

Reports of the Community Services Committee Meeting held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 6 August 2013.

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Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 6 August 2013

Present

Councillor T Rowell (Chairperson)
Councillor G Brticevic
Councillor W Glynn
Councillor D Lound
Councillor M Oates
Councillor R Thompson
General Manager - Mr P Tosi
Director Community Services - Mrs L Deitz
Director Planning and Environment - Mr J Lawrence
Manager Community Resources and Development - Mr B McCausland
Manager Cultural Services - Mr M Dagostino
Manager Education and Care Services - Mrs J Uluibau
Manager Healthy Lifestyles - Mr M Berriman
Acting Manager Information Management and Technology - Mrs H Brown
Acting Manager Library Services - Mrs J Rosevear
Manager Technical Services - Mr K Lynch
Corporate Support Coordinator - Mr T Rouen
Executive Assistant - Mrs D Taylor

Apology (Glynn/Thompson)

That the apology from Councillor Matheson be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Also in Attendance

Following the conclusion of the Corporate Governance Committee the following Councillors attended the remainder of the Community Services Committee meeting.

Councillor R Kolkman
Councillor P Hawker
Councillor C Mead

Acknowledgement of Land

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest at this meeting.

Pecuniary Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests

Nil

Non Pecuniary – Less than Significant Interests

Nil

1. EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

1.1 Mobile Toy and Book Library Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Event

Reporting Officer

Manager Education and Care Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To inform Council of the children's drumming workshop held for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families on Thursday 4 July 2013 as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

History

The Mobile Toy and Book Library (MTBL) has been operating since 2006. Initially, the Benevolent Society extended its existing partnership with Council to run a fully funded MTBL service for the Ambarvale and Rosemeadow communities.

Council received further funding from government and non-government agencies to operate the MTBL in Airds, Claymore, Minto and Macquarie Fields.

The MTBL service has been successful in linking into existing programs operating within the Campbelltown Local government Area and has continued to build on partnerships with The Benevolent Society, Housing NSW, Uniting Care Burnside and other non-government agencies.

Council at its meeting on 26 February 2013 endorsed additional funding of \$23,100 from the NSW Department of Family and Community Services through the Aboriginal Child Youth and Family Strategy to enable Council's MTBL to expand its services across the South West Sydney region to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families at playgroups.

Report

Following the success of the MTBL program to provide prevention/early intervention support to Aboriginal families with young children at Aboriginal supported playgroups, the NSW Department of Family and Community Services expanded the service specifications of the funding agreement with Council to cover areas across the South West Sydney region.

1.1 Mobile Toy And Book Library Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Event

Council was provided an opportunity to showcase the values and benefits of the MTBL service to members of the Bankstown community at a free children's drumming workshop at the Uniting Church Bankstown on Thursday 4 July 2013, from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

The event held during NAIDOC Week, was planned as a school holiday activity for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who attend the Bankstown Community Resource Group supported playgroup.

Children were introduced to a variety of instruments from around the world. They were able to play their own drum and experiment with the different sounds of the instruments on offer.

The MTBL provided all children who attended the event with a resource pack containing play dough and a craft drumming kit to make at home. Parents and workers received a copy of a CD that was developed as a promotional tool from the MTBL Children's Dreaming Day event held in Campbelltown in October 2012, highlighting the benefits of attending playgroup for children and their families.

Approximately 20 children, families and staff were in attendance on the day which was fully funded through the NSW Department of Family and Community Services Aboriginal Child and Family Strategy.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED**Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Orientation to Campbelltown Cultural Tours Update

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To update Council on the 'Orientation to Campbelltown Cultural Tours' conducted for new migrants.

History

Council at the meeting of 8 May 2012 was informed of plans to trial Orientation to Campbelltown Cultural Tours for new migrants.

Council developed a partnership with the South Western Sydney Local Health District Multicultural Health Service and the Navitas Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) in response to the lack of knowledge of local services and facilities among students of the program.

