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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, First Floor, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, 30 Frances Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 26 November 2013 at 6:00pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM87/13



Subject: Passing of Joseph "Joe" Seddon
Folder No: F2005/00266
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

It is with great sadness that I inform Council of the passing of Coogee Surf Life Saving Club legend, Mr Joseph "Joe" Seddon.

Issues

Joe joined Coogee Surf Club in 1962 and gained his bronze medallion in 1963. The number of lives Joe has saved in this time cannot be counted. He was the first member in the history of the club to hold all four Club Executive positions, being Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and President. He served on the club management committee for over 40 years and is the only club member ever to have served on the National Executive of the SLSA, where he was Honorary Treasurer for five years.

Joe also served as a Director of the Helicopter Rescue Service (Westpac Lifesaver) for 10 years and held various other positions within the Association including Branch and State selector and was appointed by the State Government as a Trustee of the State Sports Centre where he served for three consecutive terms. For ten years he held the onerous position of Events Coordinator at State Surf Championships.

Joe was made a Life Member of the club in 1982 and a Governor of Coogee Surf Club in 2000. He was a tireless worker for the Club since joining and taking the position of Assistant Gear Steward back in 1963. He was a Life Member of the Randwick District Executive (representing the four (4) surf clubs in the Randwick District) and kept a close working relationship with the officers and elected representatives of Randwick City Council. He was also a trustee of the Wylies Baths Trust where he represented the club for 25 years and served as Public Officer of the club since 1986. He was also the clubs initial Licensee.

Joe was a proud member of the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club and competed, coached and encouraged competition within the club over many years. He has two sons in the club, both of whom have won and placed in the State and National Championships. In 1986 when his son Tony joined the club, there were four generations of the Seddon Family as club members at the same time.

Back in the early 1990's Joe had the foresight to realise that the club's centenary year was fast approaching. Knowing the club had very little previous documented history and realising that it would be a huge task to compile such a massive amount of information, he began to research and obtain the material necessary to present the club's 100 year history.

During the 1990's Joe began collecting records, read and reviewed minute books and annual reports; collected paper clippings and old photos; taped interviews with the older members; and researched the vaults of local, state and national libraries, as well as the War Memorial, for any information relating to the club and its members.

The end result was a wonderful pictorial and factual historical publication and is a tribute to the countless hours of research and to the penning of words which went

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into making this magnificent account of Coogee Surf Club's remarkable history. This book is not just an account of Coogee Surf Club's history from the early 1900's until the present. It also provides an insight into changing social structures and events that have impacted on the club and its members, such as the First and Second World Wars, the Great Depression, the advent of motor vehicles and surfboard riding. It depicts and describes changes to the demographics and topography in and around Coogee. It provides an account of the competitive and lifesaving sides of the club and its achievements in each.

It describes some of the more subdued topics including administration and education and how the club has been at the forefront of change in so many aspects of surf life saving. However, just as importantly, it also contains great stories from and about many of the club's more "colourful" characters and events that have shaped the club over its 100 year history. It is a magnificent account of so many aspects of this great club.

Joe personally contributed a large amount of money to support this project, ensuring that the club was not financially disadvantaged during the production of the book. Joe's dedication in producing an accurate account of the club's history, which is both interesting and entertaining, speaks for itself.

The club will benefit from the archiving of its history as a bi-product of this massive project. The thousands of documents, photos, interviews and other material used in the production of this book will be digitally copied and stored for future generations.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Randwick City has lost a great man and a dedicated and active member of the community. Council will be passing its condolences on to the Seddon family.

Recommendation

That Council acknowledges the invaluable contribution made to our community for over fifty years by Joseph "Joe" Seddon and sends its condolences to the Seddon family.

