

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

BUSINESS PAPER

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Environment Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 8 May 2012 at 6pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor (S Nash), Belleli, Hughes (Deputy Chairperson), Matson (Chairperson), Smith, Tracey, White and Woodsmith

Quorum: Five (5) members

NOTE: At the extraordinary meeting held on 22 May 2007, the Council resolved that the Environment 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

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Notice of Rescission Motions

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Environment Report No. E6/12



Subject: Updating proposal to establish a cycling 'hub' within Randwick City (as per MM 61/11)

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Introduction

Mayoral Minute MM61/11 resolved 'that:

- a) Council provides in-principle support for the concept of a cycling 'hub' within Randwick City, aimed at supporting the wider community to become more active in using bicycles for a range of recreational or commuting purposes through and around Randwick.
- b) A report is prepared identifying how such a cycling 'hub' would work to the benefit of Randwick residents and identifies possible locations for its operation.
- c) This report identifies costs and/or funding options associated with the creation of this cycling 'hub' for Council's advice and approval.'

This report aims to provide details around the development of Randwick City cycling 'hub'.

Issues

Randwick's Bike Plan was approved by Council in 2006 and establishes priorities for a mixed road and cycle path system aimed at encouraging and enabling residents and cyclists to travel safely on bicycles for commuting or recreational purposes around Randwick City. The cycling network connects with similar cycling facilities at Randwick's boundaries and is primarily defined via a key north-south cycling route from Centennial Park in the north to La Perouse in the south. A number of key east-west connections cross this north-south cycling 'spine' mostly to and from key beach locations and Town Centre, UNSW etc.

The intention of a cycling 'hub' is to strengthen programs that enable cyclists to access Randwick's bicycle network. Rather than focus on one particular location for this 'hub', the proposal aims to create a number of focal points for cycling and so facilitate a cycling 'hub' that takes in the broadest possible areas of the city.

The cycling 'hub' will build on existing or previous cycling projects and includes the extension of the La Perouse reCycles project approved recently by Council to support a bicycle repair and recycling scheme based at Yarra Bay House, as well as the re-commencement of bicycle repair and maintenance workshops at the Randwick Community Centre carried out as part of Council's previously funded Sustainable Transport project. The main features of this cycling 'hub' for Randwick includes:

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Coverage within Randwick	Previous, existing or new project	Cycling 'hub' activity or project	Cost
Northern areas	New	Utilising the Barrett House Sustainability Demonstration Project as a bicycle lending 'library' for individuals to borrow bicycles and gaining access to advice from BikeEast volunteers currently utilising Barrett House as a meeting space	\$6,000, mainly aimed at providing low cost bike storage and repair facilities
Central areas	Previous	Re-commence bicycle repair and maintenance workshops on a quarterly basis for residents as part of the Sustainability Education 'hub' range of workshops at Randwick Community Centre	\$3,000, to re-commence bike repair workshops for residents – approx. 2 to 3 per term for 3 terms advertised through the Eastern Suburbs Community College
Southern areas	Existing	Continue the bicycle repair and recycling project at La Perouse with Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation with bicycles provided to local schools and to Barrett House as repaired and recycled bicycles (funded externally to June 30, 2012)	\$20,000, to continue the bicycle repair and recycling project at La Perouse with Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation with recycled bicycles provided to local schools and to Barrett House 'lending' library

Other initiatives will be developed around these key projects including applications for external funding as they arise and development of partnership projects with local bicycle shops and user groups including BikeEast and the University of NSW.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

- Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.
 Direction 2(b): Enrich our range of community services that meet our community's needs.
- Outcome 9: Integrated and accessible transport.
 Direction 9(b): The community is informed, educated and encouraged to use sustainable transport.
- Outcome 10: A healthy environment.
 Direction 10(a): Council is a leader in fostering environmentally sustainable practices.

Financial impact statement

The \$29,000 in costs for activities supporting the creation of the cycling 'hub' across Randwick City would be paid from the walking and cycling budget of the environmental levy program.

Conclusion

Cycling is an important activity with environmental, social and financial benefits for the individuals taking part and the wider community in improvements to local amenity and the development of healthy neighbourhoods. The above initiatives will deliver the concept of a cycling 'hub' across a wide area of Randwick.

Recommendation

That Council approves the above initiatives as the key features of Randwick's cycling 'hub' with funding provided from the cycling and walking budget of the environmental levy program.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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