

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, 6 December 2011 at 6:00pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor (S Nash), Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, Hughes, Matson (Deputy Chairperson), Matthews, Notley-Smith, Procopiadis, Seng, Smith, Stevenson, Tracey, 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

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Community Services Committee - 8 November 2011

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Community Services Report No. C23/11



Subject: Council's Advisory Committee Minutes
Folder No: F2006/00216
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Introduction

At the 10 March 2009 Community Services Committee Meeting, it was resolved that the minutes of the Advisory Committees are to be presented to the Community Services Committee.

This report brings together, for Council's acceptance, the minutes of previous meetings adopted by the respective Advisory Committees in October and November 2011.

Issues

As scheduled, the Advisory Committee listed below has met and the minutes of the meetings, reflecting discussions and outcomes, are attached. These minutes are also available on Council's website.

This report includes minutes from:

- Access Advisory Committee held in October (endorsed November 2011)
- Older Persons Advisory Committee held in October (endorsed November 2011)
- Multicultural Advisory Committee held in July (endorsed October 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

The minutes of these Advisory Committee Meetings are now in order to be submitted to the Council for acknowledgement and acceptance.

Recommendation

That the Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes of the following Advisory Committees:

- Access Advisory Committee held 13 October 2011
- Older Persons Advisory Committee held 5 October 2011
- Multicultural Advisory Committee held in 20 July 2011.

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Attachment/s:

1. Minutes of Access Advisory Committee Meeting held 13 October 2011
2. Minutes of Older Persons Advisory Committee Meeting held 5 October 2011
3. Minutes of Multicultural Advisory Committee held 20 July 2011

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MINUTES
Randwick City Council Access Advisory Committee
Meeting held on Thursday 13 October 2011, at the
Randwick Room, Randwick Council.

Present

Cr.Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Tess Protey	Junction House
Terry Fletcher	Community Representative

Apologies

Vince Bates	Headeast
Melinda Ross	Sunnyfield
Cr.Tony Bowen	Randwick City Council
Chris Donnellan	Randwick City Council
Jessica Blair	Community Representative
Andrew Blair	Community Representative
Dianne Thian	Community Representative
Anne Patterson	Community Representative
Phillip Sundstrom	Community Representative

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 September were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**2.1 Access issues from previous meeting**

Terry noted that the accessible parking space was removed from Randwick Medical located at 155 Belmore Road, not on Cuthill Street, Randwick as previously reported at the September meeting. Terry also requested that additional accessible parking spaces be installed on Belmore Road, Randwick for residents and visitors with mobility impairments.

Action: Frida to notify City Services.

3. New Business**3.1 Carers Week Events**

Frida reported that the Twilight Tour held at the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum at Little Bay on Wednesday 12 October was a great success with over 80 carers, their friends and family members attending the event. Bookings for the Gardening workshop are also at capacity.

Action: For noting.

3.2 Mental Health Month 2011

Frida reported that Council held Growing Well, an interactive information day in partnership with NEAMI East-Sydney, on Thursday 6 October at Randwick Community Centre, to celebrate Mental Month. The event was a great success, with over 100 consumers and carers attending and participating in a range of activities to promote good mental health and wellbeing practices. A range of information and resources on available services and support were disseminated at the event.

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Action: For information.

3.3 World AIDS Day Events

Frida reported that Council obtained a Red Ribbon World AIDS Day Grant to host a community event to celebrate 20 years of the Red Ribbon. Council will be holding an information session "Breaking down Barriers" on Tuesday 29 November from 11am – 12.30pm at Randwick Branch Library. Guest speakers from Positive Life NSW and Ankali will explore the stories of people living with HIV/AIDS and the people who care for them. The session will also include a screening of a DVD on how to become a volunteer with the Ankali Project. The event is supported by the HIV/AIDS and Related Programs Unit, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District.

Action: Frida to table flyers/posters at the November meeting.

3.4 Playwriting and Performance Workshop

The Committee was informed that Council will be holding a Playwriting and Performance workshop with industry experts, Hilary Bell and Bill Conn on Saturday 22 October from 10am – 4pm at Bowen Library and Community Centre. Registrations for the workshop are essential and close on Wednesday 19 October. Lunch will be provided. Frida tabled registration forms and flyers at the meeting.

Action: For information.

