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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
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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, 23 September 2014 at 6:00pm.

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 Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM70/14



Subject: POW Hospital's request for financial support to use Prince Henry Centre

Folder No: F2012/00278

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

Randwick City Council has received a request from Professor Zoltan Endrev of the Prince of Wales Hospital, seeking an in-kind financial contribution to enable its Department of Nephrology to hold a celebratory dinner on 6 August 2015 at the Prince Henry Centre. The purpose of the dinner celebration is to mark 50 years of achievement in kidney transplantation.

Originally located within the former Prince Henry Hospital complex, the Nephrology Department and Transplant Unit is now part of the Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick.

Issues

On 5 August 1965, the first kidney transplant in NSW took place at the Prince Henry Hospital (POW) in Little Bay. It is understood that was only the second kidney transplant to survive in Australia. In 1967 the first kidney transplant to a child in NSW also took place at Prince Henry Hospital. The first recipient of a kidney from a living donor also occurred at the Prince Henry Hospital.

These were the first of many successful transplants over the years at Prince Henry with many patients surviving over 30 years as a result of their transplant procedure. One patient with a well-functioning graft for over 40 years will be attending the celebrations.

I have been advised that the POW's Nephrology Department will be holding two days of celebratory activities to mark this significant local medical milestone, and acknowledge the dedication of departmental and nursing staff over the last five decades.

Patients and staff, past and present, will be joining in the celebrations, which include a celebratory dinner on 6 August 2015, to be held at Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay. POW Hospital will be raising funds to support this 50th anniversary of celebration of local medical achievement and patient courage. Funds raised by the hospital include subsidising the dinner so it is affordable for patients and some former and current staff who might otherwise not be able to attend.

Financial impact statement

If Council agrees to support this event, the cost will be an estimated \$3,600 which includes security cost and staff time for room set up and pack down. If approved, this amount will be funded under the 2015-16 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

To help make the dinner celebration event affordable, and as a show of support to the excellent and life-saving work undertaken by the POW's Nephrology Department,

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the Council should pay for the venue hire fees of the Cawood Room at Prince Henry Centre on the night of 6 August 2015.

Recommendation

That

- a) Council vote a maximum of \$3,600 from the contingency fund to cover the fees and charges associated with the use of Prince Henry Centre on 6 August 2015 by the POW Hospital Department of Nephrology for a celebration dinner to mark the 50th year since the first kidney transplant was undertaken in NSW.
- b) The event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote the Council's contribution prior to and during the event.
- c) The Mayor or his/her representative be given the opportunity to address the event.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM71/14



Subject: Sydney Coastal Councils Group - 25 year Anniversary

Folder No: F2004/07436

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

In 1989, Sydney coastal councils united with key government agencies including Sydney Water and the EPA to achieve one of Sydney's greatest environmental achievements – the cleanup of sewage from our beaches. Since then, the Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) has become a significant grouping of representative Councillors who meet on a quarterly basis, supported separately by a technical committee of Council officers from member Councils. Now, 25 years later, the SCCG has become a leader in sustainable coastal management.

On the 29 August 2014, a Conference and Gala Evening was held at Customs House in Sydney to mark the 25th anniversary of the SCCG which I attended with Councillors Shurey and Stevenson.

Issues

To help celebrate the SCCG achievements Council attended the anniversary celebrations including the Conference and Gala Evening to reflect upon the past 25 years with Member Councils and key partners of the SCCG, both past and present, and to promote engagement, dialogue, and visioning regarding future stewardship of Sydney's coastal and estuarine environments.

Conclusion

I would like to congratulate the SCCG on their achievements over the last 25 years and look forward to working with the SCCG over the coming years in sustainable coastal management activities.

Recommendation

That Council congratulates the Sydney Coastal Councils Group on their achievements over the last 25 years.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM72/14



Subject: Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation - Request for Financial Support

Folder No: F2005/00213

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

An invitation has been received from the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation to support their annual fundraiser through the purchase of a table at the twilight race meeting being held on Friday 28 November 2014.

Issues

The Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (POWHF) fosters strong links with the community, endeavouring to establish lasting relationships with individuals, industries and businesses and creating better hospital awareness. Every donation made to the POWHF makes a difference to patient care and helps to build healthier communities.

It is appropriate for Council to demonstrate its support for the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation and acknowledge their ongoing provision of services and care to the people of NSW and the Randwick community in particular.

