

Reports from the Community Services Committee Meeting held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 14 September 2010.

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 14 September 2010

Present Councillor M Oates (Chairperson)
Councillor W Glynn
Councillor R Kolkman
Councillor J Rowell
Councillor M Thomas
Councillor R Thompson
Director Community Services - Ms L Deitz
Acting Director Planning and Environment - Mr P Jemison
Manager Community Resources and Development - Mr B McCausland
Acting Manager Childrens Services - Mr A Bennison
Manager Cultural Services - Ms L Havilah
Manager Healthy Lifestyles - Mr M Berriman
Manager Library Services - Mr G White
Manager Emergency Management – Mr J Dodd
Manager Customer Service - Mr I Hudson
Executive Assistant - Mrs D Taylor

Apology (Glynn/Thompson)

That the apology from Councillor Bourke be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Acknowledgement of Land

An Acknowledgement of Land was presented by the Chairperson Councillor Oates.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this meeting.

Pecuniary Interests

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

1. CHILDRENS SERVICES

1.1 Introduction of Draft School Age Care Framework for Outside School Hours Care

Reporting Officer

Acting Manager Children's Services

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To inform Council of the introduction of the draft NSW Government Council of Australian Governments (COAG) School Age Care Framework for Outside School Hours Care that are due to be implemented in January 2012.

History

Council at the meeting of 6 April 2010, Community Services Committee was advised of COAG's reforms for child care services which will deliver better quality services and promote good educational and social outcomes for more than one million children attending long day care, family day care, outside school hours care and preschool.

Report

A national steering group made up of State, Territory, Federal Government, the National Childcare Accreditation Council and representatives from the National Out of School Hours Services Association (NOSHSA) was formed to guide the process of developing the draft School Age Care Framework for Outside School Hours Care - *"My time, our place"*.

This framework has been incorporated into the new National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care that will replace the current Quality Assurance system in January 2012. Service programs will be evaluated to ensure they reflect the outcomes in the School Age Care Framework.

The School Age Care Framework will complement the Early Years Learning Framework and provide the Australian school age care sector with national recognition for playing a valuable role in children's lives.

The Australian Government will acknowledge, through the existence of this framework, that quality school age care enhances children's development, that engaging in play and leisure experiences are important for school age children, and that staff in school age care are influential educators in children's lives.

The framework will provide an opportunity to raise the status and profile of the profession and emphasise the critical importance of the "middle years".

It is proposed that Council's Childrens Services will host an introductory workshop on the School Age Care Framework, facilitated by NOSHSA, for Outside School Hours Care staff working in Council and services across the wider Campbelltown community.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thomas/Glynn)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Youth Advisory Sub Committee Membership

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To advise Council of the resignation of two members from the Youth Advisory Sub Committee.

Report

The Youth Advisory Sub Committee Guidelines allow for a membership of up to 15 community representatives and 2 Councillors.

Due to an increase in personal commitments Ms Shantelle Hodgkinson and Mr Brad Gavin have advised of their resignations from the Sub Committee.

These resignations reduce the current YASC membership to a total of 11 members, being, 9 community representatives and 2 Councillors.

Additional community members will be sought to fill the vacancies on the Sub Committee, however it should be noted that due to the upcoming examination period for senior students these vacancies may not be filled until the latter part of 2010.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council accept the resignations of Ms Shantelle Hodgkinson and Mr Brad Gavin as members of the Youth Advisory Sub Committee.
2. That letters of appreciation be forwarded to Ms Shantelle Hodgkinson and Mr Brad Gavin.

Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.2 Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee meeting held 9 August 2010

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee meeting held 9 August 2010.

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee meeting held 9 August 2010.

Report

Detailed below are the recommendations of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee. Council officers have reviewed the recommendations and they are now presented for Council's consideration. The recommendations requiring a specific resolution of Council are listed in the Officer's Recommendation.

Recommendations of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee.

Reports listed for consideration

7.1 2010 NAIDOC Week

That the information be noted.

7.2 Community Safety Sub Committee

That the information be noted.

7.3 Koori Toastmasters Program

That the information be noted.

7.4 Festival of Fisher's Ghost Street Parade

That the information be noted.

8. General Business

8.1 Encyclopaedia Dramatica

That the information be noted.

