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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, 27 March 2012 at 6pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM17/12



Subject: 100th Year Anniversary of Anzac Day
Folder No: F2004/08326
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

The Federal Government has been warned that celebrating the centenary of Anzac Day could provoke division in multicultural Australia and that there are "risks" in honouring our fallen soldiers. That "warning" ought to be outright rejected.

Issues

News articles in both the Herald Sun and The Daily Telegraph on Monday 26 March 2012 have brought to the public's attention focus-group testing and a research paper commissioned by the Federal Government to guide commemoration plans for the centenary of Anzac Day. The articles indicate that multiculturalism is listed under "risks and issues" in the research paper.

The research paper, which is being used by the Federal Government to guide commemorations plans, apparently indicates that the centenary of Anzac Day is a "double-edged sword" and a "potential area of divisiveness" because of multiculturalism. The report also says organisers should avoid references to current military action because they are "unpopular with young people".

The articles indicate that - 'Diggers groups slammed the report, saying Australians supported the April 2015 centenary celebrations, which are expected to stop the nation, and include travelling exhibitions and special remembrance services' and that enthusiasm for Anzac Day remains as strong as ever.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

I suggest that this Council outright reject the warning referred to above, commit to fully embracing the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day and reject the notions that commemorating our military history is something of a "double-edged sword" or a "potential area of divisiveness".

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Note the Federal Government-commissioned research into the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day;
- b) Completely reject the notion that "commemorating our military history in a multicultural society is something of a double-edged sword";
- c) Completely reject the notion that the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day is a "potential area of divisiveness";

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- d) Commit to supporting the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Anzac Day in April 2015 as this Council has proudly supported Anzac Day over the past decades;
- e) Write to all RSL clubs in Randwick City and the Federal Government informing them of Council's resolution.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM18/12



Subject: Waiving of Fees for Banner - Royal Hospital for Women Foundation

Folder No: F2004/06257

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Ms Elise Deayton, Community Relations Manager, Royal Hospital for Women Foundation, seeking the waiving of fees associated with the installation of a banner advertising their Mother's Day Royal Picnic.

Issues

The Royal Hospital for Women Foundation would like to display their banner to advertise their Mother's Day Picnic which is their annual major fundraising event. This banner will be hung at the Arden Street and Malabar Road, South Coogee site.

Costing as follows:

Installation and removal of banner	\$ 680.00
Hire of banner poles x 2 weeks	\$1,200.00
Total	\$1,880.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$1,880.00 and there are currently sufficient funds in the 2011-12 Contingency Fund to cover this contribution.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should support the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation by waiving the fees to hang a banner for the hospital's major fundraising event

Recommendation

That:

- a) the fees associated with the installation and dismantling of one banner at the intersection of Malabar Road and Arden Street, South Coogee for the Royal Hospital for Women Foundation be waived and \$1,880.00 be allocated from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund; and
- b) the organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during their annual fundraising event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM19/12



Subject: 2012 Aurora Annual Dinner
Folder No: F2010/00038
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

The Aurora Group is a charity that raises funds to disburse to gay and lesbian community organisations. Aurora exists so that people can donate to a broad range of causes benefiting the GLBT community.

The Aurora Group organises unique events. The organisation raises funds primarily through holding events with the Annual Dinner being Aurora's biggest fundraising event. Each year, the dinner features an inspiring keynote address. Past keynote speakers have included Sir Ian McKellen, the High Court Judge Justice Virginia Bell, journalist David Marr and Theatre Director Neil Armfield. Special guests have also included Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir Governor of NSW and Clover Moore MP, Lord Mayor of Sydney.

Issues

This year the Aurora Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday 23 June at the Sydney Town Hall. Council has been invited to take a corporate table of ten at the dinner to show our support for the community and for Aurora. As a corporate table, Council will have the opportunity to have its logo placed in the program and on the table. Randwick City Council also be acknowledged verbally on the night.

Subject to Council's approval to participate in this event, interested Councillors and their partners will be invited to attend on the night. A council officer will contact Councillors to determine their availability to attend.

Financial impact statement

The cost of a corporate table is \$2,250.00 for ten people and, if the report recommendation is adopted, the amount will be funded from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is important that Council show its support for organisations such as Aurora, which raises funds for worthwhile community projects and charities. It is also important that Council has a presence at this event where are a number of high profile individuals, organisations and corporate companies are also in attendance.

