



**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, 28 May 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

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Late Confidential General Manager's Report

GM10/13	4R Argyle Crescent, Randwick (DA/315/2011) <i>This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (g) Of the Local Government Act, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.</i>
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Mayoral Minute No. MM32/13



Subject: Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) Award for New and Improved Techniques for Integrated Management of Work Systems (IMOWS)

Folder No: F2011/00476

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

Randwick City Council has been recognised as leaders in innovation and environmental sustainability at the recent Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) Annual Conference.

Issues

Council was nominated for two awards which included the following:

1. New or Improved Techniques including: Innovation and/or Introduction of Techniques or Outstanding Management Initiatives or Outstanding Achievement in Asset Management.
2. Three R's: Recovery, Recycling and Reusing.

Randwick City Council successfully won the New and Improved Techniques Award for the Integrated Management of Work Systems (IMOWS). Judges were impressed with the integrated system that uses tablet computers, GPS equipment and specialised software in council vehicles. They commented on the functions of the system which offers an innovative and unprecedented level of integration between Council systems which has led to improvements in maintenance of Council assets, cleaning and waste services and responsive time to service requests.

Randwick City Council also received the highly commended award for the Three R's category. This award was received for the Yarra Bay Water Harvesting project recently undertaken at Bicentennial Park. The new facility captures and treats storm water to irrigate Bicentennial Park, Yarra Oval and has the capability to be expanded. The Judges were impressed with the expected annual water saving of 27ML of potable water as well as benefits by removing pollution from flows entering Yarra Bay.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

These award wins show that Randwick Council is a leader in local government. The unprecedented level of integration that IMOWS has set is one to be desired by other Councils. It presents Randwick's ability to employ great staff who work together to deliver projects with great complexities that will benefit the Council and improve facilities for our community. In addition, our ability to continuously implement

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strategies to benefit our environment is a positive example and model for other organisations into the future.

Recommendation

That Council congratulates its staff on winning the prestigious New and Improved Techniques award and for being highly commended for the three R's Award as recognised by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: Establishing an Expert Reference Group with UNSW to provide advice and guidance on environmental sustainability issues

Folder No: F2005/00104

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

Seeking Council endorsement for an Expert Reference Group from the University of New South Wales to advise Council on issues related to environmental sustainability.

Issues

Over the past few years, our innovative Sustainability Agreement with the UNSW has provided Council with access to a range of student projects and academic expertise supporting our own sustainability initiatives and outcomes as set out in our 20-year City Plan. From renewable energy projects, stormwater re-use and recycling, urban planning, carbon footprinting and multi-media presentations.

In each of these cases, we have been able to benefit from specialist research and guided learning outcomes from experts and students alike, with the key focus on implementing and shaping some of the environmental solutions of the future.

In conjunction with the UNSW, Council is now able to access a new model for the access of the latest research, scientific and technical information and understanding of environmental sustainability issues and their potential solutions.

We are fortunate that 8 specialists and experts within the University have responded to an invitation to participate in an Expert Reference Group. This Expert Reference Group will provide advice and guidance on environmental sustainability issues relevant to the Council and community of the Eastern suburbs. These experts cover the key issues of concern and interest, including urban planning, renewable energy, water, biodiversity, resource consumption, science and technology, and corporate governance and reporting. This is an excellent opportunity for Council to extend our partnership with the UNSW and to capitalize on the most up to date expertise and research contained within the university for the benefit and advantage of our residents and potentially for local government across the Eastern suburbs.

There are many jurisdictions and levels of government overseas that receive objective and scientific advice on environmental and sustainability matters from independent or scientific bodies. The information and advice provided are used to contribute to the decisions and potential policies effecting current and future residents of cities. Our UNSW Expert Reference Group will be asked to provide a similar function, keeping us up to date on the current knowledge and understanding across a range of issues in order to assist Council identify and implement the most appropriate environmental solutions for our community. I am hoping that other Councils will be interested in taking up this opportunity as well.

Recognising how busy these specialists and experts are in their own research and teaching responsibilities, it is intended to draw on their expertise and time a limited number of times each year. Councillors, senior management and our community

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would be invited to briefings from this panel of experts and receive advice on various issues and their potential solutions in an informative yet informal exchange. Further work and input from these experts may be sought on a negotiated basis as a result of these briefings. There is also the potential for student projects to be developed across the various schools and centres of research within the university on projects of specific relevance to the topics and issues of interest to our Councils.