Financial impact statement

The cost of purchasing one table of ten at this fundraising event is \$2,800.00 (plus gst) which will come from the 2014-15 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is recommended that interested Councillors be authorised to attend this very worthwhile fundraiser to support the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation in its mission to build healthier communities.

Recommendation

That Council purchase a table at the twilight race meeting being held on Friday 28 November 2014 as a show of support for the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation with the funds coming from the 2014-15 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM73/14



Subject: Local Government Reform
Folder No: F2014/06574
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

On 10 September 2014, the NSW Government announced the "Fit for the Future" package relating to local government in NSW. I have identified below the main features of the package, but there is much more detail available for Councillors. At this stage, all of the details can be found at the Fit for the Future website: <http://www.fitforthefuture.nsw.gov.au/>

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to advise Councillors of the announcement and start planning for the obligations imposed on Council arising from the announcement, including a requirement to prepare a proposal consistent with the Fit for the Future criteria. I have explained this further below.

Issues

The announcement on 10 September 2014 has generated significant media coverage. In very broad summary, the package is a \$1 billion program aimed at making local government in NSW stronger and financially sustainable in the long term, and to help deliver housing, jobs and infrastructure such as better roads, footpaths and sporting fields.

The Fit for the Future package includes:

1. \$258 million to assist councils who decide to merge and make the changes needed to provide better services to communities;
2. Cheaper finance for councils to build and maintain necessary community facilities, saving them up to \$600 million;
3. Up to \$100 million savings through reduced red tape and duplication;
4. Improvements to the local government system, including the laws that govern it, the way the State works with councils and the support that councils receive.

Randwick City Council is financially strong and sustainable with no debt, a balanced budget and a healthy capital works program. However, I understand that more than one-third of the State's councils are facing financial problems - losing more than \$1 million a day. This is troubling, and, in my opinion, local government reform is overdue.

The Fit for the Future package is based on the Independent Local Government Review Panel's recommendations following three years of research and consultation. I understand the NSW Government intends to hold a series of roundtable meetings with local councils throughout NSW to discuss the Fit for the Future package with them, and to answer any concerns or questions that arise. I was pleased and honoured to have been asked by the Premier and the Minister for Local Government to attend the first of the roundtable meetings, along with the Mayor of Waverley, on 11 September 2014.

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Local councils will have until 30 June 2015 to submit their proposal on how they plan to be "Fit for the Future". It will be assessed by independent experts against independently-set criteria including:

1. Operating Performance Ratio being greater than or equal to break even over three years;
2. Own Source Revenue Ratio being greater than 60% over three years;
3. Building and Infrastructure Asset Renewal Ratio being greater than one over three years;
4. Infrastructure backlog ratio being less than 2%;
5. Asset Maintenance Ratio being greater than one;
6. Debt Service Ratio being greater than zero and less than 0.2.
7. Real Operating Expenditure per capita over time has the scale and capacity consistent with the recommendations of the Independent Panel.

The NSW Government is asking that all councils undertake a self-assessment against the criteria. The self-assessment tool, which I understand will also include additional criteria, will be issued to councils in October.

Conclusion

Having served as Mayor for two years and as a Councillor for 10 years, I understand the important contribution that local government makes to local communities. It is critical that we strengthen and enhance local government so that it continues to be an effective provider of local services and adequately represents the interests of the community. I look forward to contributing to this ongoing debate.

In the meantime, it is critical that Randwick City Council start preparing its Fit for the Future proposal. In my opinion, this needs to include significant community consultation, with such consultation to be conducted prior to Council drafting its proposal, as well as a formal public exhibition of its proposal once it has been drafted with input from the community.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Re-affirm its resolution of 25 March 2014, including that a non-voluntary amalgamation of Randwick City Council is opposed.
2. Prepare a proposal on how it plans to be "Fit for the Future" in accordance with the nominated criteria and submit the proposal by 30 June 2015.
3. As part of the preparation of its "Fit for the Future" proposal:
 - a. Conduct 2 phases of community consultation as follows:
 - i. Firstly, to ask the local community to provide input into the proposed content of Council's proposal (ie. before it is drafted) to encourage local residents to identify and discuss ideas and options for inclusion in the proposal;
 - ii. Secondly, to ask the local community to comment on the draft proposal once it has been prepared, by way of a formal public exhibition (the public exhibition period should be of at least 2 months duration and not be conducted over the Christmas vacation period);
 - b. Liaise with other SSROC members, including our neighbouring Councils of Waverley, Woollahra, the City of Sydney and Botany Bay, to discuss ideas and options relating to the Fit for the Future package.

