

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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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, 26 July 2011 at 6:00pm.

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Subject: 11th Annual Des Renford Chair of Hearts Research Family Gala and Charity Day – Use of Des Renford Aquatic Centre

Folder No: F2008/00064

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

The Des Renford Chair of Heart Research was established in memory of Des Renford who was a famous long distance swimmer and strong supporter of Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute.

On Sunday 6 November 2011, the Des Renford Aquatic Centre will be hosting the eleventh annual family day and swim challenge to raise money for the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute. On this day there are many activities including sausage sizzle, water slides, canoe polo and many other free activities run by community groups enabling them to promote their services.

Funds are raised through a \$3.00 donation upon entry, sale of food and drinks, raffles and a Swimathon sponsored by family and friends.

Issues

Randwick City Council has supported this event since it began in November 2000. Council has been asked to provide support as per previous years by the provision of:

- Stage and Public Announcement system;
- Tables, chairs, barricades and Sulo garbage bins;
- Printing of posters and flyers;
- Advertising the event through the 'Regarding Randwick' page in the Southern Courier;
- Pool lifeguards and first aid officers;
- Jumping Castle;
- Use of Des Renford Aquatic Centre

Financial Impact Statement

Should Council accept the recommendation, the financial implication to Council, inclusive of waiving fees, would be in the vicinity of \$8,500.

Conclusion

Council has been supporting the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute for the past 10 years in the form of a family open day at the Des Renford Aquatic Centre. This event is a major annual fundraiser and has proven very successful for the Institute and very well supported by the local community.

Recommendation

That Council vote \$8,500.00 to cover the costs associated with Council's contribution towards the organising and staging of the Des Renford Family Day and Swim Challenge to be held on Sunday 6 November 2011 for the purpose of raising money

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for the Victor Chang Cardiac Foundation and this be funded from the Contingency Fund 2011-12.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: White Ribbon Day - International Day for the elimination of violence against women on 25 November 2011

Folder No: F2004/07652

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

Randwick City Council received a letter from Gavin Dengate, Superintendent, Eastern Beaches Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, requesting Council's support of White Ribbon Day. A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

The White Ribbon Foundation's mission is to change attitudes and behaviours that support or excuse violence against women in Australia. The campaign objectives are:

1. To create wide-scale awareness about the positive role that men can play in bringing an end to violence against women
2. To enable leadership, particularly by men and boys, to bring about social change;
3. To build collective knowledge and understanding of the effective prevention of violence against women.

I propose we support this initiative by providing assistance with the coordination of the proposed activities that are planned and also provide funding towards the cost.

Issues

In order to commemorate this day the NSW Police in Maroubra would like to hold a community walk within the Randwick LGA. At the final destination it is proposed to have a number of speeches and a breakfast. The walk will be open to all community members and will be promoted through the local newspapers and networks. Superintendent Gavin Dengate has advised that similar events are planned in other areas such as in the Sutherland Shire to show support of the White Ribbon Foundation and the significance of this day in eliminating violence against women.

Further planning with the local area command needs to occur following Council's endorsement to support this initiative. The Police are requesting assistance with planning the walk, promoting it, purchasing t-shirts and with the final speeches and breakfast at the end.

The walk is planned to commence early in the morning at a location to be decided. It is suggested that an iconic place in Randwick will be the meeting area with final details still to be decided. The walk will conclude with an informal breakfast and a small number of speeches and I have been invited to open the event.

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be a contribution of \$1,500 from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund.

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Conclusion

The partnership of Randwick City Council and the New South Wales Police Force will highlight the importance of this day and demonstrate the commitment of men towards the elimination of violence against women.

I believe this is a very important cause and Randwick City Council should demonstrate its commitment to the White Ribbon campaign by supporting the NSW Police with this initiative.

Details of this event will be provided to all Councillors along with an invitation to attend closer to the date.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Support this initiative.
- b) Vote to donate \$1,500 to towards the cost of this event to be funded from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

1. Letter from Gavin Dengate RE White Ribbon Day

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Subject: Supporting the Productivity Commission's Draft Report into Disability Care and Support

Folder No: F2004/07714

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

The Productivity Commission has prepared a draft report proposing significant changes to the current funding and support arrangements for people with a disability. This draft report will be delivered to the Federal Government on 31 July 2011.

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's endorsement to prepare a letter to the Federal Government supporting the recommendations proposed by the Productivity Commission's Draft Report.

Issues

This matter has been brought to Council's attention by the CEO and the Chairman of Windgap Foundation who provide services to people with intellectual disabilities within the City of Randwick.

The current system is considered to be underfunded and inefficient, giving people little choice and no certainty of accessing appropriate support services after acquiring their disabilities. The Productivity Commission was asked to examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of implementing an improved system that provides essential care and support for all Australians in the event of significant disability.