To ensure proper planning and scheduling of all involved, it is intended to work toward two briefing sessions with the Expert Reference Group in August and November. Further details will be provided to Councillors. The first two key areas of focus are tentatively on transport and waste with future items to be identified.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter as the experts and specialists have agreed to participate on an honorary basis within the existing teaching or research capacity they are in at the UNSW.

Conclusion

This is an extremely beneficial and useful progression of our Sustainability Agreement with the UNSW. The Expert Reference Group enables Local Government to have access to an enormous range of objective and scientific knowledge and current best practice in areas relevant to the environmental management of the Eastern suburbs of Sydney.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the establishment of the UNSW Expert Reference Group to provide advice and guidance to Council and the community on sustainability issues.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Subject: Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill 2013

Folder No: F2004/07892

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

The Local Government Amendment (Early Intervention) Bill 2013 was passed by the lower house on 8 May 2013 with a number of amendments to the original Bill.

The Bill is now waiting for assent by the Upper House.

Issues

In response to my earlier Mayoral Minute in relation to the introduction of the Early Intervention Bill, Council resolved (on 26 March 2013):

'(Mayor, Cr T Bowen) 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.'

The following was reported in the LGNSW Circular of 22 March 2013:

'LGNSW met with the Minister, the Hon Don Page MP, on Thursday 14 March and Wednesday 20 March, and with the Minister's senior staff on Friday 15 March to discuss Local Government concerns with the Early Intervention Bill.

LGNSW explained these Local Government concerns at length, and in frank terms, to the Minister. In turn, LGNSW has gained a good understanding of the thinking behind the Bill.

While the negotiations have a way to go, the Minister has indicated his preparedness to alter some key points in the Bill in response to these concerns. LGNSW will announce more details as soon as it is possible.

The proposed amendments to the original Bill include:

Omit "the appointment of an interim administrator is necessary to improve or restore the proper or effective functioning of the council". Insert instead "the council is unable to perform its functions and that the council's performance is disadvantaging the residents of the council area concerned".

Insert:

- (3) The Minister may make a suspension order only if:
 - (a) the Minister has issued a performance improvement order in respect of the council, and

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- (b) the Minister is not satisfied with the compliance report provided by the council under Part 6 in relation to the performance improvement order or the council has failed to provide a compliance report.

Omit "to improve or restore the proper or effective functioning of the council". Insert instead "because the council is unable to perform its functions and the council's performance is disadvantaging the residents of the council area concerned".

Insert: **438P Council not to be suspended in 3 month period before election**

- (1) The Minister cannot make a suspension order in respect of a council if the suspension would commence in the period of 3 months before an ordinary election of the councillors of the council is to be held.
- (2) This section does not prevent the extension of a suspension during that 3-month period.

Insert: **438S Review of decision to suspend council**

- (1) A councillor of a council may apply to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal for a review of a decision of the Minister to make a suspension order in respect of the council.

Despite the amendments to the Bill, LGNSW is still actively seeking to have the Bill withdrawn until the NSW Local Government sector has been properly consulted.

The Bill is listed for debate in the Upper House today (28 May 2013) at 2.30pm.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to provide an update on the current status of the Local Government (Early Intervention) Bill.

Recommendation

That the report be received and noted.

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Subject: 2013 LGMA Management Challenge
Folder No: F2010/00123
Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

For over 20 years, councils from all over Australia and New Zealand have regarded the LGMA Management Challenge as Australia's premier forum for current and emerging local government leaders.

The Management Challenge is an annual competition designed to develop the skills of new and emerging leaders within Local Government with skills in effective team processes, issue resolution and situational leadership.

It is my great pleasure to inform you Randwick City Council's team 'Revolution' won this competition and are the 2013 LGMA Management Challenge winners for NSW. This is the second year in a row that Randwick City Council has won the competition.

Issues

The competition involved a written task on Shaping Communities and then a Challenge Day was held in each capital city. On this day teams came together to apply their skills to tasks that typify management in the local government environment. The tasks are crafted to develop individual and team competencies in predetermined management areas.

Following the judges' deliberations over a period of weeks Randwick City Council was announced as the winner for NSW.