4. That the first phase of community consultation identified above commence as soon as possible.
5. Arrange a briefing for councillors as soon as possible in relation to the Fit for the Future package.

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Subject: A National Act of Recognition
Folder No: F2014/06574
Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

Southern Cross Ministries Australia has approached Council seeking support for A National Act of Recognition. This is a movement to gather Australians together to recognise and heal the divide that still exists between the traditional owners of this land and later arrivals.

Issues

Reverend Lindsay McDowell from Southern Cross Ministries has met with many communities and community groups to speak about the importance of a National Act of Recognition. One of the aims of this project is to unite Australians in an understanding of the nature of the initial contact, as outlined in the HMS Endeavour's Journals, to invite people to attend an event proposed to be held on the site of the first landing by the crew members of HMS at Botany Bay (most likely Kurnell). The date of this event is not set, and is tentatively suggested to be approximately three years away.

A National Act of Recognition has received the support of many Australian politicians, local community members and organisations including the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and the City of Botany Bay Council. The leadership of this organisation is progressively gathering support for this movement across Australia. I also recently spoke with former Deputy PM John Anderson who commended the event to me.

Notwithstanding its proximity to Botany Bay, I believe that Randwick City Council has a role to play in supporting the Recognition Team in raising awareness for this cause. Council has received a request from Reverend Lindsay McDowell to donate to the Recognition Fund and I would firstly like the Reverend to brief Councillors further.

Conclusion

The National Act of Recognition will bring together all Australians in recognising and healing the divide that still exist between the traditional owners of this land and the later arrivals, by donating to the Recognition Funds. Firstly, I recommend we invite the Reverend to brief Councillors on this matter.

Recommendation

That Council notes an invitation will be sent to the Reverend Lindsay McDowell for him to brief Councillors on the National Act of Recognition.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM75/14



Subject: 125 Brook Street, Coogee (Preschool in Church Hall)

Folder No: F2004/07396

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

Council recently received a request from the Reverend Craig Segart, Rector of St Nicolas' Anglican Church Coogee, seeking the waiving of the Development Application (DA) lodgment fee of \$4,033.30. The DA proposes alterations and addition to use the existing Parish Hall as a preschool centre for 40-60 children in two classrooms, with new storage, kitchen and toilet amenities to the eastern side of the building. The proposal also includes a new first floor level above the rear hall to provide for 2 office rooms, a meeting room, youth group room and a storage room at St Nicolas' Anglican Church, Coogee.

Issues

On 21 September, 2012, Council's General Manager wrote to the Reverend Segart and advised that as the proposal development is a commercial enterprise Council is unable to waive the application fees. It should be noted that there are currently approximately 80 childcare centres (long day care, occasional, pre-schools) operating within the Randwick LGA and that for them to operate they would all have lodged an application and gone through a DA process. Reverend Segart has requested that Council review this decision and perhaps consider invoicing the applicant so that the DA fee can be paid prior to construction commencing, allowing the Church to be able to raise the funds for the development to proceed.

Reverend Segart has also advised that the preschool will set up as a "legal charity" and that funds would have to be raised without any financial contribution from the Anglican Church Diocese. Further, the Reverend Segart indicates that the Church will not be able to obtain a commercial loan as the land cannot be mortgaged, being held in trust.

Financial impact statement

The financial implications to Council of waiving the DA fee would be \$4,033.30.

Conclusion

Council should consider Reverend Segart's request for the waiving of the DA fees associated with a proposed Preschool at St Nicolas' Anglican Church, Coogee

Recommendation

That Council:

- a) Waive the DA fees; or
- b) Defer the payment of the DA fees until the issuing of a construction certificate; or

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- c) Do not waive or defer the DA fees.

Attachment/s:

1. Letters from Rev Craig Segaert, St. Nicolas' Anglican Church Coogee

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St. Nicolas' Anglican Church, Coogee.

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22nd August 2014

By email

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Attn: The General Manager – Mr. R. Brownlee

Dear Sir,

We refer to our letter of 27th August 2012 and your reply of 21st September 2012, for which we thank you. Copies of both are enclosed.

We respectfully ask you to reconsider your decision not to grant some form of waiver on our DA fees. We have already gone through the Pre-DA process and have now received a quote from RCC for \$4,033.20 (Quote QU/327/2014 copy enclosed).

While we understand that RCC may consider this to be a 'commercial enterprise', please be assured that this is a 'faith exercise'.

