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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, 9 June 2015 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 April 2015

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

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Ray Brownlee
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM26/15



Subject: Mayoral Minute - 2015 Vinnies CEO Sleepout

Folder No: F2004/07396

Author: The Mayor, Ted Seng

Introduction

The CEO of the St Vincent De Paul Society of NSW has written to Council requesting support for the 2015 Vinnies CEO Sleepout.

Issues

The 2015 Sleepout will mark the 10 year anniversary of this event and the St Vincent De Paul Society is hoping to raise \$10 million nationally to help address the issue of homelessness. The theme for this year's event is "Help write a new chapter in the story of homelessness".

The St Vincent De Paul Society has indicated that over 28,000 people in NSW are experiencing homelessness and that a majority of them are under the age of 35 and almost half are women.

The Sleepout event will be held at Luna Park on Thursday 18 June 2015.

Financial impact statement

If the report recommendation is adopted, Council's contribution of \$3,000 will be funded from the 2014-15 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Homelessness is a complex issue with no single solution. The funds raised from this event will help bring an end to long-term homelessness, assist people in immediate situations of crisis and prevent people from falling into homelessness in the first place.

Recommendation

That Council donate \$3,000 to the 2015 Vinnies CEO Sleepout to help address homelessness in our society.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Community Services Report No. C8/15



Subject: Advisory Committee Minutes

Folder No: F2006/00216

Author: Gary Ella, Coordinator Community Programs & Partnerships

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 the previous meetings adopted by the respective Advisory Committees.

Issues

As scheduled, the Advisory Committees (listed below) have met and the minutes of the meetings, 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:

- The Multicultural Advisory Committee – March 2015 (endorsed May 2015).
- The Youth Advisory Committee – March 2015 (endorsed May 2015).

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 these Advisory Committee Meetings are now in order and are submitted to Council for acknowledgement and acceptance.

Recommendation

That the Council acknowledges and accepts the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee – March 2015 (endorsed May 2015) and the Youth Advisory Committee – March 2015 (endorsed May 2015).

Attachment/s:

1. Multicultural Advisory Committee Minutes - March 2015.
2. Youth Advisory Committee Minutes - March 2015.

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Minutes

**Randwick City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee
Meeting held on 18 March, 2015 at 6.00pm
Margaret Martin Library, Randwick**

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Present

Cr Lindsay Shurey (Chair)	Randwick City Council
Christopher Hall	Community Representative
Daniel Innocenti	Community Representative
Eduardo Serje	Community Representative
Marissa Maura Meyn	Community Representative
Tania Pereira	Community Representative
Katherine Zhu	Randwick City Council
Gary Ella (Minutes)	Randwick City Council

Apologies

Cr Kathy Nelson	Randwick City Council
Charlotta Oberg	Community Representative
Ayse Kocak	Community Representative
Janet Timberg	Community Representative
Mary Ann Odo	Community Representative
Vida Tebyani	Community Representative
Tania Krasinski	Randwick City Council

Welcome

Cr Shurey welcomed the new members of Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) and acknowledged that this was the first official meeting convened for 2015. Each member in attendance gave a brief summary of their personal background and work in the community.

Previous Minutes

No minutes from previous meetings were presented as this was the first official meeting of the current MAC.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

No Business Arising from Previous Minutes.

Events / Projects Update

- Spot Festival, 8 March 2015:
Several members of MAC attended the Spot Festival and reported that the event was well attended and that there was a 'good vibe' from happy people on the day. Tania and a casual worker manned the Multicultural stall, which was close to the multicultural performance area.

MAC members expressed disappointment that no Harmony Stage was erected this year. The Harmony Stage was planned but there was traffic and police issues on the Sydney Harbour Bridge on the morning of the event which prevented the stage from arriving as anticipated.

MAC members felt that because there was no elevated staging area many of the public attending the event may not have realised that there were performances taking place at the designated area. This may have attributed to members' perceived lack of attendance at the Multicultural stall. MAC members will further discuss possible activity options to make the stall more

visual for the 2016 Spot Festival and attract more people from a Multicultural background.

Other 2014 & 2015 Events

- Kingsford Night Noodle Markets - 6 December 2014:
Held in Meeks Street, Kingsford, was considered a great success in bringing life to the Kingsford / Kensington area. MAC members would support a proposal to repeat this event in 2015.
- Lunar New Year Celebration - 21 February 2015:
This Celebration was organised Botany Bay City Council and the Confucius Institute at UNSW and held at Dacey Gardens, Daceyville. The event included performances, Chinese and Asian food stalls and a vivid display of Asian Culture. MAC members encourage Randwick City Council to consider hosting a similar event.
- Harmony Day, Bowen Library – 20 March 2015:
Katherine Zhu invited MAC members to attend a Harmony Day afternoon tea to celebrate Australia's diverse and unique identity and enjoy five short films from the 2015 Colourfest Multicultural Film Festival. A representative from Carers NSW would also be discussing their services and seeking multicultural organisations to form partnerships with to deliver carer health programs.
- Citizenship Ceremonies:
MAC members acknowledged that they were receiving invitations to ceremonies.
- 'I am Local' Banner Program – April 2015:
Cr Shurey informed the MAC that she was a panel member for the selection of 151 local residents / workers' images that will appear on banners across the city from late April 2015. Cr Shurey mentioned that although she enjoyed the process she found it one of the hardest things she had done. There were between 250 – 300 applicants.

