

# **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, 11 February 2014 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, Stavrinis & 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 - 3 December 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.*

### Urgent Business

### Community Services Report

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### Library Reports

Nil

### Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

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GENERAL MANAGER



## Community Services Report No. C1/14



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### Introduction

International Women's Day (IWD) arose from campaigns in the early 1900s for the right to vote for women. First celebrated in 1911, it honors the work of the Suffragettes, celebrates women's successes, and reminds us all of inequities still to be redressed.

IWD is celebrated around the world every year on 8 March. 'Inspiring Change' is the 2014 theme and encourages advocacy for women's advancement everywhere and in every way. It calls for challenging the status quo for women's equality and vigilance in inspiring positive change. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout the month of March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present, and future. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day in ways relevant to their local context.

This report informs the Council of activities planned for IWD 2014.

### Issues

The following events will be hosted by Councillors Kathy Neilson and Lindsay Shurey.

#### International Women's Day Art Competition and Exhibition

Randwick City Council will once again be holding its annual International Women's Day Art Competition and exhibition at Randwick Community Centre. This will be the tenth anniversary of the Women's Art Prize and with each passing year, the standard and quality of artwork continues to improve.

All female artists and aspiring artists 12 years and over, who live work or study in Randwick City are encouraged to enter and the closing date is Thursday 27 February. Two external judges from professional arts backgrounds will be invited to judge the two age categories and award first, second and third prizes. Councillors Neilson and Shurey will judge the Councilor's choice.

The exhibition will be opened for public viewing from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> March. The award presentation ceremony is scheduled for Saturday 8 March 2014, at 10.00am at the Randwick Community Centre. For the first time this year, there will be a People's Choice Award. It is also proposed that the winning entries be exhibited for a further 2 weeks at the Bowen Library. This will help promote the event and the profiles of our award winners.

#### Celebratory Afternoon Tea & Speaker

On Thursday 6 March, Council will also host a talk and afternoon tea at the Lodge Room to mark international Women's Day. The speaker will be Michelle Landy a well known and respected lecturer and presenter on leadership and behavioural change.

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Michelle is highly qualified with a degree in sociology, a post graduate degree in business, training and performance management, coaching certificate. Women from local community services and Council staff will be invited to attend.

### **Relationship to City Plan**

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome: A vibrant and diverse community.

Direction: Support the different groups in the community to improve access to services and recreational activities.

### **Financial impact statement**

The estimated cost of holding the IWD Art Competition and the public talk is \$11,435 of which \$4,200 is for venue hire. The events will be funded under the Community Development Team's annual budget for 2013-14.

### **Conclusion**

These events celebrating International Women's Day during the month of March 2014 will celebrate the invaluable contributions made by women in our community and will inspire change for the future.

### **Recommendation**

That Council endorse the activities proposed for International Women's Day 2014.

### **Attachment/s:**

Nil

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