This led to the development of the 'Orientation to Campbelltown Cultural Tours' for residents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The tours aim to introduce new migrants in the Campbelltown area to the services and facilities available from Campbelltown City Council. Many new residents come from countries with vastly different political and service systems and are unfamiliar with the way in which Local Government operates in Australia.

Report

Following the success of the pilot project, Council's Community Resources and Development section, together with the South Western Sydney Local Health District Multicultural Health Service, Navitas AMEP and other community groups conducted four tours in the 2012-2013 financial year - two with the Navitas AMEP classes, one with members of the Dinka community and one with members from the Maori and Pacific Islander community for Local Government Week.

Tours included an overview of Local Government as well as a discussion on Council's Education and Care, Waste, and Customer Services. The tours visited Eagle Vale Central, the Animal Care Facility, Campbelltown Arts Centre, the Campbelltown Visitor Information Centre and HJ Daley Library where staff spoke with the participants about the services available. Further Council facilities were highlighted along the tour route and Council's New Residents Kit was also provided to attendees with information on Council's services and how to access translating and interpreting assistance at Council.

Issues highlighted through the tours included a general lack of knowledge of how to use and find local services, finding resources in native languages and how to get employment. Finding, using and trusting child care options were also important issues for participants.

Positive feedback from participants indicates the importance of this program. It is envisaged that future tours may include visits to Macarthur Health Service and Campbelltown TAFE Campus giving new migrants a first hand experience of Council's and the community's services and facilities.

Council provided the administration and transport for the project in-kind and South Western Sydney Local Health District Multicultural Health Service provided the catering.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.2 2013 NAIDOC Week Evaluation

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To provide Council with a report on Council's 2013 NAIDOC Week celebrations which were held from 7-14 July.

History

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Report

NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity each year to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in the community. This year, the 2013 National NAIDOC theme was 'We Value the Vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions' in acknowledgement of the vision, strength and resolve of the Yolngu people's appeal to the Federal Government by sending two bark petitions to the Australian House of Representatives in 1963 for recognition of Yolngu Traditional Land Rights.

NAIDOC Week celebrations included a Flag Raising Ceremony, Community Fun Day and Touch Football competition. The official Flag Raising Ceremony, speeches and performances were held in front of Council's Civic building to launch this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations on Monday 8 July 2013. The event was well attended by more than 200 members of the Aboriginal and wider community and was followed by a Street March to Koshigaya Park for the Community Fun Day.

The Community Fun Day was held from 10.30am – 4.00pm on Monday 8 July at Koshigaya Park. The event included entertainment from local and Aboriginal performers, amusement rides, information stalls and community activities. More than 44 organisations provided activities and/ or information on their services and programs on the day. Approximately 1200 people attended the event across the day.

Fourteen teams participated in the NAIDOC Week Touch Football Competition at Sarah Redfern Ovals on Wednesday 10 July. A range of children's activities were also provided for younger children attending the event.

To assist in the coordination of these events, Council was successful in gaining financial and/or in kind support from Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), Macquarie Fields Local Area Command, NSW Communities: Sport and Recreation, Campbelltown Family Support Service, South Western Sydney Local Health District, the Campbelltown Aboriginal Community Reference Group, the Campbelltown Seniors Issues Group and members of the local Aboriginal community.

All events proved very successful and initial feedback from the community, volunteers and service providers has been positive. Feedback provided will be used in the planning of the 2014 NAIDOC Week program.

Letters of appreciation have been sent to supporters of the 2013 NAIDOC Week events.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3. CULTURAL SERVICES

3.1 Campbelltown Arts Centre - 2013 Contemporary Dance Program Events

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To inform Council of forthcoming creative developments to be held at Campbelltown Arts Centre as part of the 2013 Contemporary Dance Program.

Report

Campbelltown Arts Centre's Dance Program provides support toward the development of new and innovative contemporary dance works, and provides access for community and schools through connected public programming for ongoing audience education and development.

Three key projects will be provided as a part of this program. The first involves support to local and NSW Indigenous and non-Indigenous early career dancers. In addition to this, two new works are to be developed collaboratively between dance and music artists to be presented at Campbelltown Arts Centre as a major festival, 'I Can Hear Dancing' scheduled for 2015.

