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## **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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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, 12 April 2016 at 6:00pm

Committee Members: The Mayor D' Souza, Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, Garcia, Matson (Deputy Chairperson), Moore, Nash, Neilson, Roberts, Seng, 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 - 8 March 2016

### 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 Reports

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### Library Reports

Nil

### Notice of Rescission Motions

Nil

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Ray Brownlee  
GENERAL MANAGER



## Community Services Report No. C3/16



**Subject:** National Reconciliation Week 2016

**Folder No:** F2004/06272

**Author:** Gary Ella, Coordinator Community Programs & Partnerships

### Introduction

The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of forthcoming activities and events to be celebrated by our local indigenous communities during National Reconciliation Week 2016.

National Reconciliation Week celebrates the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and all other Australians. It's a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the National Reconciliation effort and take fresh action.

The 2016 theme for National Reconciliation Week is 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future' framed by two significant anniversaries – the 1967 referendum and the 1992 Mabo decision that led the Australian Government to recognise Native Title and acknowledge Indigenous Australians as the original occupants of Australia. This celebration reminds us that great achievements take courage and persistence.

### Issues

Randwick City Council supports its various community groups and organisations to hold celebratory activities and events. It does so by providing financial or an in-kind contribution. Listed below are National Reconciliation Week events and activities which Randwick City Council has coordinated or contributed with funding or in-kind support.

| Event, Date & Time  | National Reconciliation Week Activities   |
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| <p>Presentation Ceremony of Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation and Pauline McLeod Schools Art Competition Prizes.</p> <p><b>26 May 2016</b><br/><b>4.00pm – 8.00pm</b></p> <p>Leighton Hall, University of NSW.</p> | <p>Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation (PMA) and Schools Art Competition (PMSAC) are sponsored by the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum (ERLGATSIF), of which Randwick City Council is a member. ERLGATSIF is a partnership of 6 Eastern Sydney councils that shares information and implements joint projects that address issues that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</p> <p>The PMA annual award acknowledges and celebrates the work of local quiet achievers and their commitment to Reconciliation. The PMSAC gives local primary schools opportunities to engage their pupils with the concepts of Reconciliation through art.</p> <p>2016 is Randwick City Council's turn to host the presentation ceremony which will take place at Leighton Hall, University of NSW. Previous ceremonies have attracted over 200 people including Councillors and staff from all 6 Councils. The Ceremony will include dance performances, refreshments, and an exhibition of the artworks from Competition entries.</p> |

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| Event, Date & Time   | National Reconciliation Week Activities   |
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|  | The ceremony will be held at Leighton Hall situated within the University at NSW to give young people an impression of the campus atmosphere at an early age.   |
| Koojay Corroboree<br><b>Friday 27 May</b><br><b>11am – 3pm</b><br>Coogee Beach | <p>Koojay Corroboree was first held in 2015 and was a major success in promoting Aboriginal culture, history and relationships with the broader Australian community. This year's event will be funded by RCC in partnership with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council. Planning for the Corroboree event is currently underway with the assistance of an organising committee which includes local Aboriginal community members.</p> <p>The event will involve a traditional fire and smoking ceremony, Welcome to Country Ceremony, cultural performances from both male and female traditional dance groups, and performance from Matraville Soldier Settlement Primary School dancers and choir, and a selection of stalls from the Blakmarkets.</p> <p>The estimated cost of the event is a total of \$20,000, of which \$15,000 will be funded from the Community Development Budget. There is a shortfall of \$5,000 which will need to be funded from the March Quarterly review.</p> |

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

- Outcomes 2: A vibrant and diverse community.
- Outcomes 7: Heritage that is protected and celebrated.
- Directions 2d: Our cultural diversity is appreciated and respected.
- Directions 7a: Our heritage is recognised, protected and celebrated.

### Financial impact statement

Council already contributes an annual amount of \$4,500 for the administrative costs of ERLGATSIF. The only additional expense expected for the Presentation Ceremony of Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation and Pauline McLeod Schools Art Competition Prizes is a contribution to the hire of Leighton Hall, which can be funded via the Community Development budget.

In relation to the Koojay Corroboree event, an additional amount of \$5,000 will be needed to boost the available budget of \$15,000.

### Conclusion

The Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation and the Schools Art Competition Presentation promotes Reconciliation and recognises individual achievements on a regional basis. The event will enable Council to showcase its support for Reconciliation.

Randwick City Council supports the significance of Reconciliation and works closely with the local Aboriginal community to plan and deliver National Reconciliation Week activities. The Koojay Corroboree 2015 event was a highly successful event and

members of the local Aboriginal communities have expressed a desire this event to be held on an annual basis as an effective way of showcasing its proud history and culture.

This year's Koojay Corroboree will be held in partnership with the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council. An electronic invitation for the National Reconciliation Week activities will be sent to all Councillors.