The Productivity Commission's report is proposing two new schemes to be implemented concurrently. The first scheme, called National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), will operate like Medicare, in that individuals and families will be guaranteed long-term care and support if they acquired a significant disability. The second scheme would cover people's lifetime care and support needs if they acquired a catastrophic injury from any accident.

The proposed scheme has been designed to accommodate the disability requirements of an individual. For example, once a person has been deemed eligible and their needs assessed, they would be entitled to a package of support and services. They would be able to choose what services and supports work best for them, including managing their own funds provided under the proposed scheme if they wish, adhering to given rules. It would also mean that people who have acquired their disability through a catastrophic event (e.g. accident) can feel confident of receiving immediate disability support services.

Under the proposed scheme, funding will be doubled by the Federal Government to provide care to those who are currently on the waiting list, and people will not have to wait for basic supports like wheelchairs and personal care.

A representative from the NSW Department of Ageing Disability Home and Community Care has advised council staff that it is aware of, and supports the recommendations in the Draft Report. It is also my understanding that neighbouring Councils in Waverley and Botany will also be preparing support letters to the Federal Government on this issue.

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In terms of the timeframe, the Federal Government is expected to respond to the Productivity Commission's Draft Report by the end of 2011. If the scheme is approved, the first pilot will be rolled out in 2014 in one region of Australia. Therefore it is an opportune time for Randwick City Council to write to the Federal Government in support of its recommendations before the end of August 2011.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact to the Council for this matter.

Conclusion

The Productivity Commission has concluded that the existing system of providing care and support to people with disabilities is systematically flawed. Its report has recommended that the current system be replaced with a new arrangement aimed at providing a secure and consistent pool of funds which people with a disability, their families and carers, could draw on to meet their needs. The proposed scheme is expected to benefit an estimated 360,000 Australians.

Recommendation

That Council write to the Federal Government and local MPs supporting the recommendations of the Productivity Commission into Disability Care and Support, and that the Mayor signs off on the letter of support.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: Rainbow Child Care Centre - purchase of new oven

Folder No: F2004/07616

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

Council has received correspondence from Ms Carol Beckett, Acting Director, Rainbow Street Child Care Centre requesting a donation towards the purchase a new oven for the centre valued at \$3,500.00

Issues

Ms Beckett has advised Council that the oven they are currently using has become dangerous. The oven door does not close properly therefore it is not retaining heat which is ending in a high electricity bill. In addition, the cupboards need to be modified to accommodate the large oven.

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council is \$3,500.00 and there are currently sufficient funds in the 2011-12 Contingency Fund to cover this contribution.

Conclusion

It is considered that the purchase of a new oven for the Rainbow Street Child Care Centre is a worthwhile donation.

Recommendation

That Council donate a new oven and associated kitchen modifications to the Rainbow Street Child Care Centre valued at \$3,500.00 and funds be charged to the 2011-12 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM56/11



Subject: Sydney Airport Corporation Forum
Folder No: F2004/07972
Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

Council is seeking reinstatement to the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF) to be more fully informed and able to comment on airport issues affecting Randwick City. Council has written to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Anthony Albanese, on a number of occasions requesting that Randwick Council be made a member of this important aircraft noise forum. The Minister in a recent response of 14 July (Attachment 2) has indicated there are 'practical difficulties' in expanding the group's membership to include Randwick Council.

Issues

The Long Term Operating Plan has been operational at Sydney Airport since 1996. The aim of the Plan is to operate as many flight paths over water or non-residential land as practicable and where not possible, to share the noise burden of aircraft equitably over residential land.

Accordingly, the targets of the Plan are to have the majority of aircraft movements (55%) to the south over water, with 17% of movements to the north, 15% to the west and 13% to the east.

Air Services Australia (ASA) provides monthly reports on Sydney Airport Statistics on their website. The report for May 2011 is the latest report currently available. Monthly statistics are presented below, with exceedences listed in red.

Table 1: Sydney Airport "East" movements 2009-2011 (target 13%)

Month	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2009	#16.63%	#7.96%	#15.29%	#10.22	#9%	#20.13%	15.94%	20.23%	18.69%	12.62%	13.85%	12.42%
2010	12.48%	12.88%	14.67%	13.65%	12.67%	14.34%	13.53	20.02%	14.4%	17.27%	14.69%	16.29%
2011	15.3%	13.02%	12.05%	10.91%	14.05%							

Construction of the safety area at the western end of the east-west runway affected flights from October 2008 to June 2009 where flights were using Mode 15 taking off over the east

This table of figures confirms that since 2009 the 13% East target has been exceeded in the majority of months (65.5%).

Further to this, the average annual figures for 1998 and 2011 (see Attachment 1) show that the 13% target has been exceeded (even if only marginally) in all of the last six years since 2005.

