

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

BUSINESS PAPER

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a Community Services Committee of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 14 May 2013 at 6:00 p.m..

Committee Members: The Mayor (T Bowen), Andrews, Belleli, D'Souza, Garcia, Matson (Chairperson), Moore, Nash, Neilson, Roberts, Seng, Shurey (Deputy Chairperson), Smith, Stavrinou and Stevenson

Quorum: Eight (8) members

NOTE: At the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2004, the Council resolved that the Community Services Committee be constituted as a committee with full delegation to determine matters on the agenda.

Apologies/Granting of Leave of Absences

Confirmation of the Minutes

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Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Address of Committee by Members of the Public

Privacy warning:

In respect to Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act, members of the public are advised that the proceedings of this meeting will be recorded for the purposes of clause 66 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

Urgent Business

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Community Services Report No. C7/13



Subject: Review of Old Time Dance Activity

Folder No: F2004/07693

Author: Teresa Mok, Manager Community Planning & Development

Introduction

Council has hosted an Old Time Dance at the Randwick Bowling Club for well over 20 years. It provided a social outing for our active local senior citizens. Held on the second Thursday of each month, this free event offered refreshments and live music of old and modern classics.

The traditional venue for the Old Time Dance is no longer available as it has been converted to a restaurant. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee that council staff is currently identifying alternative options to replace this activity.

Issues

The Old Time Dance has in the past provided a highly valued monthly social outlet for active local senior citizens. The profile of participants has also changed considerably since the activity was first introduced. For the last couple of years, residents from local nursing homes and aged care facilities have been the predominant participants.

Unfortunately, attendance rates have substantially declined to a point where it is no longer considered sustainable to run this activity. Feedback from aged care staff and key stakeholders indicates that this activity is not longer suitable for residents who are frail, or have complex needs. Aged care facilities are finding it increasingly difficult to provide paid or skilled trained carers and drivers. It has been more effective for them to provide activities within their own facilities. Therefore participation numbers have declined to the extent that Council had to cancel a number of the dances in 2012

Recognising the changing needs of this particular age group, the Council made an adjustment to its annual Christmas Gift Program some two years ago, by giving local nursing homes a gift of a musical event, instead of a gift of white goods such as television, camera or computer game console. Feedback from residents and staff indicate that the gift of a musical experience is highly valued by nursing home residents, and enjoyed by all.

Another reason for the loss of interest in attending the Old Time Dance is the wide range of affordable cultural and recreational activities that the Council runs that are of interest to seniors/retirees. Popular examples of such activities include Ignite Talk series, Twilight Tours of the Prince Henry Nursing & Medical Museum, music and play performances, Twilight Concerts, and other courses and activities held at the libraries.

Review of program

Council staff recently investigated different options to replace the monthly Old Time Dance event. Suggested activities that can be accommodated within the set budget, and which offers social engagement, social inclusion and participation for seniors are:

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- Partnering with the Ritz Cinema Randwick, to hold special day time screenings for local senior residents four times a year. Movie screening of golden classics had been one of the most popular events held during Seniors Week 2013. This program will also provide opportunities for the Community Development team and Library Services to direct relevant community services, health and well-being information to residents.
- Support local community organisations and groups like the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association to host interactive tours and information days. Other organisations that may be interested could include Randwick District Historical Society and the Barrett House group.
- Hold two Sunday afternoon Jazz or Swing music events that appeal to the over 50 age groups.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.
Direction 2b: Support the provision of services and facilities to meet the identified needs of our target groups.

Financial impact statement

At this stage there is no additional financial impact for this matter. The cost of delivering an activity to replace Old Time Dance will be funded from the existing budget allocation of about \$3,000 per year.

Conclusion

Council staff has identified the need to review the relevance of the monthly Old Time Dance, and to identify alternative activities that would address the social needs of our senior residents, frail and active.

Consultation with key stakeholders will shortly commence to discuss the abovementioned options. On completion of these discussions, a report will be brought back to the Community Services Committee for its consideration/decision.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Community Services Report No. C8/13



Subject: Council Advisory Committee Minutes
Folder No: F2004/07646
Author: Ilana Kaplin, Coordinator Community Programs and Partnerships

Introduction

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

This report brings together for Council's acceptance, the minutes of previous meetings adopted by the respective Advisory Committees in February 2013.

