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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 on Tuesday, 25 March 2014 at 6:00pm.

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 Ray Brownlee  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



## Mayoral Minute No. MM16/14



**Subject:** Waiving of Fees - Australia Beach Handball Federation

**Folder No:** F2014/00096

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

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### Introduction

A report was submitted to Council on 25 February 2014 which resolved that "Council waive the beach hire fee for the Handball Federation to train for four days in April and May 2014."

A further request has been received from Mr Patrik Weiss, Assistant Manager, Australian Beach Handball Federation, requesting to waive the beach hire fees for the use of Maroubra Beach from 7 – 9 June 2014.

### Issues

Mr Weiss advises that the training squad of approximately 50 athletes would like to use Maroubra Beach for a further three more days to train for the World Championships in Brazil in August 2014. This trip will be self funded by the players. Mr Weiss also advises that the Australian Beach Handball Federation is a non-profit organisation and is seeking support from Randwick Council.

### Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial impact to Council is \$1,458.36 (\$486.12 x 3 days). This amount will be charged to the 2013-14 Contingency Fund.

### Conclusion

On the basis that the Australian Beach Handball Federation is a non for profit organisation, I recommend Council supports the waiving of the beach hire fees for a further three more days to train for the upcoming 2014 World Championship Games in Brazil.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) the Beach Hire Fee amount of \$1,458.36 be waived and funds be allocated from the 2013-14 Contingency Fund;
- b) the activity organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the activity; and
- c) the Mayor or his representative be given the opportunity to address the activity on behalf of Council.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM17/14



**Subject:** Commemoration Ceremony of Boer War - Request for Financial Assistance

**Folder No:** F2004/06097

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

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### Introduction

It is not widely known that the very first war in which Australian Diggers fought on behalf of the Commonwealth was the Boer War which raged in South Africa from 1899 to 1902. What is even less well known is the connection between this war and the Randwick City Council area.

The purpose of this mayoral minute is to seek financial assistance to install a plaque and hold an annual commemoration ceremony at High Cross Park in order to recognise the sacrifices made by our troops and acknowledge the connection with our City. This year's ceremony is scheduled for Sunday 25 May.

### Issues

After Federation on 1 January 1901 Australia sent its first ever troops to fight in the Boer War as part of our first war as a nation. In all some 23,000 Australians, including our first women in active service, served in the Boer War. Nearly 1,000 brave Australians paid the ultimate sacrifice during the Boer War and our first ever six Victoria Crosses were awarded there.

Randwick was an area in which there were a number of military camps set up to train and administer Boer War bound units. Sometimes there were up to three regiments under canvas there at any one time. There was also a Randwick rifle range on which they trained. These areas are now covered by the University of New South Wales and Randwick racecourse.

What is now the Prince of Wales Hospital was in part the Randwick Military Hospital, which ran from 1902 to 1940. Casualties returning home and needing further treatment were sent there and some probably spent the remainder of their lives there.

The Mayor of Randwick Council from 1915 – 1916, Frederick Henry Clarke, served two tours of duty in South Africa. The 1st was as a Corporal and later a Sergeant in 'C' Squadron of the NSW Imperial Bushmen from 1900-1901. On returning to Sydney in 1901 he then took himself back to the war zone in August of 1901 on the SS Brittanic. He joined the 3rd NSW Imperial Bushmen, which was part of what was called The Australian Brigade. He was awarded the Queens South African Medal with the clasps Transvaal and Rhodesia and the Kings South African medal with the clasps South Africa 1901 and South Africa 1902.

The Mayor of Randwick Council from 1929 – 1931, John Thomas Jennings belonged originally to the Victorian Infantry Company which converted to Mounted Rifles in South Africa. This group was part of the Australian Regiment from November 1899-April 1900 which served in the Northern Cape Colony, Free State and in East Transvaal. Mr Jennings returned to serve as an alderman on Randwick Council from 1923-1933.

