future. Greenpeace claims that global investment in renewables has now surpassed investment in fossil fuels.

"Last year, for the first time, more money was invested globally in renewable energy than in fossil fuels. Wind, solar and other clean technologies attracted US \$140 billion compared with US \$110 billion for gas and coal power. " ("Pillars of Pollution - How Australia's big four banks are propping up pollution" Greenpeace 2010)

Greenpeace further claims that many Australian banks are adopting a public image of being very pro environment but actually investing very poorly from an environmental perspective. For example, ANZ in May 2007 "announced our objective to become carbon neutral in Australia and New Zealand by the end of 2009.' It claimed 'ANZ has committed to fund only new projects that can be developed and operated according to sound social and environmental standards.'

Such claims enabled ANZ to be assessed on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index as the number one bank globally on corporate sustainability performance. But in reality ANZ Invested \$650 million in Australian coal power stations and \$727 million in coal mining in Australia in the last 5 years.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

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Conclusion

Council maybe placing money with Australian banks that are not reflecting a global movement towards investments in renewable energy sources. Furthermore, local branches of the big four banks may not be investing residents money in the environmentally sustainable approach that their public profiles are suggesting.

Recommendation

That Council notes that according to a recent Greenpeace commissioned report Australia's big four banks ANZ, Commonwealth, NAB and Westpac have invested over \$5 billion of investors' money in coal over the last 5 years. Accordingly Council will write to those banks it currently invests with:

- a) seeking clarification on the amount of money the banks currently invest in coal and renewables;
- b) asking those banks to adopt a policy of not providing finance to new coal power stations in Australia;
- c) seeking to meet with each to discuss the bank's current investments in coal and renewables and the extent to which ratepayers' money is being used to finance new coal power stations; and
- d) reports back to Council on the outcome of any such meetings and related correspondence.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM85/10



Subject: La Perouse Day Celebrations - Request for Financial Assistance

Folder No: F2004/07739

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

It has been a longstanding tradition for Randwick City Council to provide assistance towards the hosting of a yearly function at La Perouse to celebrate the historic events of national and international significance which took place in this area and contributed greatly to the formation of modern Australia. A request has been received from the Friends of the La Perouse Museum for Council to provide some financial assistance to host this event again in 2011.

Issues

The Friends of La Perouse Museum propose that a modest cocktail party be held on Friday 18 February 2011 from 6pm through to 8pm to celebrate the historical English, French, Colonial and more modern day aspects of this very significant part of Randwick City. To minimise costs the Friends would organise the function and invitations, purchase prepared food and serve the food and drinks. Council is requested to cover the cost of the food and drinks and it is expected that the National Parks & Wildlife Service would provide the Museum as the venue free of charge.

This function will cater for approximately 60 guests and invitations would include the Mayor and all Councillors, some Council staff, a few representatives from the Randwick Historical Society, two eminent historians with special interests in the French and English history of the area, some long term local residents, NP&WS representatives, the Friends of the La Perouse Museum, the French Consul General to Australia, representatives of the French school at Maroubra and representatives from the French Veterans who have had a longstanding association with La Perouse.

Financial impact statement

A \$900 contribution from Council will cover the necessary costs, with these funds to come from the 2010-11 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is appropriate that Council contribute to this worthwhile community event to celebrate the historic events of national and international significance which took place in this area.

Recommendation

That:

- (a) Council contribute \$900 from the 2010-11 Contingency Fund towards the La Perouse Day activities;
- (b) the organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and

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- (c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM86/10



Subject: Local Government Chief Officers' Group - Attendance of General Manager at February 2011 Meeting

Folder No: F2008/00390

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

At its ordinary meeting held 24 June 2008 Council resolved to endorse the General Manager's membership application for the Local Government Chief Officers Group. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the General Manager's attendance at the next meeting of the group in February 2011 in Mandurah, Western Australia.

Issues

The Local Government Chief Officers Group is the peak professional development network of Australia and New Zealand Local Government Chief Executives. The objectives of the Local Government Chief Officers Group are:

1. To act as a forum for the exchange of experience and information between Chief Officers to benefit their Councils in particular and local government in general.
2. To utilise the experience and knowledge of Chief Officers at various government and organisational levels.
3. To facilitate the professional development and training of Chief Officers.

As always, another major benefit of this Group is the opportunity to network one on one with other CEO's and industry leaders to see exactly how they are dealing with the myriad of challenges currently being faced by local government in both countries

Financial impact statement

The cost of travel, accommodation and meals has been allowed for in the 2010-11 Council training budget.

Conclusion

Randwick City Council is recognised within the Local Government industry as a leader and an innovator. This ongoing exchange of experiences and information within this leading group will keep Randwick at the forefront of local government and provide exciting opportunities for Council to explore.

Recommendation

That Council note the General Manager's attendance at the next meeting of the Local Government Chief Officers Group in February 2011 in Mandurah, Western Australia.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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