Given this continued pressure and concerns of our residents I intend to continue pressing the Federal Government for inclusion and advocating on these issues.

Conclusion

I propose to respond to the Minister's letter requesting that the consistent LTOP exceedance for East be addressed at the next SACF meeting scheduled for 9

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September 2011. A Council representative will be in attendance at this meeting to hear the response.

Recommendation

That Council endorse that I reiterate Council's position to Minister Albanese that Randwick Council should have a decision making role in SACF.

Attachment/s:

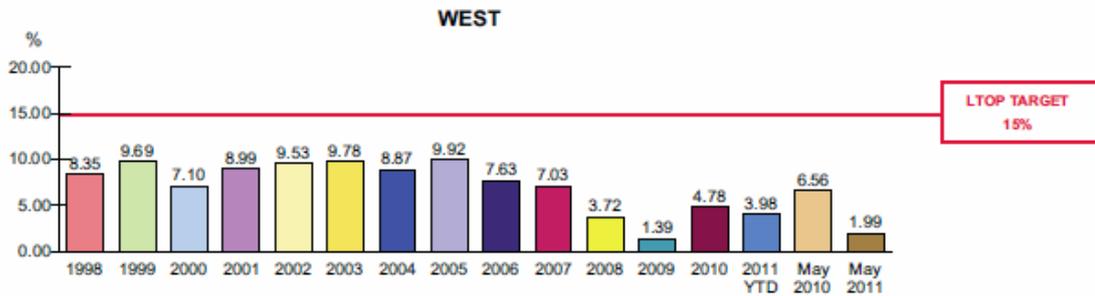
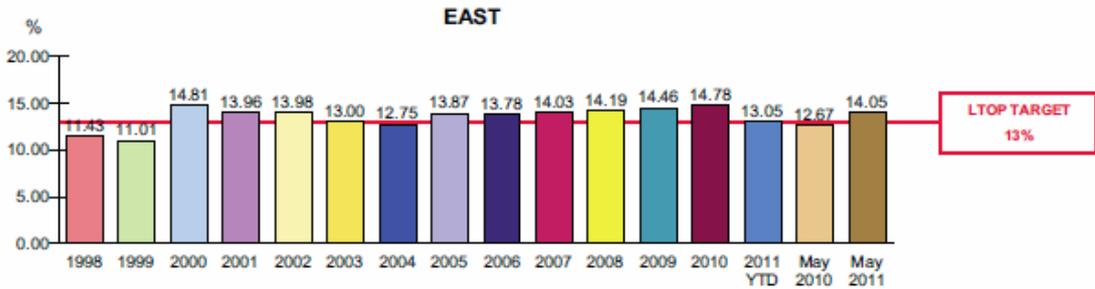
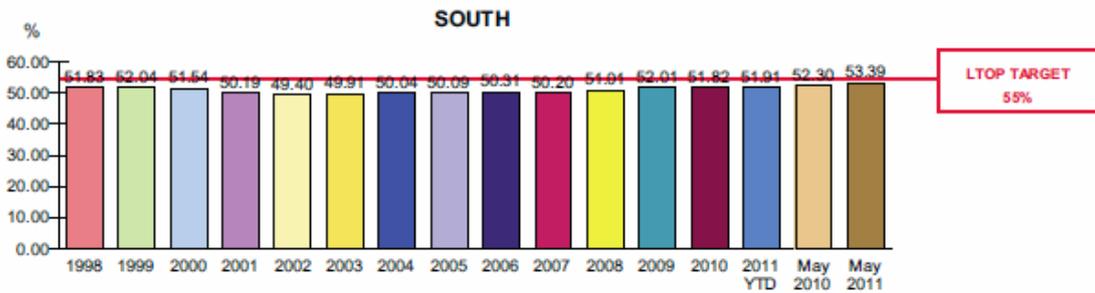
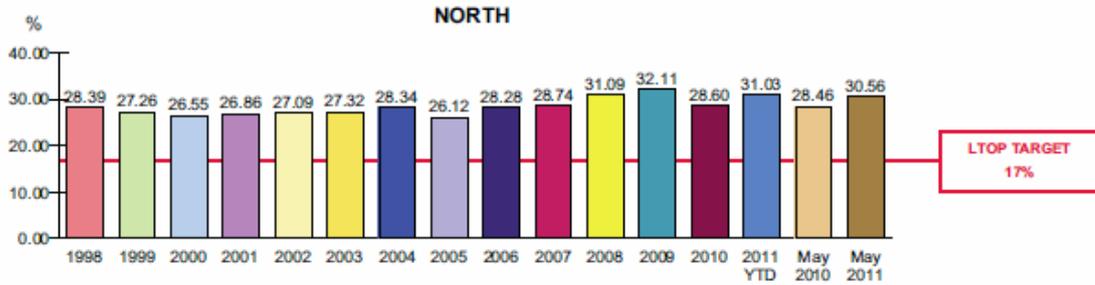
1. Exert from Air Services Australia's monthly statistics report for May 2011
2. Anthony Albanese - Minister For Infrastructure & Transport - Reply to RCC's letter dated 14/6/2011 seeking membership of the SACF

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Attachment 1 Exert from ASA monthly statistics report for May 2011

Runway End Impact to 31 May 2011

Includes comparisons with annual figures for 1998 to 2010, 2011 Year to Date, current month this year and corresponding month last year.