Issues

As scheduled, the Advisory Committees (listed below) have met and the minutes of the meetings, which reflect discussions and outcomes, are attached.

The minutes will also be available on Council's website after each meeting. This report includes minutes from:

- Multicultural Advisory Committee – February 2013 (endorsed April 2013)
- Older Persons Advisory Committee – March 2013 (endorsed April 2013).

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: An informed and Engaged Community.

Direction: Effective communication methods and technology are used to share information and provide services.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

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

Recommendation

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

- Multicultural Advisory Committee – February 2013
- Older Persons Advisory Committee – March 2013

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Attachment/s:

1. Multicultural Advisory Committee Minutes February 2013
2. Older Persons Advisory Committee - March 2013

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Minutes

**Randwick City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee
Meeting held on 20 February 2013 at 5.30pm**

1. Present

Cr Lindsay Shurey (Chair)	Randwick City Council
Colin Rosenfeld	Randwick City Council
Katherine Zhu	Randwick City Council
Rosa Loria	Community Representative
Peter Schick	Community Representative
Janet Timberg	Community Representative
Charlotta Oberg	Community Representative
George Varughese	Community Representative
Marcos Molina	Visitor
Hernan Terrazzino	Visitor

2. Apologies

Ellen Gore	Community Representative
Jiabin Gao	Community Representative
Hendra Mulyanto	Community Representative

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2012 were confirmed.
Moved by Peter Schick and seconded by Janet Timberg.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Citizenship Ceremony

The Committee was informed of the forthcoming Citizenship Ceremonies which will be held on Thursday 28/2 and 7/3. Committee members interested in attending the ceremonies should contact Colin Rosenfeld who will organise an official invitation.

Action: Colin Rosenfeld to arrange an official invitation

4.2 Migrant Story Project

The official launch of the DVD produced in conjunction with Randwick TAFE's Digital Media Unit will be held at the Bowen Library on Wednesday 6 March. Committee members have been sent a formal invitation to the launch. There will be screenings held for the public at both Bowen Library and Margaret Martin Libraries which will coincide with Harmony Day celebrations and the NSW Government's designated March month of multicultural activities.

Action: For noting.

4.3 Department of Education and Communities –TAFE positions

This matter was discussed at the previous meeting. Advice has now been received that the four Institute Multicultural Education Coordinator (IMEC) positions at Sydney Institute including Randwick TAFE have been lost. However in response to community concern and lobbying at the loss of these essential

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positions, TAFE will be appointing two Multicultural Community Engagement Managers.

Action: For noting

4.4 Ideas for 2013

At the last meeting the Committee was asked to think of some ideas and future projects. Additionally, suggest possible guest speakers to be invited from local services who could inform the Committee about their programs and what they consider to be pressing local issues affecting CALD residents. This matter was held over to the next meeting due to time constraints.

Action: For discussion at the next meeting

5. General Business:

5.1 Harmony Day

A Harmony Day stall will be provided at the Spot Festival on Sunday 20 March at the Spot Randwick. The Spot Festival will include numerous multicultural food stalls and entertainment. Committee members agreed to staff the stall. A competition with five \$25 gift voucher prizes will be run similar to last year. It will invite people to comment on "How we can promote community harmony and inclusiveness in Randwick.

Eastern Sydney Multicultural Access Project with support of Randwick City Council will hold a "Cultural Bridges" multicultural performances and information day celebrating both Seniors Week and Harmony Day in the Town Hall on 21 March, 11 to 2pm.

It was also noted that Sydney Multicultural Community Services will hold a Seniors Carnivale event for their clients on 20 March at Prince Henry Centre with support from council.

Action: A roster to be prepared for the Committee at the Spot festival

5.2 Councillor Representatives

Cr Shurey informed the Committee that Cr D'Souza has resigned from the Committee as his Deputy Mayoral and other Council commitments create a heavy work load and competing priorities. He has indicated his willingness to assist the Committee with future multicultural events or projects. Council will in due course seek another Councillor to fill this position.

Action: For noting

6. Correspondence:

- Beach Safety & Awareness (Coogee Surf Club on 17 and 24 March), formerly known as the Migration to Surf awareness program for adult migrants.