8.2 Federal Election

That the information be noted.

8.3 Campbelltown Aboriginal Child and Family Centre

That Council be asked to write a letter to the NSW Premier, The Hon. Kristina Keneally, MP, and the Minister for Community Services, The Hon Linda Burney MP addressing concerns regarding the lack of assistance from State Government agencies in identifying a suitable location for the Campbelltown Aboriginal Child and Family Centre.

8.4 Aboriginal Community Development Officer

That the information be noted.

8.5 Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee Guidelines

That the information be noted.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the Minutes be noted.
2. That Council write a letter to the NSW Premier, The Hon. Kristina Keneally, MP, and the Minister for Community Services, The Hon Linda Burney MP addressing concerns regarding the lack of assistance from State Government agencies in identifying a suitable location for the Campbelltown Aboriginal Child and Family Centre.

Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee

**Held Monday 9 August 2010
in Community Services Meeting Room**

Meeting commenced: 6.01pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Alison Lynch presented an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Councillor Julie Bourke
Councillor Wal Glynn
Alison Croall (Chairperson)
Gary Potts
Margaret Anderson
Muriel Brandy
Karen Houston
Alan Medhurst
Alison Lynch
Louise Lynch

Also in Attendance: Director Community Services - Ms L Deitz
Manager Community Resources and Development - Mr B McCausland
Coordinator Community Development Team - Ms A Lonergan
Debbie McCall, SRSO Community Services
Executive Support - Kristy Peters

Election of Chairperson

Alison Croall was elected to Chair the meeting.

Apologies: Carolyn Hughes
Norm Newlin

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Brandy/Bourke)

That the above apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Report

The Minutes of the Sub Committee held 7 June 2010 copies of which have been circulated to each Sub Committee member were adopted by Council at its meeting held on 29 June 2010.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Anderson/Glynn)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil.

6. Correspondence

Nil.

7. Reports

7.1 2010 NAIDOC Week

Purpose

To provide feedback to the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee on Council's NAIDOC Week activities.

Report

Council provides a range of activities during NAIDOC Week each year. This year NAIDOC Week was held from 4 July to 11 July with the theme of 'Unsung Heroes – Closing the Gap by Leading Their Way'.

Council's 2010 NAIDOC events included a Flag Raising Ceremony and Morning Tea, Street March, Family Fun and Cultural Day and a Touch Football Competition. Council also supported the Macquarie Fields community with a Family Day in the northern area of Campbelltown Local Government Area (LGA).

The Morning Tea and Flag Raising Ceremony were held on Monday 5 July in front of Council's Administration Building. Approximately 200 people attended, including students from two local schools.

Attendees from the Flag Raising Ceremony joined a Street March from Council to Koshigaya Park, where the Family Fun and Cultural Day was held, with over 1000 people attending on the day. The Family Fun and Cultural Day was supported by volunteers from the Aboriginal Events Working Group, Campbelltown Family Support Service, the Seniors Issues Group and local community members.

The NAIDOC Touch Football Competition was held at Sarah Redfern Oval at Minto on 7 July 2010. Approximately 350 people attended the event either as participants or spectators, including teams from several local schools.

Council supported a joint NAIDOC Family Day at Flinders Park, Macquarie Fields on 15 July. Approximately 200 people attended the event, mainly from the northern suburbs of the LGA.

All events were successful and initial feedback from the community, volunteers and service providers was positive. A formal evaluation of Council's NAIDOC activities will be undertaken to inform planning for future events.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee Note: Members of the Sub Committee thanked Council's Coordinator Community Development Team, and the Community Resources and Development Administration Assistant, for their coordination of NAIDOC Week celebrations. All events were very successful, achieving high numbers of attendance and positive responses were received.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Potts/Bourke)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.2 Community Safety Sub Committee

Purpose

To provide feedback to the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee on Council's Community Safety Sub Committee meeting.

History

At the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee meeting held on the 7 June 2010, Gary Potts asked Sub Committee members to nominate an alternative representative to attend Community Safety Sub Committee Meetings in his absence. At this meeting Alison Croall advised that she would be happy to attend the Community Safety Sub Committee meetings if required.