Recommendation

That Council purchase a corporate table for the Aurora Dinner and that interested Councillors and their partners be invited to attend.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM20/12



Subject: 2012 Civic Reception for Rotary
Folder No: F2010/00038
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

Council has been approached by the Rotary Club to host a Civic Reception on Tuesday 21 August 2012 for 50 people. The reception will honour the District Governor who will be visiting the 9750 District of Randwick.

Rotary is a community based organisation dedicated to "Service Above Self". The City of Randwick has two Rotary branches operating, namely the Rotary Club of Maroubra and the Rotary Club of Randwick. The Club supports local services such as Meals on Wheels and other worthwhile projects nationally such as The Fred Hollows Foundation. Internationally, Rotary is also involved with projects such as the Sudan Polio Eradication Effort.

Issues

The Rotary Club of Randwick is seeking a Civic Reception to welcome to the City the District Governor Mr Bill Salter. The proposed date for the Reception is Tuesday 21 August 2012.

The Civic Reception provides an opportunity for Randwick City Council to acknowledge the work undertaken by the Rotary Clubs in providing support to local community projects and enhancing the social capital infrastructure within the City of Randwick.

The Civic Reception will be held in the Lodge Room of the Randwick Town Hall and the Rotary Clubs have indicated approximately fifty members will attend. The Rotary Club Civic Reception is an annual function on the Council's Events Calendar.

Financial impact statement

Funds have been allocated in the 2011-12 Events budget.

Conclusion

It is appropriate for Council to congratulate and demonstrate its support of the Rotary Club as they continue to serve our community.

Recommendation

That Council host a Civic Reception for the Rotary Club in the Lodge Room, Randwick Town Hall on 21 August, 2012 to be funded from the 2011-12 Events Budget.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM21/12



Subject: Proposed Donation to Moree Flood Appeal

Folder No: F2004/07396

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from the President of the Australian Local Government Women's Association of NSW (ALGWA) seeking Council's financial support towards the Moree Flood Appeal.

Issues

As seen in numerous media reports recently, the Moree Plains Local Government area in particular has suffered significantly from severe flooding of both its townships and farming lands. In response to this tragedy, the Executive of the ALGWA has written to all Councils in New South Wales seeking their financial assistance to get the Moree Plains Local Government area back on its feet.

The ALGWA will be coordinating the appeal and will be presenting a cheque to the Mayor of Moree Plains Shire Council, along with the names of all supporting Councils.

Financial impact statement

Donations such as this are allowed for in the Contingency Fund 2011-12 budget.

Conclusion

Councils across the state have traditionally supported each other in times of hardship. It is considered that such a donation is appropriate to assist the people of Moree Plains in their recovery efforts.

Recommendation

That Council approve a donation of \$4,000.00 to the Australian Local Government Women's Association of NSW to pass on to the Moree Flood Appeal on our behalf, such funds to come from the Contingency Fund 2011-12.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM22/12



Subject: Randwick Boys and Girls High Schools
- Request for financial assistance

Folder No: F2012/06574

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

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 2012.

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.

In 2010, due to the cancellation of the Rock Eisteddfod competition, the Randwick Boys and Randwick Girls High Schools put on their own production 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 in September.

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 2012 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 2012-13 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 combined show at NIDA since 2010. It is recommendation that Council contribute towards the cost of the Schools' 2012 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 2012, such funds to come from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund budget.
- b) the Schools undertake to appropriately and prominently promote Council's sponsorship of the event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM23/12



Subject: Implications of the Carbon Tax for
Randwick City Residents and
Ratepayers

Folder No: F2005/00230

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

Further to my Mayoral Minute of 18 October 2011, the Federal Labor Government's Carbon Tax legislation, with the support of The Greens, has now passed through the Federal Parliament. The Carbon Tax will commence on 1 July 2012.

People sometimes refer to the 3 R's of local government – rates, roads and rubbish. This Mayoral Minute concerns the first of those categories – rates – and our residents deserve to know the impact of the Carbon Tax on their Council rates.

Issues

I have been working closely with Council's Finance Department, in preparing the 2012-13 Budget, to overcome the adverse impact on our residents of the Federal Labor Government's Carbon Tax.

Randwick City Council, as part of the state-wide integrated planning process, had its rate pegging limit set in 2009 for the term of this Council. Randwick's approved increase for 2012-13 is 3.59% (plus 2.69% for the Buildings for Our Community program, being a program which has allowed, and will continue to allow, Council to collect funds for such important initiatives which our community has demanded for years, including multi-million dollar upgrades of our local surf clubs, child care centres and the Des Renford Aquatic Centre).

