

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, 10 May 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 - 12 April 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. C8/11



Subject: Council's Advisory Committee Minutes
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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 – March 2011 (endorsed April 2011)
- Access Advisory Committee – February 2011 (endorsed March 2011)

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 3: An Informed and Engaged Community.
Direction 3a: 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 Minutes – March 2011 (endorsed April 2011)
- Access Advisory Committee Minutes – February 2011 (endorsed March 2011)

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Attachment/s:

1. Older Persons Advisory Committee Minutes - March 2011 (endorsed April 2011)
2. Access Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - February 2011 (endorsed March 2011)

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MINUTES
Randwick City Council
Older Persons Reference Group
Meeting held on Wednesday 2 March 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
Simon Bennetts	South East Neighbourhood Centre
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
Linda Mearing	Coast Centre for Seniors
Sharon Blunt	Randwick/Waverley Community Transport
Anna Lipoma	Sydney Multicultural Community Services

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on March 2 were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Minutes**2.1 Therapeutic Gardening Workshop**

Frida advised the Committee that an additional Therapeutic Gardening Workshop will be held on Saturday 26 March from 11am – 3pm at Council's Community Nursery. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about composting, planting and pruning and general gardening techniques. Workshops will also be scheduled for May and June due to the overwhelming response and need for therapeutic gardening activities that meet the needs of people with mobility impairments and the general community. Frida tabled flyers for the workshop at the meeting.

Action: For Information.

2.2 Seniors Week

Frida provided an update on events, activities and workshops to be held during and around Seniors Week (March 26 – 2 April 2011). Frida acknowledged sponsorship and funding contributions from NSW Ageing Disability and Home care (ADHC) and Clovelly Community Bank at the meeting. It was noted that all planned events and activities encourage community participation and social inclusion for all residents and visitors living in Randwick City and surrounding areas. Frida tabled flyers and registrations forms for Seniors Week events at the meeting.

Action: For Information.

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2.3 Ignite Cultural Arts Program

The Committee was informed that Billee King will be the guest presenter for the Ignite: Cultural Arts Program for March and April 2011. Billee will give local history talks on Back to Prince Henry Hospital and the Evolution of Nursing from 10am on Tuesday March 22 and Tuesday 5 April at Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre. Frida tabled the updated flyer for the Ignite Program for 2011 at the meeting.

Action: For information.

3. General Business

3.1 The Memory Van – Alzheimer’s Australia

Frida advised the Committee that over 100 residents have booked in to visit staff from Alzheimer’s Australia on Thursday 31 March from 10am – 2pm at Randwick Branch Library. Warren Reid, Dementia Advisory Service Manager, St Vincent’s Community Health Service will also be available on the day to provide advice and information to residents on how to access available services and support in Eastern Sydney. An additional Dementia Community Awareness Day will be held on Wednesday 8 June from 10am – 2pm, Level 3 Bowen Library & Community Centre. The Awareness Day scheduled for June will be supported by Alzheimer’s Australia and The Dementia Advisory Service (DAS).

Action: For consideration.

3.2 Twilight Concert Series

The Committee was informed about Council’s new Twilight Concert Series to be held on the third Friday of each month from 7pm – 8pm at The Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay. Acclaimed jazz vocalist Lily Dior and band will be launching the first concert of the series on Friday 18 March 2011. There will be no cost to attend the first concert but bookings are required on 9399 0823 or 9399 0972. Refreshment will be served on the evening. The Twilight Concert Series is a part of Randwick Council’s Cultural Arts Program. Frida tabled flyers for the Lily Dior Twilight Concert series at the meeting.

Action: For consideration.

3.3 Access Issues

Ron requested for two additional benches to be installed between Haig Street, Maroubra and Garden Lane, Maroubra on the eastern side of Anzac Parade to assist people with mobility impairments of all ages. Shirley reported the retaining bolts are loose on the bench outside Brumby’s Bakery on Belmore Rd, Randwick.

Action: Frida to notify City Services on the behalf of the Committee and provide an update at the April meeting.

3.4 The Spot Festival

Frida reported that Council will be holding their annual Spot Festival on Sunday 13 March 2011 from 1pm – 7pm at the Spot Randwick. Flyers for the event were tabled at the meeting. Visit www.randwick.nsw.gov.au for further information.

Action: For Information

Information Share

- Simon reported that SENC have produced new brochures for services and support offered by the Centre. Simon tabled the new brochures and SENC Community Newsletter at the meeting.
- Billee reported they have a number of bookings and ongoing requests for tours at the Prince Henry Hospital Nursing and Medical Museum, Little Bay. Bookings for the Twilight Tour, to be held in partnership with Randwick Council during Seniors Week are almost at capacity.
- Ron reported the National Seniors Randwick – Botany Branch will be holding an extraordinary meeting on Monday 21 March from 10.30am – 12pm at South Juniors. A representative from Michael Daley’s office will also attend the general meeting on Monday 14 March as a guest speaker.
- Shirley reported that classes for Computer Pals are continuing to be held at UNSW and are well attended.