Report

Gary Potts will provide feedback to the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee on issues raised at the Community Safety Sub Committee meetings.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee Note: Mr Gary Potts briefed Sub Committee members regarding a number of issues raised at the Community Safety Sub Committee held 15 July 2010.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Brandy/Anderson)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.3 Koori Toastmasters Program

Purpose

To provide members of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee with an update on the progress of the Koori Toastmasters project.

History

In 2009, Council received funding from the Community Development Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme to establish and run a Koori Toastmasters program in Campbelltown. The model is based on Koori Toastmasters in Mt Druitt and has the support of Toastmasters International.

Report

In July 2010 the Campbelltown Koori Toastmasters Club reached a membership of 20 people and was able to formally charter as a Club under Toastmasters International.

Members of the Club attended combined Toastmasters Clubs training in late July 2010.

The group will continue to meet fortnightly in Council's Staff Training Centre. Members will continue to promote the program to attract further membership of the group.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Anderson/Medhurst)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

7.4 Festival of Fisher's Ghost Street Parade

Purpose

For members of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee (AASC) to decide on the provision of an AASC float in the 2010 Festival of Fisher's Ghost Street Parade.

History

At the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee meeting held on 7 June 2010 discussions took place on the provision of a float in the 2010 Fisher's Ghost Parade.

Report

At this meeting, a presentation by community members was given regarding the inclusion of a cultural/educational component into the Aboriginal entry for this year. Further to this meeting community members have advised Council that the proposed cultural/educational project will not be run in conjunction with the Fisher's Ghost Parade this year.

The 2010 Festival of Fisher's Ghost Street Parade will be held on Saturday 6 November from 1.30pm – 3pm. Applications for float entry in the Fisher's Ghost Parade are due by 1 October 2010.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Sub Committee Note: Council's Director Community Services addressed the Sub Committee advising that she had spoken with the Mayor in relation to concerns raised regarding the selected themes for the 2010 Festival of Fisher's Ghost Street Parade.

The Director Community Services suggested a meeting be facilitated with Sub Committee members, Glenda Chalker and the Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council to discuss concerns regarding the event, to ensure that the Street Parade is culturally appropriate.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Croall/A. Lynch)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8. General Business

8.1 Encyclopaedia Dramatica

It was noted that the website Encyclopaedia Dramatica is displaying inappropriate information regarding Aboriginal people. Sub Committee members asked if Council could undertake any action to stop this information being displayed.

Council's Director Community Services advised that staff will look into the website and investigate if any action can be taken.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (A.Lynch/L.Lynch)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.2 Federal Election

Sub Committee members enquired if the Federal Election would affect the membership of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee.

Council's Manager Community Resources and Development advised that the Federal Election does not alter the membership of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee. The Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee membership would remain current until the Local Government elections to be held in 2012.

It was further noted that the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) acknowledges today's High Court decision that allows additional eligible voters to now be entitled to vote in the 2010 Federal election. Voters affected are those who submitted correctly completed claims for enrolment after 8pm on Monday 19 July but before 8pm on Monday 26 July.

The AEC will process these additional enrolment claims in coming days and attempt to contact all electors concerned to advise they are entitled to vote and how to obtain further assistance if needed. The voter lists, used in polling places to mark off those who have voted, for the 2010 election have already been printed and distributed, so it is too late to include these voters on these lists. This means that voters affected by the decision who attends a polling place on election day (or early voting centre) will have to cast a declaration vote and provide an accepted form of evidence of identity.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Anderson/Houston)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.3 Campbelltown Aboriginal Child and Family Centre

Debbie McCall addressed Sub Committee members regarding the current status of the proposed Campbelltown Aboriginal Child and Family Centre.

It was noted that currently the first stage of tenders has been completed and the second stage concludes next week. At the conclusion of the tender process a decision will be made and the successful tenderer will then be notified.

It is proposed that the Centre be situated in a central location close to public transport; however at this stage a suitable location for the Centre has not been identified.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Croall/Bourke)

That Council be asked to write a letter to the NSW Premier, The Hon. Kristina Keneally, MP, and the Minister for Community Services, The Hon Linda Burney MP addressing concerns regarding the lack of assistance from State Government agencies in identifying a suitable location for the Campbelltown Aboriginal Child and Family Centre.

