

# **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, First Floor, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick, 30 Frances Street, Randwick, on Tuesday, 3 December 2013 at 6:00pm.

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 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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Nil

### Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

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Ray Brownlee  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



## Community Services Report No. C19/13



**Subject:** Community Drug Information Session  
**Folder No:** F2013/00220  
**Author:** Sharron Smith, Community Project Officer - Aboriginal Services

### Introduction

The Council is an active member of the Community Drug Action Team (CDAT), which meets on a monthly basis to discuss drug related issues. The role of the CDAT is to promote drug and alcohol services and education programs. These CDAT meetings are convened by council staff.

In response to identified needs, the CDAT held its first anti-drug information session at Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay. A second anti-drug forum was held at Coral Sea Park, targeting local young people with a history of drug issues. Both of these sessions were very well attended by community members, service providers and government agencies such as NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Eastern Beaches Police, Red Cross, Noffs Foundation, Jarrah House, The Shack, Souths Care and La Perouse Aboriginal Community Alliance.

### Issues

Given the success of these awareness raising forums, the CDAT will be hosting a third and final community drug information sessions for 2013. The topic will focus on harmful drug and alcohol misuse, and harm reduction strategies, which is appropriate given the up-coming Christmas holiday period.

This Community Drug Information forum will be held on 11 December 2013, at the La Perouse Health Centre, and is expected to be well attended by local residents. The guest speaker is Mr Brian Francis, Manager of the St Vincents Hospital's Stimulant Treatment Program (STP).

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 5: A liveable City.  
Direction 6c: The safety of our community is paramount and is acknowledged and supported through proactive policies, programs and strategies.

### Financial impact statement

There is no additional financial impact for this matter. All costs associated with this event will be funded under the CDAT budget, which is administered by Randwick Council.

### Conclusion

Randwick City Council has been actively working with local service providers and specialists to address and respond to identified community needs. The activities developed jointly with members of the CDAT is consistent with the priorities identified in the Council's community safety plan, *A Safer Randwick City*, particularly in relation

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to developing intervention and awareness raising programs relating to drug and alcohol issues. The results of the post-event evaluation/feedback surveys suggests that these forums were beneficial in helping local residents become better informed, and provide local support services with useful service planning information.

Given the interest in, and success of these community drug information sessions, this report recommends that Randwick Council host a further two information sessions in 2014, in partnership with members of the Community Drug Action Team.

### **Recommendation**

That the Council endorse:

- a) the activities being undertaken by the Community Drug Action Team (CDAT), to address local drug and alcohol issues, and
- b) the hosting of two community drug information sessions, to be held in the new year, 2014, in partnership with the Community Drug Action Team

### **Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Community Services Report No. C20/13



**Subject:** Progress Report - Youth Off The Streets Outreach Project in South Maroubra and La Perouse

**Folder No:** F2006/00216

**Author:** Ilana Kaplin, Coordinator Community Programs and Partnerships

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### Introduction

On 26 June 2013 Council resolved the following;

(Andrews/Roberts) 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.

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the activities and progress of the Youth Off the Streets outreach projects in South Maroubra and La Perouse.

### Issues

Youth Off The Streets successfully launched its outreach program on Wednesday 23 October in Coral Sea Park, Maroubra. The Youth Off The Streets office is now open in Lexington Place, and is used as a base for its outreach programs and traineeships.

The outreach programs were trialled for a number of weeks before the official launch, and the locations and days of the week have been selected carefully to match the needs of the local youth in the area.

The YOTS outreach programs are now running weekly in the following locations;

- Yarra Oval, La Perouse on Monday evenings
- Coral Sea Park, South Maroubra on Wednesday evenings
- Duffy's Corner, Matraville on Friday evenings
- Maroubra Beach – as a trial during the warmer months, once a month Friday evenings
- Lexington Place – Drop in Tuesday/Thursday afternoons

Activities include football, basket ball, table tennis and regular BBQs. This phase of the Outreach program is focused on engagement, connection and building trust with the youth and the local community.

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: 2. A vibrant and diverse community

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

**Financial impact statement**

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

**Conclusion**

Over the past five months, Randwick City Council has worked closely with Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets to establish its outreach program based at Lexington Place, South Maroubra. The outreach program is now fully operational in the first delivery phase of establishing connections with local residents and support service providers. Each of the evening outreach programs continue to attract as many as 40 young people aged between seven and seventeen years old.

**Recommendation**

That Randwick Council continues to support the Youth Off the Streets outreach program, associated projects and activities.

**Attachment/s:**

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## Community Services Report No. C21/13



**Subject:** Advisory Committee Minutes  
**Folder No:** F2006/00216  
**Author:** Ilana Kaplin, Coordinator Community Programs and Partnerships

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### 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 November 2013.

