

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 on Tuesday, 11 November 2014 at 6:00pm.

Committee Members: The Mayor T Seng, Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, D'Souza, Garcia, Matson (Deputy Chairperson), Moore, Nash, Neilson, Roberts, 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

Community Services Committee - 14 October 2014

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 69 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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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Community Services Report No. C11/14



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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 a previous meeting adopted by the respective Advisory Committee.

Issues

As scheduled, the Access Advisory Committee has met and the minutes of the meeting, which reflect discussions 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 2014 (endorsed October 2014).

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 the Access Advisory Committee Meeting are now in order and are submitted to Council for acknowledgement and acceptance.

Recommendation

That the Council acknowledges and accepts the Access Advisory Committee Minutes – September 2014.

Attachment/s:

1. Access Advisory Committee Minutes

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MINUTES

**Randwick City Council Access Advisory Committee
Meeting held on Thursday 11 September 2014, at the
Randwick Room, Randwick Council.**

Present

Frida Kitas	Randwick City Council
Cr. Kathy Neilson	Randwick City Council
Chris Donnellan	Randwick City Council
Vince Bates	Headeast
Greg Selwood	Headeast
Tess Protey	Holdsworth Community
Andrew Blair	Community Representative

Apologies

Melinda Ross	Sunnyfield
Jessica Blair	Community Representative

3 Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held in July were confirmed.

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

4.1 Suicide Talk

Over 50 people attended the information session exploring issues in suicide prevention at Margaret Martin Library on Thursday 3 July from 7pm to 9pm. The session was presented by RCC and Carers NSW and was facilitated by Gerald Haslinger, psychologist and mental health educator. Suicide Talk was organised around the question, "Should we talk about suicide and aimed to make Randwick City a suicide safe community. The session examined a range of strategies people can use to help prevent suicide. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. RCC will investigate the possibility of making this training open to Council staff in the near future. Frida Kitas thanked Carers NSW for their support in delivering various mental health information sessions to the community.

Action: For information.

4.2 Lets Talk about Depression Seminar

Over 70 people attended the free half day Depression Seminar on Saturday 19 July at Randwick Town Hall. The seminar was organised in partnership with Carers NSW and also included a community educator who shared their lived experience with depression. The seminar was designed for carers and supporters of people with depression who live in the Randwick and Botany local government areas. An evaluation was conducted by Carers NSW which indicated that 95% of the participants found the strategies presented at the seminar extremely useful in helping family members and friends dealing with depression.

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Staff from Carers NSW also spoke about new mental health respite services and the Older Parent Carers programs that carers are able to access to help them in their caring role. Participants also noted that many residents would benefit from a half day Anxiety Seminar to better help them cope with the stress of being a full time carer.

Action: RCC to organise an Anxiety Seminar in partnership with Carers NSW in the next few months.

4.3 Access issues | Woolworths and Coles Ltd Randwick

Frida Kitas provided an update in regards to the Access issues at Woolworth and Coles Randwick. In addition, Frida reported that RCC have created two additional accessible parking spaces at the Des Renford Leisure Centre to accommodate the needs of people with mobility impairments since the facility was upgraded and the demand for additional parking has increased.

Action: For noting.

4.4 Community Mental Health Forum

Over 170 residents and visitors attended the Community Mental Health Forum on Wednesday 23 July at Randwick Town Hall. The Forum aimed to increase awareness and understanding about mental health issues in the broader community and introduce new services and support programs for consumers and carers living in Randwick City and surrounding areas. Keynote speakers included Rob Ramjam AM, CEO, Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW and special guest speakers: acclaimed actress Suzie Porter and former professional rugby league footballer Andrew "Bobcat" Ryan. Feedback indicated that the Forum was an outstanding, particularly in regards to the quality of the guest speakers. Cr.Neilson thanked Frida for organising an excellent and highly valuable community event benefiting a range of people.

Action: For information.

4.5 SAFE Talk – Suicide Prevention Training

Over 65 people attended the SAFE Talk Suicide Prevention Training at Bowen Library and Community Centre on Saturday 16 August. This half day presentation was organised in conjunction with Carers NSW and was facilitated by staff from Life Line. SAFE Talk was offered in response to the demand for increased training for residents around the issue of suicide, including how to respond to family members and friends who may have suicidal thoughts and how to link them to further help. Participants thanked RCC for making this vital training available to members of the community. Committee members also congratulated RCC for the provision of a series of excellent community mental health seminars that truly respond to unmet need – this clearly being evident in the number of participants in attendance.

Action: For information

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4.6 Local Government Week | Little Bay Neighbour Day

Over 1600 residents and visitors attended the Little Bay Neighbour Day on Sunday 3 August at the Prince Henry Centre at Little Bay. The Neighbour Day was a great success and organised in celebration of Local Government Week. The local community event aimed to connect residents to their local community and showcase the jewel that is Little Bay. The day involved a range of activities including Aboriginal specialist cultural workshops, puppy pre-school, kids activities, fitness demonstrations, displays and live entertainment. RCC and local community staff also promoted information on services and support programs for residents. Committee members agreed that the event was highly enjoyable, informative and appealed to a broad range of people.