CARRIED

8.4 Aboriginal Community Development Officer

Council's Director Community Services advised that interviews for the temporary Aboriginal Community Development Officer had been completed.

It was suggested that a morning tea or lunch be held in conjunction with members of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee to welcome the new employee when they commence.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Anderson/Medhurst)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8.5 Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee Guidelines

A copy of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee Guidelines is attached for your information.

Sub Committee's Recommendation: (Houston/Brandy)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

Next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday 25 October 2010 at 6.00pm in the Community Services Meeting Room.

Alison Croall
Chairperson

Meeting Concluded: 6.50pm

2.3 Indent Partnership 2011 Grant Application

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of a funding application for \$5,000 to MusicNSW for the Indent Partnership Grant Scheme to support Fisher's Gig 2011.

History

Indent is a project of MusicNSW that plays an important role in the development of all-ages entertainment and provides development support for youth entertainment across the state.

Indent works directly with young people to empower them and help raise awareness of their needs, connecting them with support organisations in their community, providing opportunities, training and valuable experience and involving them in a range of tasks such as booking venues, liaising with police, managing security, organising public liability insurance, advertising and promotion.

Council received \$2,500 funding from Indent to assist with this year's Fisher's Gig.

Report

Indent grants are awarded to teams of young people (13 -25) in NSW to stage their own drug and alcohol free events and provides information, resources, advice and support to enable young people to be active in their local music scene and create sustainable youth events.

This year funding is provided through two categories. The Grassroots Grants are similar to the Partnership Grants and are set at \$2,500 and are for entry level, small scale local events. The Event Development Grants, which Council proposes to apply under, are set at \$5,000 and are geared at the larger scale events such as Fisher's Gig.

The closing date for entries is 5 November 2010 with successful applicants notified on 6 December 2010.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the funding application for \$5,000 to MusicNSW to be used towards Fisher's Gig 2011.
2. That if successful, the funding agreement from MusicNSW be signed under the Common Seal of Council, if required.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.4 Seniors Week 2011 Funding Application

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of an application for \$1,000 funding for 2011 Seniors Week from the Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW (ADHC) to provide an intergenerational event as part of the wider 2011 Seniors Week program in Campbelltown.

History

Seniors Week is an annual statewide community event that celebrates the valuable contribution seniors make to the community. Contributory State grants of up to \$1,000 are available to locally based organisations and community groups to enable them to provide relevant Seniors Week activities.

In 2010 Council was successful in gaining \$1,000 funding from ADHC towards the 'Talkin' about our Generation' event which showcased the lives and achievements of Campbelltown's seniors.

Report

The overall theme for the 2011 Seniors Week, which will be held from 20-27 March, is '*Live Life*'.

Preliminary discussions with local seniors groups have identified a proposed project which would focus on bridging the intergenerational divide in a fun and interactive way. Seniors and students from local schools would be invited to share their knowledge and skills by working together to complete a series of traditional and modern leisure activities.

Seniors would be provided an opportunity to participate in a day where they not only learn something new but are given the opportunity to share with the younger generation. Students would also be given the chance to interact with seniors and learn what life was like in a different era.

A number of individual seniors and groups have indicated their interest in becoming directly involved in the organisation and running of the event. A meeting will be held to further develop planning of the project.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the application for \$1,000 funding for 2011 Seniors Week from the Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW to provide a seniors event as part of the wider 2011 Seniors Week program in Campbelltown.
2. That subject to notification of success, the Funding Agreement from the Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Human Services NSW be accepted and signed under the Common Seal of Council, if required.

Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Rowell)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.5 Variation to Community Services, Department of Human Services NSW Renewable Funding 2010-2011

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of a Variation to the Funding Agreement 2010-2011 between Community Services, Department of Human Services NSW and Campbelltown City Council.

History

Council at its meeting on 29 June 2010 endorsed the Deed of Agreement with Community Services, Department of Human Services NSW for funding for a Community Worker, Youth Worker and Child Care Services for the period of July 2010 to June 2011.

Report

Community Services, Department of Human Services NSW has forwarded a variation to the existing funding agreement that includes fixed term funds of \$10,762 per annum for the Community Builders Program - formerly called the Macarthur Area Assistance Scheme. Under the previous arrangement this funding was received as part of a separate funding agreement.