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## Financial impact statement

The costs to hold the ceremony are itemised as follows:

- Construct and installation of bronze plaque - approx \$5,000.00;
- Provision of community bus driver - \$216.00;
- Hire of shade structure, 20 chairs, lectern and PA system - \$4,100.00;
- Printing & graphic design costs - \$400.00;
- Donation to band – approx \$750.00;
- Floral wreaths/tributes - \$150.00 per wreath.
- Provision of two Event Staff required - approx \$1,000.00.
- 4metre steeple structure for Band - \$350.00;
- 125 Chairs for guests and Band - \$312.50;
- Entrance Rope & Bollards - \$480.00;
- Unveiling Kit including Curtains - \$420.00; and
- Delivery & removal of Equipment - \$400.00.

Total estimated cost of \$13,578.50 to come from the 2013-14 Contingency Fund.

## Conclusion

The Boer War has not, in my opinion, been given the recognition it most certainly deserves, given its strong connection with our local area. It is my intention to make this an annual event in the same way as Anzac Day is celebrated each year at High Cross Park.

## Recommendation

That:

- a) Council provide ongoing financial assistance to hold an annual commemoration ceremony at High Cross Park, beginning with this year's ceremony on Sunday 25 May, in order to recognise the sacrifices made by our troops in the Boer War and acknowledge the connection with our City; and
- (b) funds are to come from the 2013-14 Contingency Fund.

## Attachment/s:

Nil

## Mayoral Minute No. MM18/14



**Subject:** Waiving of street banner hire fees –  
Sydney Children’s Hospital Foundation

**Folder No:** F2004/06257

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

### Introduction

A request to waive the street banner hire fees has been received from the Sydney Children’s Hospital Foundation. Their major fundraising event, the Gold Telethon, will be held in June and they’d like to use Council’s street banner program for a four week period in May/June in: Randwick, Coogee, Clovelly and Maroubra Junction. They have a fundraising target of \$4.5M for the Hospital this year. As they are a not-for-profit organisation, they endeavour to keep costs as low as possible to maximise fundraising efforts.

### Issues

The Gold Telethon raises funds to buy life-saving equipment, fund research and deliver vital services for children. The Sydney Children’s Hospital is located in Randwick and is an important local institution.

The Sydney Children’s Hospital Foundation has invited Council to take part in the launch of Gold Day in May and agreed to promote Council’s support of Gold Week.

### Financial impact statement

The cost to Council of waiving the hire fees of 35 street banners for a 4-week period is \$10,817.80 (plus GST) in foregone revenue. The cost of installing and removing the banners is \$1,540 (plus GST). Council has in the past offered to pay half the installation and dismantling costs for community groups. Should Council resolve to waive the banner hire fees and pay half the installation and dismantling costs, Council’s total contribution would be \$11,587.80 (of which \$10,817.80 is value in kind and \$770 is an actual cost to be paid from the Contingency Fund budget).

### Conclusion

The Sydney Children’s Hospital Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that raises much-needed funds for the Sydney Children’s Hospital. By waiving the street banner hire fees, and paying half of the installation and dismantling charges, Council can support and help promote The Gold Telethon in Randwick City.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) Council agrees to waive the street banner hiring fees for 35 banners for a four week period and agrees to pay half the installation and dismantling costs for the 2014 Gold Week Telethon; and
- b) Council’s logo be included on the street banners to acknowledge our support.

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**Attachment/s:**

1. Donation Request from Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation

**MM18/14**

**Ingrid Watling**

**From:** Samantha Holt [Samantha.Holt@schf.org.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 March 2014 4:28 PM  
**To:** Office of the Mayor  
**Cc:** Bessie Hassan; Emma Shanks; Jennifer Birks; Louise Hamill  
**Subject:** Donation Request from Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Mayor,

I hope this email finds you well.

My colleague, Jen and I met with Bessie and Emma today and I was passed on your contact details in regards to a donation request for street banner space in support of Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation, Randwick.

We are looking to hire street banners from Monday 12 May – Monday 9 June in four zones, Randwick, Clovelly Beach, Coogee Beach and Maroubra Junction.

