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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, 14 February 2017 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 – 11 October 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.

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Community Services Report No. C1/17

Subject: 2017 International Women's Day Events

Folder No: F2004/06282

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Introduction

International Women's Day is celebrated annually on 8 March. It arose from campaigns in the early 1900's for the right to vote for women and has now developed into an opportunity to call for change, to reflect on progress, and to celebrate the achievements of women. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call for accelerating gender parity. This year's theme is, '#BeBoldForChange'.

Issues

Every year Council promotes International Women's Day by holding two events. The first being the annual International Women's Day (IWD) Art Competition, Prize Award Ceremony and Exhibition at the Randwick Community Centre and the Lionel Bowen Library. The second is the Randwick Council staff luncheon with a guest speaker.

IWD Art Competition:

- It is planned the prize presentation ceremony for the IWD Art Competition take place on Saturday 5 March 2016 at the Randwick Community Centre. The event will also launch the exhibition of the artworks at the RCC until 10 March, with a further selection of the artworks being displayed at the Lionel Bowen Library from 15 March to 19 April
- This will be the thirteenth anniversary of the Women's Art Prize and with each passing year, the standard and quality of artwork continues to improve.
- All female artists and aspiring artists 12 years and over, who live, work or study in Randwick City are encouraged to enter. The entries will be curated and hung by a professional ready to be judged by two external judges from professional arts backgrounds.
- There are two age categories from 12 to 18 years and 19 years and over with three prizes in each category. Councillor Neilson and Councillor Shurey will be invited to judge the Councilors' choice.

IWD Staff Event:

- In previous years, Council female staff members have been invited to attend an afternoon tea and speaker event. Last year a lunch time event was held at the Randwick Community Centre, staff will again be invited to attend an event to celebrate International Women's Week during the week commencing 6 March 2017. Details are currently are being planned.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.
Direction 2a3: Support the different groups in the community to improve access to services and recreational activities.

Financial impact statement

The cost of holding the IWD Art Competition, and a further event for staff to mark IWD is included in the Community Development Team's annual budget for 2016-17.

Conclusion

The 2017 International Women's Day Art Competition and staff event will celebrate the invaluable contributions made by women in our community and will inspire change for the future.

Recommendation

That the activities proposed for International Women's Day 2017 be noted.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Library Report No. L1/17

Subject: Change of Library Opening Hours

Folder No: F2004/08383

Author: Barbara Todes, Manager Library Services



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Introduction

It is proposed to streamline library hours across the three branches to meet the needs of our customers. The Margaret Martin Library currently opens at 9.30am, but our central library, the Lionel Bowen Library, currently opens from 10am-9pm Monday to Friday, from 9.30am-4pm on Saturday and 12pm-4pm on Sunday. Malabar Community Library also opens from 10am during the week and on 9.30am on Saturdays. It is proposed to open all our libraries from 9.30am instead of 10am in line with current business practices and customer expectations.

Issues

In the past, it was common for libraries to open at 10am, given the number of tasks required to set up before the library opened. Today, given that many operations are now digitised and it is possible to carry out some tasks while the library is open, the Central Library of most public libraries opens at 9.30am or sometimes as early as 9am.

The Lionel Bowen and Malabar Community Libraries currently open at 10am. Library staff are confident that they can do the necessary housekeeping tasks in half an hour before opening if they streamline some activities and continue to check and tidy the shelves while the library is open. They would like to open at 9.30am to meet customer demand and align opening hours across the three libraries.

Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A vibrant and diverse community.
Direction 2a: Provide high levels of accessibility to our community facilities, services and infrastructure.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Opening the Lionel Bowen Library and Malabar Community Library at 9.30am is feasible in terms of library operations and will align them with the Margaret Martin opening at 9.30am. There is customer demand for earlier opening hours and there is an expectation that libraries open in line with other businesses.

Recommendation

That the Lionel Bowen and Malabar Community Libraries open at 9.30am from Monday to Friday instead of the current 10am opening.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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