7. Guest speaker

Marcos Molina and Hernan Terrazzino conduct the Coogee Beach Volley Ball Association. Currently they have 120 members and use 2 nets at the northern end of Coogee Beach. Many of their young members are from a multicultural background. The Committee supported, in principle, the Association's wish to expand their activity at Coogee Beach as a benefit to young people from diverse

backgrounds. Cr Shurey indicated that she would seek the advice and discuss the matter with the relevant Council officers who had investigated the proposal.

<p>Action: Cr Shurey to liaise with Council Officers and report back to the next meeting on the status of this matter</p>
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8. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 17 April 2013

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Randwick City Council
Older Persons Advisory Committee
Meeting held on Wednesday 6 March 2013, Randwick Room

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Present

Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Cr.Noel D'Sousa	Randwick City Council
Cr. Kathy Neilson	Randwick City Council
Lee Barwick	Coast Centre for Seniors
George Gergely	Community Representative
Billee King	Community Representative
Ron Wood	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch
Mike Cornell	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch

Apologies

Linda Mearing	Coast Centre for Seniors
Susan McCann	Eastern Sydney Medicare Local
Megan Bower	Junction Neighbourhood Centre
Ben Whitehorn	Randwick Waverley Community Transport

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2013 were confirmed.

4. Business Arising from Minutes**4.1 Seniors Week 2013**

Flyers and posters tabled. In addition to planned events and activities RCC, in partnership with ESMAP, will host a multicultural concert for older people from non-English speaking backgrounds on Thursday 21 March at Randwick Town Hall. RCC and local community services and organisations will promote services and support programs at all Seniors Week events during March and April. Frida thanked the Advisory Committee for promoting RCC Seniors Week events to the wider community.

Action: For noting.

4.2 Maroubra Outdoor Gym

RCC has removed the fence from the outdoor gym at Maroubra Beach and the equipment is now being used by residents and visitors of all ages. Ron Wood thanked RCC on the behalf of Randwick/Botany National Seniors for the provision of the outdoor gym. RCC Mayor, Cr. Tony Bowen will officially open the outdoor gym in April (date to be confirmed). South Eastern Sydney Local Health District have organised a Come and Try Day on Thursday 21 March from 9am to 11pm. Flyers tabled.

Action: Frida to provide an update on the opening of outdoor gym at the April Advisory Committee meeting.

4.3 Letter to Eastern Beach Local Area Command

The Advisory Committee thanked Cr. Neilson for writing a letter of appreciation to Eastern Beach Local Area Command for supplying bottled water to aged residents during the heatwave in January. Committee members agreed that such a valuable community service also provides social support for isolated and vulnerable residents in Randwick City and surrounding areas. Letter tabled.

Action: For noting.

4.4 Upgrade of Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre

RCC will be upgrading the Maroubra Senior Citizens Centre as part of the Buildings for our Community Program. The upgrade will include a new kitchen, access ramp at the entrance of the centre, an accessible toilet, solar panels and new lighting. The centre will be closed until the works are completed. RCC is assisting community groups to find alternative venues to continue their meetings and activities until the centre reopens in May.

Action: For noting

5. General Business

5.1 The Spot Festival (March 10)

Flyers tabled. RCC will be having an information stall at The Spot Festival to promote Seniors Week & Harmony Week events/activities and RCC services and support programs.

Action: For noting.

5.2 The International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day on March 8, RCC will be organising a Women's Art Prize. This successful community event highlights the invaluable contribution to our local community by women in Randwick City. The competition is open to all females over 12 years of age living, studying or working in Randwick City. All entries will be exhibited at Randwick Community Centre. Poster, entry forms and guidelines tabled.

Action: For noting.

6. Guest Speaker: Christine Howard, Supervisor Events, Library Services

Christine Howard provided an overview of RCC Library events, activities and community services. RCC operates a Library Home Service for frail aged and housebound residents, over 200 residents use the service. They offer computer training for Seniors and have a 19 seater, wheelchair accessible bus for hire to community groups. The bus and driver are available on alternate Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Meeting rooms at all Council Libraries are available for hire. Library Services organise monthly talks for Seniors on how to stay fit and healthy. They work in collaboration with Community Programs and Partnerships on projects such as A Migrants Story for Harmony Week. Copies of What's On for March and April tabled.

Action: For Information

7. Information Share: Committee members provided an update.

8 Correspondence

- SENC Newsletter Issue 29, 2012
- The Voice Newsletter, November 2012

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 April 2013.

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