The street banners would help to promote awareness of the Gold Telethon. Gold Telethon is the major annual fundraising event for Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. All activities lead up to the grand finale of an all-day live Telethon (on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June) broadcast on Channel Nine, WIN and NBN, featuring Channel Nine personalities, inspiring stories from Hospital families and staff, a live studio audience and performances by some of Australia's top music acts. We are aiming to raise \$4.5 million for the Hospital this year from Gold Telethon.

As we are a not-for-profit organisation, we endeavour to keep our costs as low as possible to ensure our fundraising efforts are maximised. To this end, we would greatly appreciate it if you were able to donate the costs of the street banner hire charges and installation/dismantling charges for the 4 week period mentioned above?

Jen and I will be in touch with Bessie and Emma to continue discussing future opportunities of how Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation and Randwick Council can work together.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,  
 Sam

**Samantha Holt**  
**Gold Telethon Events Coordinator**  
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## Mayoral Minute No. MM19/14



**Subject:** Dancing With the City Stars Event -  
Recognition of Efforts by Councillor  
Stavrinos

**Folder No:** F2009/00243

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

### Introduction

Council was approached in January 2014 by Ms Lorna O'Brien, Helpline Program Manager, Cancer Council NSW, to nominate a representative to dance in the *'Dancing with the City Stars'* fundraiser for the 2014 Eastern Suburbs Relay for Life. Although not a professional dancer, Councillor Harry Stavrinos volunteered to represent Randwick City Council at the event and trained with Karen Charles from KC Dance Academy to prepare for the competition. The purpose of this mayoral minute is to report back on the fundraising success of this event and to thank Councillor Stavrinos for his tremendous efforts.

### Issues

The Relay for Life event is the Cancer Council NSW's major fundraiser. Randwick City Council, in partnership with both Waverly and Woollahra Councils, has supported and provided logistical and operational assistance for the event over the past five years.

Since the inaugural event in 2009, the Eastern Suburbs Relay for Life has raised over \$870,000 towards fighting cancer in the community. All funds raised are dedicated to preventing cancer and reducing the impact of cancer. The Relay for Life has proven especially effective in educating the public about cancer prevention and about the survivorship of cancer. The 2014 Eastern Suburbs Relay for Life is scheduled to be held at McKay Sportsground, Centennial Parklands on 17-18 May.

As part of the fundraising efforts for the Cancer Council, *'Dancing with the City Stars'* was held on Friday 21 March at the Boulevard Hotel. The event was compared by the Chanel 7 media personalities Chris Bath and Jim Wilson. The competition was fierce and of an extremely high level. Dancers included Kerry Chikarovski, one of Australia's most respected and admired former female politicians, Daniel Kowalski, former Australian Olympic middle and long distance swimmer and Matt Chapman, up-and-coming personal trainer and model.

Councillor Stavrinos, partnered by Ms Karen Charles, danced a magnificent Argentinean Tango. Councillor Stavrinos' competent and intricate footwork was particularly commented on by the judging panel. Councillor Stavrinos' colourful and entertaining performance was extremely popular with the audience and won the People's Choice Award on the night by a landslide.

### Financial impact statement

The event was a great success and raised \$23,400.00 towards the fight against cancer. Councillor Stavrinos was supported on the evening by myself, the Deputy Mayor, Cr Anthony Andrews, and other Councillors.

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**Conclusion**

On behalf of Council I would like to thank Councillor Stavrinou for his wonderful contribution towards this fundraising evening and for the great deal of time and effort he invested in helping to ensure the success of this worthwhile event.

**Recommendation**

That Council acknowledges the contribution made by Councillor Stavrinou as part of the 'Dancing with the City Stars' event held on Friday 21 March 2014.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM20/14



**Subject:** Government Communications  
Australia Awards 2014 – Finalist  
Heffron Pedal Park and Battle of the  
Beaches

**Folder No:** F2014/00118

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

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### Introduction

The Government Communications Australia 2014 Awards for Excellence were held in Melbourne on 27 February 2014. Randwick City Council was recognised as a finalist in two categories: Best Communications/Engagement – City Council for The Heffron Pedal Park and Best Social Marketing Campaign for the Battle of the Beaches.

