

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Environment Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, 30 Frances Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 12 November 2013 at 6:00 p.m..

Committee Members: The Mayor (S Nash), Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, D'Souza, Garcia, Matson (Deputy Chairperson), Moore, Neilson, Roberts, Seng & Shurey (Chairperson), Smith, Stavrinou & Stevenson

Quorum: Eight (8) members

NOTE: At the extraordinary meeting held on 22 May 2007, the Council resolved that the Environment 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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Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

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Environment Report No. E21/13



Subject: Second UNSW Expert Reference Group briefing for Council, Wed. November 27, 2013

Folder No: F2005/00104

Author: Peter Maganov, Manager Sustainability

Introduction

Advising Council of the second Expert Reference Group briefing at UNSW on Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

Issues

At its May 28, 2013 meeting, Council endorsed the establishment of the UNSW Expert Reference Group to provide advice to Council and the community on sustainability related issues (MM 33 / 13 refers). The formation of this expert panel is an extension of Council's Sustainability Agreement signed with UNSW.

The second UNSW Expert Reference Group briefing for Councillors and staff is being held at the Institute for Environmental Studies (IES) at the University on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 from 6pm.

In addition to the 8 technology and sustainability experts and specialists from UNSW, international expert, Mr Andy Stirling will also be discussing environmental risk and its importance on local communities. Mr Stirling is a Professor in Science and Technology Policy Research from Sussex University attending UNSW for the bi-annual State of the Australian Cities Conference which the university is hosting.

Councillors and staff from Waverley and Woollahra Councils will also be invited to this event. Randwick Council is hosting the event in conjunction with the Institute of Environmental Studies at UNSW. The briefing will commence at 6.15pm with refreshments before and concluding at 7.30pm

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 10: A healthy environment.

Direction 10(a): Council's programs and partnerships foster sustainable behavioural changes and outcomes.

Financial impact statement

As part of our co-hosting of the Expert Reference Group briefing with UNSW it is proposed we cover the catering costs up to an amount of \$800 depending upon the number of Councillors and staff confirming their attendance.

Conclusion

The first UNSW Expert Reference Group briefing held in June 2013 was a very successful event with all those attending indicating very strongly the value of the exchange between the expert and panel members, Councillors and staff. The

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attendance of Mr Andy Stirling as part of this expert exchange is likely to strengthen further the usefulness of the briefing to all concerned.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorses the second briefing of the UNSW Expert Reference Group on November 27, 2013;
- b) that those interested in attending confirm their attendance with the Manager, Sustainability and Strategic Waste via email (peter.maganov@randwick.nsw.gov.au); and
- c) agrees for Council to meet catering costs up to \$800 as part of our co-hosting of the event with the Institute of Environmental Studies at UNSW.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Environment Report No. E22/13



Subject: National Recycling Week - Big Aussie Swap event at Randwick Community Centre

Folder No: F2004/08350

Author: Fiona Campbell, Sustainability Education Officer

Introduction

To inform Council of the Big Aussie Swap event being organised at Randwick Community Centre as part of National Recycling Week

Issues

National Recycling Week is the major event held each year to promote and facilitate activities to increase the level of community recycling and reduction of waste. Randwick Council's support of National Recycling Week is our Big Aussie Swap day on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at our sustainability education 'hub' at the Randwick Community Centre.

This year's Big Aussie Swap event aims to attract more residents with three separate elements to the program starting from 3.00pm and finishing at 8.30pm. The first stage includes a panel discussion on the 'Collaborative Economy' with speakers addressing topics aimed at enabling greater re-use and new approaches to minimizing waste and consumption of resources. Children's activities are also being organised including craft activities using recycled materials.

Following the panel discussion, those attending will be able to participate in the Big Aussie Swap encouraging residents to bring items along for swapping and re-using with their neighbours. Items include homewares, CDs, books and toys. Following the swap party a special showing of the Take 3 documentary, 'Trashed' which includes introductions and overview on plastic waste issues by Take 3 founder, Tim Silverwood.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

- Outcome 10: A healthy environment.
- Direction 10(a): Council's programs and partnerships foster sustainable behavioural change and outcomes.
- Direction 10(d): Waste is managed sustainably to ensure the highest level of resource recovery.

Financial impact statement

Approximately \$1,800 has been allocated to the event from the community education budget of the environmental levy program. These costs include materials, speakers, catering, craft activities and music.

Conclusion

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The Big Aussie Swap at Randwick Community Centre has become a feature of National Recycling Week and joins with similar events by Councils across the metropolitan area. Further information is available on Council's website and at www.reduceyourfootprint.com.au.

Recommendation

That Council note the Big Aussie Swap event as part of National Recycling Week at Randwick Community Centre on Sunday, November 17 and consider attending the Panel discussion, the Swap party or the special screening of the documentary, 'Trashed' and overview by Take 3 founder, Tim Silverwood.

Attachment/s:

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