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## **WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **BUSINESS PAPER**

**TUESDAY 9 MAY 2017**

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## **WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Works Committee Meeting of the Council of the City of Randwick will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, 90 Avoca Street Randwick on Tuesday, 9 May 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members: The Mayor D'Souza, Andrews, Belleli, Bowen, Garcia, Matson, Moore (Deputy Chairperson), Nash, Neilson, Roberts, Seng, Shurey, Smith, Stavrinou & Stevenson (Chairperson)

Quorum: Eight (8) members

NOTE: At the Extraordinary Meeting held on 28 September 2004, the Council resolved that the Works 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**

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### **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**

### **Works Report**

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### **Notice of Rescission Motions**

Nil

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Ray Brownlee  
**GENERAL MANAGER**



## Works Report No. W8/17



**Subject:** Street Libraries  
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### Introduction

Council at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 February 2017 resolved:

“(Stavrinou/Bowen) that Council bring back a report investigating the feasibility of introducing street libraries in the Randwick LGA. As part of the report, Council write to Local Schools to determine, if they are interested in promoting such a scheme.”

### Issues

The Little Free Library movement started in America as a not for profit book exchange, where people are encouraged to meet their neighbours and exchange books via small postbox-like libraries on someone’s property or footpath. <https://littlefreelibrary.org/faqs/>

The Street Library movement in Australia has been developed along these same lines by Street Library Australia founder Nic Lowe, who has set a target of 5000 libraries by 2020. Australia Street Infants School in Newtown has been the first to set it up.

Street libraries can develop organically and be controlled by individuals or groups. They have a community development function, encouraging social cohesion.

Council has facilitated a community footpath library in front of La Perouse Public School to encourage the love of reading in conjunction with the Soroptimist’s Club, Randwick/Eastern Suburbs. This facility will be in conjunction with the Soroptimist’s Club who will restock the library as required. Council will monitor the take up rate and consider expanding the scheme, in partnership with the club.

### Relationship to City Plan

The relationship with the City Plan is as follows:

Outcome 2: A Vibrant and Diverse Community  
Direction 2d: New and upgraded community facilities that are multipurpose and in accessible locations.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

### Conclusion

Street libraries are not in competition with mainstream libraries such as public libraries or school libraries, but can assist in an informal manner to spread the love of reading and improve literacy in a community.

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**Recommendation**

That:

- a) the report be received and noted.
- b) Council assists the Soroptimist's Club in the construction and installation of the street library.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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