The awards are presented to those organisations and communicators who have achieved outstanding success from innovative and effective communication practices. There are 12 categories, catering for all areas of government communications, marketing, engagement and public relations.

### Issues

Randwick City Council was a finalist in two awards:

1. The Heffron Pedal Park, Best Communications/Engagement – City Council  
This communication and engagement program helped the Maroubra community take ownership of a new bike track in Heffron Park and took them on a journey that continued after the project ended. A competition to name the bike track attracted more than 1,500 visits and 58 entries and resulted in the community voting for their favourite name, "The Heffron Pedal Park".

I would like to acknowledge the efforts and involvement in the project of the former Mayor, Councillor Tony Bowen. Councillor Bowen was a strong supporter and officially opened the bike track during his Mayoralty.

2. Battle of the Beaches, Best Social Marketing Campaign  
This Facebook campaign to find out Randwick City's favourite beach reached nearly 80,000 people and broke new ground for Council, demonstrating that Facebook can be used to positively encourage discussion about Randwick City.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

### Conclusion

These awards demonstrate that Randwick City Council is a leader in local government and is applying best practice communication and consultation principles.

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**Recommendation**

That Council notes these achievements and congratulates staff involved in the projects as recognised by the Government Communications Australia Awards 2014.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM21/14



**Subject:** Jack Gaskin - 50 years of service  
**Folder No:** F2014/06574  
**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

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### Introduction

Jack Gaskin entered his 50<sup>th</sup> year of service with Randwick City Council on 10 February 2014. Believed to be Sydney's longest serving garbage man, Jack Gaskin is second of three generations of Gaskins to work at Council.

"My father, Jack Senior, worked here for over 30 years and my son has worked here for 25 years. That's over 100 years of Gaskins," Jack said.

Jack has spent the majority of his time with Council in the Waste and Cleaning Services department, but also was employed as a lifeguard.

The special day was commemorated by a morning tea with his peers and a feature in Council's staff newsletter. Mr Gaskin has also been the subject of media interest, including an article being published by the Daily Telegraph.

Council's Facebook page also mentioned this achievement and received an outstanding, positive response. This included over 15 comments and 180 "likes".

### Recommendation

Council congratulates Mr Jack Gaskin on 50 years of service at Randwick City Council.

### Attachment/s:

1. Daily Telegraph article dated 10 March 2014 regarding Jack Gaskin's 50 years
2. Council facebook showing Jack Gaskin with comments from community

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News

**thetelegraph.com.au****The garbage man who has served Maroubra for 50 years**

- by: Leigh van den Broeke
- From: The Daily Telegraph
- March 10, 2014 12:00AM



Jack Gaskin, 70, is in his 50th year as a garbage man for Randwick City Council. Picture: Bradley Hunter

Source: News Corp Australia

**HE'S been taking away your trash for half a century and loving every minute of it. Jack Gaskin, 70, is celebrating 50 years as a garbage man at Maroubra depot and has no plans to retire.**

"I have a bit of a rare disease — I like coming to work," Mr Gaskin said. "It's all the different people you meet."

In 50 years the biggest changes have been the on-board computers that assign jobs, and the compactor which means "you only throw stuff waist high instead of throwing it up over your head".

In all the trash Mr Gaskin has collected there's one load he'll never forget.

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Norm Longbottom, Robert Weatherby, Russell McKay and Jack Gaskin.  
Source: Supplied



Jack Gaskin, 70, is in his 50th year as a garbage man for Randwick City Council. Picture: Bradley Hunter  
Source: News Corp Australia

"We pulled up outside a butcher and he had his bin out and a box next to it," he said. "I picked up the box and it was filled with mince meat. I thought what a waste but took it — next minute the butcher has come running out saying, 'Where's my mince meat?' I had to tell him it's in the back of the truck."

