

Ordinary Council Meeting Mayoral Minutes

Tuesday 11 December 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, 11 December 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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Mayoral Minute No. MM92/18

Subject: Kingsford to Randwick Cable Project – Street Trees



Folder No: F2007/00396

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

Ausgrid has finalised plans for the Kingsford to Randwick Cable Project. The project involves laying a new 132,000 volt underground cable and spare conduits for a future second cable between Kingsford and Randwick to replace existing cables that are nearing the end of their service life. The project is part of a program to retire fluid filled cables across the network.

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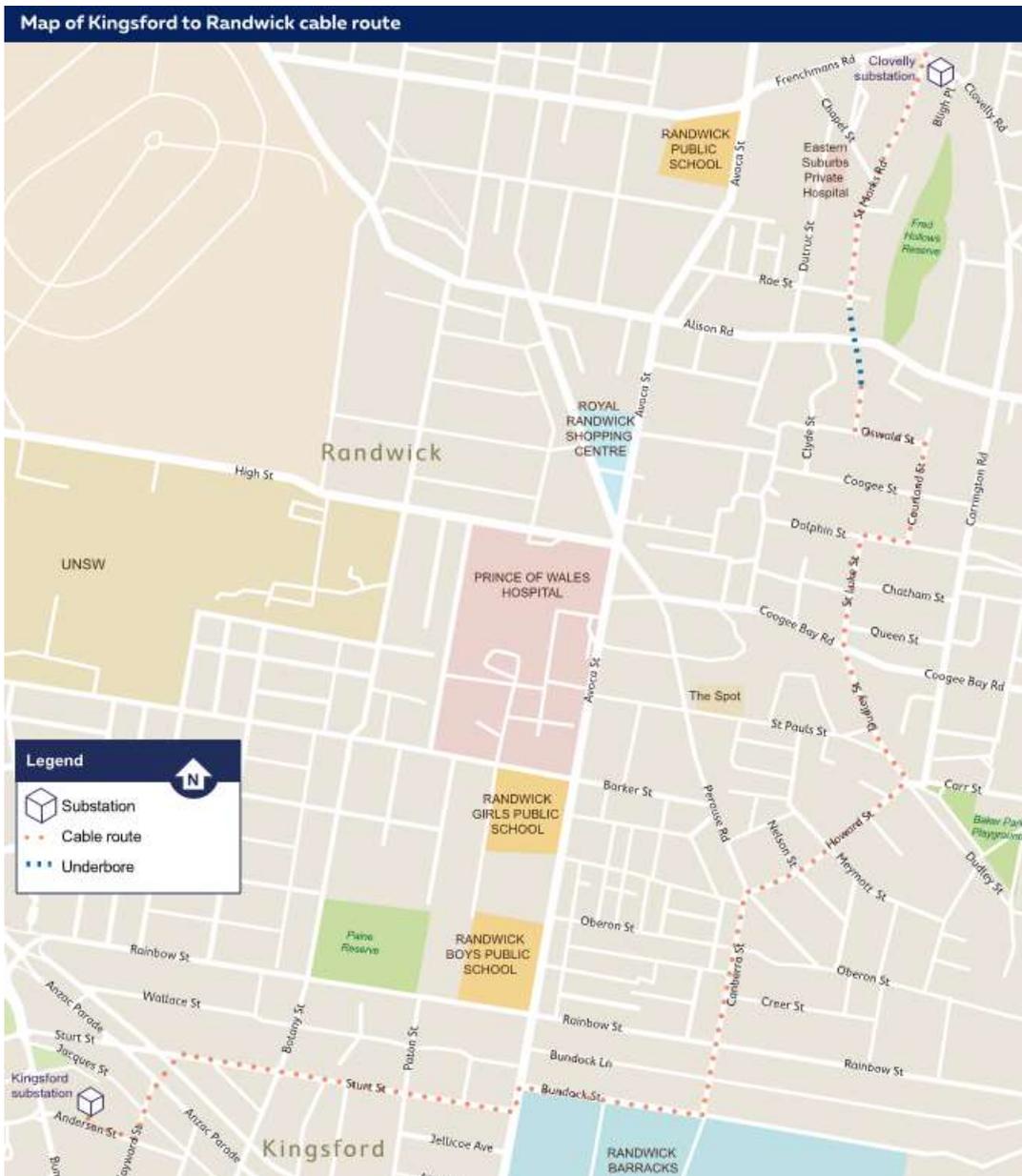