3.5 International Day of People with a Disability (IDPWD)

Frida tabled the draft poster for the Aloha Ball to be held at the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay on Saturday 26 November from 6pm – 10pm. Tess thanked Council for the Cultural grant and support Junction House has received to organise and host the Ball.

Action: For noting

4. Information Share.

5 Correspondence

6 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10 November 2011.

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MINUTES
Randwick City Council
Older Persons Advisory Committee
Meeting held on Wednesday 5 October 2011, Randwick Room

Present

Cr. Margaret Woodsmith	Randwick City Council
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Billee King	Community Representative
Lee Barwick	Coast Centre for Seniors
Ron Wood	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch
Mike Cornell	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch

Apologies

Anna Lipoma	Sydney Multicultural Services
Keith Francis	Community Representative
Jan Muller	Junction Neighbourhood Centre
Susan McCann	Division of General Practice
Linda Mearing	Coast Centre for Seniors
George Gergely	Community Representative
Sharon Blunt	Randwick/Waverley Community Transport

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2011 were confirmed.

2. Business Arising from Minutes**2.1 Ignite Program of Talks**

The Committee was informed that the next scheduled presentation in the Ignite Program of talks will be **On Coogee Beach**, a chance discovery of a set of photographic negatives that led to the printing and exhibition of a unique set of images of people on Coogee Beach in the summer of 1935/36. Ross will discuss the puzzle that these images presented, the process of their conservation, and the life and times of 1930s in Coogee. The talk will be held on Tuesday 25 October from 10am at Maroubra Seniors, 6 Alma Road Maroubra. Flyers were tabled at the meeting.

Action: For noting.

2.2 Carer Week Events

Frida reported that Council nominated Lyn Smith for a NSW Carers Award in the category of Caring Volunteer or Community Member. Lyn won the award, in recognition of her work as the driving force behind the Prince Henry Nursing Medical Museum and for helping sufferers and their families cope with Parkinson's disease for the past eleven years. Lyn will be honoured for her achievements at the Twilight Tour on Wednesday 12 October at the Nursing and Medical Museum, Little Bay. Frida also reported that bookings for the Twilight Tour and Therapeutic Gardening Workshop are both at capacity.

Action: For noting.

2.3 Cultural Bridges

The Committee was informed that Council in partnership with Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Process (ESMAP) will present Cultural Bridges, a unique program of music and dance from around the globe. Performances from Russia, China, Italy and Indonesia will be showcased on Wednesday 19 October from 10am – 1pm, the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay at 2 Coast Hospital Road. This free community event will also be an opportunity for community members to be part of Anti-poverty Week. All funds

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raised will be donated to Medecins Sans Frontieres – African appeal. Bookings are essential on 9399 0823 or 9399 0972. Transport options available.

Action: For information.

3. General Business

3.1 Seniors Week 2012

The Committee was informed that in 2012 Seniors Week will be held from 18-25 March. Council has submitted a grant application for funding to Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) to host an Information Expo during Seniors Week. The purpose of the Expo is to promote a range of Home and Community Care (HACC) and HACC related services to Senior's and their carers, to enable them to continue living independently in their own homes and stay connected to their community. Recreation and leisure providers will also promote local sporting opportunities and activities to reduce social isolation, increase community participation and health and wellbeing in this target group.

Action: For noting.

3.2 NSW Mental Health Month

Frida reported that to Celebrate Mental Health Month, Council will support Neami, East Sydney to host Growing Well, an interactive information day on Thursday 6 October from 10.30am – 2.30pm at Randwick Community Centre, 27 Munda Street Randwick. The day will focus on strategies for keeping both mentally and physically well, using different forms of art and craft, exercise, healthy eating, diet and nutrition. This free local community event is also an opportunity for consumers and carers to find out more about their local service providers. Flyers and posters were tabled at the meeting.

Action: For noting.

3.3 Therapeutic Gardening Workshop

Frida reported that the Therapeutic Gardening workshop is almost fully booked and that these free workshops continue to be popular with residents and community members. The workshop will be held on Saturday 15 October from 11am to 3pm at Council Community Nursery, 2B Barker Street, Kingsford. Bookings are essential. Morning tea and lunch provided. The workshops are tailored to meet the needs of people with mobility impairments.

Action: For noting.

