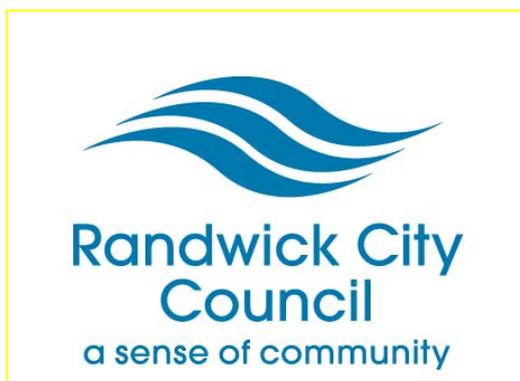


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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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 March 2013 at 6:00 p.m..

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Subject: Waiving of Fees - St Margaret Mary's Primary School

Folder No: F2013/00096

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Ms Ann-Louise Walton, Principal, St Margaret Mary's Catholic Primary School, Randwick North to hold a sausage sizzle and cake stall outside the Randwick Literary Institute on Election Day, Saturday 14 September 2013.

Issues

Ms Walton has requested that Council's application fee of \$167 be waived as this is a fundraising activity. The funds raised will go towards the upgrade of their school playground.

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be \$167 which will be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should support this fundraising activity and that the application fee of \$167.00 be waived.

Recommendation

That

- a) Council vote \$167 to cover the application fee for a fundraising activity outside the Randwick Literary Institute on Election Day, Saturday 14 September 2013 and fees be charged to the 2012-13 Contingency Fund;
- b) the event organiser contact the Australian Electoral Commission to seek there approval.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM13/13



Subject: Waiving of Fees - Open High School
Folder No: F2004/06257
Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Ms Suzan Dickson, Principal, Open High School, Randwick, seeking the waiving of fees associated with the installation of a banner at the intersection of Anzac Parade and Beauchamp Road, Maroubra. The banner will advertise the school's Open Day on Saturday 25 May 2013.

Issues

Ms Dickson has advised Council that the Open High School at Randwick caters for students unable to access their chosen language in their own school. Whilst the school's public profile is still quite small, they would like many more people to learn about their services and by doing so, invite members of the community to visit the school.

Costing as follows:

Installation and removal of banner	\$ 710.00
Hire of banner poles @ \$623.00 per week x 2 weeks	\$1,246.00
Total	\$1,956.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$1,956.00. There are currently sufficient funds in the 2012-13 Contingency Fund to cover this contribution.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should vote to waive the fees associated with the installation and dismantling of the banner and that the funds be allocated from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the fees associated with the installation and dismantling of a banner and the hire of Council's banner poles for the Open High School Randwick at the intersection of Anzac Parade and Beauchamp Road, Maroubra be waived and \$1,956.00 be allocated from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund; and
- b) the organisers undertakes to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the Open Day.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM14/13



Subject: Waiving of Fees - Australian Beach Handball Federation

Folder No: F2013/00096

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from Mr Patrik Weiss, Assistant Manager, Australian Beach Handball Federation Inc. requesting to waive the beach hire fees for the use of Maroubra Beach for nine days between the months of April and June 2013.

Issues

Mr Weiss has written to Council to advise that the training squad of approximately 50 athletes would like to use Maroubra Beach to train for the World Games in Columbia in July-August 2013. This trip will be self funded by the players. In correspondence received from Mr Weiss, he has advised Council that the Australian Beach Handball Federation is a non-profit organisation.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$4,627.80 (\$514.20 x 9 days) which will be charged to the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should support the Australian Beach Handball Federation by waiving fees for the use of Maroubra Beach to train for the upcoming 2013 World Games in Columbia.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the Beach Hire Fee in the amount of \$4,627.80 be waived and funds be allocated from the 2012-13 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. MM15/13



Subject: World Environment Day Community Forum at Randwick Community Centre

Folder No: F2010/00241

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

This Mayoral Minute seeks Council's support for a community forum to be held around World Environment Day in June in conjunction with the Peace, Ecology and Justice Centre of the Columban Mission Institute.

Issues

The Peace, Ecology and Justice Centre of the non-denominational Columban Mission Institute has written to Council seeking support for a community forum aimed at bringing together representatives of various cultural and religious organisations and their communities to focus on issues and values they have in common.

Randwick Council has partnered with the Institute previously, following the cultural and racial clashes that occurred across Sydney late in 2005. While the forum held at that time was aimed at fostering inter-racial and religious toleration the purpose of this years community forum is intended to highlight the common values of our culturally diverse communities.

