

# **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, 12 April 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.

### Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

### Confirmation of the Minutes

Community Services Committee - 8 March 2011

### Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

### Address of Committee by Members of the Public

### Urgent Business

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### Library Reports

Nil

### Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

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Ray Brownlee  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



## Community Services Report No. C6/11



**Subject:** Council's Advisory Committee Minutes.  
**Folder No:** F2006/00216  
**Author:** Katie Griffith, Events Officer

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### 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 the 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:

- Older Persons Advisory Committee – February 2011 (endorsed March 2011)

### 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 the attached Advisory Committees.

### Recommendation

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

- Older Persons Advisory Committee – February 2011.

### Attachment/s:

1. Older Persons Advisory Committee - February 2011

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**MINUTES**  
**Randwick City Council**  
**Older Persons Reference Group**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2011**

**Present**

Cr.Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Shirley Smith	Computer Pals
Billee King	Community Representative
George Gergely	Community Representative
Linda Mearing	Coast Centre for Seniors
Anna Lipoma	Sydney Multicultural Community Services
Ron Wood	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch
Mike Cornell	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch

**Apologies**

Keith Frances	Community Representative
Susan McCann	Division of General Practice
Sharon Blunt	Randwick/Waverley Community Transport
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held in November were confirmed.

**2. Business Arising from Minutes****2.1 Shafana & Aunt Sarrinah**

Frida reported the play reading of *Shafana & Aunt Sarrinah* by Alana Valentine was a great success, over 100 Seniors and their family members attended the event at Bowen Library in November. Currency Press officially launched the play on the day and Alana Valentine participated in a panel discussion with audience members. The Committee was also informed that over 140 residents attended the Enchanted Evening Ball for carers and people with a disability at the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay in November. Carers accessed a range of information and resources on available services and support in Eastern Sydney at the event.

**Action:** For Information.

**2.2 Seniors Week (20 – 27 March)**

Frida advised the Committee that Council has organised a program of events, activities and workshops to celebrate Seniors Week. Activities include a Playwriting and Performance workshop, a Twilight Tour of The Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum, a Therapeutic Gardening Workshop and a Community Safety and Awareness Information Session. The Community Safety Information Session will include presentations from the NSW Fire Brigade Services, Eastern Beaches Local Area Command and SESIAHS Falls Prevention Team. Frida tabled flyers at the meeting. Council will also continue to support Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project (ESMAP) to run a series of healthy living workshops for older people and carers from non-English speaking backgrounds living in Randwick City and surrounding areas.

**Action:** For Information.

**2.3 Access issues from previous meeting**

The Committee was advised that Council have approved additional accessible parking spaces to be installed on the northern side of Arthur Street between Arthur Lane and Belmore Road. The request to install additional accessible parking spaces at either end of

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Belmore Rd, Randwick was not supported by Council since Belmore Rd is a major STA bus route and morning and afternoon operations are currently in place. Council have also approved a drop off and pick up zone (in the Mail Zone) at the frontage of Malabar Medical Centre, therefore the request to install additional accessible parking spaces outside of Malabar Medical Centre was not supported at this time. No decision has been made about relocating the existing MIPPS on Frances Street to be aligned with the access ramp at the front of Council's administration building.

**Action:** Frida to provide a further update at the March meeting.

### 3. General Business

#### 3.1 Cultural Community Grants Program

The Committee was advised that residents, locally based community groups and not for profit organisations are invited to apply for funding under Council's Community Grants Program. The program supports creative cultural events and community based projects that enrich the lives of our residents. There will be two funding rounds in 2011 with applications for the first closing on 25 February and the second round closing on 19 August 2011. It was noted at the meeting that applicants can seek funding for both cash and in-kind contributions to hold cultural events and activities in Randwick City.

**Action:** Frida to send hard copies of Information Kits and Application forms to Committee members.

#### 3.2 Therapeutic Gardening Workshop

The Committee was informed that Council will be holding a therapeutic gardening workshop on Saturday 26 February from 11am to 3pm at Council's Community Nursery in Kingsford. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about composting, planting and pruning and general gardening techniques. This workshop is tailored to meet the needs of people with mobility impairments. Registrations are essential on 9399 0972 or email [frida.kitas@randwick.nsw.gov.au](mailto:frida.kitas@randwick.nsw.gov.au). Refreshments will be provided. Flyers were tabled at the meeting.

**Action:** For noting.

#### 3.3 The Memory Van – Alzheimer's Australia NSW

Council in conjunction with Alzheimer's Australia will be holding a community awareness day on Thursday 31 March from 10am to 2pm at Randwick Branch Library. The Memory Van is operated by Alzheimer's Australia NSW and is an important part of their community outreach service. The awareness day is an opportunity for staff from Alzheimer's Australia to talk to people who have concerns about the memory of either themselves, or someone they know. Residents will be able to access information about dementia and services provided by Alzheimer's Australia. Information will also be made available on activities to improve memory as well as how to reduce the risk of developing dementia will also be available on the day. Bookings are essential on 9399 0972.

**Action:** Frida will table flyers for the Memory Van at the March meeting.

#### 3.4 IWD Art Competition and Exhibition

The Committee was informed that the International Women's Day 2011 Art Competition is open to all women, living, working and studying in Randwick City. The competition closes on Monday on Monday 28 February and the Award Ceremony will be held on Saturday 5 March from 10am – 12pm at Randwick Community Centre, 27 Munda Street, Randwick. Competition entry forms and guidelines were tables at the meeting.