Early Career Artist Choreographic Mentorship Program (19 - 23 August)

Six early career dance artists (three Indigenous and three non-Indigenous) will investigate the creation of solo work over one week. Sean Marcs (Western Sydney), Natalie Pelarek (Western Sydney - Ingleburn), Anna Healey (NSW), Sharni Potts (Indigenous - NSW), Ghenoa Gela (Indigenous - NSW) and Thomas Kelly (Indigenous NSW) will be guided under the mentorship of Bangarra Choreographer, Frances Rings to explore simple ways in which to begin creating choreography themselves.

Antony and Julian Hamilton (28 October - 9 November)

Choreographer, Antony Hamilton and musician, Julian Hamilton will be creating a new interdisciplinary dance and music work at Campbelltown Arts Centre for three weeks over October and November 2013, for initial investigation into this work for the 2015 festival, 'I Can Hear Dancing'.

Together they will create a dance work with an electronic soundtrack and share the outcomes of the three weeks with a low key performance of rough ideas for dance industry members. A question and answer session and open rehearsal viewing aimed at local high school students will also be held.

Kate McIntosh and Music Artist (23 November - 14 December)

Brussels based Australian choreographer, Kate McIntosh, and a percussive musician will be making work at the Arts Centre for three weeks, for initial investigation into this work for the 2015 festival, 'I Can Hear Dancing'.

Kate will work with the musician to create a dance and music work, which involves two guest dancers. A low key performance of ideas where local high school students will be given a chance to connect with the experienced artists will also be held.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.2 Campbelltown Arts Centre 2013 Contemporary Music Program

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To advise Council of two public music performances themed around Australian native birds to be held in August and September at Campbelltown Arts Centre as part of the 2013 Contemporary Music Program.

Report

The Music of Nature and the Nature of Music

'The Music of Nature and the Nature of Music' to be held on Sunday 25 August 2013 is a public performance by violinist/composer and ornithologist, Dr Hollis Taylor whose compositions have won numerous awards, and her music is played regularly worldwide.

Dr Taylor's PhD thesis, 'Towards a Species Songbook: Illuminating the Song of the Australian Pied Butcherbird', straddles the fields of zoömusicology, ornithology and composition. Currently a Research Fellow at the University of Technology, Sydney, she is a past Fellow at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris and the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin.

Dr Taylor has taken sounds and inspiration from Australian landscape, and in particular the Pied Butcher Bird to create musical compositions which highlight the diverse sounds heard in Australian native environments.

Whips and Tendrils

'Whips and Tendrils' to be held on Saturday 21 September 2013 is a public performance by electroacoustic artists Triangulate, who have created a new musical work commissioned by Campbelltown Arts Centre through the New Music Network's 2013 Mini-Series.

Triangulate is the pseudonym for three emerging new media artists – recent graduates of the University of Technology Sydney's ground-breaking Bachelor of Sound and Music Design. The artists are Sarah-Leith Izzard, Karin Senff and Andrew Bluff. Triangulate work together and individually to create works which explore the qualities of sound, interactivity and spatial immersion.

Inspired by Australian native birds, the performance explores the birds' calls, behaviours and relationship to natural and urban environments through electronically manipulated recordings that merge natural and urban soundscapes.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Glynn)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.3 Campbelltown Arts Centre - 2013 Public Program Event

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To advise Council of the 'Celebration of Voice' event which was held on Saturday 22 June at Campbelltown Arts Centre as part of the Centre's 2013 Public Program.

History

The Sweet Tonic Singers are a vocal ensemble that formed in 2009 following on from a two-year research project that measured how creatively engaging with music can impact on the health and well-being of south-west Sydney's seniors. The project was jointly managed by Musica Viva Australia and Campbelltown Arts Centre and supported by the Australia Council for the Arts.

Campbelltown City Council through Campbelltown Arts Centre has supported the group by providing the singers with weekly rehearsal space and opportunities to perform at civic events. Sweet Tonic continues to be a benchmark project that has measured the impact of music on the health and wellbeing of seniors living in the Macarthur region, providing a vehicle for older people in the community to come together weekly, in a safe and accessible environment at Campbelltown Arts Centre.