This forum will be an important event highlighting in a very positive and shared setting the common drivers of our humanity. The Peace, Ecology and Justice Centre will release a new resource during the forum helping to build on their learning and experience of working across environmental, social and peace issues with different communities.

It is proposed to host the community forum at Randwick Community Centre be organised around World Environment Day in June, with the Columban Mission Institute and Council working together to invite community representatives from across the local metropolitan area.

Financial impact statement

It is proposed to allocate \$1,600 for the hosting of the Peace, Ecology and Justice Centre Community Forum at Randwick Community Centre to cover venue, catering and promotional costs. The funding will be payable from the Community Education budget of the environmental levy program.

Conclusion

Randwick Council is the first local Council working on this initiative with the Peace, Ecology and Justice Centre of the Columban Mission Institute. The Centre will be taking these workshops out to other regional areas and metropolitan communities as a means of focusing on the strengths and values in common across culturally diverse organisations and their communities.

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Recommendation

That:

- a) Council approve the Community Forum around World Environment Day in June 2013 with the Peace, Ecology and Justice Centre of the Columban Mission Institute and
- b) The sum of \$1,600 is provided to support the event at Randwick Community Centre with funding provided from the community education budget of the environmental levy program.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM16/13



Subject: Providing support for local schools sustainability excursion program to Randwick Community Centre

Folder No: F2006/00249

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

Randwick's environmental levy program approved by Council requires the development and delivery of major community education programs with a key focus on developing partnerships and educating residents, schools, businesses and staff.

This paper seeks Council's support in relation to assisting the local schools sustainability excursion program to the Randwick Community Centre.

Issues

In 2009, Council approved the use of the Randwick Community Centre as our sustainability education 'hub'. The concept was to showcase and encourage sustainability changes available to residents and schools through both the externally funded sustainability retrofit of the Centre as well as the development of a permaculture interpretive garden. As demonstrated in the range of sustainability workshops held at the Community Centre, the education hub continues to provide the key focus for community education and sustainability changes possible around the home, school, and workplace.

After a long period of development, Council commenced sustainability workshops and lessons for schools at the Randwick Community Centre in the second half of 2011. Almost 1,000 local school children attended to learn practical ways to conserve and explore energy and water conservation issues as well as activities to reduce waste. These lessons were developed specifically to support key learning outcomes set out in the school curriculum. Those schools that visited in 2011 were also assisted by Council covering the cost of bus transport to the Randwick Community Centre.

With the new schools sustainability excursion program set to commence around Term 2 this year, it is proposed to continue assisting local schools with the cost of bus transportation to the Randwick Community Centre. With around 30 days available for schools to book and attend it is expected that reimbursement of bus fees to schools will be approximately \$9,000. This would be paid from the community education budget of the environmental levy program.

Schools need to submit booking forms and these would be used to identify and keep account of those schools seeking assistance with their bus travel to the Community Centre.

Financial impact statement

It is proposed to allocate approximately \$9,000 to cover the costs of bus fees, where necessary and requested, for schools participating in the 2013 sustainability excursion program to the Randwick Community Centre.

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Conclusion

Council has gained an enormously positive reputation for its sustainability programs, including those separately targeting sustainability changes amongst householders, schools, businesses and staff. The schools sustainability excursion program is an important component of our community education program and has been developed around the environmental features making up the sustainability education 'hub' at the Randwick Community Centre and in line with learning outcomes of the educational curriculum for NSW schools.

Recommendation

That Council agrees to support the proposal to cover the costs of bus transport where requested, for local schools visiting the Randwick Community Centre as part of our sustainability schools excursion program – paid for from the community education budget of the environmental levy program to an amount of approximately \$9,000.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM17/13



Subject: Constitutional Recognition of Local Government - Update

Folder No: F2008/00656

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

The purpose of this mayoral minute is to provide a detailed summary of the recent developments in the progress towards the constitutional recognition of local government.

Issues

As Councillors would be well aware, the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government released its final findings on 22 December 2011. The Expert Panel was asked to identify options for the constitutional recognition of local government and to report on the level of support for such recognition among stakeholders and in the general community. The panel was also asked to have regard to the benefits and risks of the options it identified and outcomes that could be achieved for key stakeholders by such recognition.

Among the stakeholders identified in the panel's terms of reference were local governments and their representative bodies, State and Territory governments and federal parliamentarians.

