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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAYORAL MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015**

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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, 28 April 2015 at 6:00pm

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### Late Confidential General Manager's Report

GM9/15	58-60 Carr Street, COOGEE (DA/116/2014) <i>This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) (g) Of the Local Government Act, as it deals with advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.</i>	
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## Mayoral Minute No. MM21/15



**Subject:** Council support of the Urban and Regional Food Declaration

**Folder No:** F2004/08357

**Author:** The Mayor, Ted Seng

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### Introduction

Seeking endorsement from Council to support the Urban and Regional Food Declaration developed through the Food Support and Food Alliance non government organisation based at Deakin University in Melbourne.

### Issues

Council has recently been invited to become a signatory of the Urban and Regional Food Declaration prepared and distributed by the non-government Food Support and Food Alliance based at Deakin University in Melbourne.

This Declaration (see attached) outlines the purpose, vision and principles underlying its broad message that "Food is fundamental to life and health" and that "Cities and regions need a sustainable, fair and resilient food system that provides dignified access to healthy food for all citizens, offers viable livelihoods for local producers, and engenders careful stewardship of regional ecosystems".

It has become apparent that local Councils across metropolitan and regional settings are increasingly supporting locally relevant initiatives and efforts for community members to grow their own food, reduce food wastage, support community gardens and farmers markets and strengthen metropolitan consumers' understanding and connections with regional producers.

As Councillors would see on reading the Declaration, Randwick Council is already actively engaged with many and most of the issues and principles raised in the Urban and Regional Food Declaration and supporting them with the relevant community initiatives.

Although the Urban and Regional Food Declaration does not require any specific actions or commitments to be made by Council, after reading it I would commend to you that it ties in neatly with the range of programs and commitments our Council is making and that it is therefore appropriate for Randwick to support as a signatory.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

### Conclusion

The principles and vision stated in the Urban and Regional Food Declaration provide a strong and positive basis for communities and their leaders to improve their understanding and commitment to long range and short term initiatives aimed at strengthening and improving how and where our food is produced and the connections between producer and communities, as both consumers and caretakers of the land and ecosystems.

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**Recommendation**

That Council endorses Randwick becoming a signatory to the attached Urban and Regional Food Declaration prepared and distributed by the non-government Food Systems and Food Alliance organisation based at Deakin University in Melbourne.

**Attachment/s:**

1. Urban and Regional Food Declaration

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Dear Cr Ted Seng,

**RE: Urban and Regional Food Declaration**

We are writing to you on behalf of the Food Alliance, a not-for-profit alliance of community organisations, local governments, planners, health professionals, academics and producers working towards a better food system.

The Food Alliance is part of a growing national and global movement, embracing hundreds of millions of people in every continent, who recognize that our food and farming systems face a series of critical environmental, social, economic and political challenges. This movement also recognizes that by achieving important change in our food and farming systems, we can make major progress to the goal of healthier, fairer and more sustainable societies for everyone.

With this knowledge and goal in mind, the Food Alliance has been working for the past 15 months towards the creation of a strategic and coherent document that can provide a shared vision, language and principles to guide practical and policy actions across all sectors.

We are now proud and delighted to be able to present to you the **Urban and Regional Food Declaration** (enclosed). This document is the first of its kind in Australia, in providing an integrated and comprehensive framework for effective and practical actions to tackle the very serious challenges facing our food and farming system.

The Declaration is grounded in a set of high-level and detailed principles that flow from an innovative, participatory and internationally-recognised approach to sustainability, *The Circles of Social Life*. Building on these principles enables signatories to take advantage of a set of systematic and structured tools to enhance shared understandings of the local and regional food system across the institution, to inform policy and strategy development and implementation, and to build consensus for change amongst diverse stakeholder groups.

We recognize Randwick City Council as a leader in the field of sustainability, food systems and regional economic development. That is why we are writing to you with an invitation: to add your name as one of the founding signatories of the **Urban and Regional Food Declaration**. This will further confirm your status as a thought- and practice leader in this field, which will only gain in significance in the coming years.

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Please let us know if you would like any further information, or indeed a visit from the Food Alliance to discuss the significance of the Declaration with you and your colleagues.

We look forward to your support.

Sincerely



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# 'Sustainable, Healthy and Fair Food'

## Urban and Regional Food Declaration

Food is fundamental to life and health. Increasing urbanization, the industrialization of agriculture and a changing climate are adversely impacting many parts of the global food system. This interconnected food system includes production, processing, distribution, consumption, waste management, and meaning creation. The food system faces compounding global challenges and variable local issues. The scale of these challenges and issues is reflected in local concerns about food security, producer livelihoods, local economies, damage to ecosystems, persistently high levels of hunger and malnutrition, a pandemic of dietary-related illness and disease, and biodiversity reduction.