Report

'Celebration of Voice' is an annual event at Campbelltown Arts Centre, organised in part by community choir group, Sweet Tonic Singers Inc, presented by Campbelltown Arts Centre.

The event consisted of several singing workshops facilitated by artists Linda Marr, Tania Rose and Byron Watson. The day culminated in a final performance involving the three tutors and all participants. The event is aimed at developing participants' skills, as well as an opportunity for members of the public to get together, socialise and celebrate their love of singing.

Thirty seven members of the public attended the event and participated in the workshops. The event was very successful and audience response was overwhelmingly positive.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Brticevic)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.4 Australia Council for the Arts Funding Submission - Youth Project

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of a submission to the Australia Council for the Arts for \$40,000 funding towards a 'Youth Project' to be delivered in 2014.

History

Council at its meeting on 18 June 2013 endorsed a submission to the State Government through Arts NSW requesting \$25,000 funding support to assist in the delivery of the 'Youth Project'.

Report

The Australia Council for the Arts through the Visual Arts Board provides funding for a limited number of organisations that can demonstrate a track record of achievement in presentation of high quality arts programming. The Visual Arts Board supports the contemporary expression of art through the broadest range of visual media including craft, design, media arts and visual arts.

Campbelltown Arts Centre propose to develop an arts 'Youth Project' in close consultation with young people and organisations that provide support, engagement and professional development for young people. The project would engage 10 Australian artists from varying practices including visual arts, performance and dance. Participating artists would include Abdul Abdullah, Zanny Begg, Kate Blackmore, Michaela Gleave, Newell Harry, Robin Hungerford, Daniel McKewen, Pilar Mata Dupont, Reco Renny and George Tillanakis.

Ten new works would be developed collaboratively with young people and would be presented as a major exhibition at Campbelltown Arts Centre in late 2014.

If successful, the funding would enhance the project by contributing to the production of the new works and allow for greater access to equipment and materials required to develop technically challenging works proposed by the artists.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the submission to the Australia Council for the Arts requesting \$40,000 funding support for the delivery of the 'Youth Project' in 2014.
2. That subject to notification of success, the funding Agreement from the Australia Council for the Arts be accepted and signed by the General Manager on behalf of Council.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Brticevic)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.5 Campbelltown Arts Centre 2013 Live Art Program - Temporary Democracies

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To inform Council of an art event 'Temporary Democracies' to be held in the community of Airds from 22 July – 17 August 2013 as part of the Arts Centre's 2013 Live Art Program.

Report

'Temporary Democracies' is a series of interdisciplinary, site based community engaged projects which will be located in Airds over two years, 2013-2014. The project offers 12 Australian and international artists the opportunity to create and perform works within a series of recently vacated houses to be demolished, with the approval of NSW Land and Housing Corporation.

Paul Gazzola, a contemporary installation artist who has a practice that explores robotics and community engagement will curate the project located within the region of Heathfield Place, Airds. The project will include performances and installations made in collaboration with local residents, as well as an afternoon of artist talks plus an online writing project.

'Temporary Democracies' aims to engage with the local community and the history of the area to reflect on a community in transition, to make first hand experiences of a contemporary art practice more readily available, and offer a distinct and evocative opportunity for artists to produce site-based work. Local residents will be involved in each stage of the creative process from consultation to performance.

The Australia Council for the Arts has provided \$35,000 funding for the project. No additional financial commitment is required by Council.

The project is informed by and operates within the frame of the Airds Bradbury Renewal Project, and continues the Arts Centre's tradition of offsite work established through past projects such as 'Site Lab' and 'Minto:Live'.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Glynn)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.6 2013 IMAGinE Awards - Submission

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement for Campbelltown Arts Centre to make a submission to the 2013 IMAGinE Awards for excellence in Australian Museums and Galleries.