The panel adopted three criteria to identify relevant options, which were that any proposal should:

- make a practical difference
- have a reasonable chance at a referendum
- resonate with the public.

In its public discussion paper, the panel identified four forms of recognition: symbolic recognition, financial recognition, democratic recognition and recognition through federal cooperation. These ideas were not mutually exclusive. No other options that satisfied the panel's criteria were identified during the course of its consultations.

The panel appreciated from the outset that both symbolic recognition in the form of a preamble and recognition through federal cooperation gave rise to issues that extended well beyond local government and therefore the panel's terms of reference.

Neither of these forms of recognition featured prominently during the course of the consultations. However, representatives of local government indicated that, if any preamble were to refer to the democratic nature of our system of governance, local government should be identified in it. In addition, the New South Wales Government gave in-principle support to consideration of symbolic recognition, and the Western Australian Government indicated possible support for a very limited form of symbolic recognition, while the Victorian Government and some of the submissions, including from constitutional lawyers, saw some merit in pursuing the cooperative federalism option.

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Democratic recognition received little support and considerable opposition from the political leadership of Government and Opposition at the State level. It was not supported by the Opposition at the federal level. The Commonwealth Government indicated that it would consider the panel's report before deciding which option to support. Democratic recognition also received little support, and some opposition, at the local government level. In the judgment of the panel, notwithstanding a significant level of support from the general community suggested by polling, this option has no reasonable prospect of success at a referendum in the present circumstances.

Financial recognition has the broadest base of support among the political leadership at both Federal and State levels, although much of this support is only 'in-principle' and subject to the precise wording of any referendum proposal.

A majority of panel members concluded that financial recognition is a viable option within the 2013 timeframe indicated by the terms of reference. Recent Commonwealth programs have shown that the Commonwealth can deal effectively with issues of national importance through a direct funding relationship between the Commonwealth and local government. The decision in the Pape1 case created doubts about the constitutional validity of direct grants to local government and has potentially undermined the ability of the Commonwealth to act in the national interest in this way. All members of the panel considered that it is appropriate that the Commonwealth's right to have a direct funding relationship with local government, when it is acting in the national interest, be acknowledged in the Constitution.

Financial recognition currently has the support of the federal Coalition, the majority of local councils and in-principle support from one State government. The polling undertaken by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), and by the panel, also indicates a substantial level of support for financial recognition in the broader community, although this support is no higher than for other forms of recognition; polling also suggests that such support may not carry through to a referendum.

The majority of panel members support a referendum in 2013 subject to two conditions: first, that the Commonwealth negotiate with the States to achieve their support for the financial recognition option; and second, that the Commonwealth adopt steps suggested by ALGA necessary to achieve informed and positive public engagement with the issue. Steps include allocating substantial resources to a major public awareness campaign and making changes to the referendum process. At the same time, several members of the panel remain concerned that financial recognition per se does not currently enjoy sufficient support either among stakeholders or the general community to give a referendum a high enough prospect of success in this Parliament, even if the two conditions proposed by the majority are satisfied. They share a concern that proceeding to another unsuccessful referendum would damage rather than advance the interests of local government.

The Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government was established on 28 November 2012 to inquire into the report of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition and to assess the likelihood of success of a referendum on the financial recognition of local government. The Committee is looking at whether the pre-conditions set by the Expert Panel for a referendum have been met. The ALGA lodged its submission with the Committee on the 18th of December 2012. It focused not just on the strength of the case for financial recognition, which would allow for the continuation of direct funding of local government, but also on the need for the pre-conditions set by the Expert Panel to be met before a referendum is held.

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In January 2013 the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government released its 'Preliminary report on the majority finding of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government: the proposal, timing and likely success of a referendum to amend Section 96 of the Australian Constitution to effect financial recognition of local government.'

The recommendations arising from this report were as follows:

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that a referendum on financial recognition of local government be held in 2013. Given the importance of securing state and territory support, the Committee further recommends that, in addition to the efforts of the local government sector, Commonwealth Government Ministers, particularly the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Attorney-General and the Special Minister for State, immediately commence negotiations with state and territory governments to secure their support for the referendum proposal.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the referendum propose an amendment to Section 96 of the Constitution:

"...the Parliament may grant financial assistance to any State *or to any local government body formed by State or Territory legislation* on such terms and conditions as the Parliament thinks fit."

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends that a referendum on financial recognition of local government be held at the same time as the 2013 federal election.

