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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, 27 May 2014 at 6:00pm.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM33/14



Subject: Waiving of fees for fundraising event
in Coogee

Folder No: F2014/00096

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

A request for financial assistance has been received from Mr Liam Zollo to hold a fitness festival in Goldstein Reserve, Coogee on 7 February 2015 to raise funds for Suicide Prevention Australia.

Issues

Mr Zollo has indicated that he would like to hold a one day fitness festival to promote health and fitness in the community. The objective of this event is to raise awareness of suicide prevention. Suicide Prevention Australia supports the event and will be the beneficiary of funds raised.

Proposed activities include yoga classes, dance demonstrations, play oz tag with celebrities, martial arts demonstrations and a concert all in one location.

The relevant fees include:

Application Fee:	\$ 401.00
Waste Management Fee (Supply & remove 8 bins)	\$ 624.00
Food Registration Fees x 2	\$ 200.00
Totalling:	\$1,225.00

Financial impact statement

The direct financial implication to Council will be an in-kind contribution of \$1,225.00 from the 2014-15 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

On the basis that this event is a non for profit activity and a worthy cause, it is recommended that Council supports the waiving of fees for this one day fitness festival in Goldstein Reserve, Coogee.

Recommendation

That:

- the applicant be advised that Council gives it's "in principle approval" to the event subject to the applicant completing the Local Approval Application Form and complying with the conditions of approval.
- the associated fee of \$1,225.00 be waived and funds be allocated from the 2014-15 Contingency Fund;
- the Mayor or his representative is given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

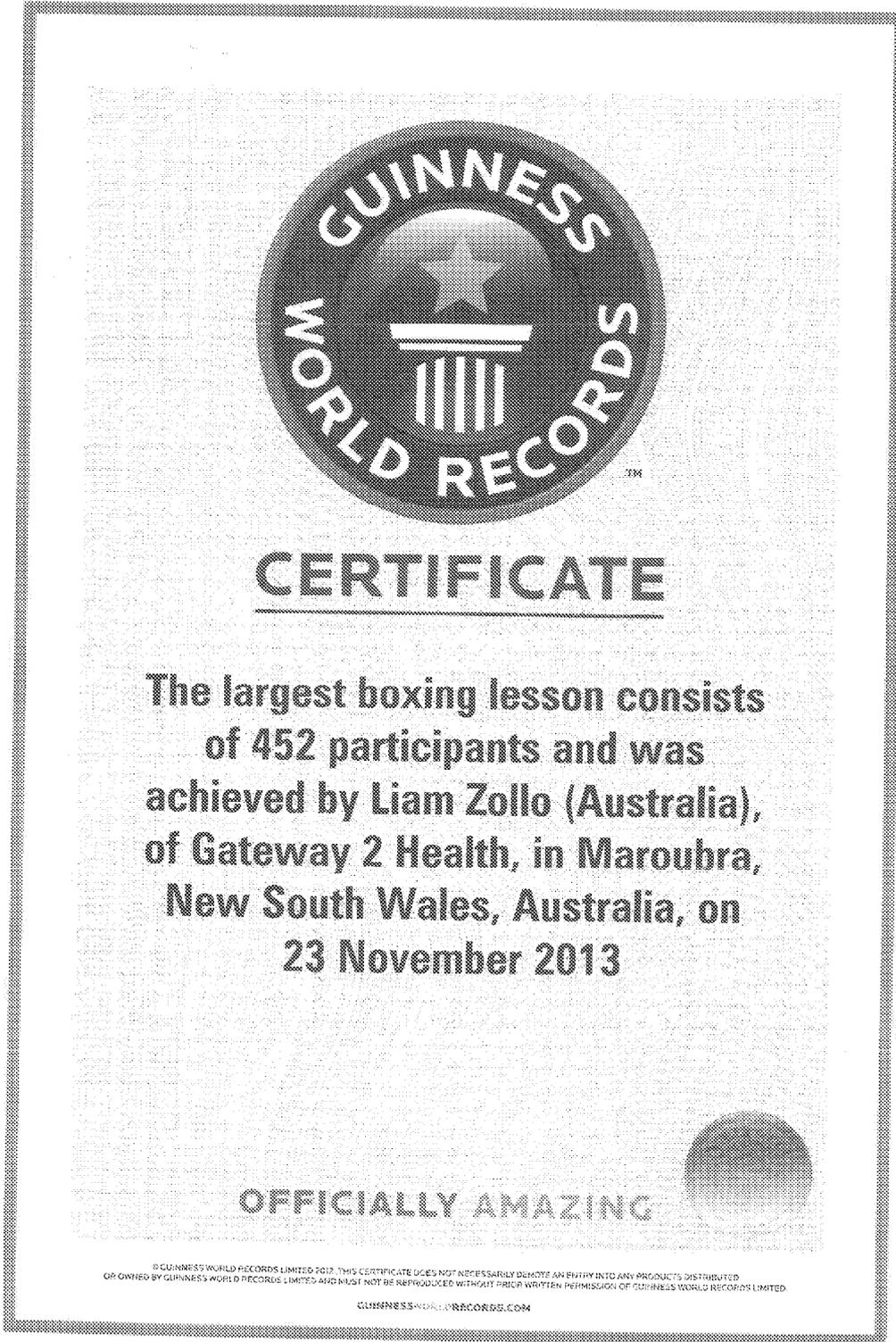
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- d) the event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event;