Figure 1 - Cable Route

Issues

The Kingsford to Randwick Cable Project will involve installing a new 132,000 volt cable and spare conduits along the 4km route between Kingsford and Randwick. It is planned to dig trenches in the road carriageway adjacent to street trees to lay conduits to accommodate the new cables. The trenches will be backfilled and permanently restored following the feeding of cable through the conduits.

Trenching to install new cables in the road will commence mid-January 2019 and will take 9 months to complete the route.

In planning for the project, an Arborist Report has been prepared as part of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The project proposal does not plan to remove trees. However, it is recognised that work will be undertaken in close proximity to the Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) and Structural Root Zone (SRZ) of trees. On this basis, the arborist report makes recommendations to protect the trees by minimizing impacts on the tree roots.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Ausgrid's proposal to lay a new 132,000 volt underground cable between the Kingsford and Randwick substations has potential to impact street trees.

Randwick Council is committed to protecting the environment and our public trees.

It is recommended that Council write to Ausgrid to seek assurances that appropriate measures are implemented to retain and protect all the street trees along the cable route during construction of this project.

Recommendation

That Council write to Ausgrid seeking a commitment to retain and protect the street trees along the cable route by:

- a) implementing all recommendations in the Arborist report and REF Determination to protect street trees during and following construction.
- b) implementing alternative construction methods as required to minimise impacts on trees.
- c) ensuring that appropriate supervision of the contractor is undertaken throughout the project and particularly in the vicinity of Tree Protection Zones and Structural Root Zones.
- d) ensuring root pruning works are only undertaken by suitably qualified Arborists.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Mayoral Minute No. MM93/18

Subject: Recognition for Randwick's environmental and sustainability achievements



Folder No: F2010/00241

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

Randwick Council continues to receive outstanding recognition for its environmental achievements and sustainability programs.

Issues

Randwick Council through its very successful collaboration with neighbouring Waverley and Woollahra Councils has been recognised across NSW and the national levels, particularly around the current Solar My Schools initiative which has been underway over the past 12 months.

Solar My Schools is a coordinated process of supporting solar in schools through technical information and documentation that assists public, private and independent schools. More than 90 per cent of all of the schools across the eastern suburbs are now signed up to Solar My Schools and around 12 schools have completed solar installations including 4 just recently in Randwick.

This success has achieved a reach of more than 20,000 students and their school communities. This 3-Council initiative has been a finalist in the NSW Green Globes Awards, the prestigious national Banksia Environmental Awards, the inaugural Cities Power Partnership Awards and most recently, the LGNSW Excellence in the Environment Awards.

I have commented previously on the programs' success taking out the inaugural Cities Power Partnership Award, but last Monday, Solar My Schools also took out the Climate Change Action category in the LGNSW Excellence in the Environment Awards.

What is also a wonderful result for Randwick Council is that Council's Manager Sustainability, Peter Maganov, received the Louise Petchell Memorial Award for Individual Sustainability for his role and achievements of our Sustaining our City initiative funded by our environmental levy program.

I am sure that Councillors will join with me in congratulating Peter for his excellent work and his focus and commitment as well as those in his sustainability team and those working on projects across Council.

I would also like to take this opportunity to pass on my appreciation to existing and previous Councillors and Mayors – fifteen years is a long time for a program like Randwick's Sustaining our City program and its success and overall achievements have been enabled through strong leadership and commitment by our Council over that time.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

This is wonderful recognition and as Mayor, I am extremely proud of the acknowledgement provided through these very high profile environmental awards conducted by LGNSW.