Recommendation 4

The Committee recommends that the Commonwealth Government begin all necessary preparatory activities to ensure a successful outcome for a referendum on financial recognition in 2013. The preparatory activities include:

- the Australian Electoral Commission begin the necessary preparatory activities for a referendum in 2013;
- the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport, as lead coordinating and implementing agency, take the necessary steps for implementing a national civics education campaign and managing funding of partisan campaigns;
- the Attorney-General's Department release a draft of the constitution amendment bill by 31 January 2013 in order to begin the process of public consultation;
- temporary amendments be made to the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*, to effect the following outcomes:
 - (a) remove the legislative limit on Government spending;
 - (b) confirm that Parliamentarians should draft and approve the 'Yes' and 'No' cases for the official referendum pamphlet for financial recognition of local government. In the event that there is no requirement for a 'No' case, the Committee recommends that there should be an official 'Yes' case only;
 - (c) allow the official Yes/No pamphlet to be sent to every household rather than every voter;
 - (d) enable a range of communication methods to educate and reach across all Australian demographics; and
 - (e) use format guidelines for the official 'Yes/No' referendum pamphlet to ensure the factual nature and comparability of the cases in the hands of voters.

As a result of the above recommendation to proceed with a referendum on financial recognition of local government at the same time as the 2013 federal election, the

Australian Local Government Association and its state associations have committed to provide millions of dollars to campaign for the referendum on financial recognition of local government. The ALGA Board has given its strong backing to the establishment of a national campaign committee to prepare for the referendum scheduled to be held in conjunction with this September's Federal election.

The ALGA is working with state local government associations to develop the coordination mechanisms which would be required for a referendum and ALGA is working on the structures necessary to support the campaign. In addition, the ALGA has started exploring options to employ a national campaign director, a market research company, media and advertising agencies to support the campaign.

The Australian Local Government Association has called on all political parties and independent MPs to support changes to legislation to remove existing constraints on public funding of referendums. The changes are included in the Referendums (Machinery Provisions) Amendment Bill 2013 introduced into parliament on March 21 by the Special Minister of State, Gary Gray. ALGA has also proposed that funding be available for the campaigns for the 'Yes' and 'No' cases to ensure that the arguments in favour and against the referendum question are comprehensively put before the people to ensure an informed debate and vote.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The success of this proposed referendum on the financial recognition of local government in the constitution, to be held at the same time as the 2013 federal election, is vital to help secure the financial future of local government. All councillors are encouraged to urge their constituents to vote yes at the referendum in support of local government constitutional recognition.

Recommendation

That the update on the progress towards the financial recognition of local government in the constitution be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM18/13



Subject: Waiving of fees - Maroubra Surfers Association

Folder No: F2013/00096

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

Correspondence has been received from Mr Andrew Pitt on behalf of Maroubra Surfers Association to use Maroubra Beach to host their local boardriders competitions.

Issues

These competitions are for all local children and it gives them the opportunity to enter a competition at an entry level stage and is a stepping stone for young hopefuls wishing to pursue surfing as a career.

Maroubra Surfers Association is a non-profit organisations and Mr Pitt is requesting that due to the nature of these activities that the appropriate fees be waived:

Application Fee:	\$ 167.00
Amateur Sports Hire fee x 7 days @ \$514.20 per day	\$ 3,599.40
Total	\$3,766.40

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be \$3,766.40 which will be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that these activities would be very beneficial to the local children in the community and therefore consideration should be given to waiving the fees.

Recommendation

That:

- a) fees in the amount of \$3,766.40 associated with the Maroubra Surfers Association be waived and funds be allocated from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund;
- b) the event organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the activities; and
- c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the activities on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM19/13



Subject: Waiving of fees - use of Town Hall by Indonesian Community Association of New South Wales

Folder No: F2013/00098

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

The President of the Indonesian Community Association of New South Wales, Catherine Chia, has written to Council requesting to waive the fees for the use of the Town Hall on Saturday 6 April 2013 for a charity event.

Issues

The use of the Town Hall is for the Association to host a charity event in conjunction with other caring Indonesian community groups to raise funds for those who have been affected by the recent flood in Jakarta, Indonesia. This flood has devastated the lives of many people, especially those who are living below the poverty line, leaving them homeless, sick and a trail of other devastation.

