

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, 8 February 2011 at 6:00pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor (M Matson), Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, Hughes, Matthews, Nash, Notley-Smith, Procopiadis, Seng, Smith, Stevenson, Tracey (Deputy Chairperson), White and 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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Community Services Report No. C1/11



Subject: Multicultural (International) Event
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Introduction

At the September 2009 Council meeting (moved by Cr Belleli /Cr Matthews), it was resolved that Council consider holding a multicultural event (which should also welcome Australian and indigenous representation) at the Prince Henry Centre and that guidance and approval be sought from the RCC Multicultural Advisory Committee and a report be brought back to Council on the matter.

Issues

Consultation with Randwick City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee

This proposal was discussed by the Multicultural Advisory Committee. The committee strongly supported that a cultural festival and celebration be held to coincide with the national Harmony Day celebration. Held on the 21 March annually, Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity, promotes community harmony and an inclusive society that embraces Australian values. The Committee supports holding an event on Sunday 20 March 2011 at La Perouse next to the La Perouse Museum. Furthermore the Committee recommends that local community groups be encouraged to participate in this event, to give it a truly community feel, an opportunity to showcase local talent and contain costs. The local Aboriginal community will also be invited to participate in the festival.

The festival program

A comprehensive range of activities will be held outdoors and in the event of inclement weather, it is proposed to stage the activities in the La Perouse Museum. The event will include information stalls, multicultural food, multicultural, indigenous and traditional Australian singing and dancing performances, including participation of local groups, to reflect the diversity of our city.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: A vibrant and diverse community.

Direction: Our cultural diversity is appreciated and respected.

Financial impact statement

The proposed budget to stage this event will be \$15,000, to be accommodated within the current financial year's Community Development Budget.

Conclusion

A cultural celebration and festival to coincide with Harmony Day in March 2011 will affirm Council's commitment to promoting a multicultural and inclusive society in Randwick City.

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Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorse holding a Multicultural (International) Event, incorporating multicultural and indigenous features, on 20 March 2011 at La Perouse to coincide with Harmony Day celebrations.
- b) local community groups to be encouraged to participate in the event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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