

Ordinary Council Meeting

Supplementary Business Paper

Tuesday 26 March 2019



ORDINARY COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st Floor, 90 Avoca Street, Randwick on Tuesday, 26 March 2019 at 6:00pm

Mayoral Minutes

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Mayoral Minute No. MM11/19

Subject: Financial support - Windgap Foundation - Annual Ball



Folder No: F2019/00001

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

For over 60 years, the Windgap Foundation has been providing a range of much needed programs and services to more than 300 families in the Randwick Council area, including supported employment, accommodation, learning and life skill programs, advocacy and leisure and community participation opportunities to empower adults with intellectual disabilities. Windgap's humble beginnings started in the Randwick City Council area (from a property in Mount Street, Coogee).

Issues

The Windgap Foundation has requested Council's support for its biggest fundraising event of the year, the Windgap Foundation Gala Ball, coming up on 25 May 2019.

This year's fundraising goal is to build a Social Enterprise through the launch of a Community Art Studio and Gallery and the ongoing support of all the Foundations other existing programs. This new social enterprise will provide Council the opportunity to be involved in a lasting legacy to help strengthen our community and encourage social inclusion and participation for adults with intellectual disabilities. As a Social Enterprise, this initiative will also provide the opportunity for participants to receive an income through the sale of their art and play a leading role in the exhibition and promotion of their works.

Financial impact statement

It is recommended that Council purchase tickets (for a table of 10) to the Windgap Foundation Gala Ball, at a total cost of \$2,400 and that this be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

The Windgap Foundation plays a vital role in empowering adults with disabilities to learn new skills, improve emotional well-being and increase self-esteem, through art therapy and creative expression. This is a very worthy cause for Council to support.

Recommendation

That Council purchase tickets, for a table of 10 at a total cost of \$2,400, to the 2019 Windgap Foundation Annual Fundraising Ball and that this be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

MM11/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM12/19

Subject: Australian Blind Football (Soccer) -
Request for financial assistance



Folder No: F2008/00457

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

I have received correspondence from the National Manager of Australian Blind Football (Soccer) requesting a small donation to assist athletes to attend a national camp in Melbourne on 13-14 April 2019.

Issues

The National Manager of Australian Blind Football (Soccer) is a relatively new paralympic sport to Australia and they created their first national team last year that went to India for their first international matches. The team is taking their first step to Tokyo2020 and Paris2024 by attending their first Asian Championships this September in Thailand.

The team's National Manager has advised that a resident of Randwick who lives in Kingsford, Nathan Letts has been selected in the national squad. Nathan is totally blind and attends university but does not have an income through employment. The request for a donation is to assist Nathan as an athlete to attend the national camp event.

Financial impact statement

Should Council adopt the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council will be \$500 to be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

Council does not have any sporting grants but has previously provided small donations to local residents to assist with attendance at sporting Championships and events.

It is considered that Council should support our local resident, Nathan Letts and the Australian Blind Football (Soccer) as a new paralympic sport that provides athletes with blindness with opportunities to compete in Championships and international matches.

Recommendation

That Council donate \$500 to the Australia Blind Football (Soccer) to assist our local resident attending the nation camp in Melbourne on 13-14 April 2019, to be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

MM12/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM13/19

Subject: Waiver of fees - Maroubra Swim Clubs - use of Des Renford Leisure Centre



Folder No: F2006/00108
Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

MM13/19

Introduction

Council has received a request for assistance from Mr Martin Connolly, Club Secretary of the Maroubra Swimming Club, who is staging four swimming events at Des Renford Leisure Centre in the remainder of 2019.

Issues

Annually Maroubra Swimming Club hold a number of events at the Des Renford Leisure Centre which attracted a large volume of swimmers from swim clubs from around the state. These events are the major fund raiser source for the club with all funds raised utilised by the club for its ongoing operations throughout the year.