In order for Council to continue to receive ongoing funding, the variation to the funding agreement is required to be signed under the Common Seal of Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Variation to the Funding Agreement 2010-2011 between Community Services, Department of Human Services NSW and Campbelltown City Council be signed under the Common Seal of Council.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Glynn)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.6 Impact of Changes to Home Community Care

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To seek Council approval to support a Motion at the Local Government Conference on 23-27 October 2010 that has been submitted by Blue Mountains City Council regarding the impact of changes to Home and Community Care (HACC) services.

History

The HACC program is a joint Commonwealth, State and Territory initiative. It funds basic maintenance and support services to help the elderly and younger people with disabilities to continue living in the community.

Under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Health Reforms HACC will be split with the Commonwealth assuming the responsibility for all aged services, whilst disability services will remain with the states.

Report

The next Annual Local Government Industry Conference is being held from 23-27 October 2010. A call for Motions was made and were required by 9 August 2010.

As a result, Council is unable to put forward its own Motion in respect to the recent outcomes arising from the COAG Health Reforms. Under these reforms the HACC services will be split with the Commonwealth assuming responsibility for all aged services with disability services remaining with the states.

Under the current provisions HACC services are funded jointly by Commonwealth and State on a 60%-40% basis. These arrangements will expire in June 2012 and the Commonwealth Government will assume operation of responsibility from July 2012.

Existing HACC services have been developed over many years by local community networks and are delivered to people who are frail, elderly and people with disabilities. Usually the local services provide employment for local people using local contractors and where possible local suppliers. This is a significant contribution to the local economy as well as the well being of the community.

Given the current COAG Health Reforms in which the Commonwealth will assume responsibility for all aged services there is concern that the local services may be impacted particularly if there is any move to a regime of centralised service providers.

If this was to occur it would impact on both the existing local community networks that have been established over a period of time and delivery of services to the community where they are most needed.

It is understood that currently most local government areas are involved in the delivery of the HACC services and receive funding contributions to staff positions with some Councils actually auspicing these services. Therefore, it is critical that local government be an active voice in this process advocating on behalf of the local community.

On this basis Blue Mountains City Council, because of its concerns in respect to the COAG Health Reforms to HACC have moved the following motion:

“That the Local Government Association ask the NSW State Government to actively support the principles of local community based service providers during the process of the Commonwealth assuming responsibility for aged services. That this principle will also be retained in the State Government’s provision of disability services.”

As outlined the COAG Health Reforms have the potential to impact local service providers delivering HACC services within the Campbelltown LGA. Therefore, Council’s endorsement is sought for the nominated delegates to support the Blue Mountains City Council’s motion to the Local Government Conference in October 2010.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council approves that its nominated delegates to the Local Government Conference to be held in Albury from 23-27 October 2010 support the motion submitted by the Blue Mountains City Council regarding the impact of changes to HACC services.

Committee’s Recommendation: (Kolkman/Thomas)

That in principle, Council supports the concerns expressed in Blue Mountains City Council’s motion and encourages its delegates to the LGA Conference to support this and other similar motions.

CARRIED

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That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

3. CULTURAL SERVICES

3.1 2010 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To update Council on the development of the 2010 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize.

History

The Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize is an annual acquisitive prize of \$20,000 sponsored by the NSW Parliament and awarded to an Aboriginal visual artist over the age of 18 born in NSW and belonging to a NSW language group. The prize is organised by Campbelltown Arts Centre in partnership with NSW Parliament.

Report

The 2010 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize has seen a record number of artists apply to enter. This year 61 artists have submitted works. Of this number 37 artists and a total of 43 works have been selected.

The 2010 Judges are Dr Romaine Moreton who is a writer of poetry, prose and script for film with a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Sydney and Daniel Browning who is a respected broadcast journalist who currently presents the Away Program on Radio National.

The Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize will be launched on Wednesday 20 October at 7pm at NSW Parliament, with the exhibition running from the 29 September to 27 October. Following the exhibition at NSW Parliament, a component of the exhibition will be selected to tour throughout New South Wales. The exhibition tour is managed by Museums and Galleries NSW. In conjunction with this tour, Campbelltown Arts Centre will produce both an exhibition catalogue and an on-line education kit. The education kit will be distributed broadly to secondary schools across NSW.