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Recommendation

That Council:

- a) congratulate the Sustainability Department, and staff working on the Solar My Schools initiative, for the positive environmental outcomes they are achieving for Council with their various sustainability programs for our local community and
- b) recognise Council's Manager Sustainability, Peter Maganov for his leadership and achievement over many years in contributing to environmental improvement and sustainability, and congratulate him on receiving the Louise Petchell Memorial Award.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM94/18

Subject: Eastern Suburbs Sub Branch of the
Children's Book Council of Australia
NSW Branch Request to Waive
Venue Hire Fees



Folder No: F2012/00278
Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

A request has been received from the Eastern Suburbs Sub Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch for Council to waive the hire fees for their use of the Vonnie Young Auditorium at Lionel Bowen Library for their bi-monthly meetings in 2019.

Issues

The Children's Book Council of Australia is a not for profit organisation that supports and promotes Australian children's literature. The sub branch formed in 2017 and comprises of local authors, illustrators, publishers, Council librarians, teachers, teacher librarians and enthusiastic lovers of children's literature.

In October 2018, the Children's Book Council of Australia held its first children's event providing children for the Randwick local government area with a rare opportunity to meet and interact with a number of Australian children's authors and illustrators. The not for profit organisation hopes to build on this event in 2019.

Financial impact statement

The cost of waiving the hire fees for the 6 bi-monthly meetings is \$378.30 to be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

The Eastern Suburbs Sub Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch supports and promotes Australian children's literature in our local area and is worthy of Council's support.

Recommendation

That Council waive the hire fees for the Eastern Suburbs Sub Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch's use of the Vonnie Young Auditorium at Lionel Bowen Library for their 2019 bi-monthly meetings, with funds to come from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM95/18

Subject: Global Goodwill Day - Request to Waive Hire Fees



Folder No: F2012/00278

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

A request has been received from a local resident, Yianni Zinonos for Council to waive the hire fees for the use of Hall 1, Kensington Park Community Centre for a Global Goodwill Day event to be held on 25 December 2018 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Issues

Yianni Zinonos is a local resident concerned for the emotional and social well-being of some of our local residents who have no family, partners, friends, children or relatives.

Yianni Zinonos is proposing to hold a Global Goodwill Day event as an alternative to a traditional Christmas Day celebration. The event will provide a safe and friendly space for the local community to meet other locals, bring food for themselves or to share and to enjoy a coffee or non-alcoholic beverage.

Yianni Zinonos is proposing to advertise the event on the local MEET UP Social Community website and on facebook.

This event will allow people who would not normally be part of the festive season, to have a place to go and people to share the day with.

Financial impact statement

The cost of waiving the hire fees for the proposed event is \$480 and this would be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund. A refundable bond of \$400 would be required to be paid.

Conclusion

The Global Goodwill Day event will provide an invaluable community service to local residents in need of an alternative to a traditional family Christmas Day gathering and is certainly worthy of Council's support.

Recommendation

That Council waive the hire fees for Yianni Zinonos' use of Hall 1, Kensington Community Centre for the proposed Global Goodwill Day event on 25 December 2018, with funds to come from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM96/18

Subject: Meeting with Federal Department of Communications and the Arts regarding expanded rollout of small cell mobile phone towers.



Folder No: F2016/00475
Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

Council at its meeting of 16 October 2018, resolved to call on the Federal Government to intervene to suspend the rollout of small cell mobile phone facility pending a review of the relevance of the international findings on the link between cell tower radiation and the development of cancer in humans and the safety of residents in urban Australia.

