

**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
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MAYORAL MINUTES

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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, 9 October 2012 at 6:00pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM74/12



Subject: The Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses' Association - Request for Use of Prince Henry Centre

Folder No: F2010/00219

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses' Association for Council to assist in the conduct of their annual reunion by waiving the fees for the hire of the Prince Henry Centre on Saturday 27 October 2012.

Issues

For over fifty years on the last Saturday in October, ex-trainees of the Prince Henry Hospital have held a reunion at the hospital. Since the closure of the hospital, the reunions have been held in the Nursing and Medical Museum with over one hundred and thirty people in attendance last year alone. As this space is rather limited, Council approved the use of the Prince Henry Centre for last year's reunion. A request has been received to use the Prince Henry Centre again for the 2012 event and for the fees for the use of the Centre to be waived.

This Association is heavily involved in the local community and their ongoing participation in numerous historical and cultural functions has helped greatly to promote the Prince Henry area. In addition the Association conducts tours in the Nursing and Medical Museum that cater to groups such as the War Widows Guild, Returned Services Leagues, Legacy, Probus and many seniors groups. It is considered appropriate to support the Association's request.

Financial impact statement

The following is an estimate of the costs involved in hire of the Cawood Room in the Prince Henry Centre on 27 October 2012:

Venue hire (including support staff etc)	\$4282.84
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Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council will be \$4282.84, to be allocated from the 2012/13 Council Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Being a self funded organisation that does not meet the criteria for Cultural Grant funding, it is considered appropriate to support the Association's request in light of the wonderful work they do in our local community.

Recommendation

That the request received from the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses' Association for Council to assist in the conduct of their annual reunion by waiving the fees for the hire of the Cawood Room in the Prince Henry Centre on Saturday 27 October 2012 (totalling \$4282.84) be granted, such funds to come from the 2012/13 Council Contingency Fund budget.

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Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM75/12



Subject: Jarrah House Anniversary - waiving of fees

Folder No: F2004/07396

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

The General Manager of Jarrah House (a Women's Alcohol and Drug Advisory Centre at Malabar) has written to Council requesting assistance with hire fees for the use of the Prince Henry Centre for an Anniversary Dinner to celebrate Jarrah House's 25th Anniversary.

Issues

The General Manager of Jarrah House, in her correspondence, has indicated that:

Enquiries 'have been made at the Prince Henry Centre and the quote from the caterers (Laissez-faire) is \$7,160 for 80 people or \$89.50 per head. This quote includes the cost of hall hire. Laissez-faire has included complimentary soft drinks and juice, as this will be an alcohol free event.

We are trying to keep costs down to make the evening more accessible to people and also to be able to invite a number of VIPs to attend. We would also like to fund raise with a silent auction and raffle tickets.'

Jarrah House has requested Council to contribute funding to help pay for the cost of the event.

Financial impact statement

The following is an estimate of the costs involved in hire of the McNevin Room in the Prince Henry Centre on 22 November 2012:

Venue hire	\$1,246.00
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Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council will be \$1,246.00, to be allocated from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council contribute to this worthwhile event by waiving the fees for the hire of the room at the Prince Henry Centre for the proposed 25th Anniversary Dinner.

Recommendation

That the request received from the Jarrah House for Council to assist in the funding of their 25th anniversary dinner by waiving the fees for the hire of the McNevin Room in the Prince Henry Centre on Thursday 22 November 2012 (totalling \$1,246.00) be granted, such funds to come from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund budget.

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Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM76/12



Subject: Supporting local education and employment - Mayoral Career Start Scholarship

Folder No: F2006/00304

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

With Australia needing a sustainable, highly skilled and diverse workforce it is difficult to understand why more than \$1.7 billion has been cut to NSW educational spending. This dramatic reduction in funding will only result in rising costs for students, less choice in educational pathways and bring about instability in the current teaching workforce.

Dramatically decreased funding will also drain the emerging workforce, as limiting work options, capping remuneration and offering poor work security will deter qualified professionals from entering the industry.

In responding as the leaders in our community we must provide continuing support to this industry now in crisis. As such I wish to introduce a workforce program that provides education and employment support for our local community through a Mayoral Career Start Scholarship.

This workforce program also aligns strongly with our Randwick City Plan outcome 'A Strong Local Economy' with directions to strengthen effective partnerships with key local organisations and support ongoing and diverse employment opportunities. In addition the recently finalised Destination 2036 Action Plan has a key initiative to establish Local Government as an employer of choice.

Issues

Education is vital to our community's future. With the State Government announcing cuts to TAFE teaching and support staff while also increasing student costs, accessing this vital educational resource just became more difficult. The Local Government industry depends on TAFE to educate and train potential staff in order to deliver the services our community expects as well as support the critical apprenticeship and traineeship industry.

The Destination 2036 Action Plan recognises the need to make Local Government an attractive, interesting and rewarding place to work if it is to attract and retain a highly skilled workforce to provide communities with the services they want and deserve.