3.4 Playwriting and Performance Workshop

The Committee was informed that Council will be hosting a free Playwriting and Performance workshop with industry experts Hilary Bell and Bill Conn on Saturday 22 October from 10am – 4pm at Bowen Library and Community Centre. Participants must register their interest by 5pm on Friday 14 October. Morning tea and lunch will be provided at this local community event. Registration forms and posters were tabled at the meeting.

Action: For information.

3.5 Healthy Ageing Public Forum

Frida tabled flyers for the public forum on How to Have a Healthy Ageing Brain. The Forum will be hosted by the Consumer Consultative Committee Aged Care Psychiatry Service of Prince of Wales Hospital on Monday 24th October from 10am to 1pm at South Sydney Junior Rugby League Club. The forum will include presentations by experts in the fields of good health, longevity and dementia. Bookings essential on 9382 3753 and morning tea provided.

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Action: For noting.

Guest Speaker: Gigi Lombardi, Parks & Recreation Officer

Gigi spoke about Council's new capitol works project, to supply and install an outdoor Seniors Exercise area with equipment specifically designed for Seniors.

- The location for the Seniors Exercise outdoor exercise area will be Jack Vanny Memorial Park.
- This site location was chosen as it receives a moderate to high amount of foot traffic, is wheelchair accessible and has adequate parking facilities and public transport options.
- Council has \$60,000 to undertake the project for the provision of exercise equipment for the mobility impaired.
- The exercise area can be utilised by people with mobility impairments of all ages and members of the general public.
- Council will provide signage and instruction on how to use the equipment.
- Committee members raised the following areas of concern: provision of security, adequate lighting for the site and access to public toilet amenities.
- Council will continue to seek input from the Older Persons and Access Advisory Committees as the project progresses.
- Frida thanked Gigi for attending the meeting as a guest speaker.

Action: For noting.

Information Share

- Ron reported that the guest speaker at the next National Seniors Randwick-Botany Branch meeting will be Edwina Catan and that they have also organised upcoming bus trips to Newcastle and Port Kembla.
- Lee reported that the Coast Centre for Seniors will be hosting their open day on Sunday 23 October from 11am to 2pm. Visitors will be able to participate in a range of activities on the day.

Correspondence

- CPSA THE Voice Newsletter, October 2011
- The Junction News, Winter edition 2011
- The Little Bay Coast Centre for Seniors Newsletter

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 2 November 2011.

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**Minutes of Meeting
Randwick City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee
Meeting held on 20 July 2011 at 5.15pm**

Present

Cr Bradley Hughes	Randwick City Council
Colin Rosenfeld	Randwick City Council
Katherine Zhu	Randwick City Council
Peter Schick	Community Representative
George Varughese	Community Representative
Janet Timberg	Community Representative
Jiabin Gao	Community Representative

Apologies

Rosa Loria	Community Representative
Hendra Mulyanto	Community Representative
Vicki Boiles	Community Representative

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 May were confirmed. Moved by Peter Schick and seconded by George Varughese.

2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**2.1 Citizenship ceremony**

The Committee was informed that the next citizenship ceremony will be held on Thursday 11 August. Committee members interested in attending the ceremony should contact Colin Rosenfeld who will organise an official invitation.

Action: For noting.

2.2 Overseas Sister Cities

The Committee was informed that a letter with an accompanying survey had been sent to the five schools that had initially expressed interest in the project. The survey responses will provide a progress report on the project from the schools' perspective.

Randwick Boys High School had returned the survey indicating an interest in the school in Castellorizo in Greece. Brigidine College had withdrawn from the project. Contact has also been made with Hangzhou in China to ascertain their position and identify what further needs to be done to progress this project.

Cr Hughes mentioned that the Chair of the La Perouse Museum was interested in helping with contacting Albi in France. It was noted that there had been no response to the two letters sent last year to the Mayor of Albi.

Action: A progress report to be given to the next meeting.

2.3 Harmony Day Festival 2012

At the last meeting the proposal to hold the 2012 Harmony Day event in conjunction with Spot Food and Film Festival was discussed. The benefits of combining the two events were noted: the festival has a very high profile, attracts a large audience and there are significant infrastructure cost savings. The festival has clear multicultural aspects with food stalls and entertainment. The

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Committee reaffirmed the merits of the proposal but felt that a separate and smaller Harmony Day activity should still be held, in addition to the Spot Festival to ensure the message of Harmony Day is adequately promoted. It was suggested that a multicultural arts and craft day could be held at one of council's venues on a weekend, after the Spot Festival. The committee members offered to assist with this activity.