Waste and Cleaning Services manager Mark Bush said Mr Gaskin was well respected at the depot.

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/the-garbage-man-who-has-served-marou...> 24/03/2014

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Mr Gaskin hasn't emptied his last bin just yet. "If I still feel as fit as I am now, I'll keep going," he said.

**Comments** (*#social-comments*)

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM22/14



**Subject:** Second Sydney Airport at Badgery's Creek

**Folder No:** F2004/07971

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

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### Introduction

The Mayor of Burwood Council, Councillor John Faker, has written to Council requesting support for Burwood's unanimous decision to support a second Sydney airport at Badgery's Creek.

### Issues

Burwood Council has written to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development and the Premier of NSW advising that Burwood *"Council is of the opinion that the present airport at Mascot with its increasing traffic volumes and curfews, is unable to meet the current and projected passenger numbers for Sydney."*

*It is Council's view, that the placement of the second airport for Sydney at Badgery's Creek is the best and, only, choice available and that any suggestion that the Kingsford Smith Airport curfew will allow for more aircraft movements after 11:00pm is unsuitable. The curfew will indeed continue to generate increased aircraft noise and will not adequately provide for the projected increase in the number of visitors entering and exiting Australia's busiest airport.*

*Our residents suffer enough from current aircraft noise and any increase in operating hours at Kingsford Smith airport would only increase their burden."*

Burwood Council has resolved to seek Randwick City Council's support of its position.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

### Conclusion

I agree with Burwood's view that our residents suffer enough from current aircraft noise and any increase in operating hours at Kingsford Smith airport would only increase their burden and recommend that Randwick City Council writes to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development and the Premier of NSW supporting a second Sydney airport at Badgery's Creek.

### Recommendation

That Council writes to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development and the Premier of NSW supporting a second Sydney airport at Badgery's Creek.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM23/14



**Subject:** Council Ongoing Sponsorship - Rotary Police Awards

**Folder No:** F2013/00087

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

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### Introduction

The Eastern Suburbs Rotary Police Officer of the Year Awards recognise outstanding Police Officers in each of the Eastern Beaches (Maroubra) and Botany Bay (Mascot) Local Area Commands. The Awards represents an opportunity for the local community to acknowledge and reward excellence in policing.

The Police Awards are proudly presented by the Rotary Clubs of Maroubra, Randwick and Botany Bay with the Police Officer of the Year announced at a gala dinner hosted by the eastern suburbs Rotary Clubs. Members of the public are invited to nominate officers from the above commands for the Community nominated Police Officer of the Year Award.

Rotary has approached both Randwick and Botany Councils to support these awards by providing sponsorship. The Council sponsorship enables each Area Command to cover their police officers' costs of attending the presentation event. The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to seek Council's ongoing support for sponsoring these awards in 2014 and beyond.

### Issues

Rotary seeks sponsorship from various organisations in order to hold these awards and keep the ticket price reasonable for their members and others to attend. Last year both Randwick and Botany Council were major sponsors contributing \$3750.00 each. This covered the cost of tickets for 100 police officers from Eastern Beaches and Botany to attend the event.

This year Rotary is requesting \$4125.00 from each Council. This will again allow for the ticket price for police officers to be covered. In return for their sponsorship amount, both Councils will be named as major sponsors on all marketing material and on the website. Both Mayors will also be invited to present a special 'Mayors Award' at the presentation event.

### Financial impact statement

A sum of \$4,125.00 is the requested contribution, which has been allowed for in the Events budget for 2013-14. This amount should be allocated to the Community Donations budget moving forward to sponsor this event on an ongoing basis.

### Conclusion

The Police Officer of the Year Awards will allow the best of our local police officers to shine and be acknowledged for their professional excellence and dedication. Sponsorship of Awards event will also serve to demonstrate the good relationship and excellent partnership that exists between both Randwick and Botany Councils with Rotary, and the NSW Police.