Report

The IMAGinE Awards are an initiative of Museums and Galleries NSW, developed in collaboration with Regional and Public Galleries NSW and Museums Australia NSW. These awards celebrate the extraordinary diversity within the NSW museum and galleries sector. They honour best practice education programs, outreach projects, exhibitions, collection management projects and the professional achievements of individuals.

Campbelltown Arts Centre proposes to submit an entry under the Exhibitions category. This category recognises projects that have a strong audience and community engagement component, are innovative in its presentation of artwork and have sustained viable partnerships with organisations.

It is proposed to nominate the exhibition 'Catching Light' that has successfully achieved these outcomes and is a suitable project to enter under this category.

Winners will be announced at an award ceremony in Sydney on Friday 8 November 2013.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council endorse Campbelltown Arts Centre's submission into the 2013 IMAGinE Awards for the exhibition, 'Catching Light'.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lound/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.7 C3West - Campbelltown Arts Centre Visual Arts Program

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To inform Council of workshops held during June 2013 at various sites in Airds as part of the 'C3West' project.

Report

C3West is a long term project that aims to develop new ways to working with art, commerce and the community by aligning business strategies with arts practices in a process of engagement for mutual benefit in Western Sydney. The project reflects a proposal discussed between the Museum of Contemporary Art and Campbelltown Arts Centre in 2012 responding to the Upper Georges River Catchment.

In consultation with the Upper Georges River Catchment Steering Committee and Family and Community Services, the project will commission a new work to be developed in the community of Airds, discussing the current issues surrounding the river, particularly the Woolwash.

New Zealand artist Michel Tuffery has been assigned the project artist. He has developed a project with a strong focus on the community of Airds, particularly the young people and support groups who are promoting health and wellbeing in the area to create a new work and a series of community initiatives.

Workshops with community participants have commenced in Airds at various sites including the Woolwash and Airds Bradbury Central. This stage provided the opportunity for the artist to engage and consult with the community in readiness for the final stage of the project. The final stage which will be delivered in Airds shopping centre in September 2013 will include workshops with young people and a performance.

The Museum of Contemporary Art has provided all funding for the project. Council has provided in kind support in terms of gallery space and staff time to develop the project.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lound/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

4. HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

4.1 2012-2013 Sport and Recreation Participation and Facility Program - Round Two

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To inform Council of the outcome of the grant applications applied for in Round Two of the 2012-2013 Participation and Facility Program administrated through Communities NSW, Sport and Recreation.

History

Council at the meeting of 26 March 2013, Community Services Committee Item 4.2 - 2012-2013 Sport and Recreation Participation and Facility Program, resolved that a report be presented detailing the outcome of Round Two of the Program.

Report

Under the Participation and Facility Grant Program a cap of \$50,000 can be awarded to any one organisation per financial year, and a maximum of \$50,000 grant contribution to any one project.

The Hon. Graham Annesley MP, Minister for Sport and Recreation announced on 27 June 2013 the successful recipients of grants under Round Two of the 2012-2013 Participation and Facility Program.

Council was informed that the following project was successful in being awarded a grant:

Installation of a field perimeter fence at Thomas Acres Reserve

Project Cost:	\$28,240
Council contribution:	\$7,240
AFL (NSW/ACT):	\$5,500
South Campbelltown AFL Club:	\$1,500
Successful grant:	\$14,000

Work on the project will commence after September this year and be completed for the winter season starting in March 2014.

Council was also advised that the application for a new storage area at Raby Sports Complex was unsuccessful.

Unsuccessful projects that local organisations applied for grants with Council's support were:

- Oswald Reserve – new long jump facility
- Gilchrist Oval – upgrade of baseball field, spectator seating and a new junior field
- Glenfield Tennis Courts – resurfacing of tennis court.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lound/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

4.2 Update on Request for Fencing at Waminda Oval

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To provide an update on a request from the Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club to install a fence and remove a cricket pitch at Waminda Oval.

History

Council was presented with a briefing from the Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club on 12 February 2013.

Council was presented with a briefing from the Camden District Cricket Association on 12 March 2013.