The Prize will tour regional NSW throughout 2011. The tour schedule is as follows:

- WADJAR Gallery at Yarrowarra Aboriginal Corporation, Corindi Beach, 21 January - 18 March 2011
- Armidale and Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, 31 March - 22 May 2011
- Shoalhaven City Arts Centre, 10 June - 6 July 2011
- Griffith Regional Art Gallery, 4 August - 4 September 2011

Negotiations are currently being undertaken to finalise a new Memorandum of Understanding between NSW Parliament and Campbelltown City Council for the management and resourcing of the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize for the next 5 years. A further report to Council will be provided once these negotiations have been finalised.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.2 Campbelltown Arts Centre 2011 Contemporary Dance Program Funding Submission

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of a submission to Federal Government through the Australia Council for the Arts requesting \$80,000 support towards Year 3 - Campbelltown Arts Centre, Contemporary Dance Development Program.

History

Australia Council for the Arts Dance Program provides organisations with funding for a program of activity that supports the development of Australian dance. This funding is specific for programs that benefit a range of artists, such as national and international reciprocal partnerships and professional development programs such as mentor programs, masterclasses, workshops and international exchanges.

The Australia Council for the Arts has provided Campbelltown Arts Centre with \$110,000 support towards Years 1 and 2 of its 3 Year Contemporary Dance Strategy.

Report

Campbelltown Arts Centre's Contemporary Dance Development Program makes a significant contribution towards providing a framework and infrastructure that supports innovation in dance practice, by providing professional dance artists with opportunities to work in new ways. Over the past two years this program has directly addressed gaps that currently exist within the dance sector by offering opportunities for residencies, exchanges, commissions and performances.

The 2011 Contemporary Dance Development Program is the third year of a three-year strategy to support artists in the development and presentation of new Australian dance works. The strategy also focuses on developing partnerships with dance artists and organisations across the Asia Pacific Region.

Campbelltown Arts Centre has curated a group of artists, whose work is at the forefront of dance in Australia. Each artist has a rigor in their practice that investigates much-needed questions around dance, its limitations and its expectations, with work that exhibits innovation, humour and humanity. The Centre's 2011 Dance Development Program continues to support artists to work in Western Sydney providing a new context for the work that is being developed whilst also providing opportunities for new audiences and emerging communities to engage with contemporary dance. The Centre's Dance Curator works in partnership with the Dance sector across NSW and brokers a range of partnerships more broadly nationally and internationally across the arts sector.

The 2011 Contemporary Dance Development Program includes the following key projects:

Interdisciplinary Projects

This series of commissions supports new interdisciplinary work developed over a two year period that examines the intersections between Dance and Visual Arts. This project responds to the growing interest in cross artform practice. In 2011 Australian/Berlin based dance artist Paul Gazzola will continue his collaboration with Welsh visual artist, Paul Granjon. Campbelltown Arts Centre will host a symposium that will bring together artists and academics from science/art collaborations including The Thinking Head Project, The Centre for Social Robotics (University of Sydney) and Macquarie University.

The Interdisciplinary Project Commission of Sydney based movement artist Brian Fuata and visual artist Agatha Gothe-Snape initiated in 2009 proceeded to a second stage development in 2010. There has been much interest in the performative installation work generated by this Campbelltown Arts Centre commission. Fuata and Gothe-Snape are currently presenting their performative gallery intervention 'Cruising' at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney along with Agatha's solo work, as part of the 'Primavera' Exhibition. In 2011 Campbelltown Arts Centre will produce the final season of this work.

In 2011 a new collaborative model for interdisciplinary collaboration will be introduced. Three experienced dance artists who are beginning to develop individual choreographic voices: Anton, Sarah-Jayne Howard and Elizabeth Ryan, will participate in an exchange with visual artists. The project will provide an opportunity for the dance artists to not only consolidate what each artist considers their work, facilitating sessions for artists to discuss their work and practice 'pitching' ideas to like-minded peers.

Intercultural Projects

This series of commissions supports new intercultural work between a NSW-based dance artist and an artist of their choice with a different cultural background over a three year period and leads to the development of a series of new Australian intercultural dance works.