Attachment/s:

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Subject: 2013 Corporate Leadership Cup
Folder No: F2013/00508
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

In October 2009 Randwick City Council launched the inaugural NSW council sister cities Corporate Leadership Cup. Held at the Prince Henry Community Centre, Little Bay, this challenge brought together employees from Temora Shire, Sutherland Shire, Harden Shire, City of Canterbury, Cobar Shire and Randwick City Council to build on their leadership skills.

This highly successful development program was designed to support industry growth and sustainability by building a workforce that ensures it has the best people ready to meet current and future leadership needs.

Issues

The 2013 event was again hosted by Randwick City Council and was held at Prince Henry Centre. I was honoured to be able to meet all of the teams and welcome them to Randwick City. During the two day event participants worked in teams to complete a range of 'real world' local government leadership and business challenges. The program concluded with evaluation and feedback by a panel of industry leaders including academic representatives from UNSW and General Managers who determined the team to take home the Corporate Leadership Cup.

The primary purpose of our Leadership Development Strategy is to ensure long term sustainability in the development of our leadership team, and demonstrate the link between leadership development and Council's long term workforce and integrated planning strategies. Randwick City Council has a commitment to develop our leaders and emerging leaders to the highest levels, consistent with Best practice and Employer of Choice outcomes within our own industry, but also to be competitive with private enterprise.

This year, Randwick had two excellent teams:

ADR League (winners for 2013):

- Darron Daly
- Choonghan Yeo
- Jacqueline Wallington
- Elisa Kolln
- George Panagiotopoulos
- Todd Clarke (mentor)

The New Wave:

- Matthew Leary
- Michael Sadler
- Nasim Sajadi
- Stacey Jeffries
- Kate Stephens (NSW Police)
- Simon Beswick (mentor)

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Financial impact statement

The Corporate Leadership Cup was funded through the current 2013-14 Learning and Development budget and competing participants paid an enrolment fee.

Conclusion

The aim of the Corporate Leadership Cup is to:

- support industry growth
- build and develop a workforce to meet current and future leadership needs
- foster leadership and strategic business skills in current employees
- provide a cross-council platform to share information
- prepare for the LGMA Management Challenge.

The Corporate Leadership Cup has been a highly successful initiative and, this year, was again hosted by Randwick City Council. In addition, one of the Randwick City Council teams won the event and the other team was also highly placed.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to the Randwick City Council Team "ADR League" who were the overall winners of the 2013 Corporate Leadership Cup in an extremely close fought competition.

Recommendation

That Council acknowledge the ongoing success of the Corporate Leadership Cup and Randwick City Council's success in demonstrating and fostering best practice leadership in local government.

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Subject: Launch of eSmart Library Program
Folder No: F2012/00319
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

It was my honour to attend the official launch, by Princess Mary and Prince Frederik, of the eSmart Homes Program at the Margaret Martin Library on 26th October 2013.

The purpose of this mayoral minute is to seek support for Council to become a member of the e Smart Library Program, which is an initiative of the Allannah & Madeleine Foundation and runs in unison with the E Smart Homes Program and attempts to combat the cyber bullying of children, which is becoming an endemic problem in our community.

Issues

Libraries are an essential community resource for supporting digital inclusion and they play an increasingly important role in bridging the digital divide by improving opportunities for all Australians to access the benefits of technology irrespective of income, ability or disadvantage. With this extra usage by our community comes the need to provide better protection for children.

eSmart is a behaviour change initiative for cyber safety and wellbeing. It is an online system that provides a road map to the tools and resources that will equip the library community with the skills and knowledge they need for the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

Council staff are now in possession of all the documentation from the Foundation to join the eSmart Libraries Program. Of course staff will need to go through our policies and procedures and incorporate the eSmart Libraries' guidelines into them.

Financial impact statement

Funds for this project have been allowed for in the 2013/14 budget.

Conclusion

After discussing this vital issue with Councillor D'Souza following the launch on 26 October 2013, I have no doubt that this is a project we must foster and develop as quickly and effectively as possible.