### Issues

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

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

- Access Advisory Committee – September 2013 (accepted November 2013)
- Older Persons Advisory Committee – October 2013 (endorsed November 2013)

Please note that quorum was not reached at the Access Advisory Committee's September meeting. At its November meeting, unable to endorse, the Committee accepted the minutes.

### 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 meeting minutes of the Access

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Advisory September 2013 and of the Older Persons Advisory Committee October 2013.

**Attachment/s:**

1. Access Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - September 2013.
2. Older Persons Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - October 2013.

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## MINUTES

**Randwick City Council Access Advisory Committee  
Meeting held on Thursday 12 September 2013, at the  
Randwick Room, Randwick Council.**

### Present

Melinda Ross	Sunnyfield
Tess Protey	Junction House
Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Cr. Kathy Neilson	Randwick City Council
Chris Donnellan	Randwick City Council
Meryl Christian	Junction Neighbourhood Centre

NB: Not enough members present to achieve quorum.

### Apologies

Melinda Ross	Sunnyfield
Jessica Blair	Community Representative

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The Minutes of the meeting from the July and August meeting were accepted.

### 4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

#### 4.1 Access issues from previous meeting

Tess Protey reported that the footpath next to the accessible parking space at Silver Street Randwick is uneven and is a potential hazard for people with mobility impairments.

**Action:** Frida to report access issue to City Services and provide an update at the October meeting.

#### 4.2 Memory Information Day

RCC in partnership with Alzheimer's Australia NSW and the Eastern Sydney and City of Sydney Dementia Advisory Service will host a comprehensive free Information Day on Wednesday 28 August from 10am to 2pm at Randwick Town Hall. The Information Day is for anyone who is concerned about their memory, and for carers of people living with dementia. In addition, Eastern Sydney Medicare Local will be in attendance to promote their new person-centred E Health record initiative. Flyers tabled.

**Action:** For noting.

#### 4.3 Cultural Arts Program

Flyers and posters tabled for the Joseph Tawadros Trio concert to be held on Saturday 14 September from 7pm to 8pm at Randwick Town Hall.

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**Action:** For information.

## 5. New Business

### 5.1 World AIDS Day

RCC will have an information stall at Coogee Family Fun Day at Goldstein Reserve on Saturday 7 December to highlight, celebrate and support World AIDS Day. The theme for this year is *Ending HIV*. RCC will raise funds and awareness on the behalf of NSW Health Service – South Eastern Sydney Local Health District for local and overseas charities. RCC has applied for a Red Ribbon Grant from SESLHD with the aim to increase community conversations about HIV in Randwick City and surrounding areas.

**Action:** Frida to liaise with City Services and provide an update at the October meeting.

### 5.2 Twilight Tour – Carers Week

To celebrate Carers Week, RCC will hold a Twilight Tour at the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum on Wednesday 16 October from 6.30pm to 9pm. The tour will explore the colourful history of the Prince Henry Hospital including what it was like to be a patient from the 1950s and the evolution of nursing. Special guest speaker Prof. Clement R. Boughton will talk about immunisation and infectious diseases. RCC obtained a Carers Week grant from Carers NSW towards the Twilight Tour. Frida thanked the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association for their support. Flyers and posters tabled.

**Action:** For noting.

### 5.3 Mental Health Information Session

Flyers and posters tabled. RCC will host a Depression and Suicide Prevention Information Session in partnership with REMIND – The Mental Health Training & Education a service of the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW. The session will be held on Wednesday 6 November from 7pm to 9pm at the Margaret Martin Library. Topics covered will include depression: signs, symptoms and prevention; suicide myths and facts; responding to someone at risk and post crisis management. The information session will be facilitated by a clinical psychologist and a mental health educator will share her lived experienced as a carer of someone with a mental illness.

**Action:** For noting.

### 5.4 New Access Issues

Andrew Blair reported that limited bus services to La Perouse after 6pm on weekdays makes it difficult for residents on low incomes and or, with a disability to access their local community. Andrew suggested that there should be three more bus runs at half hour intervals until 10pm to at least Duffy's Corner, Maroubra.

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**Action:** Frida to investigate and provide an update at the October meeting.

### 5.5 Light Rail Proposal

A general discussion was held on possible access issues that may arise by the introduction of Light Rail into Randwick City. Cr. Neilson requested that Frida arrange for a guest speaker to present on the proposed light rail at the October meeting.