In 2011 two Sydney-based dance artists of diverse cultural and artistic backgrounds will work together for the first time - Anandavalli and Narelle Benjamin. Anandavalli is an internationally-renowned dancer, choreographer and teacher of Bharatha Natyam and Kuchipudi with a career spanning over 38 years. Since moving to Australia in 1984 Anandavalli's opus includes an impressive repertoire of over 50 original dance dramas and ballets (conception, choreography and artistic direction). Anandavalli favours strong feminist themes – unusual in the classical arts. Although drawing from traditional Indian texts, myths and folklore for content. This collaboration will not only forge new avenues for dialogue between the artists involved, but will also generate new audiences for contemporary dance through the promotion of the project within the significant Indian communities located in Western Sydney.

The Intercultural Project Commission of Kathy Cogill and Latai Taumoepeau will continue to a final public presentation in 2011, building on work generated during the second stage development in 2009 and in 2010 with Greg Semu, a Samoan/Australian artist based in Paris.

International Dance Residency

Campbelltown Arts Centre has invited Donna Miranda, an independent dance artist living and working in the Philippines to participate in a three week International Exchange with Sydney based independent dance artists Dean Walsh, Samantha Chester, Tony Osborne, Nikki Heywood and Alexandra Harrison. At the conclusion of the Exchange an evening of solo works will be presented. This will include new work performed by Donna Miranda alongside solo works by the local artists involved in the project. The International Dance Residency is part of a broader project at Campbelltown Arts Centre that connects Philippine and Australian artists across disciplines.

Community Dance Residency

This project will support the realisation of ideas developed by Lizzie Thomson in her 2010 Dance Residency and provide an opportunity for Thomson to investigate further possibilities for this work to reach and engage with community participants of local amateur dance and theatre companies.

Short Works Commission

The Short Works Commission will be a one night performance event of commissioned short works. For 2011 Campbelltown Arts Centre has commissioned Melbourne based curator Natalie Cursio. Cursio will select up to 15 local emerging and established NSW based artists to participate in a challenging and entertaining performance event.

Audience Development Projects

Campbelltown Arts Centre will undertake two further projects for the 2011 Dance Development Program that focus on developing new audiences for contemporary dance. The first audience development project is the presentation of 'Intersection' directed by Antony Hamilton. In 2010 Antony Hamilton undertook a choreographic research residency at the Centre in which he developed current areas of concern within his work predominantly focusing on experimental visual manipulation of space, bodies and objects. In 2011 Campbelltown Arts Centre will present Hamilton's new work 'Intersection' in Sydney for the first time.

The second audience development project will be the Style Impressions Krew (SIK), a talented collective of artists who are currently dancing in both the commercial (Erwin Fenis, Marko Taopo, Byron Low and Tim-a-matic) and independent contemporary dance sector (Matt Cornell and Josh Mu) on stage around Australia and the world. SIK members will conduct workshops for schools and the up and coming street dance community.

Year 3 of the Campbelltown Arts Centre Contemporary Dance Development Program will be funded through the Centre's existing budgets and no further allocation will be required by Council.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the submission by Campbelltown Arts Centre to the Australia Council for the Arts requesting \$80,000 support for Year 3 of the Centre's Contemporary Dance Development Program
2. That if successful the funding agreement be signed under the Seal of Council, if required.

Committee's Recommendation: (Rowell/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.3 Australia Council for the Arts - Theatre Program Funding Confirmation

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil.

Purpose

To advise Council that Campbelltown Arts Centre has received \$150,000 over three years from the Australia Council for the Arts, Theatre Funding Program to assist in the delivery of Campbelltown Arts Centre's Theatre Program

History

Council at the meeting of 1 June 2010, Community Services Committee endorsed a submission to the Federal Government through the Australia Council for the Arts requesting \$150,000 to assist with the delivery of the Arts Centre's Theatre Program.

Report

The Australia Council for the Arts Program - Presenter Grants provide three-year funding to assist the development and presentation of new theatre work. The program has been designed for organisations that have been successful in developing and presenting new high quality contemporary theatre work and supporting the creative development process.