Recommendation

That Council become a member of the eSmart Library Program, which is an initiative of the Allannah & Madeleine foundation and attempts to combat cyber bullying in our community.

Attachment/s:
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Subject: Surf Life Active - initiative 'to get Australians fitter, healthier and happier'

Folder No: F2011/00287

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

'Surf Life Active' has written to Council asking for support for its community initiative that looks to build a fitter, happier and healthier Australia. Surf Life Active intend to do this by delivering free health, fitness and nutritional education both online and in the parks, suburbs and cities of Australia.

Issues

Surf Life Active (www.surflifeactive.com), with the assistance of Surf Life Saving Australia, aims to "save lives outside the flags" by delivering free health, fitness and nutritional learning to all Australians. One of the major aspects of this initiative is to offer free "activity camps", (boxing, cross training, team games, yoga and running/walking classes) conducted by qualified and insured personal trainers to all Australians. Surf Life Active has asked for local council support in the use of facilities and has approached Randwick City Council in relation to this aspect of the program. They have indicated that they are currently running camps in Sydney City and Willoughby and would like to have Randwick's endorsement and involvement over summer.

Currently there are 14 million Australian adults overweight and obese and Surf Life Active believe their initiative, along with the support of the community and institutions like the Randwick City Council, will make a real difference to this immense problem. Surf Life Active have believe that "this initiative will contribute enormously to community cohesions and maximise the use of public facilities and will be an incredible offering Randwick Council can deliver its residents".

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Surf Life active have asked for the opportunity to present this initiative in more detail to Council. I suggest that, in the first instance, I meet with Surf Life Active to discuss any ways in which Council can support/assist their initiative.

Recommendation

That the Mayor meet with Surf Life Active representatives to discuss ways in which Council can support/assist their community initiative that looks to build a fitter, happier and healthier Australia.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM91/13



Subject: Providing support for Responsible Runners and Responsible Cafes in Randwick to assist reduce beach litter and rubbish

Folder No: F2008/00171

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to seek Council endorsement of our partnership with the Responsible Runners and Responsible Cafes community groups who are helping to tackle beach litter and rubbish issues.

Issues

The community-led Responsible Runners group has been operating across 13 beach locations for 12 months now aiming to combine a healthy lifestyle with helping improve and protect our environment. The Responsible Runners Randwick group meets on Sunday afternoons at 5.30pm at the Coogee beach steps and spends 30 to 60 minutes each week picking up rubbish as they walk or run along the beach front. The group members take the time after to analyse the type of rubbish occurring on our beaches and add the information to a database kept across all 13 locations.

In less than 12 months, Responsible Runners have removed 6 tonnes of rubbish including 100,000 cigarette butts and tens of thousands of recyclable drink containers, plastic straws, bottle caps and plastic cutlery. With so many takeaway coffee cups collected, the Responsible Runners Randwick group has also established a Responsible Cafes campaign inviting coffee consumers to bring in their own re-usable cup and receive a price discount on coffees purchased from participating cafes.

These are extremely positive and proactive volunteer efforts which deserve to be supported by Council as they spread the important message that it is everyone's responsibility to help reduce rubbish and litter at some of our most popular beachside locations.

I would like to see Council take the initiative and support some of the key messages of our local Responsible Runners and Responsible Cafes volunteers. The groups themselves are mostly self sufficient in their efforts and messages but discussions with them have established the type of support which can strengthen their results and efforts. These include:

- Promotion and communication of their meeting times and locations;
- Provision of cups to their participating responsible cafes to encourage and increase the number of customers working with them on reducing drink disposable containers and coffee cups entering the litter stream;
- Supply of re-usable paper bags for distribution and promotion of litter reduction and recycling messages and information (in place of plastic bags).