Action: The committee to consider details of the Harmony Day activity and finalise at next meeting.
A report will be sent to council to recommend that Harmony Day is included in the promotion of the Spot Festival.

2.4 New Community Representative

Jiabin Gao was introduced and welcomed to the committee. Jiabin will fill the vacancy for the international student representative position. Jiabin is undertaking his PHD in Chemistry at UNSW.

Action: For noting

2.5 Migrant Story Project 2011

Katherine Zhu gave a progress report on this project. A copy of the draft project brief was tabled. Randwick Library Service will be developing the migrant story project from July to December 2011 in conjunction with Randwick TAFE's Media Unit. Students will undertake to interview local residents who were migrants and record their stories on a DVD. Committee members are welcome to provide contact details of residents who would be interested in the project, and will be provided with more details once the brief has been finalised with the TAFE.

Action: A progress report will be given at the next meeting

3. New Business

3.1 NSW Community Relations Commission funding

At the last meeting, a report was given on the Commission's Regional Consultation held in March 2011. George Varughese pointed out that the Commission offers funding to councils for street festivals. Funding is provided by the CRC on the basis of \$10,000 pa for 3 years if Council agrees to hold the event for five consecutive years and totally funds it for the additional 2 years. It was noted that five consecutive years is a significant commitment and \$10,000 pa would only partially fund a street festival.

Action: For discussion at the next meeting after further investigation

3.2 Multicultural Health Week

Katherine Zhu informed the meeting that the Library will be holding an event on 9 September at Bowen Library to coincide with Multicultural Health Week. It will involve a guest speaker discussing nutrition, launch of a multicultural cook book and a demonstration of healthy multicultural foods.

Action: For information

3.3 Sydney Multicultural Community Services - Family Day

The Centre's Settlement Worker with the support of council is planning an outdoor event in a local park in October. The activity will provide new settlers with information about

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emergency services, especially the police and include information stalls. A multicultural cook book is also being produced by centre's clients.

Action: For noting

3.4 Learn about your Council

Colin Rosenfeld informed the Committee that Council will be holding an information session at the Town Hall for Russian speaking residents on 17 August. This activity aims to explain the role and services of council, and will be held in conjunction with Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project (ESMAP). It is anticipated that sessions will be held for other multicultural groups with interpreters. It is planned to include new settlers in this program from Sydney Multicultural Community Services in the future.

Action: For information

4. Correspondence

- Community Mental Health Forum at 6.30pm on 3/8, Randwick Town Hall
- Performance by Nirmal Jena at Prince Henry Centre on 29 July at 7pm
- Randwick City Library Service, multicultural services brochure.
- Posters in 5 languages promoting council's multicultural website pages
- Council's Local Government Week activities, 1-7 August

Date of Next Meeting:

As Council will be nominating Councillor representatives for all Advisory Committees in September, it is anticipated that the next meeting will be held in October.

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Library Report No. L5/11



Subject: Donation of books to Ranfurly Library Service Inc.

Folder No: F2004/08383

Author: Barbara Todes, Manager Library Services

Introduction

At the recent Pride of Workmanship Awards run by Rotary Maroubra, one of the Executive asked the Library Services Manager whether Randwick City Library Service could donate discarded books in good condition to the Ranfurly Library Service Inc., which they support.

Issues

Randwick City Library Service has permission to donate its discarded, unsold books to a number of not-for-profit organisations both in Sydney and overseas. It is seeking permission to donate a portion of these books to the Ranfurly Library Service Inc., which distributes books to the Pacific and Papua New Guinea.

Ranfurly Library Service Inc. is incorporated under the Associations Act of NSW and has Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Status. It is a Rotary supported activity that is sometimes referred to as the Book Arm of Rotary DIK. Ranfurly receives books, mainly used, from schools, Rotary Clubs and individuals, and transports them to the Pacific and Papua New Guinea. It operates from premises in the former Callan Park Mental Hospital site at Rozelle, where they have a 10 year lease at \$1 per annum.