Many organization and government policy areas—including health, planning, transport, infrastructure, economic development, education, trade, biosecurity and environment—are relevant to the food system. A coherent long-term food policy, at whatever level and scale of governance, enables the integration of these different areas. Cities and regions need a sustainable, fair and resilient food system that provides dignified access to healthy food for all citizens, offers viable livelihoods for local producers, and engenders careful stewardship of regional ecosystems.

### Purpose

To achieve a vision of a sustainable, healthy and fair food system, integrated action is needed from individuals, communities, businesses, organizations and governments. The purpose of this Declaration is to encourage such action through offering the following:

- A set of agreed principles;
- A lexicon of agreed definitions and common language;
- A generalized framework for policy and legislative changes;
- A tool for mobilization and advocacy; and
- An associated set of tools for assessment and analysis.

### Vision

Signatories to this 'Urban and Regional Food Declaration' share a vision of a sustainable, healthy and fair food system. We commit to the following characteristics as shaping our approach towards such a system:

- A thriving diversity of food production throughout our towns and cities and countryside, from networks of backyard, community and school gardens, to market gardens, ethical animal rearing, orchards, vineyards and food forests in our peri-urban and regional areas.
- A valuing of food producers as caretakers of the land and ecosystems, and as guarantors of our present and future food security.



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- An expansion of farmers' markets, a wide variety of farm-gate shops and trails, and high streets revitalised with shops that burst with local and seasonal produce, all supporting a growing local food economy that generates jobs and livelihoods for communities.
- A food system that supports the health and well-being of all, recognising that access to good food is a fundamental and universal human right.

The food system is a complex set of practices that face unique and unprecedented challenges. This Declaration and its principles are based upon four domains as expressed in Figure 1: **Circles of Social Life**<sup>1</sup>.

### Principles<sup>2</sup>

**Ecology:** Our food system should actively maintain the health and integrity of the natural environment on which it depends, seeking to maintain the health of existing ecosystems and enhance biodiversity.

**Economics:** Our food system should support, create and sustain local and regional livelihoods while building a resilient food industry.

**Politics:** Governments and organizations should collaborate and work holistically, both internally and externally, while proactively engaging with communities to inform policy, planning and legislative actions relating to environmental stewardship, food security, health and wellbeing, and urban and regional livelihoods.

**Culture:** Our food system should embrace the diverse and cultural significance of food, recognizing its central role in promoting social cohesion, life-long and intergenerational learning, and community health and wellbeing.

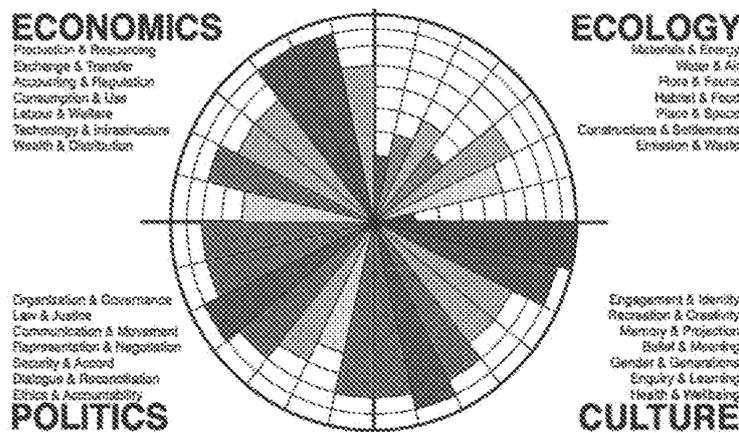


Figure 1. Circles of Social Life

An understanding of and agreement with these principles provide the basis to engage in further collaborative action. See the Appendix for an elaborated version.

<sup>1</sup> For more information, see <http://www.circlesofsustainability.org/> and *Urban Sustainability in Theory and Practice*.

<sup>2</sup> This set of principles represents an adaption of the *Circles of Social Life* and *Circles of Sustainability* approach developed by the UN Global Compact Cities Programme and Metropolis.

## APPENDIX

**Elaborated Principles***Ecology*

Our food system should actively maintain the health and integrity of the natural environment on which it depends, seeking to maintain the health of existing ecosystems and enhance biodiversity:

- 1.1. With food production and processing based as much as possible on organic fertilizing, recyclable materials and use of renewable energy with distributed generation;
- 1.2. With water for food production sourced sustainably without impacting adversely upon regional ecological complexity;
- 1.3. With agricultural land, both urban and regional, complemented by zones and linear parks providing continuing habitat for indigenous flora and fauna;
- 1.4. With urban settlements planned so as to both restrict suburban encroachment upon fertile farming land and allow significant local food production within urban boundaries—including through dedicated spaces being set aside for community food gardens;
- 1.5. With the food system organized to minimize transport distances from sites of production to consumption;
- 1.6. With the food system contributing to secure access to healthy food for all; and
- 1.7. With waste management in all aspects of the food system directed fundamentally towards green composting and hard-rubbish minimization.