They have requested that Council waive the fees to assist in improving the profitability of the events. An assessment of the applicable fees to be waived are as follows:

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| 3 events held in the Indoor Competition Pool | \$2,610 |
| 1 event held in the Outdoor Olympic Pool | \$1,080 |
| Total: | \$3,690 |

Financial impact statement

In the event that Council accepts the report recommendation, the direct financial implication to Council will be \$3,690 which will be funded from the 2018-19 Council Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

The Maroubra Swimming Club Carnivals are a worthwhile local event which provides income to Des Renford Leisure Centre in the form of 'secondary' spend and entrance fees for spectators. This event is an opportunity for swimmers to compete against their peers, raise funds for the Club and provide 'secondary spend' income to the facility. It is considered that Council should support this request from Mr. Connolly to waive the fees to hire the Des Renford Leisure Centre to the value of \$3,690 to assist in raising funds for the Maroubra Swimming Club.

Recommendation

That:

- a) Council approves the waiver of fees to the value of \$3,690 from the 2018-19 Council Contingency Fund to cover the hire fees for the Des Renford Leisure Centre to assist in raising funds for the Maroubra Swim Club.
- b) the organiser undertake to prominently acknowledge and promote Council's contribution to Club members.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Mayoral Minute No. MM14/19

Subject: April Council Meeting - Change of date



Folder No: F2004/06565

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

The purpose of this Mayoral Minute is change the date for the April 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Issues

The April 2019 Council meeting falls on Tuesday 23 April, the day following Easter Monday and two days before Anzac Day. The April meeting also falls within the last week of school holidays.

Given the unfortunate timing of the scheduled meeting, and to ensure everyone has greater opportunity to participate, it is proposed to move the meeting to Tuesday 30 April 2019.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Moving the meeting to Tuesday 30 April will allow the community, councilors and staff a greater opportunity to participate in and manage the April Ordinary meeting of Council.

Recommendation

That the April Ordinary Meeting of Council be moved to Tuesday 30 April 2019 and public notification of this change be undertaken.

Attachment/s:

Nil

MM14/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM15/19

Subject: Possible Partnership Opportunities
TAFE Randwick



Folder No: F2006/00304

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

As we move into an economy whereby a highly skilled workforce is more and more important, it is disappointing that cuts in funding have resulted in reduced opportunities through threats to the availability and access to vocational education opportunities.

Vocational education and training (VET) qualifications are designed with the specific goal of preparing students with skills for work. These courses help people to join or re-join the workforce, move into a new career or gain existing skills in their existing job.

Issues

Education is vital to our community's future and to our Local Government workforce. TAFE NSW has continued to operate under the pressure of reduced funding resulting in cuts to teaching and support staff and job insecurity for many that are employed. This has a direct impact upon the delivery of training for our community.

Randwick City Council's Workforce Strategy is addressing this need through the outcome 'Strengthening Workforce Capability' that focuses on strengthening its workforce sustainability, capability and performance. Council also recognises that positioning ourselves as an Employer of Choice will increase our ability to attract and retain staff with the skills and abilities to deliver essential services and facilities for the community. There are currently has six TAFE apprentice positions within Council, as well as a number of university placements for areas of industry skills shortages.

Our local business community is also dependent upon a skilled workforce and vocational training is critical to service delivery in a successful business. A strong TAFE should be a key economic strategy.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Given the importance of vocational education within both the Local Government industry and our broader business community within Randwick, it is important that we ensure a strong TAFE exists in our area.

As a leader in the community, it is important to do everything we can to partner with and promote local vocational education providers.

Recommendation

That the Mayor and General Manager meet with the head of TAFE Randwick campus to discuss partnership opportunities to increase local participation in vocational education.

Attachment/s:

Nil

MM16/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM16/19

Subject: Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
Kensington - Request for assistance



Folder No: F2004/07430

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

MM16/19

Introduction

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kensington has requested Council assistance to upgrade part of the nature strip surrounding the church premises at 1 Kensington Road, Kensington.