Attachment/s:

1. Guinness World Records Certificate - The largest boxing lesson achieved by Liam Zollo

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Message Received

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Subject: Seeking approval of external funding to widen Council's food waste collection and processing and improve the recovery of problem wastes at Perry Street Recycling Centre

Folder No: F2013/00423

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

As resolved by Council in October 2013, Randwick's food waste collection and processing trial has been underway with approximately 5,000 residents living in multi-unit dwellings (see MM 81/13, refers, - *Council notes the commencement of the food waste trial for up to 6,000 Randwick residents and its potential contribution to improving our waste diversion rate from landfill, D01908225*).

This trial was extended to the end of June 2014 following Council resolution in February 2014: Resolution: (Stavrinou/Neilson) *that Council notes the progress of Randwick's food waste collection and processing trial and endorses its continuation to 30 June 2014, D01989986* refers).

Randwick's food waste collection and processing trial provides participating households with small kitchen caddies and biodegradable liners in which they place their household food and other organic waste items. The bags from these kitchen caddies can then be placed into dedicated food waste bins converted from existing red-lid bins within the apartment or unit blocks. These are then collected separately from the participating apartments or units and turned into either biogas for use in energy production or composted into high quality soil conditioner.

At the commencement of 2014, the NSW Environmental Trust announced a raft of funding opportunities as part of the NSW Government's \$466M "Waste Less / Recycle More" grants initiative to reduce waste going to landfill and increase resource recovery levels. Project funding for these grants support priorities reflected in the recently updated NSW Government Waste Avoidance Strategy. Recovering food organics from the waste stream has been identified as a major priority.

The emphasis placed on the recovery of food organics from the waste stream has been one of the key drivers for Randwick City Council's own food waste collection and processing trial. With this emphasis in mind, Council submitted a number of funding applications as part of the "Waste Less / Recycle More" grants program, expecting the results to be announced later in the year. However, Council has recently been informed of its success in two of these funding applications. The success of these projects was announced recently at short notice by the new Minister for the Environment.

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to advise Council, and to seek Council approval for the acceptance of these grants and their nominated projects.

Issues

As mentioned above, Council's design and implementation of a food waste collection trial is in accordance with Council's own Waste Management Strategy and conforms

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closely with the priorities identified in the NSW Government's Waste Avoidance Strategy. This strategy has now been updated for the period 2013 – 2021 (and I understand a separate report has been prepared for Council on the strategy implications for Randwick).

It is to Council's credit that our existing food waste trial has provided a strong basis for the NSW Environmental Trust's approval of our funding application to expand the food waste collection. This funding would see food waste collection and processing expanded to Randwick's multi-unit dwellings over the next 3 years. This is a major step up from our existing trial of 5,000 householders hence the timeframe permitted and the external funding allocation of \$914,519. This will be a major resource recovery initiative for Council involving close cooperation between Strategic and Operational Waste teams and Communications staff to ensure proper planning and implementation, sound contract management and provision of information to our residents.