The make up of the team representing Randwick City Council includes a NSW Police Officer from the Eastern Beaches Local Area Command and the members are:

- Daniel Pantano (team captain) – NSW Police Officer
- Patricia Hatzigiannis – Acting Coordinator Learning and Development
- Todd Clarke - Project Manager, Infrastructure Services
- Justin Wannenburg - Capital Works Engineer
- Sarah Harmston - Buildings for our Community Project Officer
- Sally Fernandez - Acting Property Officer
- Renee Saville (mentor) – Coordinator Integrated Planning and Knowledge Management

The General Manager and staff involved in the 2013 LGMA Challenge will now be representing NSW in the 2013 Australasian Final. This event is being held in Melbourne on 20 and 21 June 2013.

Financial impact statement

The LGMA provides partial funding and other costs associated with the preparation and attendance at the Australian Final has been funded within the current Learning and Development budget.

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Conclusion

Congratulations to the 'Revolution' team members and staff involved in the 2013 LGMA Management Challenge and good luck in the 2013 Australasian Final.

Recommendation

That Council extend their congratulations to all involved in the 2013 LGMA Management Challenge and give their best wishes to the team for the Australasian Final.

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Subject: Heffron Park Bike Track Naming Competition

Folder No: F2013/06574

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

Council recently opened the Heffron Park bike track for kids in Maroubra. This \$1.6M project includes an interactive bike track featuring road signs, road markings and road rule information signs designed to help children develop vital road safety riding skills.

The bike track has been a tremendous success with thousands of local families flocking to the park to test out the track and have fun. I'm very pleased to see the whole Heffron Park precinct improving over the years and this is set to continue with the Des Renford Leisure Centre Gym set to open later this year and a new clubhouse to be built for the sporting groups that use the park.

Between 26 March and 16 April 2013, Council held a competition to name this new facility through www.yoursayrandwick.com.au/nameyourbiketrack and promoted the competition through the website, park signage, Randwick eNews, social media, website database emails, advertising in the local paper, media releases and Council's main website.

We received 57 nominations to name the bike track. A short-list of five names was chosen by Council staff for voting that were considered appropriate and would pass the test of time. Those who nominated a short-listed name will receive a prize and one person who voted will be randomly drawn to win a \$500 bike shop voucher.

Between 19 April and 6 May 2013 the following were put forward for on-line voting:

- Heffron Park Learning Loop
- Bike Central
- The Pedal Park
- "Wheelies" Road Safety Bike Track
- Heffron Park Kids Bike Track

The results of this vote were:

- The Pedal Park: 48.7%
- "Wheelies" Road Safety Bike Track: 15.1%
- Heffron Park Kids Bike Track: 14.8%
- Heffron Park Learning Loop: 11.8%
- Bike Central: 9.6%

The voting resulted in a clear winner with "The Pedal Park" nomination receiving the most votes.

The name Pedal Park was nominated by 7-year-old Marley Lang from Maroubra Public School who attended the official opening and I'm told loves going to the bike park with his younger brother.

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Given the clear support for 'Pedal Park' I feel it is appropriate that Council resolve to name the bike track 'The Heffron Pedal Park' and that Marley's contribution be forever recognised through a plaque on site.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Given the clear support for 'Pedal Park' I feel it is appropriate that Council resolve to name the bike track 'The Heffron Pedal Park' and that Marley's contribution be forever recognised through a plaque on site.

Recommendation

That Council officially name the new kids bike track at Heffron Park in Maroubra the 'Heffron Pedal Park' and that this name be reflected in signage and a plaque on site that also acknowledges the child who nominated the name.

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Nil

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Subject: Bastille Day 2013 - Request for Sponsorship

Folder No: F2013/06574

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

Randwick City Council has been approached by the Consul-General for France, M. Eric Berti, to support the 2013 Bastille Day Celebration at La Perouse.

La Perouse is an important historical and cultural area within the City of Randwick with significant ties to France through the La Perouse monument and the La Perouse Museum.

Issues

In previous years, Randwick City Council has assisted the French Consular General's office to stage a large Bastille Day event at La Perouse, in conjunction with the Friends of Laperouse Museum and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. This year the French Consul-General has once again asked Council to provide financial assistance.

Financial impact statement

The French Consul-General has requested Council's sponsorship of the 2013 Bastille Day event in the form of a cash donation to cover the cost of hiring a large outdoor marquee. This amount will be allocated from the Community Events Budget.