Correspondece

- CPSA THE Voice Newsletter, November 2010

The meeting ended at 11.15am

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6 April 2011.

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MINUTES**Randwick City Council Access Advisory Committee
Meeting held on Thursday 10 February, 11am at the
Randwick Room.****Present**

Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Vince Bates	Headeast
Dianne Thain	Community Representative
Andrew Blair	Community Representative
Anne Patterson	Community Representative

Apologies

Cr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Melinda Ross	Sunnyfield
Dianne Thian	Community Representative
Terry Fletcher	Community Representative
Chris Donnellan	Community Representative
Jessica Blair	Community Representative
Phillip Sundstrom	Community Representative

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11 November were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**2.1 An Enchanted Evening Carers & Disability Ball**

Frida reported the Enchanted Evening Ball held at the Prince Henry Centre Little Bay in November was a great success. Over 140 residents with a disability, their carers, family and friends attended the local community event to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability. Carers accessed a range of information and resources on available services and support in Eastern Sydney on the evening. The Ball was held in partnership with Junction House and Holdsworth Community Centre & Services.

Action: For Information

2.2 World AIDS Day & IDPWD Events

Frida reported that Council held "Breaking down Barriers" an information session about HIV/AIDS at Randwick Library to celebrate World AIDS Day in October. A guest speaker from Positive Life NSW spoke about his personal journey with HIV and the importance of reducing stigma and discrimination towards HIV Positive people in local communities. SESIAHS HIV AIDS Related Program Unit provided a small grant to hold the information session, which was well attended by local residents.

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Council also raised funds and awareness on the behalf Area Health Services for World AIDS Day - fundraising proceeds were shared between Bobby Goldsmith Foundation (local recipient) and the Save the Children Program Papua New Guinea (International Recipient). Frida also reported that over 700 Disability Information & Resource kits were distributed to residents and visitors at Coogee Family Fun Day on Saturday 5 December for IDPWD.

Action: For noting.

2.3 Access Issues from previous meetings

Frida reported that an additional accessible parking space will be installed on the Northern side of Arthur Street between Arthur Lane and Belmore Rd. An additional part time accessible park space will also be installed at the frontage of 5 - 7 Vicar St, on the eastern side of Vicar St, just South of Coogee Bay Rd. Dianne requested an update on the number of warnings and fines Council's rangers have issued to residents walking their dogs off leash at Kensington Oval from November 2010. Dianne reported there has been increased non-compliance by residents who continue to exercise their dogs off leash at the oval. Frida will provide a progress report in March in regards to any outstanding access issues from previous meetings.

Action: Frida to provide a progress report at the March meeting.

3. New Business

3.1 RCC 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: For noting.

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. The 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. Refreshments will be provided. Flyers were tabled at the meeting.

Action: For noting.

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3.3 Seniors Week 2011

Frida advised the Committee that Council has organised a program of events and activities to celebrate Seniors Week from March 23 – 2 April. Events include a Twilight Tour of the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum, a Therapeutic Gardening Workshop, a Community Safety and Awareness Information Session and a Playwriting and Performance workshop. Frida tabled flyers at the meeting. Council will also continue to support Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project 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 noting.

3.4 The Memory Van – Alzheimer’s Australia NSW

The Committee was informed that 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 awareness session will be 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. Information will also be available on services provided by Alzheimer’s Australia and on activities to improve memory, as well as how to reduce the risk of developing dementia. Bookings are essential on 9399 0972.

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

3.5 IWD Art Competition & 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.

3.6 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: Frida to update flyers & posters for Ignite to include Council’s Access statement.

3.7 Stronger Together Funding

Frida provided an update on the second phase of Stronger Together funding for 2011-2016. The additional funding will increase disability services capacity by an estimated 47,000 places over the next five years and enable the disability sector to better meet the individualised needs of people with a disability, their family and carers. Key features of the second phase of Stronger Together will be the focus on families as key determiners of how resources are used, increased availability of individualised funding arrangements, and a lifespan approach to meeting people's needs. Copies of the policy can be downloaded from the ADHC website – The next phase 2011-2016 http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/Publications+and+policies/stronger_together.htm.

Action: For Information.

3.8 Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards

The Committee was advised that on the 1st of May 2011 the Premises Standards are expected to take effect and it is anticipated that the Building Code of Australia will be harmonised with the Premises Standards at this time. The Disability (Access to Premises-Buildings) Standards will achieve more consistent, systemic and widespread improvements in non-discriminatory access for people with disability to publically accessible buildings. A full report is available at http://www.humanrightd.gov.au/disability_rights/buildings/access_to_premises.html.

Action: For noting.

3.9 New Access Issues

Dianne requested for Council to consider installing four kerb ramp crossings on the eastern side of Doncaster Avenue, Kensington on the eastern side of Doncaster Avenue, Kensington on the corner of Alison Road.

Action: Frida to liaise with City Service in regards to this request and provide update at the March meeting.

4. Information Share.

5 Correspondence

- IDEAS E-News, Issue 14, 2010
- Newsletter of IDEAS January/February 2011

6 Date of Next Meeting:

To be confirmed.