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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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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, 11 June 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

Community Services Committee - 14 May 2013

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.

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Community Services Report No. C9/13



Subject: Developing Sister City Relationships
with Local High Schools

Folder No: F2012/00203

Author: Ilana Kaplin, Coordinator Community Programs and
Partnerships

On the 26 June 2012, Council resolved as follows:

Motion Pursuant to Notice from Cr Procopiadis – Developing Sister City Relationships with Local High Schools. Resolution: (Procopiadis/Andrews) 'That the Chair of the Youth Committee organize a breakfast/ workshop with the Captains and Vice Captains of all local High Schools in Randwick (girls and boys) for the purpose of their schools forming an ongoing relationship with our Sister Cities, both here and overseas.'

The primary objectives of the Sister City program are to promote mutual understanding, friendship and professional conduct for the benefit of both communities and the promotion of local government. The goal of Sister City relationships is to help develop enduring networks of communication between the cities of the world to cut across boundaries and reduce the likelihood of polarisation and conflict among nations.

This report has been prepared in response to the abovementioned resolution.

Issues

Randwick City Council Community Project Officers from Community Programs and Partnerships contacted the local high schools in the Randwick Council Local Government area regarding the resolution. Of all the high schools in the area, none were interested in perusing this idea with their students.

Feedback from the Principals and teachers at the local high schools gave a clear message that they are not interested in the traditional Sister City model of engaging with other students in other communities, internationally or across Australia.

Current NSW Department of Education programs and the ease of access to other international communities through the internet and social media, have dramatically changed the way students interact with their counterparts. There is regular exchange of ideas, contact and communication using various forms of internet based programs between schools and students nationally and internationally.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

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.

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Conclusion

The objective and goals of Randwick Sister City Programs are already being met through current school activities and programs. Schools no longer require the assistance of Randwick City Council to promote international networks and relationships.

Recommendation

That Council notes that local high schools prefers to engage with national and international student communities through the NSW Department of Education's student exchange programs and through alternative internet technology such as Skype and other similar tele-conferencing portals.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Community Services Report No. C10/13



Subject: Update Youth Off The Streets South Maroubra and La Perouse Community Project

Folder No: F2013/00220

Author: Ilana Kaplin, Coordinator Community Programs and Partnerships

Introduction

Randwick City Council and Youth Off the Streets are building a partnership to address issues of youth disengagement and disadvantage in South Maroubra and La Perouse. Information on this was presented in a Mayoral Minute, Establishment of Youth Off The Streets Outreach Program in South Maroubra and La Perouse, on 23 April 2013.

We are pleased to announce that the project is now underway. A launch event will be held at Lexington Place on Saturday 22 June from 11am – 3pm to provide information to local residents about the program, and to conduct a community engagement and consultation process.

Issues

Youth Off The Streets has secured significant funding to set up an outreach program to cover South Maroubra and La Perouse. The target group of this initiative is the disengaged and severely disadvantaged youth in our area. We have a significant issue with youth in crisis, drug and alcohol abuse and homelessness.

The focus of this will be on education and employment programs; this will involve tackling antisocial behaviours and creating positive engagement with the community.

Office and outreach accommodation have been secured for Youth Off the Streets at Lexington Place shops for two years. Youth Off the Streets has started to recruit specific specialist staff to work out of the Lexington Place site.

Information on the outreach program has been presented to local service providers such as The Shack youth Services, Red Cross, Noffs Foundation, La Perouse Youth Haven, Eastern Suburbs Youth Network, La Perouse Aboriginal Community Alliance, Jarrah House with positive feedback and support from the community.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

- Outcome: 2. A vibrant and diverse community
- Direction: 2b. Enrich our range of community services and meet our community's needs
- 2c. Strong partnerships between Council, community groups and government agencies

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Financial impact statement

As agreed in the Mayoral Minute MM27/13 of 23 April 2013, Council will forgo revenue equivalent to the annual rates for the office and outreach space. The annual rates amount due for this financial year is \$2,057.23 Council Community Development staff will provide ongoing in kind support to this project.

Conclusion

The partnership between Father Chris Reilly's YOTS organisation, Maroubra Police Local Area Command, and Randwick City Council in establishing the outreach project is an excellent initiative to address harm minimisation and crime prevention issues involving young people of Randwick City.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the financial contribution to this worthwhile youth outreach program by making a donation equivalent to the Council rates payable, approximately \$2,057.23, and
2. Endorse the on-going support to YOTS staff by actively participating in projects, research and consultation activities based in Randwick City.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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