Conclusion

It is important that Council continues its support of Bastille Day celebrations by providing funds to enable the hire of a marquee. The French Consul-General's Office has offered to include Randwick City Council's logo on all promotional material and to list Council as a sponsor. They have also requested the Councillors list be provided so that Randwick Councillors can be invited and included in the 2013 Bastille Day celebrations.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) provide a sponsorship amount of \$4,215 towards the 2013 Bastille Day Event to be held at La Perouse and be included as a sponsor on all promotional material; and
- b) provide to the French Consul General's office the current list of Randwick City Councillors.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM38/13



Subject: Support for rock fishing safety workshops at Little Bay

Folder No: F2004/07086

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

I have been approached by Stan Konstantaras who is the president of the Australian National Sportfishing Association (ANSA) to provide support for a rock fishing safety workshop at the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay.

Issues

The workshop is proposed to be held on Sunday, 2 June 2013 at the Prince Henry Centre to provide practical rock fishing safety information for people from a non-English speaking background, including international students at UNSW.

As Councillors would be aware, Randwick City is the most dangerous rock fishing location in Australia. Since September 2011 five people have died rock fishing in Randwick City including three deaths at Little Bay – not far from the Prince Henry Centre.

Council resolved to undertake a rock fishing survey in November 2012 to help us gain a greater understanding of the issue and what we may do to assist. The results of this survey are due to be finalised shortly. Additionally, Surf Life Saving is expected to deliver the results of their Project Blue Print Survey to us as well. This information will assist in developing an overall strategy, of which providing practical support for rock fishing safety workshops is likely to be a component.

The Prince Henry Centre is an ideal location for a rock fishing safety workshop given its proximity to several popular and dangerous rock fishing locations.

Financial impact statement

The cost for the workshop is \$1901.25 which will be funded from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

State Government agencies and community groups such as ANSA are already doing a lot to educate the public about rock fishing and one way that Randwick City can assist is by providing practical support such as waiving venue hire fees.

Recommendation

That Council agree to waive the venue hire fee for a rock fishing safety workshop at the Prince Henry Centre and that the organisers provide appropriate recognition of Council's support through display of Council's logo at the workshop and inclusion of our logo on printed material.

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Attachment/s:

1. Request for Recreational Fishing Alliance to use Prince Henry Centre for the purpose of a rock fishing safety workshop 2 June 2013

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The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW
"Promoting Sustainable Fishing"

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23th May 2013

re – Rock Fishing and Water Safety initiatives
CALD community Eastern Suburb International Students

To the Mayor Randwick City Council

The Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW, along with our project partners Surf Life Saving Australia & NSW, NSW DPI – Fisheries, and the Australian National Sportfishing Association are currently planning with the assistance of the Asian Women at Work, and the University of NSW Student Representative Council International, a 'Water Safety' event engaging the local international students who reside in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney.

The Alliance, along with our project partners listed above would like the support of Randwick Council in waiving the relevant fees associated with the community use of the Prince Henry Centre on the 2nd June 2013 from 9am to 4pm to conduct this event.

This age and cultural demographic, is one of several that rank high in statistical results surrounding risky activities, whether that is swimming at a local beach, to venturing on our rock platforms to look at the marine creatures or just to dangle a line and go rock fishing, without understanding all the risks and hazards such activities may pose.

Over the past several years these groups have worked tirelessly attempting to reduce the number of drowning related fatalities occurring in NSW. The NSW Government is now supporting such efforts through their 'Saving Lives Policy' with the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, and several years of community funding under the Water Safety Black Spot Funds program.

RFA and Surf Life Saving being 'Not for Profit' organisations were successful in receiving some funding for several projects, one of those allows the continuation of effective 'face to face' community events where a range of water safety based activities and safety tips can be communicated to participants, improving their awareness and knowledge about where to go, how to do it safely, and what to look for or do in case of an emergency.