The fees are as follows:

Hourly hire rate x 8 hours @\$205.00 per hour	\$1,640.00
Rubbish removal	80.00
Total:	\$1,720.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial impact will be \$1,720.00 which will be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered appropriate that the fees for the use of the Town Hall be waived on the basis that the hall will be used for a worthwhile charity event. This event will raise funds for the Indonesian community affected by the flood in Jakarta.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote \$1,720.00 to cover the fees associated with the hire of the Town Hall on Saturday 6 April 2013 by the Indonesian Community Association for a charity event and that these funds be allocated from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.
- b) the event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event.
- c) the Mayor or his representative is given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

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Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM20/13



Subject: Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill 2013

Folder No: F2004/07892

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

The Minister for Local Government recently introduced the *Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill 2013* in the Legislative Assembly.

In the Second Reading Speech, the Minister stated that the Bill is aimed at councils that are not meeting their obligations due to 'collective dysfunction' and 'poor performance' and that the Bill seeks to reduce the cost of the public inquiry process.

Issues

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* as follows:

- a) to enable the Minister for Local Government or the Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet to direct a council, a councillor or the general manager of a council to provide information or documents about the council, its operations or its activities,
- b) to enable the Minister to issue an order (a *performance improvement order*) to a council that directs certain actions to be taken to improve the performance of the council,
- c) to provide for the appointment of temporary advisers to assist councils with complying with performance improvement orders,
- d) to require councils to report on compliance with a performance improvement order,
- e) to enable the Minister to suspend a council for a period of up to 3 months (with a possible extension of a further 3 months) if the Minister considers that the appointment of an interim administrator is necessary to improve or restore the proper or effective functioning of a council,
- f) to provide for the appointment of interim administrators,
- g) to make further provision in relation to public inquiries under the principal Act, including by permitting the Minister to suspend a council during such an inquiry,
- h) to make it clear that the Governor may appoint more than one administrator to exercise the functions of a dismissed council,
- i) to make other minor and miscellaneous amendments.

On 14 March 2013 Local Government NSW (LGNSW) issued a media release calling for the deferral of the Bill:

- Until all details of the proposed legislation are publicly released,
- Until LGNSW and the 152 councils impacted by this proposed legislation have been consulted,
- As this legislation will undermine the democratic responsibilities of Mayors and councils elected by residents and ratepayers by making councils responsible to the Minister,
- Due to the lack of detail and broad scope for the Performance Improvement Order criteria,

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- Until the NSW Government has provided a clearer definition of what constitutes a 'non-functioning' and 'non-effective' council,
- Until further detail are available in relation to the criteria for suspending councils for a three month period,
- As there is no explanation given on the situations that would qualify for a council's suspension,
- As there are no clear parameters for suspension defined in the proposed legislation, resulting in councils being unable to rebut or defend their effectiveness or position to the Minister,
- As the Bill will allow the Minister for Local Government to completely bypass the 'notice of intention' requirement and immediately suspend a council if it is a matter of urgency. Councils have the right to know what constitutes an emergency and how they can access a fair and transparent review process.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The Division of Local Government has indicated that it is working with LGNSW on the procedures to support the proposed new legislation, which will outline in more detail the criteria and process by which early intervention will work. In the meantime, LGNSW has indicated that it will be urging all its member councils to contact their local MP calling for the deferral of this proposed legislation until the NSW Local Government sector is properly consulted.

LGNSW have also indicated that it will be contacting the Shadow Minister for Local Government, asking for her support on this issue to help ensure the NSW Government implements transparent and democratically just processes to manage council performance.

Recommendation

That Council supports Local Government NSW's position in relation to the *Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill 2013* and writes to the Minister for Local Government, the shadow Minister for Local Government and our Local Members of Parliament calling for the deferral of the Bill until the NSW Local Government sector is properly consulted and asking for their support on this issue to help ensure that a transparent and democratically just process is implemented to manage councils performance.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM21/13



Subject: Malabar Storm Event - Community Event to Thank Volunteers

Folder No: F2006/00722

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

On Sunday 24 February 2013 at 12.30am the suburbs of Malabar and Chifley were hit by a severe storm causing significant damage to properties in the area. During the storm event wind speeds of up to 125km/h were experienced, which is equivalent to a category 2 cyclone and, as a result, the storm has been classified as a natural disaster.

Issues

During the storm event 215 properties' in the Malabar and Chifley area were damaged. In addition to private buildings a number of public buildings, including St Andrews Primary School, Chifley Public School, Malabar Sewerage Treatment Plant and Malabar RSL were also damaged.

The storm hit the Cromwell Park playground in Dacre Street, Malabar and then proceeded through Ireton Street down to Anzac Parade, where it toppled over 60% of the trees in the Median strip/reserve, and then progressed into Chifley.