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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Leader of the House

Reference: 07751-2011

Randwick City Council

Cr Murray Watson
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Randwick City Council
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14 JUL 2011

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Records Received

Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter dated 14 June 2011 seeking membership of the Sydney Airport Community Forum (SACF).

I appreciate your interest in SACF. While there are practical difficulties with expanding the membership of SACF, I am keen to ensure that local government is kept closely informed of developments within SACF.

In previous correspondence on this matter I mentioned that the Council is welcome to send an observer to SACF meetings. In addition, minutes of meetings and correspondence can be accessed through the SACF website at: <SACF@infrastructure.gov.au>.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Mayoral Minute No. MM57/11



Subject: Review of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act - future of JRPPs

Folder No: F2006/00158

Author: Councillor Matson, Mayor

Introduction

The NSW Government has recently announced that its review of the NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 as amended (the Act), will be undertaken over the next 18 months and a draft Bill expected to be placed before Parliament in the latter half of 2012.

Issues

Given the many changes and iterations to the Act since it was first introduced over thirty years ago, a comprehensive review is welcomed.

I would however like to raise concerns with the relatively recent introduction of the Joint Regional Planning Panels (JRPPs) which introduced another decision making body in the planning system for development of a 'regional' scale, which had been largely considered by councils before the JRPPs commenced in 2009.

The NSW Government selected Chairs and experts on these JRPPs have the majority of 3 representatives in the five person panels. Councillors, as locally elected representatives, have only two places on these panels.

I consider that a review of the effectiveness of JRPPs should be a focus of this Act review, to ensure that any future such panels address the inadequate representation of those elected by the community to represent them on such panels.

Conclusion

The future of JRPPs in the planning system is one of importance to Randwick City and all councils where regional scale projects have significant local importance that should be adequately considered at the decision making stage.

Recommendation

That the Council write to the NSW Government seeking assurance that the review of the Act will reconsider the current JRPP model and in particular, the inadequate elected representation on the decision making process of these panels.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Late General Manager's Report No. GM21/11



Subject: Randwick Boys & Girls High Schools - request for financial assistance

Folder No: F2011/06574

Author: David Kelly, Manager Administrative Services

Introduction

I have received a request for financial assistance from Ms Maxine Ford, Liaison Teacher at Randwick Boys High School requesting financial assistance for a combined Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools production to be held at NIDA in September, given the cancellation of the Rock Eisteddfod competition and following the success of the 2010 production 'Australian Stories'.

Issues

The combined Randwick Girls/Boys Rock Eisteddfod team has had phenomenal success in past Rock Eisteddfod competitions, being placed in the first five in the Premier Division every year from 1992 to 2009. For the eight years prior to the cancellation of the competition, they won a place in the National Competition which was televised nationally. The most recent production in 2009 saw the RAW team placed 3rd in the state, and the Premier team placed 2nd in the state, and 3rd in the national competition.

Last year, due to the cancellation of the Rock Eisteddfod competition, the Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools put on their own production, 'Australian Stories', featuring a number of different items showcasing student talents in dance, drama, singing and music. This year, a similar show will be held at NIDA Parade Theatre Kensington on Wednesday August 31st and Thursday 1st September, 2011.

220 students are involved in the combined performance and each one signs a pledge not to smoke, drink or use any drugs during the production year.

The Schools have asked for financial assistance from Council for the September 2011 production and have indicated that they will ensure that Council's contribution is acknowledged amongst the Randwick team, on the students' jerseys, fliers, and school newsletters, fostering a strong community awareness of our involvement.

Financial impact statement

If the report recommendation is adopted, the donation will be funded from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund budget.

Conclusion

Council has provided financial support for the Randwick Girls/Randwick Boys Rock Eisteddfod team for a number of years and supported the inaugural combined show at NIDA last year. It is recommended that Council contribute towards the cost of the Schools 2011 production as this is an important community event and worthy of continued financial assistance from Council. The event will be 'drug-free' which positively encourages a healthy lifestyle for those involved, as well as fostering the development of the students' talents in the creative arts.

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Recommendation

That:

- a) Council donate \$4,000.00 to the Randwick Girls and Boys High Schools for the combined production to be held at NIDA in September 2011, such funds to come from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund budget.
- b) the Schools undertake to appropriately and prominently promote Council's sponsorship of the event.

Attachment/s:

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