The process included at least 10 images (shoulders and above) for each age group without knowing the names of the applicants or their background. Panel member who recognised applicants had to declare that they knew the person. Panel members tried to ensure that there was a good spread across age, gender, disability (at times difficult to tell from head shots) and diverse groups. Selected applicants range from the age of 8 months to 90 years.

Although it was agreed that the 'I am Local' Banner Program was considered a great initiative, several members of MAC were unaware of the program and commented that the promotion of the program could have been more widespread.

- Grants Program:
Club Grants and the Community Partnership Grants programs were now open and further information could be found on Council's website.

Multicultural Issues

Bowen Library Computer Courses for Older People

Katherine Zhu informed MAC members that the Bowen Library had secured funding to run computer courses for older people in 3 languages ie. Cantonese, Mandarin and Vietnamese. The courses were targeting people over 60 years of

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age and were being run with assistance from the Ethnic Council of NSW. Further information can be obtained from the Bowen Library.

Lionel Bowen Scholarship

During the meeting Cr Shurey was asked if Council provided financial support to university students from an ethnic background eg. scholarships similar to the Botany Bay City Council's Lionel Bowen Memorial Scholarship (LBMS). The LBMS is open to Botany residents, who are undertaking the first year of: an undergraduate course; a postgraduate course; or a research program. One scholarship, up to \$3,000, is awarded each year.

MAC members suggested that Council consider supporting a scholarship program for residents planning to undertake multicultural or language studies.

Lionel Bowen Young Writer's Award

This Award is a biennial award which was initiated in 2002. It has been successful in unearthing and developing creative talent in our younger residents. It has been an excellent public relations exercise, establishing the Library as an important centre of promotion and support of the arts in Randwick. Future entries for this Award from the multicultural communities should be encouraged to combat the negative space that many young people find themselves in. The Award would assist young people to achieve.

General Business

There was general discussion around ways of encouraging residents of our multicultural communities to be aware of and attend events and workshops organised by Council. It was suggested that Council use the extensive church networks in Randwick City to assist in distributing information, specifically where services were held in languages other than English.

Meeting closed at 7:00pm

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Minutes

**Randwick City Council Youth Advisory Committee
Meeting held on 16 March, 2015 at 6:00pm**

Present

Adry Awan (Chair)	Community Representative
Ashley Brekenridge	Community Representative
Georgia Heighway	Community Representative
Jamie Ingram	Community Representative
Kain Shelford	Community Representative
Sam Sbisa	Randwick City Council
Tania Krasinski	Randwick City Council

Apologies

Cr Kiel Smith	Randwick City Council
Cr Pat Garcia	Randwick City Council
Alia Huberman	Community Representative
Anne Wang	Community Representative
Julia Bergmann	Community Representative
Luke Colombo	Community Representative
Vanessa Leung	Community Representative
Michaela Levy	Community Representative
Veronica Lu	Community Representative
Ryan Alimhamzah	Community Representative

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Minutes confirmed: Sam Sbisa
Seconded: Adry Awan

Events / Projects Update

Youth Week update: Tania reported that expressions of interest (EOI's) were sent to local youth networks to call out for participants in the 2015 Youth Week event, CultureFEST. The event will include live music and activities by stall holders. To date, five local bands have confirmed to play, three artists will perform live art, Youth Off The Streets (YOTS) are organising a sausage sizzle and SRG Thai boxing will hold demonstrations with PCYC. Other services that will hold stalls include NSW Health (sexual health), The Shack, Caretakers Cottage, and Des Renford Leisure Centre will hold a rowing competition.

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) agreed to host the main information stall and proceeded to discuss possible YAC contributions to the event. Jamie reported that YOTS will also host a beach volleyball competition. Ashley suggested face painting and offered to coordinate the activity, Georgia agreed to assist. Sam offered the library's badge maker and resources. The committee agreed it would be a good idea to promote messages around the Youth Week theme and promote involvement with the YAC. The committee discussed the possibility of creating a local services flyer.

Adry announced that social media accounts for Randwick youth had been created, including facebook and instagram. Adry requested that at least two other YAC members become administrators of the social media accounts.

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Adry suggested that another activity could include a treasure hunt to promote the social media accounts. He agreed to coordinate this activity with assistance from YAC members.

It was agreed that the committee consider the above ideas and decide on their own contributions before a special meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 April to confirm Youth Week stall information and activities.

Advisory / Advocacy Opportunities

Kain reported on a current program run by YOTS to learn about issues facing local young people. YOTS, along with role models Reece Wesser and Danny Allende, are partnering with NSW Sexual Health and Police to form a young men's group that will meet weekly. Kain will inform the committee of the group's progress.

Sam provided the committee a presentation on literacy training and stated that he is interested in implementing literacy groups for 15 to 25 year old people. Meetings of the groups could be held at the library. The committee were invited to offer ideas as to how this group can run and be promoted without the stigma of illiteracy.

Ashley and Georgia both discussed how universities have existing groups where students get together and help each other by editing each other's assignments. A group like this can be formed to help enhance current literacy levels as well as become a social group. Sam queried whether the committee were aware of existing groups for young people of multicultural backgrounds – none were reported. Sam thanked the committee for their ideas and agreed there is interest in working together on this project.

Youth Issues

Adry mentioned that through his CANTEEN committee, he has a working relationship with Matt Thistlewaite MP. local member for Kingsford-Smith. To help promote the Youth Advisory Committee and their projects, Adry suggested that the YAC arrange a meeting with Mr Thistlewaite. Tania advised that as individuals, YAC members are welcome to liaise with local politicians and include them in members' personal networks.

General Business

N/A

Correspondence

N/A

Meeting closed at 7pm

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