On 20 November 2018, I wrote to Minister Mitch Fifield requesting a meeting to discuss the matter. As a result, a teleconference meeting was held with representatives from the Commonwealth Department of Communications and the Arts. I chaired the meeting which was also attended by Councillor Murray Matson and Council officers. On the line from Canberra were participants from the Department of Communications and the Arts, namely, Ms Pauline Sullivan, First Assistant Secretary, Market Reforms; Mr Tristan Kathage, Assistant Secretary, Competition; and Ms Chaudie Wong, Director, Construction Policy.

Issues

In response to the issues raised in Council's letter, the Department representatives advised at the meeting as follows:

- Given the issues relating to the health impact of radiofrequency (RF) electromagnetic energy (EME), the Department will organise for Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) to have a discussion and talk with Randwick Council to explain and clarify the interpretation of the ARPANSA RF standard especially in relation to recent findings on the effects of non-ionizing radiation and the implications for public health and safety.
- In response to the recent cases in Randwick LGA of telecommunication works commencing before the end of the notification process, the Department will explore ways of making the deployment process and protocols simpler so that all parties involved in the deployment of telecommunication facilities can navigate the system better and avoid any breaches of the Telecommunication Code. The Department would also explore the possibility of Randwick Council being a test case for this review.

To facilitate these actions, Mr Tristan Kathage, Assistant Secretary, together with Mr Daniel Abraham, Director, and Mr Alexander Goldie, Assistant Director, of the Competition Branch of the Department will meet with me and Councillor Matson on 11 December 2018 in Council officers before the Council Meeting of the same day.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

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Conclusion

The Commonwealth Department of Communications and the Arts has provided an initial positive response to Council's earlier resolution to meet and discuss the issues around the relevance of international research on the link between cell tower radiation and the public health and safety of residents in urban Australia. The Department will organise for ARPANSA to meet with Council and for a review of the telecommunications installation deployment process. It is anticipated that these actions will assist in providing the community a better knowledge and understanding of the rollout of small cell phone towers.

Recommendation

That this minute be noted.

Attachment/s:

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Mayoral Minute No. MM97/18

Subject: Kensington 302 and 303 Bus Route Changes



Folder No: F2018/06574

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

Changes made to the 302 and 303 bus routes since 2 December 2018 mean that buses will now terminate in Redfern and will not allow passengers to travel all the way to the CBD as per the original route.

Issues

These changes mean that residents in West Kensington will no longer have a local bus that will take them directly to the CBD, and residents taking the 302 and 303 will now need to transfer at Redfern to a train or another form of transport if they wish to continue to the CBD, or walk all the way to Anzac Parade or Zetland (for the 304) to catch a direct line.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Recent changes made to the 302 and 303 bus routes could add approximately 30 minutes to the travel journey to the CBD and cause difficulty for passengers with additional access needs.

It is imperative that these buses return to the original route allowing passengers to directly access the CBD.

Recommendation

That Council writes to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Hon. Andrew Constance, The NSW Shadow Minister for Transport, Ms Jodi McKay, Mr Ron Hoenig MP, Member for Heffron and The Greens Transport Spokesperson, Ms Cate Faehrmann requesting that the 302 and 303 continue to the CBD as per their original routes, and with an increased frequency.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM98/18

Subject: First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation - Request for Assistance



Folder No: F2017/07396

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation has written to Council requesting assistance towards the donation of plants for their IndigiGrow Project at La Perouse Public School.

Issues

The IndigiGrow Project is a native bushfood and plant production social enterprise run by the local indigenous organisation First Hand Solutions. IndigiGrow aims to provide employment & training for local indigenous young people as well as providing opportunities to enter the bushfood industry. They are also working on preserving the local critically endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS) which is so important to the local Aboriginal community including the bush tucker species.