For Councils subject to the rate peg, however, the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has recently advised that the rate pegging limit for 2012-13 will be 3.6% and that 0.4% of that increase represents an allowance for the impact of the Carbon Tax. Given Randwick's rates were set back in 2009, Council is in no position other than to absorb the 0.4% Carbon Tax allowance into its budget. That is, over 10% of the rate peg this year is attributable to the impact of the Carbon Tax.

Based on more concrete data now available (that is, since my Mayoral Minute of 18 October 2011), Council's draft budget for 2012-13 will include, on the professional advice of Council's Finance Department, the following increases in costs for services/utilities directly impacted by the Carbon Tax:

Electricity	\$206,253
Street lighting	\$140,237
<u>Garbage disposal</u>	<u>\$1,154,337</u>
Total direct impact on Council's budget	\$1,500,827

The increases in electricity and street lighting costs (\$346,490) represents an increase in expenditure for Council of \$6.94 per ratable property.

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The increase in garbage disposal costs will, unfortunately, need to be passed on directly to our residents via the domestic waste management charge. In 2012-13, the domestic waste management charge is set to increase from \$429.30 to \$465.11 per annum. This represents an 8.34% increase of which 4.75% (or \$20.40) is directly attributable to the Carbon Tax.

That is, based on current data, the impact of the Carbon Tax for each ratepayable property in Randwick City is \$27.34. In my Mayoral Minute of 18 October 2011, I estimated the impact of the Carbon Tax would be about \$22 per rateable property. At that time, I said I hoped I was wrong in my estimate and that the impact on residents would be lower. Unfortunately, I was wrong, except that the impact is somewhat greater than my original estimate.

I will not allow the Federal Labor Government's Carbon Tax to adversely affect the services the Council delivers to its residents.

The \$1,500,827 impact is, self-evidently, significant. That figure represents the impact for the first year of the Carbon Tax's operation. The impact will not doubt increase in later years, including when the emissions trading scheme commences. In order to overcome the impact, I have been working closely with Council's Finance Department, in preparing the 2012-13 Budget, to ensure Council continues to provide the services our residents expect and deserve. This has required disciplined economic management.

As a result of that disciplined economic management as part of the budget preparations, I have ensured that the Carbon Tax will have no impact on the delivery of services as part of Council's 2012-13 Budget. The 2012-13 draft Budget, in its present form, will ensure that all service delivery levels will be maintained despite the Carbon Tax. However, that amount which cannot be passed on via the domestic waste management charge, cannot be spent on capital works projects, such as road resurfacing, footpath upgrades and other like projects.

In summary, therefore, the impact of the Carbon Tax for Randwick City is:

1. Following decisions made during the budget preparation process, no impact on service delivery; however
2. A \$1,500,827 hit to our budget (comprising a \$27.34 hit per rateable household); and
3. An inability to fund some capital works projects such as road resurfacing and footpath upgrades.

It is important in this context to recall that Council, just over the past 12 months, has been involved in various fantastic initiatives aimed at addressing climate change and sustainability issues. These include:

1. The launch of the Green Money Recycling Rewards program – Council is assisting in the participation of up to 10,000 households in an incentive program aimed at increasing the volume of material being recycled and so diverted from going to the rubbish tip. In the first week, more than 1000 people have registered to participate in the program;
2. Making every hour, Earth Hour in Randwick – Council has been supporting the annual Earth Hour event since it began in Sydney in 2007. This year, Council is holding the Earth Hour Family Festival at our Works Depot which will not only showcase major energy and water saving initiatives underway but let

residents come in and find out how they can save money on their electricity bills and reduce their impact on the planet;

3. Saving energy and money for ratepayers at Council sites – Council continues to “practice what it preaches”, seeking to maximise ways to reduce its own environmental impact by saving energy across our own operations. We have more than 70 kilowatts of solar panels installed at Council sites, the largest system at our Works Depot is contributing almost a quarter of the Depot’s annual energy use. Plans are underway to have more than 100 kilowatts of solar panels installed at Council buildings by the end of the year;
4. Saving water is equally important – Randwick City Council has been investigating substantially in major water saving infrastructure as a way of “drought proofing” our operations for the future. We have major stormwater re-use and recycling projects at our highest water consuming buildings and in almost all of our key parks and reserves. Most importantly, Council is saving approximately 400 to 450 million litres of townwater per year from the range of water saving projects installed including our Administration Building, our Aquatic Centre, our Community Nursery and our Depot;
5. Working with our neighbouring Councils – Randwick’s focus is not just on a carbon future, but an ecological future. We have been working with our local government neighbours, Waverley and Woollahra Councils for 4 years now to implement measures that can influence how much we all consume and waste when it comes to energy, water, recycling, compost for our garden etc. We have been cooperating and coordinating workshops for residents, a home composting program, energy saving efforts for residents and even developed a demonstrating Sustainability House in Randwick to showcase and assist residents find and implement practical energy and water saving actions in their own home.