We look forward to being advise of the councils decision in the near future, should you require any further assistance with this issue then please contact myself as noted below

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman
Recreational Fishing Alliance of NSW
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The RFA of NSW - "PROMOTING SAFE, SUSTAINABLE AND ENJOYABLE FISHING"
For more translated material and downloads on rock fishing safety visit
www.rfansw.com.au or www.safefishing.com.au or www.nswangleraccess.com.au
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au & www.watersafety.nsw.gov.au

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Mayoral Minute No. MM39/13



Subject: Waiving of Fees - Randwick Rugby Union Football Club

Folder No: F2004/06257

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

A request has been received from the Randwick Rugby Union Football Club seeking the waiving of fees associated with hiring twelve flag poles on Arden Street Coogee to advertise their home games at Coogee Oval.

Issues

The Randwick Rugby Union Football Club would like to hang their flags for one week prior to each of their home games to invite members of the community to attend. Their home games are on the 22 and 29 June, 20 July, 3 and 17 August 2013.

The hiring of twelve flag poles on Arden Street, Coogee is \$883.00 per week and the club would like to hang their flags on five separate occasions to the value of \$4,415.00.

In addition, the Randwick Rugby Union Club has requested that Council contribute half the installation and removal fees for these flags poles to the value of \$1,320.00.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$5,735.00. There are currently sufficient funds in the 2012-13 Contingency Fund to cover this contribution.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should waive the hire fee to hang twelve flags poles on Arden Street, Coogee for a period of one week on five separate occasions to the value of \$4,415.00. It is also considered that Council should contribute half the installation and removal fee for the twelve flags on Arden Street, Coogee on five separate occasions to the value of \$1,320.00.

Recommendation

That:

- a) the fees associated with the hire of twelve flag poles on Arden Street Coogee for one week on five separate occasions be waived and \$4,415.00 be allocated from the 2012-13 Contingency Fund.
- b) Council contribute half the installation and removal fee for twelve flag poles on five separate occasions to the value of \$1,320.00.
- c) the organizers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to each home game.

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Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM40/13



Subject: Indigenous Memorial Garden for the Stolen Generation at La Perouse

Folder No: F2013/06574

Author: Councillor Bowen, Mayor

Introduction

National Reconciliation week, from 27 May to 3 June, provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how we can participate in the national reconciliation effort.

This Mayoral Minute describes the Council's involvement in support of Reconciliation Week 2013. It also recommends that the Council support the creation of a Memorial Garden for The Stolen Generation a suitable site to be determined following consultation with the local Aboriginal community.

Issues

This year, the Council continues to support and fund a number of reconciliation week activities, such as the Pauline McLeod Award presentation night to be held on 29th May, and managing the Pauline McLeod Art Poster Competition for local schools. This annual Art Competition is conducted on behalf of the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islanders (ERLGATSI) Forum. Following the presentation of awards, Council staff organises the art works to be displayed as part of a travelling exhibition. This includes displaying them at Council libraries.

Once again the Women's Business Gathering will be held at Yarra Bay House. The purpose of the Women's Business Gathering is to educate and raise awareness of women's health issues and to improve the general well-being of community members.

The theme for this year's Reconciliation Week is **Let's Talk Recognition**, which focuses on how Australians can better recognise each other, and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Peoples.

There are many ways of interpreting this theme and I would like to suggest that the creation of a memorial garden is an appropriate way for our City to recognise and acknowledge the The Stolen Generation. A dedicated garden area would also offer individuals and family members impacted by this deplorable episode in Australia's history a place for reflection and meditation.

I have been informed that the issue of identifying a suitable location and funding a garden in memory of The Stolen Generation has been flagged by members of the Council's Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Discussions have commenced at the Advisory Committee level to identify options for a suitable location, and the important elements of the memorial garden. To progress this proposal, I suggest that council staff contact the Aboriginal Land Council for a meeting to determine a suitable consultation process with relevant members of the Aboriginal community, and to discuss locational and design options.

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Financial impact statement

A financial impact for this proposal can only be determined after community consultation with key stakeholders has taken place. A report shall be returned to Council once financial details are available for the Council's consideration.

Conclusion

Council has an excellent relationship with the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council and our Indigenous residents. To mark our remembrance of The Stolen Generation, I recommend that Council gives its support to the creation of a memorial garden at a suitable location to be determined in consultation with all key stakeholders.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the events that are currently underway to mark 2013 Reconciliation Week, and,
2. Gives its support to the creation of a memorial garden in remembrance of The Stolen Generation, and that a meeting be held with the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council to discuss a suitable consultation process, including locational and garden design options, with relevant members of its community and other key stakeholders.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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