We are setting the preschool up as a legal charity that will be named St. Nic's Christian Preschool. We have no commencement date scheduled as we still have to raise all the capital funds ourselves - the Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney is not financially participating in this endeavour in any way. It is unlikely that we will be able to get a commercial loan as we are unable to mortgage our property which is held in trust for us by the Anglican Church Property Trust. Following the Pre-DA feedback we have spent around \$18,000 for the necessary consultant fees to meet the planning requirements.

RCC may well think, 'If all that is the case, why even bother to get a DA?' That is where we are acting in faith that when we get the DA we can focus on raising the necessary funds. If God wants the project to proceed, He will lead us to the funding. If He doesn't, He won't! Clearly nothing will happen until we have been lead to such funding. That is how acting in faith works.

Therefore we would be greatly pleased if RCC could offer some fee relief for the actual DA submission. Such relief could be, for example, that RCC invoice us now with the cost of the DA, to be paid only if/when we proceed with construction. At that point we would have raised the funds.

We hope to be able to submit the DA next week, and so trust that you may be able to give a prompt reply, for which we thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,
Rev. Craig Segaert
Rector

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27th August 2012

Randwick City Council
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Attn: The General Manager – Mr. R. Brownlee

Dear Sir,

Greetings from St. Nicolas' Anglican Church at Coogee.

We are going through the process of planning for a preschool to be onsite at our church property and are soon to submit drawings to Council for a Pre-DA Assessment. Our aim is to offer a 40 place preschool to the families of Coogee and Randwick. We are unsure as to a likely start date as it all depends on raising the necessary finance for the modifications that may be required to our church hall.

We are hoping that Randwick City Council may be able to assist this initiative by waiving our Development Application fees when we finally are able to submit it later in the year. At present we are unsure of the total cost of the project, however we are hoping it will be well under \$500,000.

We understand that there is a great need for this type of facility in the Coogee Randwick area, with there being many more children of preschool age in the area than there are places available at either preschools or Long Day Care centres.

Should Randwick City Council be able to assist with this request we would be ever so appreciative.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course, and thank you in anticipation of your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Craig Segært
Rector

Mayoral Minute No. MM76/14



Subject: Australian Institute of Building Surveyors - Service to the Profession Award to Roman Wereszczynski

Folder No: F2013/00332

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the Council that on the 22 July 2014, our very own Manager of Health Building and Regulatory Services, Roman Wereszczynski, has been formally recognised by the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS) for his contribution and service to the profession of Building Surveying.

Issues

It seems that the AIBS too know, and has appropriately recognised, what we have known here at Randwick for a very long time – that is - that Roman is one of the State's pre-eminent Building Surveyors. As the following excerpt from Roman's AIBS Award citation aptly states:

Roman is not only one of the most highly respected and competent building surveyors in NSW, he continues to support our profession, is a highly ethical mentor for young officers in local government and deserving of our associations acknowledgement for his services to the profession of building surveying in NSW.

We know that Roman will continue to champion the important role of building surveyors in their wide statutory duties across local government and the private sector and encourage our younger members to apply the same levels of diligence and integrity to their careers as building surveyors as Roman has applied to his.

To this I can only add, and I know our Councillors will whole-heartedly agree, that Roman's technical knowledge and leadership in the fields of Building Surveying and Environmental Health is only surpassed by his dedication, passion and his continual pursuit of excellence in the provision of Health Building and Regulatory Services to the Randwick community. We are, indeed, fortunate to have Roman as apart of our management team.

Please join me in congratulating Roman on receiving this most prestigious and well-deserved award.

Recommendation

That Randwick City Council formally recognises the Award bestowed on Roman Wereszczynski, Council's Manager of Health, Building and Regulatory Services by the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors and congratulates him accordingly.

Attachment/s:

1. Australian Institute of Building Surveyors - 22 July 2014 - Professional Service Award to Roman Wereszczynski

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Australian Institute of Building Surveyors

22 July 2014
NSW/ACT Awards
Dockside Darling Harbour

Roman Wereszczynski

It is a pleasure to present Roman Wereszczynski with this recognition of his contribution to the profession of Building Surveying.

Roman is a shining example, the consummate building surveying, environmental health and local government professional. Roman started his career as a Training Building Surveyor in the 1990's at Sutherland Council and over the period since has risen through the ranks to become the principal Building Surveyor at Randwick Council managing all facets of Environmental Health & Building.

