

May 1, 2019

**Randwick City Council
Attn: Mayor Neilson and Therese Manns**

Re: Taste of Coogee 2019

Dear Mayor Neilson and Ms Manns,

Thank you for the recent meeting with myself and Coogee Chamber executive member Jo O'Brien. I am writing to request Randwick City Council once again provide the same level of support for the 2019 Taste of Coogee event as it has in the past, by waiving the cost of the indirect fees associated with the event. An application has already been submitted to council.

We would also like to ask that your support is ongoing for the next three years of the event.

Further to our meeting, I have attached a breakdown of our costs as requested and a copy of the \$10,000 donation receipt we provided to Coogee Lions Club. Re Mayor Nielson's request for a copy receipts for our charity donations since the events inception, we have requested the beneficiaries provide these if considered necessary. In the meantime, herewith a list of the charities and the donations given to them by the Chamber from proceeds of Taste of Coogee events past.

The charities we have supported are below;

2013 Caretakers Cottage \$12,0000

2014 Offshore rescue Boat \$8,000

2015 Coogee Lions Club \$15,000

2016 Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation \$24,000

Randwick Petersham Cricket Club \$10,000

2017 Running for Premature Babies \$24,211

Randwick Petersham Cricket Club \$10,000

2018 Coogee Lions Club \$10,000

All donations from our events are promoted publicly with the dollar amounts reported on our social media channels.

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It has never been a requirement of our funding to submit receipts to Randwick City Council for our donations to charities only a financial statement which includes these payments. Please see Mayor Minute 2018

As has been detailed to you, the Taste of Coogee is an expensive event to run. Prior to 2018, this festival has made a loss and our other signature event 'Coogee Family Fun Day' held in December has picked up the short fall which in turn directly effects our entertainment offering at that December event.

However, in 2018 it was agreed to charge 'over 18s only', a nominal entry fee of \$5.00 towards our costs. Accordingly, 2018 was the first year we made a profit allowing us to make the generous donation to the Coogee Lions.

The partnership support from Randwick City Council in the running of the Coogee Chamber events over the years has been greatly appreciated. It would be extremely disappointing if that support is now to be withdrawn – especially whilst Coogee businesses are undergoing less than "good times" due to the current Coogee Bay Road refurbishment project. As a result of this, some local businesses have already expressed a downturn in their earnings and may not be able to participate in the 2019 Taste of Coogee.

To compensate these businesses, this year we will be offering them a generous discount to be a Taste of Coogee stallholder. In addition, we plan to commission a 'Taste of Coogee' map and extend an opportunity for all local businesses to promote themselves therein.

The profit from Taste of Coogee goes towards funding further Chamber activities. We have been able to obtain the services of an admin support person, provide a high-profile children's entertainer for Coogee Family Fun Day, as well as provide a free end of year business networking event held in partnership with RCC at Coogee's iconic Wylies Baths. Other business community events include the 'Coogee Start up Meet up' for new business owners in Randwick City – the first of which will be held on May 8, 2019.

As we have done in the past, we will include Randwick City Council's logo in all our advertising collateral and extend an invitation to the Council to utilise the use of a stall at the two-day TOC event. We also invite the Mayor to officially open the day.

We look forward to your assistance and being part of this fantastic community event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernadette Summers', with a small dash at the end.

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