**Action:** Frida to arrange for a guest speaker to present on the Light Rail proposal at the October meeting.

**6. Guest Speaker:** Nil

### 7. Information Share:

- Junction Neighbourhood Centre have organised an extra day out for carers on the 17<sup>th</sup> October at the Royal National Park.
- Andrew Bliar reported that access for wheelchair users was compromised at the pre-polling area on Anzac Parade, Maroubra next the St Vincent De Paul store.

**9: Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 10 October 2013.

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**MINUTES**  
**Randwick City Council**  
**Older Persons Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday 2 October 2013, Randwick Room**

**Present**

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

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Cr.Noel D'Souza	Randwick City Council
Susan McCann	Eastern Sydney Medicare Local
Ron Wood	National Seniors – Randwick Botany Branch
Linda Mearing	Coast Centre for Seniors
Megan Bowyer	Junction Neighbourhood Centre
Ben Whitehorn	Randwick Waverley Community Transport

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 4 September were confirmed.

**4. Business Arising from Minutes****4.1 Memory Information Day**

Over 130 residents attended the Memory Information Day on Saturday 28 September at the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum, Little Bay. The Memory Day was held in partnership with the Eastern Sydney and City of Sydney Dementia Advisory Service and Alzheimer's Australia NSW. RCC will plan additional Memory Days next year in South Ward and will work with the Dementia Advisory Service to educate frontline Council staff about understanding dementia.

**Action:** For information.

**4.2 Carers Week events – Twilight Tour**

To celebrate Carers Week, RCC will hold a Twilight Tour at the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum on Wednesday 16 October from 6.30pm to 9pm. The tour will explore the colourful history of the Prince Henry Hospital including what it was like to be a patient from the 1950s and the evolution of nursing. Special guest speaker Prof. Clement R. Boughton will talk about immunisation and infectious diseases. RCC obtained a Carers Week grant from Carers NSW for this event. Frida thanked the Prince Henry Hospital Trained Nurses Association for their support. Flyers and posters tabled.

**Action:** For noting.

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### 4.3 Understanding Depression & Suicide Prevention

Flyers and posters tabled. RCC will host a Depression and Suicide Prevention Information Session in partnership with REMIND – The Mental Health Training & Education, a service of the Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW. The session will be held on Wednesday 6 November from 7pm to 9pm at the Margaret Martin Library. Topics covered will include depression: signs, symptoms and prevention; suicide myths and facts; responding to someone at risk and post crisis management. The information session will be facilitated by Jane Randall, a clinical psychologist and a REMIND mental health educator will share her lived experience as a consumer.

**Action:** For information.

### 4.4 Baby Proms – Four Seasons concert

Flyers and posters tabled.

**Action:** For information.

## 5. General Business

### 5.1 Free Seniors Playreading

RCC in partnership with the Actors' Forum will hold a professional play reading of *Tarantula* by Alana Valentine at Bowen Library Theatre on Saturday 16 November from 1pm to 3pm. The play explores the life of famous actress, dancer and courtesan Lola Montez and stars Zoe Carides and Michael Whalley, with cello accompaniment by Richard Mills.

**Action:** Frida Kitas to table flyers and posters at the November meeting.

### 5.2 A Migrants Story

Frida provided an update on A Migrants Story project for 2014. Information and applications forms tabled.

**Action:** For noting.

### 5.3 World AIDS Day

RCC will have an information stall at Coogee Family Fun Day at Goldstein Reserve on Saturday 7 December to highlight, celebrate and support World AIDS Day. The theme for this year is *Ending HIV*. RCC will raise funds and awareness on the behalf of NSW Health Service – South Eastern Sydney Local Health District for local and overseas charities. RCC has applied for a Red Ribbon Grant from SESLHD with the aim to increase community conversations about HIV in Randwick City and surrounding areas.

**Action:** For noting.

### 5.4 Information Sessions

Committee members discussed possible information sessions and workshops in 2014 that target identified needs of older people and carers. Proposed workshops include Advance Care Directives, Seniors First Aid, Elder Abuse, Squalor and Hoarding and Mental Health - with a specific focus on understanding

depression and suicide prevention in older people, men and carers. RCC will work in partnership with SESIAHS Aged Care Psychiatry Unit, The Black Dog Institute, Carers NSW, Eastern Sydney Medicare Local and REMIND - The Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW in 2014, to deliver workshops and information sessions.

**Action:** Frida Kitas to plan and program workshops and information sessions during 2014.

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**6. Information Share:**

- Billee King thanked RCC for the provision of the accessible parking space at the front of the Prince Henry Nursing and Medical Museum at Little Bay.
- Lee Barwick provided an update on new classes, activities and events at the Coast Centre. Newsletter tabled.

**8 Correspondence**

- The Voice Newsletter, October 2013
- Newsletter of IDEAS | September 2013

**Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 6 November 2013.