A recent online survey of food waste collection and processing has been conducted of residents. Although there were a small number of respondents, the survey results has indicated good support for food waste collection and using some of the existing bins for the collection of food waste. A community wide print survey is being prepared to gauge the wider community's level of support for food waste collection and processing.

The other grant which the Environmental Trust has approved for Randwick is to improve the drop-off and recovery of problem wastes at our Perry Street Recycling Centre. Approximately \$236,215 has been allocated to enhance the Perry Street site for these so-called 'problem' wastes that include used oil, batteries, fluorescent tubes, smoke alarms, gas bottles and the like. While staff at Perry Street already accept most of these problem wastes, this external funding will enable an upgrade and extension to the storage area including covering in where the existing electronic waste and whitegoods are dropped off. A development application will be prepared and placed on public exhibition as part of this process. The completion of this project will be subject to the outcome of the development application process.

Financial impact statement

The current funding being offered to Council from the NSW Environmental Trust includes the extension over the next 3 years of food waste collection and processing to Randwick's multi-unit dwellings (\$914,519), and to enhance the drop off and recovery practices for problem wastes at the Perry Street Recycling Centre (\$236,215).

Council is not required to provide matching funds for these grants.

Conclusion

Due to diminishing landfill areas for waste to be disposed, increasing costs of landfilling and resource recovery targets adopted in the recently released NSW Waste Avoidance Strategy, 2013 – 2021, the NSW Government 's "Waste Less / Recycle More" program is providing more than \$466 million to increase resource recovery initiatives over the next 5 years. A high priority in this strategy is to recover food organics, comprising more than 40 per cent of the average red-led rubbish bin. Randwick's food waste organics extension to the remaining multi unit dwellings has received just under \$1M of the \$6M allocated to 21 Local Government projects.

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Recommendation

That:

- a) Council accepts the \$914,519 grant from the NSW Government's Environmental Trust for the three year project to extend food waste collection and processing to Randwick's multi-unit dwellings; and
- b) Council accepts the \$230,215 grant from the NSW Government's Environmental Trust for the proposal to upgrade our drop off and recovery facilities at the Perry Street Recycling Centre (\$230,215) and progress implementation of these resource recovery projects subject to the completion of the necessary development approvals.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM35/14



Subject: Local Government Chief Officers' Group

Folder No: F2008/00390

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

At its ordinary meeting held 24 June, 2008 Council resolved to endorse the General Manager's membership application for the Local Government Chief Officers' Group. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the General Manager's attendance at the 2014 group meeting to be held in Townsville, Queensland from 16 to 18 July 2014.

Issues

The Local Government Chief Officers' Group is the peak professional development network of Australia and New Zealand Local Government Chief Executives. The objectives of the Local Government Chief Officers Group are:

1. To act as a forum for the exchange of experience and information between Chief Officers to benefit their Councils in particular and local government in general.
2. To utilise the experience and knowledge of Chief Officers at various government and organisational levels.
3. To facilitate the professional development and training of Chief Officers.

As always, another major benefit of this Group is the opportunity to network one on one with other CEO's and industry leaders to see exactly how they are dealing with the myriad of challenges currently being faced by local government.

Financial impact statement

The cost of travel, accommodation and meals has been allowed for in the 2014-15 training budget.

Conclusion

Randwick City Council is recognised within the Local Government industry as a leader and an innovator. The ongoing exchange of experiences and information within this leading group will keep Randwick at the forefront of local government and provide exciting opportunities for Council to explore.

Recommendation

That Council note the General Manager's attendance at the annual group meeting of the Local Government Chief Executive Officers' Group to be held in Townsville, Queensland from 16-18 July 2014.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM36/14



Subject: Feasibility study and funding application to investigate the potential for Randwick food waste to be processed at Malabar Wastewater Treatment Plant

Folder No: F2013/00423

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

Sydney Water and Randwick City Council are currently undertaking an investigation into the potential for part of Randwick's food organics waste stream to be processed with residual waste at the Malabar Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In keeping with priorities of the recently released NSW Government's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy, Council and Sydney Water are cooperating to test the feasibility of combining their separate organics waste material into biogas for on-site electricity generation or improved material for soil conditioning away from Malabar.