**Action:** For noting.

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### 3.5 Ignite Cultural Arts Program

Frida advised the Committee that Council will be holding a series of stimulating talks on a range of topics as part of its new Cultural Arts Program: Ignite: Shedding Light on the Past. The program will run from February – October 2011 and will be held at the Maroubra Senior Citizen Centre on the third Thursday of each month from 10am to 11.30am. No booking are required just a gold coin contribution on the day. Light refreshments will be provided. Frida tabled flyers and poster at the meeting.

**Action:** For noting.

### 3.6 Access Issues

Cr.Woodsmith requested that a handrail be installed on the wall near the concrete steps leading to the entrance of the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay to better facilitate access for people with mobility impairments. George reported that Council's Waste contractors are failing to return residents garbage bins back on to the kerb after they have been emptied at Boomerang and Malabar Rd, Maroubra near the public housing estate. Ron thanked Council on the behalf of Randwick Botany National Seniors and the POW Heart Walking Group for the recent streetscape upgrade of Belmore Rd, Randwick.

**Action:** Frida to liaise with Council's Coordinator Building Services to obtain quotes for a handrail and Waste Environment Officer to arrange for bins to be returned to their original point of collection on Boomerang & Malabar Rd, Maroubra

### Information Share

- Billee thanked Randwick Council on the behalf of the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Assoc for their generous contribution toward their annual reunion held at Prince Henry Centre in October. Billee also thanked Jaqua Heddle, Rob Burke and Frida Kitas for their support.
- Shirley reported Computer Pals resumed classes in February at UNSW.
- Anna reported that Sydney Multicultural Services are planning to hold a Seniors Week Carnivale on Wednesday 23 March at The Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay. They are also looking at ways to engage younger carers that may involve the arts community.
- Linda also noted that SMCS offer 75 language specific multicultural Aged Care packages and looking at expanding their service in the area of dementia care respite.
- Linda reported that the Coast Centre will be hosting a Carers Comedy Lunch on Monday 14 March for up to 50 carers. Attendance is by gold coin. They have also offer classes in creative writing, tango dancing and cooking classes for men and women. There has also been a great response to the Broadband for Seniors one-on-one computer classes.
- Linda also reported that Marlene and Don Kerr have resigned and retired from Coast Centre, Frida thanked Marlene for her participation and contribution to the Older Persons Advisory Committee over the past years.

### Correspondece

- CPSA THE Voice Newsletter, November 2010

The meeting ended at 11.15am

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 2 March 2011.

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## Community Services Report No. C7/11



**Subject:** Kooloora Community Centre:  
**Partnership in Tender Application for a  
South Randwick Community Hub  
Project**

**Folder No:** F2010/00038

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### Introduction

Earlier this year, the Kooloora Community Centre applied for a grant under the Community Builders Program to establish a Community Hub, but was unsuccessful. There is now another opportunity for Kooloora Community Centre to submit a tender application to establish a South Randwick Community Hub Project. The objective of the Project is to achieve the NSW Government's priority that *Children, families and communities are safe, healthier and more resilient*

The successful tenderer will receive \$30,326 one off payment and \$122,271 per year for 3 years fixed term from 2011-12 and ending 2013-14.

As part of its tender submission, the Kooloora Community Centre has invited Randwick City Council to be its official partner should their tender application be successful. The role of a partner is described in the body of this report.

This report recommends that Randwick City Council gives its support to Kooloora Community Centre in its tender application by formally agreeing to be a project partner to the South Randwick Community Hub Project.

### Issues

Kooloora Community Centre provides a range of social services and support programs for marginalised and low income families in the southern part of the LGA. It is a well established and effective community centre located in Bilga Crescent, Malabar. Public housing tenants are the Centre's main clients.

The tender submission will provide much needed social services to the following key client groups from disadvantaged communities:

- Parents of children aged 0-8
- Children aged 0-8 years
- Their communities
- Service providers to parents of children aged 0-8
- Service providers to children aged 0-8years.

Should Council agrees to be a project partner, its key role will be to support the Kooloora Community Centre and its staff in a variety of ways, including:

- Provision of development and training for centre staff, if required. (The Council already offers its in-house training program to local service providers to help them become more effective organisation.)

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- Assist in consultation, planning, and social policy development in their community, if required.
- Provide community physical infrastructure to support activities provided by the Centre to key client groups. (The Council already provides in-kind assistance in the form of fee waiver for use of its facilities to different community organisations.)
- Provide staff support on a needs basis to help the centre run its activities. (A member of the Council's Community Project Officer currently assists with the Centre's Playgroup Program.)
- Being a member of a steering committee of the South Randwick Community Hub Project.

These support functions are consistent with the City Plan objectives of building partnerships between the Council, community groups and government agencies, and supporting the provision of services to meet the needs of our target groups.

### **Relationship to City Plan**

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.

Direction2b: Enrich our range of community services that meet our community's needs. Strong partnerships between Council, community groups and government agencies.

### **Financial impact statement**

Council's contribution as a partner with Kooloora Centre's South Randwick Community Hub Project (should the tender application be successful) is estimated at an average half a day per week attendance on site by a community project officer. There may be occasions where the officer may attend the Centre one day a week, when called upon by the steering committee. This resourcing impact can be absorbed within the existing officer's work plan.

### **Conclusion**

Randwick City Council has an established working relationship with Kooloora Community Centre. It is a vibrant and effective centre and continues to play a vital role in helping disadvantaged residents and their families. It has always been difficult for local community organisations in Randwick City to attract expanded services funding. If Council agrees to accept the role of a partner in Kooloora Community Centre's tender submission, it may enhance its chances of winning the tender to enable the Centre to provide much needed expanded services in the southern part of the City.

### **Recommendation**

That the Council:

- a) note the contents of the report; and
- b) gives its support to the Kooloora Community Centre's by agreeing to be its partner in its tender application to secure funding from the NSW Department of Human Services to establish the South Randwick Community Hub Project.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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