Report

The Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club went through the 2012 season as undefeated premiers in the First Grade Group 6 Rugby League competition. They were also awarded the Clayton Cup, recognising the outstanding performance by a team in NSW Country Rugby League competitions.

The Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club presented a proposal to Council to develop Waminda Oval as a facility with two designated fields, one for rugby league and the other for cricket. The proposal includes the removal of a synthetic cricket pitch and the installation of a fence around the proposed rugby league ground to fully enclose the ground, with gates positioned along the fence line.

Council has previously approved sports clubs to erect temporary fencing if it is erected and pulled down on game day. For the past three seasons, this has been done at Waminda Oval for senior rugby league.

In 2012, Council received a significant number of complaints from residents because the temporary fencing was not removed after the games and that access to the children's playground was restricted.

Waminda Oval is used by the Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club who at the time of the request, was playing in the Group 6 Rugby League Competition and the East Campbelltown Junior Rugby League Club playing in the Western Suburbs District Junior Rugby League competition. In summer, the Camden District Cricket Association utilise both fields for senior and junior cricket, and primary and high schools use the ground for school sport.

The Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club has asked Council to consider a fence that restricts access to one rugby league field to control spectators coming in, charge an entry fee and operate their liquor licence within a fenced area that includes the rugby league field.

At the recently built Benham Oval at Minto, a 1200mm high fence has been installed around the perimeter of the venue with pedestrian access points that allows access and presents the field as an open public space to encourage use. The areas inside the fence are defined and there are pedestrian access points every 25m. The fence restricts vehicular access to the fields.

Council currently uses three types of fences around its sportsgrounds: cable, chain wire and kopper log. Waminda Oval currently has a kopper log fence as a barrier along the road and also the car park.

Cost estimates of a fence at Waminda Oval as proposed by the Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club are:

2100mm high chain wire (like Lynwood Park)	\$39,950
2100mm spear top (like schools)	\$94,000

The Camden District Cricket Association was also invited to present to Council on the proposed field changes. This past cricket season saw both cricket fields at Waminda Oval used for every round of senior cricket, as well as juniors and school competitions. It was stated that two adjacent fields provide an excellent venue for school sport, tournaments as well as semi-finals and grand finals.

Council covers the synthetic pitches at the end of each summer season. Waminda No 1 is covered by topsoil and Waminda No 2 is covered by a synthetic cricket wicket cover, which Council has purchased to lessen the amount of field affected in any way when covered with topsoil. The synthetic cricket wicket cover has been approved by the peak bodies as being suitable for winter sports to be played across it.

Council has in recent years been doing some work to refurbish Waminda Oval, including upgrading the old amenity building through the Federal Government Stimulus Program and replacing the cricket nets. Plans are progressing for the next stage in which Council will contribute 75% and the club 25% of the funding of the project.

Council could replace the current kopper log fencing along Waminda Avenue with a 1200mm high chain wire fence, similar to the fencing at Benham Oval, with access gates every 25m to provide a defined barrier between the ground and the footpath. The cost to install this would be approximately \$10,500. At this stage, the kopper log fence is in good repair and does not require removal. As repairs are required, this could be placed on the Asset Management Plan for replacement.

The Campbelltown Eagles Rugby League Club has proposed the use of one field for rugby league. The Western Suburbs District Junior League advocates for the provision of two fields to fit all grades in on junior rugby league game day. The use of two fields also assists in the reduction of overuse and wear from training, and games can be spread to best allow the fields to be maintained for the entire season.

The removal of a cricket wicket would have a significant impact on local cricket and on the use of Waminda Oval by schools. Having one field dedicated for cricket and one field dedicated for rugby league is not supported by the Western Suburbs District Junior Rugby League or the Camden District Cricket Association.

Waminda Oval has been one of Council's most successful junior sporting complexes over many years and widely used. Therefore the multipurpose use of both fields is recommended to be retained.

Each sporting club and the residents, who had previously raised their concerns with Council, have been consulted regarding the Waminda Oval request.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the current configuration of the Waminda Oval as a multi-purpose sporting facility be retained.
2. That Council advise each of the sporting clubs of its decision in this matter.