To assist Responsible Runners and Responsible Cafes I would like to see that we promote and publicise their activities whilst promoting our own similar messages about reducing litter and increasing public place recycling. Randwick Council has a supply of re-useable cups and I understand we can supply a small quantity over the

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summer period which can then be used by participating cafes to promote the Responsible Cafes initiative. Regarding the supply of re-usable paper bags for promotion and distribution I have asked the Responsible Runners to provide more detail on the purpose and potential costing for this initiative.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter however the level of in-kind support from Council would be approximately \$1,200.

Conclusion

Beach litter and pollution continues to be one of the key issues raised by our residents despite the extensive efforts Council goes to each Summer and throughout the year in reducing this form of litter. Effective voluntary initiatives to strengthen this community message and remind beachgoers and visitors to help keep our beaches free of litter deserve our strong support and appreciation.

Recommendation

That Council supports the Responsible Runners and Responsible Cafes initiatives as outlined in this Mayoral Minute.

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Subject: Urban Activation Precincts
Folder No: F2013/00012
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

On 28 August 2013, Council resolved, inter alia, to call on the State Government to confirm that they will undertake a community consultation process that is no less extensive than the consultation process Council undertook for its LEP 2012.

Council will shortly receive notice from the Department of Planning of the specific sites identified for rezonings, as part of the Randwick Urban Activation Precinct. In light of the background to this matter, it is my view that Council should be supplying appropriate information to local residents, to enable residents to understand the proposals, noting that the Urban Activation Precincts proposals are not Council projects.

Issues

Although Council has not seen the proposed rezoning details for specific sites, and based on the debate thus far, it seems to me almost inevitable that Council will resolve to oppose the rezonings. I suspect that will be the case, because Council's pronouncement of what it sees are appropriate planning controls for our local area are reflected in its recently adopted and gazetted LEP 2012, culminating after years of discussion and consultation.

For at least those reasons, in my view, Council should do the following:

1. As appropriate, distribute information to local residents (by letter, enews and other mediums) regarding the specific sites identified for rezonings as part of the Urban Activation Precincts proposals;
2. Confirm that Council's position on the Urban Activation Precincts proposals is that they are opposed, on the basis that Council's pronouncement of what it sees are appropriate planning controls for our local area are reflected in its recently adopted and gazetted LEP 2012 (and, as appropriate, communicate that position to local residents);
3. Re-affirm its resolution passed on 28 August 2013, viz that Council call on the State Government to confirm that they will undertake a community consultation process that is no less extensive than the consultation process Council undertook for its LEP 2012 and ensure planning decisions in our local government area rest with Randwick Council.

At the time of writing this Mayoral Minute, I received an email from Councillor Belleli with some good suggestions on this issue which I have incorporated.

Conclusion

It is important that Council makes clear to the community that the urban activation precincts proposed are not Council endorsed and to re-affirm Council's existing LEP 2012.

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Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Confirm that Council's position on the urban activation precinct proposals is that they are opposed to the extent that they differ from Council's current LEP controls, on the basis that Council's pronouncement of what it sees are appropriate planning controls for our local area are reflected in its recently adopted and gazetted LEP 2012 (and, as appropriate, communicate that position to local residents);
- b) Distribute appropriate information to local residents (by letter, enews and other mediums) regarding the specific sites identified for rezonings as part of the Urban Activation Precincts proposals exhibition; and
- c) Re-affirm its resolution passed on 28 August 2013, viz that Council call on the State Government to confirm that they will undertake a community consultation process that is no less extensive than the consultation process Council undertook for its LEP 2012 and ensure planning decisions in our local government area rest with Council.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM93/13



Subject: Request for Increase in the Aged Pensioner Council Rebate

Folder No: F2004/07458

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

Over the many years I have been on Council, I have been approached by senior citizens who have voiced their concerns about the pensioner rebate not having increased since at least the introduction of the Local Government Act 1993.

Issues

Over 5,200 eligible ratepayers receive pensioner rating concessions in Randwick City with a total value of rebates of over \$1.3 million per annum. With the State Government subsidy of 55%, the net cost to Council is approximately \$590K per annum.