**Recommendation**

That the Community Services Committee:

- a) endorses the events planned for National Reconciliation Week 2016.
- b) Approve the allocation of \$5,000 to supplement the cost of the Koojay Corroboree 2016, event from savings in the March Quarterly Review.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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## Community Services Report No. C4/16

**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 Committee are to be presented to the Community Services Committee. This report brings together, for Council's acceptance, the minutes of a previous meetings adopted by the respective Advisory Committees.

### Issues

As scheduled, the Advisory Committee (listed below) 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:

- Multicultural Advisory Committee – 20 January 2016 (endorsed March 2016)

### 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 Advisory Committee Meeting 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 – January 2016 (endorsed March 2016).

### Attachment/s:

1. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting 20 January 2016 Minutes.

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**Minutes**  
**Randwick City Council Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**20 January 2016**  
**Level 1 Bowen Library, Maroubra**

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**Present**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Cr Lindsay Shurey (Chair) | Randwick City Council                             |
| Cr Kathy Neilson          | Randwick City Council                             |
| Marissa Maura Meyn        | Community Representative                          |
| Rosa Loria                | Community Representative                          |
| Janet Timberg             | Community Representative                          |
| George Varughese          | Community Representative                          |
| Vida Tebyani              | Community Representative                          |
| Daniel Innocenti          | Community Representative                          |
| Katherine Zhu             | Randwick City Council (Multicultural Services)    |
| Tania Krasinski           | Randwick City Council (Community Project Officer) |

**Apologies**

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Tania Pereira    | Community Representative |
| Eduardo Serje    | Community Representative |
| Christopher Hall | Community Representative |
| Charlotta Oberg  | Community Representative |

**Previous Minutes**

Previous minutes were confirmed with amendments.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes****Amalgamation updates**

Councillor Shurey informed the committee of changes to amalgamation recommendations – the current recommendation is for Woollahra, Waverly and Randwick Councils. In July an administrator might be appointed. A public consultation will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February – all attendees must register.

**Welcome Dinner project**

Vida Tebyani reported on a Welcome Dinner project supported by South Eastern Community Connect and proposed that Randwick Council host a dinner. The project officer and the Multicultural Services Librarian both mentioned that this type of community project would not fall into their workplans, however they may be able to help with promotion and a venue. Councillors Shurey and Neilson suggested they will look into the matter further.

**Events / Projects Update**

The Council Project Officer reported that 'The World in Randwick City' project will go ahead with the launch set for the Spot Festival at the Harmony Stall, adjacent to the Harmony Stage. A large 4 x 2 metre structure with a world map and Randwick City map will be displayed. Residents will be invited to have their photo taken, two photos will be printed and colour coded according to their suburb of residence. One photo will be placed within their suburb on the Randwick City map and the other will be placed within a country they are linked to or identify with. The committee expressed their liking for the project and requested that an email with more information be forwarded to the committee to participate in the event and assist at the stall. A meeting closer to the event date will be arranged for those who wish to volunteer.

A proposal by Bankstown Council was put forward for an event on or around Harmony Day. Bankstown Council will invite up to 15 Randwick residents on a tour of key venues in and around the Council area. It would be a bus tour, pick up 9:30am and drop off 2:30pm. The tour would include transport and light refreshments. They suggested that Randwick City Council could reciprocate with the aim of the events to promote friendship and diversity between the two Councils. The committee unanimously agreed that this was a good idea and many expressed their interest in being involved.

### **Multicultural Issues**

It was noted that Janet Timberg wished to express her opinion and asked that the committee considered the use of the term 'Cultural Diversity', believing it is now more appropriate due to the changing definitions and discourse of 'Multicultural' or 'Multiculturalism'.

Acknowledging his extended absence, Daniel Innocenti asked that his previous proposal for a Council Award or scholarship for Multicultural study be considered by the Committee. The original proposal was to recognise a resident or student of Randwick City who has been involved in research to help address multicultural issues. Discussions extended to the possibility to include volunteers who have made positive change in CALD communities.

Action: Community Project Officer to research into what other Councils are doing similar.

### **General Business**

Katherine Zhu reported that the Library will be hosting a Chinese Calligraphy Demonstration to mark Chinese New Year. Information will be forwarded to the committee.

Vida Tebyani reported that South Eastern Community Connect (SECC) have a position vacant for a part time Community Development Officer. SECC are involved in two Harmony Day / Multicultural March events and details will be forwarded to the committee. For more information: [www.secc.sydney](http://www.secc.sydney)

Rosa Loria reported that the Sydney Multicultural Community Services (formerly Sydney Migrant Resource Centre) have increased activities with Settlement Services International (SSI) in the eastern region and now to the north shore. They offer community aid and aged care services with workers who speak 14 different languages. For more information: [www.sydneymcs.org.au](http://www.sydneymcs.org.au)

**Meeting closed at 7:13pm**

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