Prior to the requirement for accreditation of Council building surveyors by the BPB Roman attained his Level 1 as a private certifier working for Randwick Council in Sydney's East demonstrating to the profession the importance of ensuring that building surveyors attain industry recognition in terms of their competencies and relevant practical experience.

Roman has been selected by the Local Government and Shires Association as their representative on numerous building related Department of Planning expert panels, working groups and committees and was appointed as a member of the Building Professionals Board's disciplinary committee serving on that committee in the hearing of some of the more serious investigations and actions bringing higher levels of public confidence back into the Accreditation system in NSW.

Roman is not only one of the most highly respected and competent building surveyors in NSW, he continues to support our profession, is a highly ethical mentor for young officers in local government and deserving of our associations acknowledgement for his services to the profession of building surveying in NSW.

We know that Roman will continue to champion the important role of building surveyors in their wide statutory duties across local government and the private sector and encourage our younger members to apply the same levels of diligence and integrity to their careers as building surveyors as Roman has applied to his.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM77/14



Subject: Extension of Mayor's Award at
Randwick Boys' High School

Folder No: F2013/00332

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

The Principal of Randwick Boys High School has contacted me seeking support for a further five year extension of the 'Mayor's Award' which was first introduced in 2010.

Issues

Randwick Boys High School is the only comprehensive, government boys' high school in the Randwick City Council area and the school is extremely proud of its award system, in particular, the way that it celebrates academic, civic and sporting achievement.

The Mayor's Award is given to a student nominated by the Principal for outstanding achievement in citizenship, academic performance and sport.

Financial impact statement

The cost of continuing the award for another period of five years would be \$5,000.00 and, if the report recommendation is adopted, \$1,000.00 will be funded annually from the Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

This award represents an opportunity for Council to demonstrate its ongoing commitment to the local community and, in particular, to public education.

Recommendation

That Council agree to the continuation of the 'Mayor's Award' for Randwick Boys High School and agrees to fund the cost of operating the award for a further period of five years at a cost of \$5,000.00, of which \$1,000.00 is to be funded each year from the Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM78/14



Subject: Mayor's Visit to Randwick City Council's Sister City - Temora Shire Council

Folder No: F2014/06574

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

I had the great honour last week of visiting Randwick City Council's Sister City, Temora Shire Council, from Thursday 18 September to Saturday 20 September.

I love Temora Shire, it is a truly special place. At this time of year, the piercingly bright yellow canola fields define the natural landscape in and around the shire.

The great thing about our Sister City relationship is that it brings mutual benefits for our two local government areas through the implementation of various programs.

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.

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.

Council also operates various exchange programs such as:

- a management practices exchange program;
- Larry the Lifeguard visit to Temora to provide an educational experience to children about water safety; and
- the offer of assistance with the implementation of the Councillors' Online Training Program
- city/country sustainability schools exchange.

Randwick Council has also provided Temora Shire Council with financial assistance by donating SES vehicles.

My visit to Temora Shire included:

1. Attending the Temora Shire Council meeting last Thursday evening, which also included the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral elections (a very civilised occasion indeed!). I was given the opportunity to address the Council and

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to speak about our Sister City relationship, and was presented with a plaque to commemorate my visit;

2. Visiting the Temora Agricultural Innovation Centre – a joint venture between Temora Shire Council and Farmlink Research Limited, which aims to progress regional agriculture and where many significant trials over the years have produced a wide range of wheat and oat varieties being bred on-site. There are over 14,000 trial plots on-site relating to cereal, canola and pasture varieties, nutrition, disease, weeds, carbon, growth regulants, farming systems, trace elements, time of sowing and water-use efficiency. For me, as a “city dweller”, this was a real “eye opener” and I was able to learn more about primary food production processes;
3. Visiting the Temora Aviation Museum. Temora Shire is very well known for hosting regular aircraft showcase events and is a significant tourist attraction. The Temora Aviation Museum also offers a range of education programs to complement the NSW school syllabus which utilise the great collection of historical ex-military Australian aircraft. Throughout World War II, more than 2,400 pilots were trained in Temora and 4 satellite airfields were set up around the Temora district to cope with the demand to train RAAF pilots;
4. Visiting the Temora Rural Museum which has a vast collection of items of both local and national significance.

Issues

On 2UE Radio last week, the Minister for Local Government, Paul Toole, was interviewed about Sister City relationships in NSW and, of all of the relationships that exist between local government entities in this State, he referred to and endorsed the Sister City relationship between Randwick City Council and Temora Shire Council. I passionately believe that us “city folk” should be doing all we can to help the regional areas of NSW, and I am so pleased that the Randwick City Council and Temora Shire Council Sister City relationship is so strong.