All of these initiatives are funded from Council’s Environmental Levy and the Waste Improvement (WASIP) budgets. Council and its residents should be proud of them. The impact of the Carbon Tax on Council’s budget is a different matter. Our residents have the right to know what that impact will be.

Financial impact statement

The identifiable and direct impact of the Carbon Tax on Randwick City Council amounts to \$1,500,827. Of this amount \$1,154,337 will be passed on to our residents via the domestic waste management charge.

Conclusion

The direct impacts of the Federal Labor Government’s Carbon Tax are now known and, based on the professional advice of Council’s Finance Department, will result in a \$1,500,827 hit to Council’s 2012-13 Budget.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Note the adverse impact of the Federal Labor Government’s Carbon Tax on the Council’s budget as outlined in this Mayoral Minute, being in summary:
 - a. Electricity – an extra \$206,253 hit to our budget;

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- b. Street lighting – an extra \$140,237 hit to our budget; and
 - c. Garbage disposal – an extra \$1,154,337 hit to be passed on to our residents via the domestic waste management charge.
2. Note the wide range of fantastic initiatives of the Council aimed at addressing climate change and sustainability issues; and
3. In its preparations of the 2012-13 Budget, reaffirm its commitment to remaining financially sustainable, debt-free and maintaining our service levels, notwithstanding the adverse impact of the Federal Labor Government's Carbon Tax.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM24/12



Subject: La Perouse Museum Community Committee

Folder No: F2004/06882

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

I have recently received a letter from the Office of Environment and Heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service) (attached) inviting me, as Mayor of Randwick, or a representative to participate on the La Perouse Museum Community Committee.

Issues

The Committee is to be established to enable more consultation and community input in relation to the enhancement of the exhibitions in the La Perouse Museum which relate to the many layers of significance of the heritage site.

National Parks and Wildlife Service advises that the Committee will be chaired by an independent heritage expert, Emeritus Professor David Carment. Other committee members will comprise senior academics, representatives of the Friends of the La Perouse Museum and Local Aboriginal Land Council, the French Consul or his nominee and the NPWS Director for Metropolitan Branch. The letter includes detailed Terms of Reference (attached) for the Committee.

Meetings are to be held on up to four occasions in 2012 in order to produce a written submission to the head of NPWS. Email confirmation of acceptance of the position is required by 30 March 2012.

Conclusion

I note the importance of this community consultation initiative which will ensure that community use, engagement and enjoyment of the Museum can be maximised.

I propose that I, as Mayor, be confirmed as Council's representative on the Committee.

Recommendation

That Council endorse this Mayoral Minute and support the Mayor to sit on the La Perouse Museum Community Committee.

Attachment/s:

1. Letter from the National Parks and Wildlife Service regarding the establishment of the La Perouse Museum Community Committee

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Office of
Environment & Heritage
NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



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Cr Scott Nash Mayor
Randwick City Council
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Randwick City Council

20 MAR 2012

Records Received

Dear Mayor,

La Perouse is one of the key sites in the history of European maritime exploration across the Pacific. A large part of its significance arises from the fact that it is the last known stop of the Laperouse expedition and provides a link to the Aboriginal communities who encountered Cook, Laperouse and other explorers through the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Additionally, the site, like so many truly exceptional heritage sites, has many other layers of significance to the community including its association with the oldest Aboriginal mission in Australia, its role as a refuge for families during the depression, the site of one of the first women's refuges, and the location of Australia's first cable station at the advent of the age of telephony.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has recently completed a process addressing the landscape of the headland. As a result of public feedback through this process, I believe that while it is appropriate to commence the important landscaping work to improve visitor amenity and protection of the national values, more consultation and community input is required to finalise the improvements to Laperouse museum.

To ensure the views of the community are heard in this important matter, I am establishing the Laperouse Museum Community Committee to make recommendations about the enhancement of the exhibitions in the Laperouse Museum. I look forward to its views on what stories are most appropriately told within the setting of the museum and how they should be conveyed to the public.