Issues

The parish is planning a working bee on Saturday 13 April 2019 to undertake significant works to replace existing bitumen and paved walk ways inside the parish and install plants and turf outside the property on the nature strip. The parish is requesting the donation of plants and turf for the nature strip.

The parish have advised that the works are required as the softness of the sandy soil between the footpath and the brick fence, and the erosion of the existing nature strip between footpath and curb has become a trip hazard and a safety issue for the large number of families, children and elderly that attend the Church and the adjoining school on a daily basis.

The cost of the landscape materials are as follows:

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| 275 Buxus microphylla 'Janonica' 140mm plants | \$2,200.00 |
| 65m ² Couch variety turf | \$ 650.00 |
| Total: | \$2,850.00 |

Financial impact statement

Should Council accept the report recommendation, the financial implication to Council is \$2,850.00 to be funded from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Conclusion

It is considered that Council should support these works and landscaping project at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kensington to improve the streetscape of the parish surrounds and ensure safety for the local community.

Recommendation

That Council supply 275 Buxus microphylla 'Janonica' 140mm plants and 65m² of Couch variety turf to Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Kensington to the value of \$2,850.00. The funds are to be allocated from the 2018-19 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Mayoral Minute No. MM17/19

Subject: Vale Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis



Folder No: F2005/00266

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

Australians, particularly the Greek community, are mourning the death of Australia's Greek Orthodox leader, His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis.

Issues

His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis served the Greek Orthodox Church for 44 years, uninterrupted, and founded the Greek Orthodox education system in Australia. His distinguished service and leadership to the Greek Australian community will be greatly missed.

His Eminence was a dedicated faith leader who served both the church and the Greek Australian community with humanity and a strong sense of social justice. His Eminence was also a man who worked to build bridges between communities, showing strong international leadership in orthodoxy as well as promoting interfaith relations in Australia.

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

Our thoughts & prayers are with our friends in the Greek community on the loss of their inspirational spiritual leader His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis.

I will ask that Council observe a minute's silence to show its respect for His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis and acknowledge his service to the Greek Australian community.

Recommendation

That Council observe a minute's silence to show its respect for His Eminence Archbishop Stylianos Harkianakis and acknowledge his service to the Greek Australian community.

Attachment/s:

Nil

MM17/19

Mayoral Minute No. MM18/19

Subject: Christchurch tragedy



Folder No: F2005/00266

Author: The Mayor, Cr Kathy Neilson

Introduction

We have all been shocked and dismayed by the events that occurred in New Zealand on 15 March 2019, where 50 innocent people lost their lives. On behalf of Randwick City Council and our community I extended my heartfelt condolences to the City of Christchurch and the Muslim community as they rebuild in the wake of this terrible tragedy.

Issues

On behalf of Council I have arranged for the following comments to be posted on our website and social media sites:

Mayor of Randwick City, Kathy Neilson, expressed her heartfelt condolences for the Muslim victims of the shooting attack in Christchurch on Friday 15 March.

“Such senseless violence has no place in our community and I condemn these attacks outright,” she said.

“I’m devastated for the people who may no longer feel safe to worship in the way they choose, where they choose. My hope is that a sense of safety is soon returned to them. On behalf of Randwick City I want to express our heartbreak for the families and friends who have lost loved ones, and convey our unwavering support and solidarity for the Muslim community within Randwick City.

“Our thoughts, too, are with the people of Christchurch and all New Zealanders as they start the process of healing. We stand with them in advocating for peace and unity.”

Financial impact statement

There is no direct financial impact for this matter.

Conclusion

I encourage you to stand in solidarity with the Muslim community both here and in New Zealand.

I will ask that Council observe a minute’s silence to show its respect for the 50 innocent lives lost in the recent Christchurch shootings and to advocate for peace and unity in all communities.

Recommendation

I will ask that Council observe a minute’s silence to show its respect for the 50 innocent lives lost in the recent Christchurch shootings and to advocate for peace and unity in all communities.

Attachment/s:

Nil

MM18/19