Approximately 15 NSW Fire and Rescue services assisted the Randwick SES unit in the aftermath of the storm. SES Units with Multiple Rescue and Management teams from Campbelltown, Queanbeyan, Yass, City of Sydney, Rockdale, Kogarah, Sutherland and Liverpool (involving 75 volunteers) assisted the Randwick SES (involving 60 volunteers) over a period of six (6) days following the storm. The emergency services officers helped to restore a significant number of damaged properties. The clean up was made more difficult by the presence of asbestos contamination issues caused by the high winds.

The streets in Malabar affected by the storm were:

- Ireton street
- Dacre Street
- Dacre Lane
- Victoria Street
- Victoria Lane
- Price Edward Street
- Herbert Street

The streets in Chifley affected by the storm were:

- Burke Street
- Mitchell Street
- Macquarie street
- Warburton Street
- Eyre Street
- Brisbane Street
- Hume Street

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- Blight Street

Council staff from the Building & Regulatory Services section worked on the day to oversee the safe management of the removal of asbestos sheeting and fragments. Contractors were engaged to remove the fragments of asbestos cement sheeting from a number of public areas and private land.

As a way of thanking all those who assisted during and in the aftermath of the storm I propose to hold an event on Saturday 6 April (from 12noon to 2pm) at Pioneers Park, Malabar (to be held on the lower grounds). The purpose of the event is to thank all the emergency services staff and Council staff who worked on the day and through out the six (6) day clean-up period.

Invitations will be issued to the 200 SES volunteers, Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Rural Fire Service and Council staff who assisted. The event will feature:

- a free BBQ for invited guests (Council staff will cook the BBQ);
- a jumping castle for the kids, live performances for the community; and
- a 'thank you' banner will be installed in the park.

Financial impact statement

Council will fund the cost of the BBQ, entertainment, staging, sound, banner, jumping castle etc. The cost has been estimated at \$5,000.00 and it is proposed that this be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is important that Council recognise the tremendous combined community effort that went into the post-storm clean up. This is exactly the 'sense of community' that is one of the main themes in The Randwick City Plan. This event is about giving something back and will particularly recognise those who gave up their time on a voluntary basis to assist our residents make their homes safe and weather proof in the aftermath of the 24 February storm.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorse the proposed community event on Saturday 6 April 2013 to thank the 200 SES volunteers, Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Rural Fire Service and Council staff who assisted in the aftermath of the 24 February 2013 Malabar/Chifley storm event; and
- b) the event be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM22/13



Subject: Urban Activation Precincts - Update
Folder No: F2013/00012
Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

On 16 March 2013, the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure formally announced eight Urban Activation Precincts (UAPs) across Sydney including two within Randwick City (see **Attachment 1**), being the Randwick UAP (the University/Hospital precinct) and the Anzac Parade South UAP. Also announced was the release of the Draft Sydney Metropolitan Strategy 2013 for public comment (see **Attachment 2**), updating dwelling and employment targets across Sydney and for the UAP program. This follows the Minister's letters of December 2012 advising Council of the selection of the two UAP precincts in Randwick City.

This Minute provides an update on the UAP program, these recent NSW Government announcements and related media statements made last week.

Background

In June 2012, the State Government invited all NSW councils to comment on the new UAP Program and guidelines, and shortly after sought nominations for precincts. I am advised that Council made a submission to the guidelines, as noted in a Councillor Bulletin in August 2012. I am also advised that the UNSW, ATC and Hospitals campus nominated the Specialised Centre as a precinct but Council did not nominate any precinct. The Bulletin noted that the University/Hospital Specialised Centre could be nominated by Council as a future precinct subject to any decision on light rail.

My 31 January 2013 press release noted the Minister's December 2012 letters and the lack of detail or consultation on the two selected UAP precincts. The Minister's letters were reported to Council in February 2013 (Cr Bowen, MM 11/13) and as requested, Council nominated three Councillors for each Steering Committee, currently being set up for initial meetings in early and mid April 2013.

Consultation with Council

In response to last week's formal announcement of the UAP Precincts, I noted on radio the lack of State Government consultation with Council on the inclusion of these two UAPs in the Program. I note that there was no consultation on the prioritising of the Anzac Parade South UAP and that consultation on both UAPs only commenced in early 2013 following receipt of the Minister's December letters. The Minister responded on 18 March 2013 with a further media release specifically relating to the Randwick UAPS, their preliminary stage of investigation and the need to optimise the light rail infrastructure (see **Attachment 3**).

