

# **Ordinary Council Meeting Mayoral Minutes**

**Tuesday 27 November 2018**



**ORDINARY COUNCIL**

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, 27 November 2018 at 6:00pm

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM84/18

**Subject:** Council Support for UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

**Folder No:** F2004/07399

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM84/18**

### Introduction

Nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people everywhere. This is why, on 7 July 2017, 122 nations voted to adopt the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. All national governments are now invited to sign and ratify this crucial global agreement, which prohibits the use, production and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and lays the foundations for their total elimination. Cities and towns can help build support for the treaty by endorsing the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal.

### Issues

ICAN is reaching out to Councils across Australia to seek their help in building support for this treaty, as nuclear weapons pose an unacceptable threat to people in cities and towns everywhere. Everyone has a right to live in a world free from this threat, and only by working together will we succeed in bringing the era of nuclear weapons to an end. The Red Cross and United Nations have long warned that nuclear weapons threaten the very survival of humanity, and no meaningful humanitarian response would be possible in the event of a nuclear attack. Our only option is to prevent the use of nuclear weapons by eliminating them completely.

No matter where in the world we live, we are not immune from the effects of nuclear war. Radiation transcends national boundaries. It is dispersed far and wide, contaminating the environment and causing illness across generations. The use of multiple nuclear weapons against cities would severely disrupt the Earth's climate, causing widespread agricultural collapse.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

### Conclusion

I firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorses the ICAN Cities Appeal in support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; and
- b) writes to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs and our Local Federal MPs to advise that Randwick Council has endorsed the ICAN Cities Appeal.

### Attachment/s:

Nil



## Mayoral Minute No. MM85/18

**Subject:** Celebration of One Hundred Year  
Anniversary of Women's Legal Status  
Act of 1918

**Folder No:** F2011/00328

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM85/18**

### Introduction

In November 1918, the NSW Parliament passed the *Women's Legal Status Act*, which enabled women to practise as lawyers, become Justices of the Peace and stand for election to local government and the Legislative Assembly. To celebrate the one hundred year anniversary of this important Act, I would like to formally acknowledge the women who have served on Randwick City Council with honour and distinction.

### Issues

There have been 73 women in the NSW Legislative Assembly since its establishment in 1856. Women have had the right to vote in the assembly since 1902 and the right to stand as a candidate since 1918. The first successful candidate for the Legislative Assembly was Millicent Preston-Stanley (1883-1955) who was elected as a Nationalist representative for the multi-member electorate of Eastern Suburbs in 1925 and held the seat until September 1927. Lillian Fowler (1886-1954) was the first woman elected to any local Council in New South Wales when she was elected to Newtown Municipal Council in 1928. She held office from 1935 through to 1944 and again in 1948. On 7th December 1937 she became Australia's first female Mayor, holding that position until 1939.

Randwick City Council has had a total of fifteen female Councillors over its distinguished history, with three of them also serving terms as Mayor and four Councillors serving as Deputy Mayor. I am proud to acknowledge each of them as follows:-

- Gwendoline Cooper 1977 - 1980 (Deputy Mayor 1979-1980);
- Maurita Berg 1980 – 1983;
- Marie Kibble 1980 – 1995 (Deputy Mayor 1983 – 1984);
- Margaret Martin 1987 – 2001 (Mayor 1992 – 1993 and 1996 – 1997);
- Yvonne O'Shea 1987 – 1991;
- Freda Backes 1991 – 2004;
- Sheila Rimmer 1991 – 1995;
- Margery Whitehead 1995 – 2004;
- Judy Greenwood 2001 – 2004;
- Margaret Woodsmith 2004 – 2012 (Deputy Mayor 2008 – 2009);
- Kathy Neilson 2012 – Present (Mayor 2018 to Present);
- Lindsay Shurey 2012 – Present (Mayor 2017 - 2018);
- Christie Hamilton 2017 to Present;
- Alexandra Luxford 2017 to Present (Deputy Mayor 2017 – 2018);
- Philpa Veitch 2017 to Present.

In order to officially acknowledge the service of our female Councillors and to commemorate the anniversary of the Women's Legal Status Act of 1918, an event was held with past and present female Randwick Councillors to celebrate this milestone and present each of them with certificates of service.

### Financial impact statement

The approximate cost of \$3,000.00 for such an event has been allowed for in the Contingency Fund 2018-19.

**Conclusion**

The Women's Legal Status Act of 1918 No 50 (NSW) was assented to on 21 December 1918. It was an Act to provide that women shall not by reason of sex be deemed to be under any disqualification to hold certain positions or to practise certain professions. This Act amended the Constitution Act 1902, the Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act 1912 and the Sydney Corporation Act 1902 relating to Local Government, justices, magistrates, legal practitioners and certain other Acts. This Act was the catalyst for the women acknowledged in this Mayoral Minute, to serve with great distinction on Randwick City Council. It was Council's honour to formally acknowledge these women at an official event.

