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**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER**

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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, 24 May 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM16/16

Subject: Spinal Cord Injuries Australia -
Funding Assistance

Folder No: F2004/08045

Author: The Mayor, Cr Noel D'Souza



MM16/16

Introduction

I have received correspondence from the General Manager of Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA) seeking funding assistance or the undertaking of work to surface a car parking area within their property at 1 Jennifer Street, Little Bay.

Issues

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia operates from a property at 1 Jennifer Street, Little Bay and provides a range of services to those with a spinal cord injury. These services include supported accommodation, emergency nursing/care service, peer support, plan management, information, education, grants, respite help, social events, intensive and maintenance exercise services, accident prevention programs, advocacy and employment services.

A large area within the property which is used for car parking has a patchy grass surface that is difficult for persons in a wheelchair to negotiate during inclement weather. Due to the lack of consistent grass cover, some parts of the car park become uneven and muddy when wet.

Alternative parking is available on Jennifer Street outside the property. However, this is not desirable for a person in a wheelchair when alighting from the vehicle and setting up a wheelchair.

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia is requesting assistance to upgrade the carpark with a suitable hardstand surface. The area to be surface is approximately 465m² and is estimated to cost \$55,000.

In 2012, Randwick Council provided assistance to Spinal Cord Injuries Australia by providing \$13,000 towards upgrading the driveway within the property.

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia provides necessary services to members of the community with spinal cord injuries aimed at preventing social isolation and removing barriers. They provide this service with limited funding that does not allow for capital improvements to the site.

It is proposed that Randwick Council continue to support Spinal Cord Injuries Australia with a one-off grant of \$15,000 towards the works.

Financial impact statement

This report recommends a one-off grant of \$15,000 from the 2015-16 Council Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia has sought support to upgrade the carpark within the property at 1 Jennifer Street, Little Bay.

The upgraded carpark will vastly improve access for persons in wheelchairs when alighting from their vehicles.

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia has limited funds to provide key services for members of the community with spinal cord injuries.

In recognition of the significant community benefit, it is proposed that Randwick Council continues to support Spinal Cord Injuries Australia with a one-off grant of \$15,000 towards the works.

Recommendation

That:

1. Randwick Council offers a one-off grant of \$15,000 to Spinal Cord Injuries Australia for works associated with the upgrade of the carpark within the property at 1 Jennifer Street, Little Bay; and
2. the funds be voted from the 2015-16 Council Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM17/16

Subject: Recognition of Outstanding Career of Reverend Greg Job



Folder No: F2014/00606

Author: The Mayor, Cr Noel D'Souza

Introduction

It is with great sadness that I inform Council of the impending retirement of Reverend Greg Job from St Jude's Anglican Church in Randwick. The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is to acknowledge the outstanding contribution made by Reverend Job to our local community over many years and to propose an appropriate celebratory function in his honour.

Issues

St Jude's Church was one of the very first buildings constructed in Randwick Council with our first Mayor, Simeon Pearce, instrumental in determining the location. Over the last 150 years it has been an integral part of our local community and for many years now it has been under the care of Reverend Greg Job.

Reverend Job over his career has shown passion, leadership, motivation and commitment to his parish. His dedication and contribution to the local community has been outstanding. Reverend Job has been instrumental in building the wonderful relationship between St Jude's Church and Randwick City Council and it is only fitting that a farewell reception be organised in his honour to acknowledge a truly outstanding career.

Financial impact statement

Provision has been made for contributing to such events in the current financial year's budget

Conclusion

With Randwick Town Hall about to undergo a major refurbishment it is proposed that Council will make a contribution to the Reverend Job's farewell to be held appropriately in St Jude's Hall.

Recommendation

That Council make an appropriate financial contribution to a farewell to be held in St Jude's Hall to acknowledge the outstanding career and achievements of the Reverend Greg Job, with the cost of the function to be funded from the 2016/17 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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General Manager's Report No. GM10/16



Subject: 2016 National General Assembly of
Local Government

Folder No: F2004/07432

Author: Julie Hartshorn, Senior Administrative Coordinator

Introduction

The 2016 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 19-22 June. The NGA is the principal conference of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and the theme of this year's conference is '*Partners in an Innovative and Prosperous Australia*'.

Delegates at this year's conference will look at the many ways that Local Government is being innovative both here and overseas.

Issues

The President of the ALGA has written to Councils indicating that the "key drivers of success for the councils of the future will include the ability to innovate and adapt to change. Today's councillors must be open to new ideas, innovative ways of engaging citizens and making interactions with councils simpler, faster and easier."

Relationship to city plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

- Outcome 1: Leadership in sustainability.
- Direction 1a: Council has a long-term vision based on sustainability.
- Direction 1b: Council is a leader in the delivery of social, financial and operational activities.

Financial impact statement

Councillors' attendance at conferences has been allowed for in the 2015-16 budget.

Conclusion

This is an important conference for Local Government throughout Australia as it is the only conference where the States come together to discuss Local Government specific issues.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council endorses the attendance of interested Councillors at the 2016 National General Assembly in Canberra.
- b) any Councillors interested in attending 2016 National General Assembly of Local Government advise the General Manager as soon as possible for registration purposes.

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Attachment/s:

Nil

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