Whilst I appreciate the Minister's positive media comments that Randwick City Council has provided a strong advocacy role and support on the NSW Government's planning for light rail to Randwick, I would like to reiterate that it is imperative that clear communication and meaningful consultation is maintained throughout the UAP process so that Council has direct involvement in the future planning of our suburbs and that our community has suitable opportunities to have their say.

Draft Metropolitan Strategy

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Following a discussion paper released last year for public comment, the draft Metropolitan Strategy has been released for comment by 31 May 2013. A Council submission on the draft Metropolitan Strategy will be reported to Council for consideration within the exhibition period.

Conclusion

I have asked Council officers to continue to update Councillors on progress of investigations for the two UAPs within Randwick City and as one of Council's nominated representatives on the Steering Committees, I will ensure that the community's interests are conveyed throughout the process.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note this Mayoral Minute.

Attachment/s:

1. Minister's Media Release - UAPs
2. Minister's Media Release - Sydney's Future
3. Minister's Media Release - Urban Renewal

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Brad Hazzard MP

Minister for Planning & Infrastructure

Minister assisting the Premier on Infrastructure NSW

MEDIA RELEASE

Saturday March 16, 2013

URBAN RENEWAL SITES IN SYDNEY

The NSW Government has today identified eight precincts across Sydney for renewal as 21st century urban centres with up to 30,000 additional homes.

"These Urban Activation Precincts are locations where people want to live that have good access to jobs and infrastructure," NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said.

"They are areas that can be renewed to provide additional housing and employment alongside new shops, cafes and parks.

"The rezoning of areas for appropriate commercial uses will also potentially create tens of thousands of new jobs, close to where people live."

The eight sites chosen in the initial round of the Urban Activation Precincts program are:

- Epping Town Centre (Hornsby Shire Council and Parramatta City Council)
- North Ryde Station (City of Ryde)
- Herring Road, Macquarie Park (City of Ryde)
- Randwick (Randwick City Council)
- Anzac Parade from Maroubra to Phillip Bay (Randwick City Council)
- Carter Street, Homebush (Auburn City Council)
- Wentworth Point (Auburn City Council)
- Mascot Station (Botany Bay Council)

Plans for the Epping and North Ryde centres are now on public exhibition until 30 April 2013, while planning work is beginning in the remaining precincts.

Each precinct will be eligible to share in \$50 million in NSW Government funding to improve local infrastructure including parks and community facilities.

"We won't make any final decisions about the future of these precincts until the consultation process is complete but we do think they have the potential to become modern urban places," Mr Hazzard said.

The precincts program is one part of a massive housing supply program announced by the NSW Government today, for up to 172,000 new homes across Sydney.

For more information: www.planning.nsw.gov.au

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MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 19 March 2013

SYDNEY'S FUTURE MADE CLEAR

A bold new blueprint for how Sydney will grow over the next twenty years has been released today in the draft *Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney to 2031*.

"The NSW Government is committed to delivering homes, jobs and making NSW the number one place to do business," Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said.

"We are delivering infrastructure to support 545,000 new homes in Sydney, releasing new land so families can achieve the dream of owning a home with a backyard.

"Sydney is expected to have an additional 1.3 million residents by 2031, up from 4.3 million people now.

"The NSW Government will expand housing in greenfield areas while also renewing established suburbs.

"We aim to create up to 625,000 new jobs by 2031, that is up 33 per cent on the old target.

"Western Sydney is at the heart of our economic strategy to drive growth and prosperity for the city.

"We want to see 50 per cent of all new jobs created in Western Sydney.

"This means people will work closer to where they live, cutting commute times and congestion.

"Sydney's Global Economic Corridor will be strengthened from Sydney Airport to Macquarie Park, Parramatta and the Norwest Business Park.

"Labor's Metropolitan Strategy failed, they didn't provide infrastructure with new homes and housing starts fell to record 50 year lows.

"Nine 'city shapers' including new growth corridors along Parramatta Road, Anzac Parade, the North West Rail Link and an enhanced role for Parramatta as Sydney's second CBD will continue to grow Sydney's economy.

"Community consultation is the key and the draft strategy is on exhibition until 31 May 2013, all Sydneysiders should have a say on their future," Mr Hazzard said.

More information is available at: www.planning.nsw.gov.au/sydney

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MEDIA RELEASE

18 March 2013

Urban Renewal Aligned to Light Rail

The NSW Government has identified two precincts in the Randwick local government area for renewal as vibrant new residential communities, serviced by the future eastern suburbs light rail and strategic transport corridors.