It is my intention to continue to explore ways in which our two local government areas might mutually benefit from our ongoing relationship. I want to do whatever I can to help boost the Temora Shire economy and promote Temora Shire as a place for our local residents to visit, because I absolutely know they would not be disappointed. In tomorrow’s edition of Council’s “Enews”, I have decided to make the feature story about my visit to Temora Shire and to encourage local families to “take the kids” to Temora Shire and watch one of the fascinating aircraft showcase events.

Conclusion

I would like to publically thank Cr Rick Firman, the Mayor of Temora Shire Council, as well as Gary Lavelle, the Council’s General Manager, and all of the other Councillors and staff of Temora Shire Council for their excellent hospitality during my recent visit to Temora Shire. I believe Randwick City Council and Temora Shire Council have an excellent Sister City relationship which brings genuine, mutual benefits and I will continue to do whatever I can to foster and nurture that relationship. Regional NSW deserves our support and we need to continue to look for different and innovative ways to help our country brothers and sisters.

Recommendation

That Council receive and note this Mayoral Minute.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM79/14



Subject: Councillor Briefing on Fit for the Future Package

Folder No: F2014/06574

Author: Councillor Nash, Mayor

Introduction

I have now read the motions pursuant to notice for tonight's Council meeting. It appears that there are three proposed items on the business paper relating to local government reform (including the ongoing debate about amalgamations), being:

1. A Mayoral Minute previously circulated;
2. A Motion Pursuant to Notice from the Deputy Mayor, Cr Andrews; and
3. A Motion Pursuant to Notice from Cr Bowen.

Although this topic is important, it is equally important that time is spent wisely in debating these matters.

Issues

For reasons of efficiency, I have suggested to Cr Andrews that, as his motion appears first in the business paper, and if it is acceptable to him, that he amend his motion pursuant to notice to include not only his proposed motion, but also to include the text of Cr Bowen's motion. He has agreed. In the interests of fairness, the motion can be moved and seconded by Cr Andrews and Cr Bowen respectively.

That then leaves my previously circulated Mayoral Minute. I have received feedback from some Councillors. There is a general desire that the General Manager brief Councillors on the details of the Fit for the Future package before Council resolves any position in relation to its response to the package.

Although, in my view, it is inevitable that Council will need to start working on drafting its response to the Fit for the Future package, with community input as set out in my previously circulated Mayoral Minute, I agree with the suggestion that, in the first instance, Councillors be briefed on the package.

To provide further context, I recently attended a Departmental briefing with the Acting General Manager and the Mayors and General Managers of various other Councils including Botany Bay City Council, Strathfield Council, Marrickville Council, City of Sydney Council, Waverley Council and Woollahra Council. At that briefing we were provided with additional information regarding the package and we were also advised that further information, including a self-assessment package, is scheduled to be released in October 2014. As Council has until 30 June 2015 to lodge its proposal, there is ample time for Council to have a briefing (say, in October after the full package has been announced), with the intention thereafter to resolve its position on the way forward.

Conclusion

I propose that, as a first step, the General Manager brief Councillors on the Fit for the Future Package.

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Recommendation

That the General Manager brief Councillors on the Fit for the Future package as soon as possible after the full details of the package have been released.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM80/14



Subject: 2014 Harmony Walk
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Introduction

Council has received a request from Mr Ernie Friedlander OAM, President of Moving Forward Together Association, seeking support for the 2014 "Harmony Walk" to be held on 26 October 2014. The "Harmony Walk" focuses on the importance of building an inclusive Australian Society and to acknowledge and celebrate the enduring principles of fairness, harmony and respect.

Mr Friedlander has sought Council's support in terms of either promoting this activity through local media/Council website or financial support.

Issues

The first Harmony Walk was held in Coogee in 2012. The second walk was held in the City of Sydney in 2013. This year's Harmony Walk will be held in the City of Sydney.

The Harmony Walk is also supported by White Ribbon Australia which commends the walk as an important initiative to raise community awareness and encourages respect between all people regardless of gender, race and religion.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

The Harmony Walk promotes a harmonious and inclusive society and celebrates an inclusive and diverse Australian society.

Recommendation

That Council promote the 2014 Harmony Walk through local media, the Council website and eNews to encourage local resident participation.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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