Council has made various requests over the years to the State Government to increase the pensioner rebate, the most recent being at the ordinary Council meeting held 27 April 2010 at which it was resolved: -

"that this Council write to the Premier, Kristina Keneally and table a motion at the Local Government Conference, seeking an immediate increase in the Aged Pensioner Councils Rebate from \$250.00 to \$350.00, indexed annually by the rate pegging rate, in order to address the extreme hardship now faced by our aged pensioners as a result of the recent massive increases in their electricity, gas, water and telephone charges, which they are struggling to pay and which are impacting on their quality of life."

In January 2009, Council lobbied the then Minister for Local Government, Ms Barbara Perry to seek her support to have the State Government fund an increase in the prescribed pensioner rates concession from \$250.00 to \$350.00 per annum, noting again that the current pensioner concession amount has not changed since the introduction of the Local Government Act (NSW) 1993.

In August 2010 Council lobbied the State Member for Maroubra in an attempt to facilitate these changes. Council's position as advised to the then Minister Daley, is that any increase in the pensioner rebate should be funded by the State Government or at the least, should be split in the same proportion between State Government (55 percent) and local councils (45 percent) as is currently the case.

Financial impact statement

An increase in the rebate to \$350.00 would result in the cost to Council rising from approximately \$590K per annum to approximately \$820K per annum.

Conclusion

Many Senior citizens struggle to make ends meet and it is time that we again write to the State Government to urge it to increase this rebate as soon as possible, given

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that it has been at least since the introduction of the Local Government Act 1993 that the rebate was last increased.

Recommendation

That Council writes to the State Government requesting an increase in the pensioner rebate on rates from \$250.00 to \$350.00, to be funded by the State Government or at the least, should be split in the same proportion between State Government (55 percent) and local councils (45 percent), as is currently the case.

Attachment/s:

1. Letter to Minister for Local Government (The Hon Barbara Perry MP) - January 2009
2. Letter from Minister for Local Government (The Hon Barbara Perry, MP) - March 2009
3. Letter to Premier (Kristina Keneally) - April 2010
4. Letter from Minister for Local Government (The Hon Barbara Perry, MP) - July 2010

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GJB (Pensioners)
Contact: Greg Byrne – 9399 0836

28 January 2009

The Hon. Barbara Perry
Minister for Local Government
Level 33 Governor Macquarie Tower,
1 Farrer Place,
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Minister

Increase in Pensioner Rates Rebate

At Council's Ordinary Meeting of 25 November 2008 it was resolved that Council seek your support to have the State Government fund an increase in the prescribed pensioner rates concession from \$250.00 to \$350.00 per annum.

It is noted that the current pensioner concession amount has been unchanged since the introduction of the Local Government act (NSW) 1993. With rate pegging increases being applied each year, the pensioner concession has over time diminished as a percentage of the annual rate levy.

Please give this matter your due consideration.

Yours faithfully

Geoff Banting
Acting General Manager

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New South Wales

The Hon. Barbara Perry MP

Minister for Local Government
 Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)

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Mr Ray Brownlee
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Randwick City Council

28 MAR 2009

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18 MAR 2009

Dear Mr Brownlee

I am writing in reply to a letter dated 28 January 2009 from Mr Geoff Banting, Council's Acting General Manager, regarding the level of pensioner concessions.

As you would be aware, under the *Local Government Act 1993*, pensioners are provided concessions on their ordinary rates and domestic waste management services charge up to a maximum of \$250 and concessions of up to \$87.50 each on water and sewerage rates and charges where councils provide those services.

While I acknowledge that the level of pensioner concessions has remained constant for a number of years, the last increase in the general rates concession from \$175 to \$250 was a significant increase.

The cost of providing mandatory pensioner concessions was recently calculated to be around \$133 million per annum. The cost of providing these concessions is shared between the State Government (55 percent) and local councils (45 percent).