NSW Planning and Infrastructure Minister Brad Hazzard said that Randwick and Anzac Parade South had been identified as Urban Activation Precincts.

"Investigations into these two precincts are at a very preliminary stage but they have been identified as having the potential to be important urban renewal areas," Mr Hazzard said.

"The Randwick precinct presents a unique opportunity to carry out integrated planning for additional homes and employment in the area to be serviced by the future light rail link from Central to the University of NSW.

"Anzac Parade South and Randwick are also well serviced by buses with potential for future transport upgrades along the Anzac Parade corridor to support longer term development.

"The NSW Government is committed to getting the NSW economy moving.

"Given that taxpayers are investing \$1.6 billion for light rail, and other greatly enhanced public transport infrastructure, consideration has to be given to how local areas can evolve to make maximum use of the new infrastructure."

A precinct working group with Council and Government agency representatives, as well as a community reference group, will be established for each precinct.

The precincts program is one part of a massive housing supply program announced by the NSW Government for up to 172,000 new homes to be delivered across greater Sydney.

Mr Hazzard said the Department of Planning and Infrastructure will continue to work with Council on appropriate zones and development standards, a traffic and transport study, urban design study, housing and employment opportunities.

Once initial investigations are completed, a rezoning proposal for each precinct will be publicly exhibited for community feedback.

More information at www.planning.nsw.gov.au

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Mayoral Minute No. MM23/13



Subject: Prince of Wales Hospital - reduction in bed numbers

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Introduction

It has recently been reported, in a number of metropolitan newspapers, that the State Government plans to close a ward and slash a number of beds at the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Issues

The media reports quote from an email to staff from Patrick Bolton, Director of Clinical Services at Prince of Wales Hospital, on 19 February 2013 where staff were advised hospital management was "required" to cut bed numbers, close a ward and reduce staffing costs.

The email outlined that in "*stage 1 of this proposed consolidation*" there would be the closure of a ward as well as a reduction in "*allied, pharmacy and medical services*" as well as "*other bed closures*".

Mr Bolton said he was "*not at liberty to discuss further stages*" but would when he was able.

On 28 February 2013, doctors of the Prince of Wales Medical Staff Council and Medical Staff Association met and passed a resolution relating to these closures. A copy of that resolution is attached. The Prince of Wales Hospital is one of Australia's major teaching and specialist hospitals and provides a range of services for residents of not only Randwick city council but well beyond. I am concerned that services at the Prince of Wales Hospital are being reduced.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

If the media reports are correct, it is very hard to imagine how 26 beds, allied health jobs and an entire ward can be cut from the Prince of Wales Hospital without seriously degrading the quality of health care in the region and, particularly, for the residents of Randwick City.

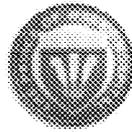
Recommendation

That Council write to the Minister for Health objecting to the closure of any wards or the reduction in bed numbers at the Prince of Wales Hospital and seek the Minister's assurance that staff and bed numbers at Prince of Wales Hospital will be maintained.

Attachment/s:

1. Statement by the Prince of Wales Hospital Medical Staff

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**The Prince of Wales Medical Staff Council and
Medical Staff Association**

Chair Prof JG Colebatch Deputy Chair Prof P Crowe
Secretary Dr K Clezy Treasurer Dr H Wolfenden

1 March 2013

**Statement by the Prince of Wales Hospital Medical Staff Council regarding
proposed budgetary cut backs**

The Prince of Wales Medical Staff Council met on 28th February and considered current plans of the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District to close one ward along with additional beds and associated loss of nursing and allied health jobs at the Prince of Wales Hospital. The Council remains extremely concerned at the prospect of severe reductions in budget and the consequences for patient management and the delivery of clinical services.

The following resolutions were considered and passed unanimously:

1. Resolution 1: The Prince of Wales Medical Staff Council has no confidence in the data and process by which funds have been allocated within the South Eastern Sydney LHD by the Chief Executive.
2. Resolution 2: The Prince of Wales Hospital Medical Staff Council deplores the hasty and divisive way in which the reduction in clinical services has been insisted upon by the Chief Executive and rejects the proposed ward closure at Prince of Wales Hospital.
3. Resolution 3: The Prince of Wales Hospital Medical Staff Council reaffirms its commitment to efficient and high quality patient care.

James Colebatch
Chair

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