**Recommendation**

That Council officially acknowledge the service of all its female Councillors and the one hundred year anniversary of the Women's Legal Status Act of 1918, with the funds for the official celebration to come from the Contingency Fund 2018-19.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

## Mayoral Minute No. MM86/18

**Subject:** Waiving of Fees - Greek Epiphany Festival 2019

**Folder No:** F2018/00096

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM86/18**

### Introduction

A letter has been received from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia seeking the waiving of fees to celebrate the annual Epiphany Festival at Bicentennial Park, Yarra Bay on Sunday 6 January 2019 from 9.00am until 5.00pm.

### Issues

The annual Epiphany service and festival is one of the most important events on the Greek Orthodox calendar. It is anticipated that approximately 10,000 people will attend the event. A religious service will be conducted around 9:00 am and after the service there will be a day of traditional Greek festivities.

The fees associated with this event are as follows:

Administration/Application Fee	\$627.00
Supply and remove additional bins (10 x 240 litre bins)	\$910.00
Lifeguard x 2 for 8 hours @ \$250.00 p/h	\$4,000.00
Traffic Control Plan, staff and equipment from 6.30am – 3.00pm	\$10,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,537.00</b>

Arrangements to address parking and traffic arrangements for the event will be agreed with key stakeholders to ensure the event runs as smoothly and as safely as it has in past years.

### Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$15,537.00 and this will be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

### Conclusion

Given that this festival has become a very high profile and popular annual community event, it is recommended for Council to support the waiving of the abovementioned fees.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote \$15,537.00 to cover the fees associated with the Greek Epiphany Festival to be held Sunday 6 January, 2019 and funds be allocated from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund;
- b) the event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- c) the Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

**MM86/18**

## Mayoral Minute No. MM87/18

**Subject:** Support for the NSW Rape Crisis  
'Dunny Door Campaign'

**Folder No:** F2018/06574

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM87/18**

### Introduction

I recently received correspondence regarding the NSW Rape Crisis 'Dunny Door Campaign', which aims to place a sticker on the back of every public toilet door in NSW to provide information about contacting NSW Rape Crisis counselling services.

### Issues

In Australia, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 20 men will experience assault at some time in their adult life.

The NSW Rape Crisis offers 24/7 telephone or online access to a qualified, experienced trauma counsellor. The service is for anyone who has experienced sexual assault and for those who are supporting them.

Two of the many impacts of trauma resulting from sexual assault are shame and fear. Those who have, or are, experiencing this violence can feel hesitant to access relevant information and to seek support due to the perception of others.

A sticker on the back of a public toilet door can be reviewed in private and consideration can then be given to access support services.

### Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

### Conclusion

I believe that our residents who have experienced sexual assault have the right to access the relevant information and counselling support services in a non-threatening environment. Council's endorsement of the NSW Rape Crisis 'Dunny Door Campaign' will support those who have experienced sexual assault by providing the relevant information to access trauma counselling services that can assist them toward safety and recovery.

### Recommendation

That Council:

- a) endorses the NSW Rape Crisis 'Dunny Door Campaign'
- b) arranges the placement of the 'Dunny Door Campaign' sticker on the back of the toilet doors in Council owned buildings and amenities blocks.

### Attachment/s:

Nil



## Mayoral Minute No. MM88/18

**Subject:** Waiving of Fees - Surf Life Saving Sydney Inc

**Folder No:** F2018/00096

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM88/18**

### Introduction

An application has been received from Surf Life Saving Sydney seeking Council's assistance in the waiving of fees for the Branch Carnival to be held at Maroubra Beach on 9 and 10 February 2019.

### Issues

The annual beach carnival gathers the local surf lifesaving community from North Bondi Beach down to Era Beach and draws many competitors to enjoy the day. The carnival includes beach events, (sprint and flag races) and water events (swim and board races). The applicant has also requested the opening of Broadarrow Reserve for parking. The in-kind support for this event includes:

Application Fee:	\$ 182
Beach Hire x 2 days	\$1,228
Park Usage by non-commercial entity (per minor event - full day x 2 days)	\$ 860
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,270</b>

### Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$2,270 and this will be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

### Conclusion

On previous occasions, Randwick Council has provided considerable support for junior surf life-saving. This event is of great benefit to local businesses and the greater community. It is recommended that Council support the 2019 event by waiving the associated fees.