IndigiGrow has a small nursery at La Perouse Public school. As part of reviving the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS) IndigiGrow will establish native plant gardens at the front of the new indigenous preschool and an ESBS nature play area. First Hand Solutions has requested \$1,000.00 worth of native plants to be donated from the Council's Nursery towards this project.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implications to Council is \$1,000 to be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council should support this social enterprise.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council vote \$1,000.00 to supply native plants from the council's Nursery to First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation and funds be charged to the 2018-19 Contingency Fund;
- b) First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution to this project;

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM99/18

Subject: St John's Anglican Church - Request for assistance



Folder No: F2017/07396

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

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Introduction

St John's Anglican Church has written to Council requesting assistance towards the donations of plants for their annual Christmas Carols event to be held inside the church premises on Sunday 16 December 2018.

Issues

The St. John's Anglican Church has advised Council:

"Our 'Back to Bethlehem' themed gathering will be held before we sing carols. We plan on creating the feel of a mini Bethlehem market place. We invite people to come and enjoy 'Feast, Face painting and Farm Animals' and experience a bit of what it might have been like in Jesus' day. We will have a variety of stalls and activities on the lawn of our church, one of which will be a native plant table"

St John's has requested that native plants to the value of \$300 be made available from the Council's Nursery.

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implications to Council is \$300.00. This amount will be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council support the event by donating native plants for this worthwhile community event.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council donate \$300.00 worth of native plants to the St John's Anglican Church Christmas Carols event to be held on Sunday 16 December 2018 and funds be allocated from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund;
- b) The organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event.
- 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. MM100/18

Subject: Coogee Surf Life Saving Club -
Request for Assistance



Folder No: F2018/00096

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

Correspondence has been received from the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club requesting assistance with hosting an event in partnership with the Sydney Children's Hospital on Friday 18 January 2019 at Coogee Beach. The surf club are requesting the hire of two lifeguards.

Issues

Coogee Surf Life Saving Club will partner with the Sydney Children's Hospital which aims to give exposure to children to the beach while they are inpatients in the rehabilitation ward. The event will run for one day from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at Coogee Beach with a backup at Clovelly Beach should the water conditions be unsuitable. Council has two sand cruiser beach wheelchairs which will be made available to enable the children to get across the beach and into the water. There will be approximately 10 children in attendance. The cost to hire two lifeguards for five hours is \$1,280.00

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$1,280.00 to be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that this is a worthwhile and fun event which will give the children exposure to the water whilst in rehabilitation.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Randwick Council support the event proposed by the Coogee Surf Life Saving Club and the Sydney Children's Hospital to hold a day at the beach for children in rehabilitation to be held on Friday 18 January 2019;
- b) Randwick Council provide in-kind support to the value of \$1,280.00 for the hire of two lifeguards for the event and the funds be allocated from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund;
- c) the organisers undertake to appropriately and prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution prior to and during the event.
- d) The Mayor or the Mayor's representative be given the opportunity to address the event on behalf of Council.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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Mayoral Minute No. MM101/18

Subject: Blak Markets La Perouse - Request for Financial Assistance



Folder No: F2015/00397

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

A request has been received from the organisers of the Blak Markets at La Perouse for financial assistance towards the running of their next event at La Perouse on 16 December 2018.

Issues

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art centres and artisans from right across Australia come together at the iconic Blak Markets at Bare Island La Perouse. The Blak Markets events feature Aboriginal arts, craft, performances and foods from local stallholders.

Features of the Blak Markets include:

- Free weaving workshops;
- Whale Ceremony and Healing Ceremony workshops;
- Original and affordable aboriginal artworks to handmade beauty products,
- Handicrafts, homewares and jewellery; and
- Indigenous food tastings including Kangaroo, Emu and Crocodile.

Financial impact statement

Should Council choose to support this event, a total of \$7,500.00 will be funded from the Contingency Fund 2018-19.

Conclusion

The Blak Markets are a great chance to showcase authentic unique gifts, with all of the profits going back into Aboriginal communities. It is considered appropriate to support this invaluable community event.

Recommendation

That Council contribute funding of \$7,500.00 for a Blak Markets Event at Bare Island on 16 December 2018, with the funds coming from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

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