Committee Note: Mr Draper and Mr Harding from East Campbelltown Rugby League Club addressed the Committee in opposition to the recommendation.

Mr Davis and Mrs Pulham addressed the Committee in opposition to the recommendation.

Mr Logue addressed the Committee in support of the recommendation.

Mr Bush from the Camden and Campbelltown District Cricket Association addressed the Committee in support of the recommendation.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Glynn)

1. That the current configuration of the Waminda Oval as a multi-purpose sporting facility be retained.
2. That Council advise each of the sporting clubs of its decision in this matter.

Amendment: (Rowell/Thompson)

1. That the current configuration of the Waminda Oval as a multi-purpose sporting facility be retained.
2. That Council advise each of the sporting clubs of its decision in this matter.
3. That a report be presented to Council exploring the feasibility of alternate models of temporary fencing that are more robust yet removable within 24 hours which may present as a compromise to address the concerns of both interested sporting groups and the local community.

WON and became the Motion.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

5. LIBRARY SERVICES

5.1 eSmart Libraries

Reporting Officer

Manager Library Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To advise Council that Campbelltown Library Service has been nominated as one of the pilot library services across Australia to implement the community cybersafety initiative eSmart Libraries.

History

In August 2012, the Alannah and Madeline Foundation entered into a multi-year partnership with the Telstra Foundation to deliver eSmart Libraries in collaboration with Australia's library network over the next six years to all Australia's 1500 public libraries.

eSmart Libraries is an online system that provides a roadmap for library staff to equip the community with the knowledge they need to be smart, safe and responsible users of technology. The program is now being rolled out across Australia at selected libraries.

Report

eSmart Libraries provides a structure and process to develop an integrated approach to cyber safety, which includes consideration of organisation policies, agreements, staff development, organisation culture, community training and the day to day operational issues which impact on internet use in libraries.

Central to the program is the "Libraries system tool" which maps out a process to develop appropriate documentation and systems and measures progress against the various benchmarks. On completion of the system, a library is accredited with eSmart Library status. The primary aims of the program is to create a community of users through the library who are eSmart, know how to guard themselves against security and privacy risks online, download content in a legal and ethical way, research and reference information, as well as manage reputation and relationships in cyberspace. eSmart is not just aimed at young people, but is relevant to all internet users and will eventually deliver a nationally consistent approach to cyber safety education.

The process for implementing eSmart Libraries dictates a structured program which engages library staff, the broader organisation and the community. In the first stage, libraries will review their existing documentation, assess the capabilities of staff and users and develop appropriate responses to any gaps. The second stage focuses on implementation of a set of policies, systems and training to promote and embed a culture of safe internet use within the organisation and the community before eSmart status is achieved. The third stage involves sustaining the program through a process of evaluation and auditing of eSmart outcomes.

Under the program, there is no fixed time to implement the eSmart Libraries however it is likely that Campbelltown Libraries will be eSmart accredited within 12 months. As the process moves through the various stages, a further report will be submitted to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

5.2 Free Tax Help - Campbelltown Library Service

Reporting Officer

Manager Library Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To advise Council of a free Tax Help service offered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) at the HJ Daley Library and Eagle Vale Library which commenced on 20 July 2013.

Report

Council's Library Service first hosted the free Tax Help service in 2012. Following positive feedback from the community and the ATO, the tax help service will again be made available at the HJ Daley Library and Eagle Vale Library on alternate Saturdays until 31 October 2013.

Tax Help is a network of community volunteers trained by the ATO who provide a free and confidential service to help people complete their tax returns during the tax period. The program is available in all capital cities and many country centres across Australia, with volunteers operating from convenient locations in the community.

Tax Help is only available for people earning up to \$50,000 a year with straight forward tax affairs. It is suitable for people on low incomes, including, but not restricted to seniors, students, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, people with a disability and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Bookings are essential and can be made through the Library Service.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

5.3 Community Services Quarterly Report April-June 2013

Reporting Officer

Manager Library Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To provide Council with statistics detailing Community Services usage over the April-June 2013 quarter.