This cost will increase for councils and the State Government as a result of changes to the Commonwealth Government's asset means test. The halving of the asset taper rate, which came into effect on 20 September 2007, means that many people who were previously unable to get the pension will now be eligible for the part-pension and, as a result, will also be eligible for the rate concession.

While expanding the current concession is desirable, it must be noted that any change to current funding arrangements would impact on the capacity of governments both at State and Local level to provide other programs and services tailored towards supporting retirees in leading a full and active life in the community.

As you would be aware, councils have the discretion to provide further concessions above the maximum levels fixed by the Act, and to assist ratepayers that may be

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experiencing difficulty in paying their rates. These include agreeing to the periodic payment of rates other than by quarterly instalments, writing off interest on unpaid rates and providing relief where hardship has occurred due to changes in land valuations. Decisions to assist in these circumstances are made at the discretion of each council. The cost of providing these further concessions must be met entirely by the council.

The Government appreciates the concerns of pensioners and will continue to keep this issue under consideration.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Barbara Perry MP
Minister

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30 April 2010

The Hon Kristina Keneally, MP
Premier of NSW
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms Keneally

Proposed Increase in the Pensioner Rate Rebate

At the Council Meeting of 27 April 2010, Council resolved to write to you (as the Premier) and also table a motion at the 2010 Local Government Association Conference, seeking an immediate increase in the Pensioner Rate Rebate from \$250 to \$350 per annum. It is proposed that this amount is to be indexed annually by an equivalent amount to the rate pegging limit.

Council's motive in seeking this increase is: *"in order to address the extreme hardship now faced by our aged pensioners as a result of the recent massive increases in their electricity, gas, water and telephone charges, which they (the pensioners) are struggling to pay and which are impacting on their quality of life."*

In accordance with the Council resolution, a motion will be submitted to the next Local Government Association Conference (which is scheduled to be held in Albury in October 2010).

Any assistance that you may be able to provide in relation to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Ray Brownlee
General Manager



THE HON. BARBARA PERRY MP

Minister for Local Government,
Minister for Juvenile Justice,
Minister Assisting the Minister for Planning,
and Minister Assisting the Minister for Health (Mental Health)

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Randwick City Council
23 JUL 2010
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19 JUL 2010

Dear Mr Brownlee

I am writing in reply to your letter of 30 April 2010 (your reference: F2004/07458 D01005193) to the Premier, the Hon Kristina Keneally MP, regarding increasing the level of pensioner concessions from \$250 to \$350 per annum. The Premier referred your letter for my consideration and response.

I have noted Council's resolution.

As you are aware, under the *Local Government Act 1993*, eligible pensioners are provided concessions on their ordinary rates and domestic waste management services charge up to a maximum of \$250 and concessions of up to \$87.50 each on water and sewerage rates and charges where councils provide those services.

The level of these concessions is specified in section 575 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The cost of providing these concessions is shared between the State Government (55 percent) and local councils (45 percent).

This cost has increased for councils and the State Government as a result of changes to the Commonwealth Government's asset means test. The halving of the asset taper rate, which came into effect in September 2007, means that many people who were previously unable to get the pension are now eligible for the part-pension and, as a result, are also eligible for the rate concession. In addition, the impact of the global financial crisis on superannuation returns has resulted in an increase in the number of people eligible for the concession. These impacts have seen the cost of the scheme increase from \$132 million in 2008/09 to nearly \$140 million in 2009/10.

While an increase in the level of pensioner concession is a desirable goal, any such increase would have a significant financial impact on both the State Government and councils.

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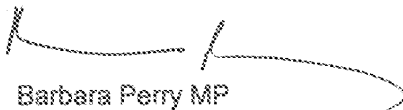
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Individual councils have the discretion to provide further concessions above the maximum levels fixed by the Act, without Ministerial approval, and to assist ratepayers that may be experiencing difficulty in paying their rates. These include agreeing to the periodic payment of rates other than by quarterly instalments, writing off interest on unpaid rates and providing relief where hardship has occurred due to changes in land valuations. Decisions to assist in these circumstances are made at the discretion of each council and the cost of providing these further concessions must be met entirely by the council.