This minute aims to provide Council with an overview of this early investigation and potential cooperation between Sydney Water and Randwick to investigate such options.

Issues

As we are all aware, and as outlined in my other Mayoral Minute tonight on the funding offered to Council to extend our food waste collection over the next 3 years, Randwick Council has a very innovative program aimed at ensuring we meet the NSW Government's current resource recovery targets.

In keeping with these innovations, Council and Sydney Water are investigating the feasibility of combining some part of our residents' food organics waste with the residual waste processed at Sydney Water's Malabar Treatment Plant.

Randwick's volume of food organics is small by comparison when considering the volume of material processed by Sydney Water through the Malabar Wastewater Treatment Plant. Nevertheless, Sydney Water has indicated the beneficial nature of processing some part of our own residents' food waste with their residual waste material. This material is currently used to produce biogas which generates much of the on-site electricity for the Plant or material processed in digestors and used as soil conditioner in degraded agricultural areas of the State.

Findings from this current investigation may be incorporated into a joint funding application being considered by Sydney Water and Randwick Council for a trial involving Randwick food organics being processed with residual waste at the Malabar Wastewater treatment plant.

Financial impact statement

Both Randwick Council and Sydney Water have committed up to \$100,000 each for the preparation of this feasibility study. Randwick Council's contribution is being

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allocated from Waste Less/Recycle More program funding provided by the NSW Government.

Conclusion

While it is early days, this potential collaboration on examining food organics waste being processed in with residual waste at the Malabar Wastewater Plant has positive environmental and financial benefits to Council. A full report on the results of the feasibility study and potential funding application to the NSW Government's Waste Less / Recycle More program will be reported further to Council.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council notes the study between Randwick and Sydney Water looking into the feasibility of processing some part of our food waste with residual waste at Sydney Water's Malabar Wastewater Treatment Plant; and
- b) a further report be brought to Council on the results of the feasibility study and potential funding application to the NSW Government's Waste Less/Recycle More grants program.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM37/14



Subject: Donation to Gold Telethon 2014 -
Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation

Folder No: F2014/06574

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

We are lucky in Randwick to be home to the Sydney Children's Hospital, an institution that provides some of the most comprehensive medical and surgical practices for children and adolescents in the country. The Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation exists to generate financial support for the hospital including purchasing of technologies and equipment and contributing to research and clinical services. Randwick City Council is proud to be a partner of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation's Gold Telethon event 2014 on Monday 9 June. This annual flagship event's core purpose is to raise vital funds for the Hospital and young people in its care.

On Tuesday 13 May I was proud to attend the media launch of the Gold Telethon Campaign at the hospital along with Today show hosts, Karl Stefanovic and Lisa Wilkinson. I will also be attending the telethon on 9 June.

Issues

The Gold Telethon is the major annual fundraising event for Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick. It raises funds to buy life-saving equipment, fund research and deliver vital services to help our young patients.

This year, the campaign hopes to raise a very ambitious total of \$4.5 million.

To date, Randwick City Council's partnership has been in-kind by way of discounted use of banner poles across the city to promote the event, and no funds have been supplied.

I propose a financial donation of \$2000 on behalf of the Council to the Gold Telethon campaign.

Financial impact statement

If the report recommendation is adopted, \$2,000 will be funded from the 2013-14 Contingency funds.

Conclusion

Sydney Children's Hospital is a great institution in Randwick City and in my view we should as a Council do what we can to support the hospital. The Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation, through events such as the Gold Telethon, does a fantastic job in raising vital funds for the young people in the hospital's care.

Every small donation counts.

Recommendation

That Council:

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- a) Donate \$2,000 to the Gold Telethon 2014.
- b) Promote the Gold Telethon, through existing channels, wherever possible to encourage donations and assist in reaching the \$4.5 million target.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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