*Economics*

Our food system should support, create and sustain local and regional livelihoods while building a resilient food industry:

- 2.1. With food production and exchange shifted from an emphasis on production-for-global-export towards generating local mixed food economies and sustainable local livelihoods;
- 2.2. With financing and co-financing of prioritized aspects of the food system built into all relevant municipal annual budgets and services spending;
- 2.3. With the accounting and regulation of different aspects of the food system recognizing that food is a social good rather than just another commodity;
- 2.4. With a stronger relationship developed between producers and consumers through support for farmer's markets and local produce outlets;
- 2.5. With food production workplaces brought back into closer spatial relation to residential areas, taking into account issues of personal infringement (such as processing smells and noise) through sustainable and appropriate processing methods, filtration and waste-management;
- 2.6. With appropriate technologies used for food production and processing, respecting the given limits of nature, including seasonal production; and
- 2.7. With good, local, organic food made available to those who cannot afford it through redistributive processes.



### *Politics*

Governments and organizations should collaborate and work holistically, both internally and externally, while proactively engaging with communities to inform policy, planning and legislative actions relating to environmental stewardship, food security, health and wellbeing, and urban and regional livelihoods:

- 3.1. With food governance conducted through deep deliberative democratic processes that bring together comprehensive community engagement, expert knowledge, and extended public debate about all aspects of the food system;
- 3.2. With legislation enacted for sustainable and fair food production and exchange;
- 3.3. With public communication services and media outlets materially supported where necessary to generate debates about sustainable and fair food;
- 3.4. With political participation in decisions and processes about food production and consumption going deeper than passive engagement;
- 3.5. With basic 'food security' considerations afforded to all citizens;
- 3.6. With all actors in the food system actively acknowledging the need for on-going reconciliation with the original inhabitants of the land—particularly in relation to land-use; and
- 3.7. With ethical debates concerning how we produce and consume food becoming a mainstream aspect of social life.

### *Culture*

Our food system should embrace the diverse and cultural significance of food, recognizing its central role in promoting social cohesion, life-long and intergenerational learning, and community health and wellbeing:

- 4.1. With food consumption recognizing and celebrating the complex layers of community-based identity that have made our urban region;
- 4.2. With active support for creative engagement with the culture of food through festivals, rituals and other public events;
- 4.3. With museums, cultural centres and other public spaces dedicating some of their ongoing space to comprehensive ecological histories of the local-global food system;
- 4.4. With locally relevant beliefs about the food system from across the globe waven into the fabric of the built environment: symbolically, artistically and practically;
- 4.5. With conditions for gender equality pursued in all aspects of the food system;
- 4.6. With the opportunities for facilitated enquiry and learning about food available to all, from birth to old age across people's lives—not just through formal training in the food industry; and
- 4.7. With public spaces and buildings designed and curated to enhance the sense that food is part of the everyday health and wellbeing of people.

## Mayoral Minute No. MM22/15



**Subject:** Maroubra Rotary Pride of Workmanship Awards 2015

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### Introduction

The Rotary Club of Maroubra has a strong tradition of carrying out wonderful work within our City, raising funds that support individuals, the local community and international communities in need.

### Issues

I was particularly proud to have been invited to participate in the Pride of Workmanship awards this year. This award is a beacon for Rotary Clubs throughout the world. The objective is to deliver recognition to people who are often considered to be the heartbeat of an organization, but who often can go without being recognized and thanked for their outstanding efforts. The key award criteria are:

- A person who is recognized as representing their employer in a good light.
- A person who has a role that is not necessarily in management, but is vital to the ongoing success of the business.
- A person who ordinarily is not formally recognized for the vital part they play.

Two members of the library staff were honoured with an award at this presentation. Robyn Smith is the Branch Officer at the Margaret Martin Library and Sharon Stern is the Toy and Game Library Officer at Bowen Library. Both received awards.

Robyn Smith has dedicated her working life to library service in Randwick City. Recently she celebrated her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Council. Her first role was running the bookmobile and she has developed her knowledge and skills over the years to become a supervisor of the beautiful Margaret Martin Library Randwick. It is through Robyn's pride of place and joy in serving the local community that this busy library, with more than 20,000 visitors a month, looks as wonderful and welcoming today as it did when refurbished in 2009. Robyn takes great pride in showcasing her library as a flagship Council facility and vital community hub. She motivates her branch team to model their behaviours on her high standards, thereby ensuring that all visitors are welcomed into a warm and welcoming space.