The Government appreciates Council's concerns and will continue to keep this issue under consideration.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Barbara Perry MP
Minister

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Mayoral Minute No. MM94/13



Subject: Joint beach litter campaign with Waverley Council for the Summer period

Folder No: F2008/00171

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to seek Council's endorsement of our joint campaign with Waverley Council to reduce beach litter and increase public place recycling along our beaches.

Issues

Over the past months, sustainability and communications staff from both Randwick and Waverley Councils have been working together on a summer campaign aimed at improving the way in which beachgoers and visitors respond to the issue of beach litter and rubbish. Through the pro bono input provided by a large public relations company a new campaign has been devised which will be rolled out over the summer months at key beach locations.

The beach litter campaign provides a positive and proactive way to encourage those visiting our beaches over the summer months not only to minimize and dispose of their rubbish correctly but to take advantage of the increased number of public place recycling bins that have also been progressively rolled out at our beaches and in our Town Centres by our Waste Operations and Strategic Waste staff.

The litter campaign has a number of elements focusing on:

- Key messaging in a comprehensive range of media around the beaches;
- Activation of an innovative staged jukebox at certain beach locations and days over summer with musicians and buskers;
- Linkages with other initiatives and programs to reduce litter at our beaches e.g. Take 3 currently supported by our surf lifesaving clubs and the Responsible Runners and Responsible Cafes volunteers;
- Upgrading signage and information around rubbish bins with the key messaging especially those co-located alongside our expanded recycling bin locations.

Randwick and Waverley staff will continue to liaise over the various elements of the beach litter campaign with invitations extended to Councillors to attend the various events programmed as part of the campaign.

Financial impact statement

Approximately \$45,000 has been allocated to the campaign payable as part of the Waste Less / Recycle More project approved under the external Waste and Sustainability Improvement Program funding to Council.

Conclusion

This will be an important and potentially ongoing community education beach litter campaign with messaging being reinforced consistently across Waverley and Randwick Council locations.

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Recommendation

That Councillors endorse our beach litter campaign being conducted jointly with Waverley Council.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM95/13



Subject: Waiving of fees - Greek Epiphany 2014
Folder No: F2013/00096
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

A letter has been received from Bishop Seraphim of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia seeking the waiving of fees to celebrate the annual Epiphany Festival at Bicentennial Park, Yarra Bay on Sunday 12 January 2014 from 9.00am until 5.00pm.

Issues

The annual Epiphany service and festival is one of the most important events on the Greek Orthodox calendar and it is anticipated that it will be widely attended. A religious service will be conducted on this day and after the service there will be a day of traditional Greek festivities.

The fees associated with this event are as follows:

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| Administration/Application Fee | \$741.00 |
| Supply and remove additional bins (based on 10 by 240 litre bins) | \$780.00 |
| Application for registration of temporary food stalls x 10 @ each | \$680.00 |
| Lifeguard x 2 for 8 hours @ \$217.00 p/h | \$3,472.00 |
| Total: | \$5,673.00 |

Arrangements are already underway to address parking and traffic arrangements for the event. Last week I met with the La Perouse Public School Principal and representatives of the Greek Orthodox Church, together with the Deputy Mayor. I am pleased to say that the La Perouse Public School has agreed to make the school grounds available for parking and I would like to thank Mr Elletson, the Principal, for his very helpful co-operation.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$5,673.00 and this will be funded from the 2013-14 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Given that this has become a very high profile community event attracting up to 10,000 people it would be appropriate for Council to support the waiving of fees.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote \$5,673.00 to cover the fees associated with the event and funds be allocated from the 2013-14 Contingency Fund;
- b) The event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and

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- c) The Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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