The Campbelltown Arts Centre has received assistance to produce and present a contemporary 'Live Works Strategy' commencing in 2011. This strategy will incorporate the development of a range of new theatre works and creative developments that will be presented in public housing areas in Campbelltown with a particular focus on Minto. The projects will be developed in partnership with communities with a focus on developmental works that emerge from oral histories. This strategy will continue to extend the Centre's ongoing commitment to the delivery of innovative contemporary art programs in Minto in partnership with Housing NSW.

The success of this grant application demonstrates Campbelltown Arts Centre's achievement in delivering significant community engaged projects in partnership with its local communities and State and Federal Governments.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thomas/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

4. HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

4.1 Council's Leisure Services Promotions

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To update Council of fitness promotions in Council's Leisure Centres.

Report

Healthy Lifestyles have administered a range of promotions with the aim to increase awareness and community participation in Council's Leisure Centres. Since the establishment of a consistent promotional program implemented over the past three years leisure fitness and learn to swim programs have experienced a steady increase in participation.

\$30 for 30 days

This fitness promotion was designed to attract new memberships as well as providing reward and incentive for current members nearing the end of their membership. This promotion was well received and attracted a total of 638 customers across all centres. A breakdown of the spread of customers is listed below:

- 363 at Eagle Vale Central
- 264 at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre / Macquarie Fields Indoor Sports Centre
- 11 at Campbelltown Swimming Centre
- 34 Campbelltown Airs Indoor Sports Centre.

Mothers Day Promotion

Mothers Day gift vouchers for \$10 for 10 visits was first launched in 2010 where a total of 81 vouchers were sold. These vouchers were particularly popular at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre where 64 were purchased.

There has been a steady increase in fitness attendances across all centres due to continued efforts in fitness promotions and exposure of the facilities. Each facility has experience steady increases of memberships being purchased particularly over the past two years.

A brief summary is provided.

Leisure Centre	2008 purchases	2009 purchases	2010 to date
Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre	751	1009	868
Eagle Vale Central	253	684	856
Campbelltown Airside Indoor Sports Centre	9	122	98

Programs for the upcoming opening of the swimming season are design to promote awareness and offer fun activities for residents to visit Councils swimming centres, some of the planned activities include:

Leisure Centre	Activity	Date and Time
Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre	Pool Inflatable day	29 September 2010. 12 midday to 2.00pm 6 October 2010. 12 midday to 2.00pm
Eagle Vale Central	Pool Inflatable day	28 September 2010. 1.00pm to 2.00pm 5 October 2010. 1.00pm to 2.00pm
Campbelltown Swimming Centre	Pool Inflatable day	30 September 2010. 12 midday to 2.00pm. 7 October 2010. 12 midday to 2.00pm

As part of a wider promotion strategy Healthy Lifestyles has continued to support local festivities and community programs to promote and encourage active lifestyles in safe and friendly environments. The promotions have included, free entry during Seniors Week, Youth Week, Heart Week, for people within that desired target group.

In addition to supporting local health initiatives, information stalls were arranged for Ingleburn Alive Festival and Campbelltown City Challenge Walk. Brochures were provided on Council and Leisure programs and vouchers offered as an incentive to "come and try" various programs, other items included Leisure Services fridge magnets and colouring in sheets promoting learn to swim.

Similar promotions are planned for the upcoming Bike Week, Festival of Fisher's Ghost, Fisher's Ghost Fun Run and Christmas activities.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thomas/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

5. LIBRARY SERVICES

No reports this round

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Future Wave Energy Saver

Councillor Kolkman referred to recent media coverage regarding a product called Future Wave Energy Saver which is currently being used in Buderim Council, Queensland where significant savings have been made in the operation of their local swimming pools. Councillor Kolkman asked if investigations could be undertaken to see if this product would be feasible for use in Campbelltown Council's swimming centres.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Glynn)

That a report be presented on the 'Future Wave Energy Saver' device that can be installed at local swimming centres to help reduce energy usage and also result in financial gains for Council.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 21 September 2010 (Oates/Hawker)

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Amendment (Hawker/Oates)

That a report be presented on the 'Future Wave Energy Saver' device that can be installed at local swimming centres and any other constant flow motor to help reduce energy usage and also result in financial gains for Council.

Council Resolution Minute Number 183

That the above amendment be adopted.

20. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No reports this round

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

M Oates
CHAIRPERSON