Sharon Stern has worked at Council for 20 years and has overseen the growth of the toy library from one small lending collection at Bowen Library to the biggest and best in Sydney, featuring over 2,700 toys at three libraries. Sharon approaches every task with the customer's needs and satisfaction with the collection as her priority. She has created new, innovative programs such as the Play Workshop series and her publication "The Power of Play" in English and Chinese, is helping parents and carers select age appropriate, exciting toys for every stage of their child's development. Sharon is a legend and a visit to any one of Randwick's libraries will see parent and children enjoying the benefits of Sharon's pride in the work she does.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

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**Conclusion**

These awards dedicated to Council's library staff are considered a fitting recognition in giving the community outstanding service.

**Recommendation**

That council congratulates Ms Robyn Smith and Ms Sharon Stern on their Pride of Workmanship Award.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM23/15



**Subject:** Donation - Maroubra Bay Public School  
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### Introduction

Council has received correspondence from Ms Natasha Cromer, a parent at Maroubra Bay Public School requesting funds to purchase additional bike racks for the school.

### Issues

Ms Cromer has advised the following information:

"At present the school only has one bike rack equipped to hold 5 bikes. With the increasing popularity of riding to school the rack is full early in the morning and many bikes must be left leaning against nearby railings. The school is focusing its available funds on providing the much needed teaching resources for the growing number of classes at the school."

As an increasing number of students are taking an active role by riding their bikes to school it would be appropriate to provide funding for extra bike facilities for Maroubra Bay Public School to the value of \$3,000.

### Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$3,000 and this will be funded from the 2014-15 Contingency Fund.

### Conclusion

Due to the increasing number of students riding their bikes to school, funds be allocated to the Maroubra Bay Public School to the value of \$3,000 to provide extra bike facilities at the school.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) Council votes to donate \$3,000 for the purchase of bike facilities for the Maroubra Bay Public School.
- b) the school undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge Council's contribution.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM24/15



**Subject:** Financial Assistance for the Victims of Nepal Earthquake

**Folder No:** F2004/07396

**Author:** The Mayor, Ted Seng

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### Introduction

As councillors would be well aware, a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake has devastated the Nepalese capital Kathmandu and surrounding areas. The death toll is now in its thousands and hundreds of thousands of people have been impacted. The purpose of this mayoral minute is to seek Council's support to donate \$2,000.00 to CARE Australia to assist in aid relief for the Nepalese people.

### Issues

Reports coming in from Nepal are indicating that almost everyone has slept outside and have been creating temporary shelters. Women, mothers and children are suffering a lot as they are living outside their homes and are too afraid to venture inside.

CARE Australia already has staff on the ground who are working to coordinate with other agencies. They have plans in place to assist up to 100,000 people with temporary shelter, ready-to-eat meals, water purification and toilet construction.

### Financial impact statement

It is considered that a donation of \$2,000.00 is appropriate and could be funded from the 2014/15 Councillors' Contingency Budget.

### Conclusion

It is estimated that \$95.00 can provide emergency food for fifteen days, \$144.00 can provide clean drinking water for twelve families and \$280.00 can provide emergency shelter for a family. It is important that Council show its support for the devastated people of Nepal.

### Recommendation

That Council donates \$2,000.00 to CARE Australia to assist in emergency aid relief for the people of Nepal, who are suffering after the recent earthquake.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM25/15



**Subject:** South Maroubra Surf Club use of Des Renford Leisure Centre for the Annual Nippers Proficiency Test – Waiving of fees

**Folder No:** F2010/00214

**Author:** The Mayor, Ted Seng

### Introduction

Council has received a request for assistance from Mr Marcelo Garay, Director of Youth Development for South Maroubra Surf Club, who are staging their annual swimming proficiency test for 'Nippers' in the under 8's and above. They have requested to hold these tests on the 13th September 2015 at Des Renford Leisure Centre.

### Issues

The South Maroubra Surf Club is a voluntary organisation that provides a service to the local community in training children in water proficiency, surf safety and water safety. It is a requirement of the Surf Lifesaving Society of Australia that all children who are going to participate in water activities complete an annual swim proficiency test. They anticipate approximately 700 children will participate in the 'Nipper' program.

They have requested the use of two (2) lanes and a small room to do administration from on Sunday 13 September 2015. The Des Renford Leisure Centre can accommodate their requirements on this date and at the required times.

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

• Pool Hire Fee	\$ 960.00
• Room Hire Fee	\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,210.00</b>

### Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$1,210.00 which will be funded from the 2015-16 Contingency Fund.

### Conclusion

The South Maroubra Surf Club Nippers program is a worthwhile local community program which provides a service to the local community and encourages children to learn and participate in water safety.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) Council votes \$1,210 from the 2015-16 Contingency Fund to cover the hire fees at Des Renford Leisure Centre.
- b) the organiser undertakes to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution to parents and students.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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