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**Recommendation**

That:

- a) Randwick City Council enters into a sponsorship agreement with Rotary by contributing \$4,125.00 to their Rotary Police Awards program. In return the Randwick Council logo will be displayed on promotional material, be acknowledged as a major sponsor on the night and the opportunity to present a 'Mayor's Award' at the event to be held in April at The Lakes Golf Club; and
- b) an annual budget allocation be made within the Community Donations budget to sponsor this event on an ongoing basis.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM24/14



**Subject:** Waiver of fees for Matraville Sports High School Special Needs Students at Des Renford Leisure Centre

**Folder No:** F2010/00214

**Author:** Councillor Nash, Mayor

### Introduction

Correspondence has been received from Mr. Clive McGrane; Head Support Teacher of Matraville Sports High School Special Needs Students; requesting the waiver of entry fees for the use of the Des Renford Leisure Centre for 30 special needs students to participate in a weekly fitness class.

### Issues

Matraville Sports High School has 30 plus students with special needs ranging from severe, moderate and mild intellectual disabilities. They have requested that Des Renford Leisure Centre provide a weekly class for these students to help establish a healthier more active lifestyle. This program would operate each week of the school term an estimated 38 weeks a year.

Des Renford Leisure Centre (DRLC) staff can provide this service on an ongoing basis in the facilities Aerobics room and operate a circuit style class which will provide for all abilities.

They have requested that Council waive the fees as many of the students are from low socio-economic backgrounds and would have great difficulty in being able to pay for their child on an ongoing basis.

An assessment of the applicable fees to be waived are as follows:

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Student participation fee       | \$6.50 per student |
| TOTAL per week for 30 students: | \$195.00           |
| TOTAL per annum at 38 weeks:    | \$7,410.00         |

### Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be \$7,410 per annum which will be funded from the 2013-14 Contingency Fund.

### Conclusion

Matraville Sports High School Special Needs faculty wishes to promote a healthy lifestyle to its students. A weekly class tailored for all abilities with dedicated trained staff would meet the goals of the school and introduce many of its students to structured fitness classes. It is considered that Council should support this request from Mr. McGrane to waive the fees for the student class fees at Des Renford Leisure Centre to the value of \$7,410 per annum.

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**Recommendation**

That:

- a) Council vote \$7,410 from the 2013-14 Contingency Fund to cover the student entry fees at Des Renford Leisure Centre.
- b) the organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution to parents and students.

**Attachment/s:**

- 1. Letter from Mr McGrane, Matraville Sports High School

**MM24/14**

Matraville Sports High School,

Anzac Pde,

Chifley,

NSW 2036

Ph: 96618000 / mobile: 0401556315

Attention: The Mayor (Councillor Scott Nash)

Dear Councillor Nash,

My name is Clive McGrane. I am the Head Teacher of the Support Faculty, at Matraville Sports High School, consisting of 30+ special needs students with severe, moderate and mild intellectual disabilities.

Many of our students lead a fairly sedentary lifestyle (computers & TV, etc) and we (the teaching staff) have been seeking interesting, exciting activities available within our local community so as to encourage our students to pursue a healthier, more active lifestyle.

As the Des Renford Fitness Centre is a brand new facility, only 2 kilometres from our school, I approached the management of the centre to enquire:-

1. Is it possible to take a group of our students there on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 to 2.30pm (or any other time if that is not a good time) to participate in group fitness activities at the Fitness Centre.
2. Is it possible to reduce, (or even waive) the fees charged per visit, so as to enable all of our support faculty students to participate.

Many of our students are from low socio-economic backgrounds and we anticipate many families would probably have great difficulty being able to pay for their child to participate regularly at the Fitness Centre at the current rates being charged.

A member of my staff has already contacted the management of the Fitness Centre re the above requests but we were advised to contact your office as the Centre is run directly by Randwick City Council.

Therefore, on behalf of the students of the Support faculty at Matraville Sports High School I request that you give due consideration to the above requests in the interests of helping our students to pursue a healthy lifestyle in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

*Clive McGrane*

(Head Teacher – Support)

19<sup>th</sup> March 2014

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