Ranfurly began in the UK in 1957. It was started by Lord and Lady Ranfurly. Lord Ranfurly had been Governor in the Bahamas and had noted an appalling lack of literacy among the locals. The Ranfurly's set up a book collection program amongst their friends. The Ranfurly's later extended their efforts to Commonwealth countries in Africa. In 1986 the Ranfurly's contacted the Rotary Club of Sydney and requested assistance in establishing a similar arrangement to service the literacy needs in the Pacific and in PNG.

Five years ago the Rotary Club of Sydney requested that other Rotary Clubs in District 9750 take over the running of Ranfurly. They are staffed by volunteers, both Rotarians and non Rotarians. They get good support from a number of suppliers of goods and services. They get free cartons from Visy. Allied Transport carries their consignments free of charge to Botany Port Handling and JJ Richards collects their discarded books for a nominal fee. While freight is expensive, they send out around 2 consignments a fortnight and last year sent out 133,500 books.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A Vibrant and Diverse Community.

Direction 2b: Enrich our range of Community Services that meet our Community's Needs.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

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Conclusion

Maroubra Rotary in conjunction with Ranfurly Inc. is providing an invaluable service to the Pacific and PNG in assisting them increase literacy levels. Randwick City Library Service has the capacity to donate discarded books in subjects they have requested to support this worthwhile effort.

Recommendation

That Council support Randwick City Library Service donating its discarded books to Ranfurly Library Service Inc. for distribution to the Pacific and Papua New Guinea.

Attachment/s:

1. Information and request received by Ranfurly Library Service Inc.

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Ranfurly Library Service Inc.

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Ranfurly receives books, mainly used, from schools, Rotary Clubs, schools and individuals. Ranfurly operates from premises in the former Callan Park Mental Hospital site at Rozelle. We have a ten year lease there at \$1 per year.

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In 1986 the Ranfurly's contacted the R/C of Sydney and requested assistance in establishing a similar arrangement to service the needs in the Pacific and in PNG. Five years ago the Rotary Club of Sydney requested that other Rotary Clubs in District 9750 take over the running of Ranfurly. We receive support from many clubs in District 9750 the main supporting clubs would be Caringbah and my own club Sydney Cove.

We receive books mainly collected and delivered by Rotarians in D 9680 9690 and this District 9750. We also receive books from other Districts in N.S.Wales. We receive large consignments of books from the ACT.

We are staffed by volunteers, both Rotarians and non Rotarians. The work is clean interesting and not necessarily heavy. We have male and female volunteers.

We get good support from our suppliers of goods and services. We get free cartons from Visy. Allied Transport carries our consignments free of charge to Botany Port Handling and JJ Richards collects our discarded books for a nominal fee. Plus I have already mentioned that we have a ten year lease on our premises for \$1 per year.

Freight to overseas ports is a big worry for us. Our cheapest destination is Fiji at \$159 per consignment and the dearest consignment is \$770 to Wewak. A consignment is .8 cu metre and is usually 1,600/2,000 books. We send out two consignments per fortnight. Last year we sent out 133,500 books and to date we have sent out well over 3,000,000 books. We need money from clubs, our costs are about \$3/400 per week and there are about 50 clubs in our district. Our largest single donor last year was Rotary Eclub one. We have not heard from them this year.

Ranfurly Library Services Inc.

Check List of books required.

We need (English language only).

Reading books for infant, primary and secondary levels.
(including novels both hard and soft cover).

Encyclopedias , National Geographic Magazines.
(Both less than 20 years old please.)

Geography, Science and travel books (especially with Photographs/pictures) published after 1980 plus Atlases and dictionaries.
Nursing textbooks and first aid books.

Basic text books on mathematics, music, history, economics, commerce .

WE do not need and cannot use.

Non English language books.

Text Books on Australian Law, Government Reports, Hand Books etc.

Music or music books, cassettes, CD's, colour slides or film.

Condition of books.

Books should be reasonably clean, without torn or missing pages, or broken spines. Best test would be 'would you give this book to your own child or grandchild?'

Size of cartons.

Preferably about the size of wine cartons, reflex paper boxes or fruit and vegetable cartons.

If in doubt ring:

B. Moscrop 02 9692 8460 0414876 273. Or A. David Brawn 02 94995530 or 0412 051 399

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