Randwick City Council's Workforce Strategy is addressing this need through the outcome 'Strengthening Workforce Capability' that focuses on strengthening its workforce sustainability, capability and performance. Council also recognises that positioning ourselves as an Employer of Choice will increase our ability to attract and retain staff with the skills and abilities to deliver essential services and facilities for the community.

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For the Councillors information, Council currently provides placements for a number of university students that need to complete a certain period of work experience as a requirement of their degree.

By introducing the Mayoral Career Start Scholarship Council is positively branding the Local Government industry while developing local resident employees who will potentially forge an ongoing and rewarding career with the Council.

Mayoral Career Start Scholarship – Key features of the program

- Each calendar year two Mayoral Career Start Scholarships will be offered.
- The scholarship will provide twelve months full-time/ part-time temporary student employment.
- Employment will be in student positions that may rotate depending on the student's area of education and previous experience.
- Applications for a scholarship will be open to local residents only.
- Applicants are required to be current full-time or part-time Randwick TAFE students (or have completed a course in the year prior to their scholarship).

Selection criteria

The selection criteria for the Mayoral Career Start Scholarship will be determined in consultation with the General Manager and Manager, Organisational Staff Services. Discussions will also be held with Randwick TAFE to promote these scholarships and to strengthen our ongoing partnership.

The cost of the Mayoral Career Start Scholarship will be \$100,000 annually for the two positions. The program will be funded from Council's learning and development budget and salaries budget.

Conclusion

By implementing the Mayoral Career Start Scholarship Council is promoting our industry as a vibrant and diverse employment choice and supporting our local TAFE which is essential for ensuring educational and workforce sustainability. In addition the initiative provides local employment options for our residents supporting the City Plan outcome of 'A Strong Economy'.

Recommendation

That Council support the Mayoral Career Start Scholarship program as outlined in the Mayoral Minute commencing in 2013.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM77/12



Subject: Cure the Future Fundraiser
Folder No: F2012/00001
Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

Council has received an invitation to a fundraising dinner in support of Prof John Rasko AO, Cancer Specialist (Haematologist and specialist in stem cell research) and Cure the Future. The dinner will be held at Parliament House on Wednesday 14 November 2012.

Issues

Cure the Future's focus is on cell and gene therapies to cure all types of diseases such as cancer, heart disease, haemophilia and diabetes. Key to this research is the development of new platform technologies that have the potential to provide cures and treatments for genetic and other diseases. Much progress has recently been made in this area, with success in some types of leukaemia, bleeding disorders and bone marrow transplantation. But much more needs to be done to help with this groundbreaking research.

Financial impact statement

It is recommended that Council purchase a table for 11 for the dinner and that the cost (\$1,320) be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Cure the Future raises funds for medical research into innovative cell and gene therapies. Cure the Future focuses on the promise of cell and gene therapies that will cure all types of diseases including heart disease, cancer, haemophilia and diabetes.

This is considered to be a very worthwhile fundraiser for Council to support with funds raised going directly to dynamic and evolving research.

Recommendation

That Council purchase a table for the Cure the Future fundraising dinner to be held at Parliament House on 14 November 2012 and that the cost (\$1,320) be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM78/12



Subject: Continuation of Sponsorship of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Lifesaver Service

Folder No: F2009/00266

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

The Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter Service owned and operated by Surf Life Saving Australia provides search and rescue services to the people of Randwick City and the greater Sydney region. The helicopter service is based at Cape Banks in the Botany Bay National Park which provides extremely quick access to our beaches, cliff faces and coastal waters.

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to seek Council's support to commit to a further three year sponsorship arrangement of this invaluable community service.

Issues

For almost 40 years, the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter has been saving lives and delivering a vital community service. Every year the service undertakes many search and rescues missions within our local government area. Our community and residents benefit directly by the provision of this service.

The service is a not-for-profit organisation and as its sole mission is to save lives, there is no cost to any individual who has been rescued by the helicopter. However as a not-for-profit operation with no government funding it depends entirely on sponsorships and donations to remain flying. Council's Lifeguards also have an ongoing and strong relationship with the helicopter service.

In continuing this community service partnership with this very valuable service, Randwick City Council is seeking to encourage support for the service from the other coastal councils.

Randwick Council will again become a direct sponsor of the service and it is proposed that we enter into a further three year agreement where, for a donation of \$15,000.00 per annum, Randwick's logo will be displayed on the outside surface of both vertical stabilizers at the back of the aircraft. Randwick Council will also be listed on the service's official website in the Community Partner's section.

Financial impact statement

Council will fund the \$45,000.00 sponsorship for the next 3 year period from the Council Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

The Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter provides a very valuable service to Randwick's residents and visitors and it is proposed that Randwick continues to be a sponsor of the service.

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Recommendation

That Randwick City Council enters into a new three year agreement with the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter service by donating \$15,000.00 per annum from the Council Contingency Fund and in return Randwick's logo will be displayed on the outside surface of both vertical stabilizers at the back of the aircraft. Randwick Council will also be listed on the service's official website in the Community Partner's section.

Attachment/s:

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