I invite you or your representative to participate on the Laperouse Museum Community Committee. The Committee will be chaired by an independent heritage expert, Emeritus Professor David Carment. Meetings will be held at the Laperouse Museum on up to four occasions in 2012. A Terms of Reference for the operation of the Committee is enclosed for your information.

If you would like further information please contact Mr Gary Dunnett, Regional Manager, Metropolitan North East Region on 9472 8900. If you would like to accept the position please email gary.dunnett@environment.nsw.gov.au by 30 March 2012.

Yours sincerely

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Laperouse Museum Community Committee

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Laperouse Museum Community Committee (the Committee) is to provide advice to the Head of the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) on ways of improving community use, engagement and enjoyment of the Laperouse Museum.

2. Background

The Laperouse Museum is located within a 1890s building constructed as Australia's first cable station. The cable station sits at the centre of the La Perouse Headland and is gazetted as part of Kamay Botany Bay National Park.

Visitation to the La Perouse Headland is amongst the highest for any NSW national park. However, the number of visitors entering the museum averages less than ten persons per day. The museum is not sustainable as a public institution at this level of visitation.

The NPWS prepared a draft Interpretation Plan for the La Perouse Headland in 2011. The draft plan includes a range of landscape enhancements designed to encourage visitors to the museum. The landscape proposals were well received in public submissions and it is proposed to commence this work as soon as practicable.

The draft Interpretation Plan also made a number of recommendations for the upgrade of exhibits within the Laperouse Museum. These aspects of the draft plan were not fully supported by the range of stakeholders connected to the museum.

The Head of the NPWS is establishing the Committee to prepare advice on the future presentation of the Laperouse Museum.

3. Guiding principles

All proposals for the Laperouse Museum should be designed to improve the level of community use, engagement and enjoyment of the museum.

The presentation of the museum should be consistent, wherever possible, with the La Perouse Headland Conservation Management Plan (CMP). This document was completed after extensive community consultation in 2010. It was subject to extensive public consultation including a social values assessment to identify the importance of the headland to contemporary community groups.

4. Advice to the National Parks and Wildlife Service

The Committee's advice to the Head of the NPWS should be in the form of a written submission.

The scope of interpretative displays in the museum was the subject of a number of public submissions and these will be available to the Committee for information. The Committee should make recommendations to the NPWS on the appropriate scope of interpretive themes and topics to be addressed at the museum.

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Options for consideration by the Committee include:

- An interpretive scheme that focuses primarily upon a single historic theme.
- An interpretive scheme which seeks to address all of the key historic associations and themes in an integrated fashion.
- An interpretive scheme that addresses the key historic themes as discrete elements within a series of displays organised on a compartmentalised basis.

The Committee should also make recommendations on other aspects of the future management of the museum, including:

- The appropriate uses of the building;
- Potential uses of the temporary exhibition space;
- Whether the facility should be operated and staffed by the NPWS, community volunteers or a commercial lessee; and
- Community involvement in events, functions and collection management.

5. Chair

The Committee chair will be Emeritus Professor David Carment. The NPWS will provide administrative support.

6. Meeting schedule

It is anticipated that the Committee will meet on 3-5 occasions. Committee meetings will be held after hours at the Laperouse Museum. NPWS will provide secretarial services and an agenda will be circulated to members prior to each meeting.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM25/12



Subject: Kensington/West Kingsford Local Area
Traffic Management Study and
Implementation Funding

Folder No: F2004/07231

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

It is important for the residents of Kensington and West Kingsford to be assured of the Council's position regarding the funding for the Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM). This Mayoral Minute clarifies Council's position.

Issues

Background

At the June 2011 Works Committee meeting Council resolved (Andrews/Nash) that:

- *"the three staged approach to the introduction of traffic devices in the Kensington/ West Kingsford, as identified in this report, be adopted.*
- *all residents in the designated precinct be notified by flyer of the three (3) staged action to ensure the endorsement of the community of each of the three proposed stages.*
- *the Terms of Reference of the LATM Study be referred to the Kensington Precinct prior to the commencement of the draft LATM Study to enable the precinct to add input to the terms of reference and that a report come back to Council with the details.*
- *Day Avenue be included in the study area."*

The three staged approach consisted of:

- Stage 1 - Design, consult on and implement threshold treatments as detailed
- Stage 2 - Undertake Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study
- Stage 3 - Implement program of works arising out of LATM study

Local Area Traffic Management or "LATM" refers to *"the use of physical devices, streetscaping treatments and other measures (including regulations and other non-physical measures) to influence vehicle operation, in order to create safer and more liveable local streets"* (ARRB 2008).