Action: For noting

5. New Business

5.1 Anxiety Seminar

RCC in partnership with Carers NSW will host a free half day seminar on Anxiety on Saturday 20 September at the Randwick Town Hall from 11am to 3pm. The half day seminar will explore issues in anxiety and is designed for people with anxiety, carers and supporters of people with anxiety. A Community Educator will also share their lived experience with anxiety. Frida tabled flyers and posters.

Action: For information

5.2 Eco-Living Fair

Frida Kitas tabled flyers and posters for the Eco-Living Fair to be held on Sunday 14 September at the Randwick Community Centre from 10am to 3pm. Flyers and posters tabled.

Action: For information.

5.3 Carers Week | Twilight Tour

To celebrate Carers Week, RCC in partnership with the Prince Henry Nurses Association will host a Twilight Tour at the Nursing and Medical Museum at Little Bay on Wednesday 15 October from 6.30pm to 9pm. The theme for the Twilight Tour will be the *Nurses of Prince Henry*. The talk will be followed by an interactive tour of the museum exploring the colourful history of the Prince Henry Hospital. Entry is a \$5 donation and bookings are required.

Action: Frida Kitas to circulate posters electronically to members.

5.4 World AIDS Day Events

RCC are planning to host a screening of the Australian documentary "I AM A Girl," at the Ritz Cinema Randwick to raise awareness of the impact of HIV and AIDS on the lives of Australians. This critically acclaimed film explores the unique challenges faced by women around the world, with a focus on the inequalities of life as a girl. The documentary is

commensurate with the themes of World Day. In addition, RCC staff will raise funds that will be donated to local and overseas charities.

Action: Frida to provide an update about World AIDS Day events at the October meeting.

5.5 Chifley Inclusive Playground

RCC are looking for parents who would like to be a part of a working group to help develop the design and chose equipment for a new playground in Chifley Reserve. RCC aim to design and build the playground for children of all abilities – for the working group they are looking for parents living in Matraville or La Perouse and surrounding areas and parents living in Randwick City who have a child with special needs. The working group will consist of parents with special needs, disability support specialists and Council staff who are playground designers. It is anticipated that the working groups will meet three to four time between October and December 2014.

Action: For information.

5.6 Access issues, Pacific Square Maroubra

Chris Donnellan reported that Centre Management at Pacific Square Shopping Centre Maroubra have complied with the legal requirements of providing a clearance space of 3 metres on each side of the corridor between Pete's Butchery and the pop up discount shop. They have provided alternate areas of egress for people to travel in, in the event of an emergency. Jessica Blair also noted that the toilet doors at the Shopping Centre open inwardly impeding access for people using wheelchairs. The Committee suggested in the first instance that Jessica write a letter to Centre Management to bring this matter to their attention.

Action: Jessica to write a letter to Pacific Square Centre Management re inward opening toilet doors and provide an update at the October meeting.

5.7 Access issue Maroubra Pavilion

Vince Bates informed the Committee that the two parking spaces situated next to the access ramp at Maroubra Pavilion are currently reserved for Council staff. Vince requested that RCC consider relocating those spaces and bringing the disability parking closer to the access ramp to better accommodate the needs of people with mobility impairments and wheelchair users. Chris Donnellan agreed to liaise with City Services in regards to this request and provide an update at the next AAC meeting in October.

Action: Chris Donnellan to provide an update at the November meeting.

6. Guest Speakers: Nadia Samperi & Stephanie Velianis | Ability Links | St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Support Services

Ability Links supports people with disabilities, mental illness and or their carers and links them with mainstream services, social activities, resources and opportunities that are outside of the disability service system. It aims to build people's informal networks and promotes full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in their local communities. Anyone who is between the ages of 9-64 and identifies as having a disability can access a Linker. The program does not require a formal referral, assessment or a proof of diagnosis. Ability Links coordinators known as Linkers, work alongside mainstream services to help people with a disability and their supporters to plan for their future and support them to achieve their goals and access support services in their community.

Ability Links is designed for people who are not traditionally known to the disability system, who may be socially isolated and not accessing support services. The program aims to make people with a disability and their supporters at the centre of the decision making process and less dependant on specialist disability services. Linkers also work with mainstream services to support them to be more inclusive. St Vincent de Paul Society NSW and Settlement Services International are working together to deliver Ability Links in the Metro South Region of NSW. There are a total of 248 Ability Links NSW Coordinators across the state. Brochures tabled.

Action: For information.

7. Information Share: Members provided service updates of their respective services.

9: Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9 October 2014.