### Recommendation:

That:

- a) Council vote \$2,270 to cover the fees associated with hosting the Surf Life Saving Branch Carnival to be held at Maroubra Beach on 9 and 10 February, 2019 and funds be allocated from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund;
- b) the event organiser undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event; and
- c) the Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

### Attachment/s:

Nil



## Mayoral Minute No. MM89/18

**Subject:** Randwick Boys' and Girls' High Schools Show 2019 - request for financial assistance

**Folder No:** F2018/06574

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM89/18**

### Introduction

I have received a request from Ms Maxine Ford, Music Teacher at Randwick Boys' High School, for financial assistance for a combined Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' High Schools production to be held in July 2019.

### Issues

Ms Ford has advised that 2019 marks the tenth year that Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' High Schools will produce an original show at NIDA. These shows have replaced Rock Eisteddfod as their annual joint program that gives over 220 students the opportunity for their skills in dance, drama, singing, music and stage production to be showcased before an 800-strong audience in NIDA's Parade Theatre.

Randwick City Council's support has made the experience possible for the students involved. The previous nine productions have been enormously successful and brought high exposure to its sponsors.

The Schools have asked for financial assistance from Council for the July 2019 production and have indicated that they will ensure that Council's contribution is acknowledged on the students' jerseys, flyers, and school newsletters, fostering a strong community awareness of our involvement.

### Financial impact statement

If the report recommendation is adopted, the donation of \$4,000 will be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund budget.

### Conclusion

Council has provided financial support for the Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' combined show at NIDA since 2010. It is recommended that Council contributes towards the cost of the Schools' 2019 production as this is an important community event and worthy of continued financial assistance from Council. The event positively encourages a healthy lifestyle for those involved as well as fostering the development of the students' talents in the creative arts.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) Council donates \$4,000.00 to the Randwick Boys' and Randwick Girls' High Schools for the combined production to be held at NIDA in July 2019, with such funds to be from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund budget.
- b) the schools undertake to appropriately and prominently promote Council's sponsorship of the event.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

**MM89/18**

## Mayoral Minute No. MM90/18

**Subject:** Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club -  
2018 Life Saving World  
Championships - request for  
financial assistance

**Folder No:** F2018/06574

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM90/18**

### Introduction

I have received a request from the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club for a financial contribution to support a group of 6 Youth Athletes competing in the 2018 Life Saving World Championships that are being held in South Australia from 16 November to 2 December 2018.

### Issues

A group of 6 Youth Athletes will be travelling to South Australia to compete against the rest of the world in the 2018 Life Saving World Championships.

All Athletes that are competing are Volunteer Lifesavers who complete 40 Patrol Hours each season helping to keep the community members who visit Maroubra Beach safe.

The Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club fund these Athletes with Carnival Entries, Craft and Coaching fees. However, the Surf Club have requested support to assist with the costs incurred from transporting the Craft that they will be competing on in the Championships.

### Financial impact statement

If the report recommendation is adopted, the donation of \$1,500 to cover the return freight costs from Sydney to Adelaide will be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund budget.

### Conclusion

It is recommended that Council contributes towards the costs of transporting the Craft for the group of young athletes competing in the 2018 Life Saving World Championships that are being held in South Australia. The Athletes that are competing are Volunteer Lifesavers who complete 40 Patrols Hours each season at Maroubra Beach and help to keep our community safe. It is considered appropriate to support these athletes who will be representing our community as they compete in the Championships against the rest of the world.

### Recommendation

That:

- a) Council donate \$1,500 to the Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club to cover the return freight costs for the Craft being transported from Sydney to Adelaide for the 6 Youth Athletes competing in the 2018 Life Saving World Championships.
- b) The Maroubra Surf Life Saving Club undertake to appropriately and prominently promote Council's financial contribution in support of the athletes competing in the event.

### Attachment/s:

Nil



## Mayoral Minute No. MM91/18

**Subject:** Mission Australia Request to Waive Hire Fees

**Folder No:** F2012/00278

**Author:** The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson



**MM91/18**

### Introduction

A request has been received from Mission Australia for Council to waive the hire fees for their use of Hall 2 in the Kensington Community Centre for their Christmas event on 12 December 2018.

### Issues

Mission Australia's Housing and Accommodation Support Inactive Program works with consumers with persistent mental health issues across the eastern suburbs, including the Randwick local government area. Mission Australia will provide staff to supervise and facilitate these groups and would be responsible for setting up the room and cleaning up afterwards.

Mission Australia is a not-for-profit organisation and is committed to facilitating community participation for people experiencing mental issues. Their service allows people who would normally not be part of the festive season, to experience Christmas events.

### Financial impact statement

The cost of waiving these hire fees is \$180.00 and this would be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

### Conclusion

Mission Australia provides an invaluable community service in our local government area and this event is certainly worthy of Council's support.

### Recommendation

That Council waive the hire fees for Mission Australia's use of the Kensington Community Centre for their annual Christmas event on 12 December 2018, with funds to come from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

### Attachment/s:

Nil