Current Position

To date all residents of the Kensington and West Kingsford area have been notified of the Council's three staged approach by way of a letter distributed to each household in the area.

Work progressed so far include the undertaking of pneumatic tube traffic counts at 58 individual locations. The results of these traffic counts have been placed upon the Council's 'Have My Say - Community Consultation – Kenso Traffic Study' website. In addition to the tube counts a number of detailed origin / destination surveys have been conducted.

The Terms of Reference of the LATM Study are just about finalised and will soon be available for release to the Kensington Precinct for comment. Upon receiving

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their feedback a report will be bought back to the Council with the details. If endorsed by the Council, the Terms of Reference will be used to engage an appropriate consultant to undertake the required study. It should be noted that a significant component of the Study will be consultation with the community.

The LATM study will take some time and may create quite a bit of discussion within the community. Given the consultation required and given the technical aspects requiring investigation and analysis, it has to be acknowledged that exact timings for final endorsement of the outcomes of the study may be difficult to accurately forecast.

It is most likely that arising out of the Study will be a number of recommendations regarding the introduction of a Local Area Traffic Management Scheme. These recommendations are likely to include the construction of a number of physical devices within the area.

Financial impact statement

It is important to reassure the community that funding has been set aside, within the Council's reserves, for the implementation of projects arising from this process. There is no uncertainty about the funding. Also, it is prudent to mention that, once agreed projects are determined, the Council will also be making application to Roads and Maritime Services for funding assistance with implementation of the LATM.

Conclusion

I propose that the Council, again, endorse the approach being undertaken with regard to traffic concerns in the Kensington/West Kingsford area and that it also confirm the availability of funding for the outcomes arising from the upcoming Local Area Traffic Management Scheme study.

Recommendation

That:

- a) it be confirmed that funding has been set aside, within the Council's reserves, for the implementation of projects arising from the Kensington/West Kingsford Local Area Traffic Management Scheme study process, and
- b) it be noted that, once agreed projects are determined, the Council will be making application to Roads and Maritime Services for funding assistance to implement the endorsed projects.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM26/12



Subject: Waiving of fees - Australian Handball Federation

Folder No: F2010/00096

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Miss Allira Hudson-Gofers, Australian Handball Federation Inc, requesting to waive the beach hire fees for the use of Maroubra Beach for eight days in April and May 2012.

Issues

Ms Hudson-Gofers has written to Council to advise that the squad of approximately thirty athletes would like to use Maroubra Beach to train for the 2012 Beach Handball World Championships in Oman in July 2012. This trip will be self funded by the players. In correspondence received Ms Hudson-Gofers has advised Council that the Australian Handball Federation is a non-profit organisation.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$3,962.40 (\$495.30 x 8 days) which will be charged to the 2011-12 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should support the Australian Handball Federation by waiving fees for the use of Maroubra Beach to train for the 2012 Beach Handball World Championships.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the Beach Hire Fee in the amount of \$3,962.40 be waived and funds be allocated from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund;
- b) the activity organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the activity; and
- c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the activity on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM27/12



Subject: Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal - request to waive fees for use of Coogee Eastward Seniors Hall

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Introduction

The Eastern Beaches branch of the Salvation Army has advised that its 2012 Red Shield Appeal is being held on the weekend of 19 and 20 May 2012.

The Salvation Army has applied to use the Coogee Eastward Seniors Hall for its 'counting house' operations on the weekend of the appeal and has requested that the fees for the use of the hall be waived.

Issues

It has been the practice to assist charities or non-profit organisations on a needs basis and the Red Shield Appeal is considered worthy of Council's support. Council has supported the Red Shield Appeal over a number of years by waiving fees for the use of the Town Hall as a local counting house. This year, the Town Hall is unavailable on the weekend in question. The Salvation Army has indicated that it would be more than happy to use the Coogee Eastward Seniors Hall. The cost of hiring the Seniors Hall on the weekend of 20/21 May 2012 would amount to \$527.00.

Financial Impact Statement

If the report recommendation is adopted, there are sufficient funds available in the 2011-12 Contingency Fund to cover the fees proposed to be waived (\$527.00).

Conclusion

It is considered that Council could help the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal by waiving the fees associated with the use of the Coogee Eastward Seniors Hall.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote to waive the fees associated with the use of the Coogee Eastward Seniors Hall and funds be allocated from the 2011-12 Contingency Fund.
- b) the Appeal's organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution during the Red Shield Appeal.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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