Report

These statistics cover Education and Care Services, Cultural Services, Healthy Lifestyles, Library Services and Community Resources and Development activities.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

The Education and Care Services has nine Long Day Care services, one Occasional Care service, two Outside School Hours Care services, three School Holiday Care services, one Family Day Care service with 85 educators, one Mobile Toy and Book Library service and the Campbelltown Child and Family service.

The following information represents the quarterly average utilisation for each of the services. It also demonstrates the number of children taking up actual positions in each service.

Education and Care Services		
Service	Average utilisation for April-June 2013	Number of children using care
Long Day Care		
Amarina	70%	46
Amber Cottage	59%	59
Eagles Nest	84%	70
Kabbarli	75%	53
Minto	71%	51
Namut	93%	70
Parklands	59%	39
Waratah Cottage	73%	53
Wombat Willows	94%	74
Occasional Care		
Ingleburn	43%	47

Outside School Hours Care		
Campbelltown City BSC	25%	30
Campbelltown City ASC	73%	79
Raby BSC	45%	38
Raby ASC	84%	69
School Holiday Care		
Campbelltown City SHC	70%	97
Raby SHC	68%	73
Eagle Vale SHC	81%	51
Family Day Care		
Family Day Care	48%	706
In Home Care	75%	4

ARTS CENTRE

Quarterly attendance	Apr-Jun 2012	Apr-Jun 2013	% change
Individual visitation	36,170	34,110	-6%
Education and Public Program	2571	2881	11%
Community groups	3786	3120	-21%
Performance Program	2597	3971	35%
Community usage	3193	2742	-16%
Total	48,317	46,824	-3%

LIBRARY SERVICES

The National Benchmarks ensure public libraries are measuring their performance against nationally agreed criteria; targets are set based on the national statistical averages.

Performance against National Benchmarks	Target	Score (quarterly adjusted)
Loans per capita	8	5.06
Visits per capita	5	4.8
Membership % of population	50%	51%
Items per capita	1.8	1.4
Collection age (items < 5 years)	50%	33%

Branch Key Performance Indicators

Loans by staff hour indicate relative circulation by staff member, and enables comparisons across branches of differing sizes. Target is 14 loans per staff member per hour.

Loans by staff hour	Target + 14
HJ Daley	15.8
Greg Percival	8.4
Eagle Vale	11.4
Glenquarie	15.5
Minto	8.1
Total	11.84

Loans by Hours Open compares the relative lending of each branch on an hour open basis.

Loans by Hours Open	Actual result
HJ Daley	108
Greg Percival	38
Eagle Vale	32
Glenquarie	41
Minto	23
Total	242

Computer bookings expressed as a percentage of computer availability (takes into account maintenance outages)

PC utilisation	Target = 66%
HJ Daley	73%
Greg Percival	51.5%
Eagle Vale	33%
Glenquarie	67%
Minto	41.5%
Total	53.2%

Program delivery total service	Target	Result
Number of programs	120	175
Attendance at programs	2160	3539

Information inquiries by staff hour - total number of information inquiries expressed as a proportion of staff hours (target = 4.5 – 5.5)	
HJ Daley	3.9
Greg Percival	5.6
Eagle Vale	3.8
Glenquarie	4.7
Minto	1.4
Total	38.8

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Leisure Centres - attendance	Apr-Jun 2012	Apr-Jun 2013	% change
The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre	23,164	25,615	11%
Eagle Vale Central	30,398	29,776	-2%
Macquarie Fields Indoor Sports Centre	15,672	16,084	3%
Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre	17,443	31,734	82%
Total	86,677	103,209	19%

- The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre - Learn to Swim enrolments have increased by 38.76% for term two 2013 when compared to the same term in 2012. Squad enrolments remained stable. The centre held one major carnival during the reporting period with 703 attending. The centre also catered for 1689 children attending the Swim School Water Safety Program.
- Eagle Vale Central - Swim School enrolments increased by 96 enrolments from the same period last year. Fitness memberships have increased by 85 members from the same period last year. There has been a slight drop in general pool attendances and birthday parties.

- Macquarie Fields Indoor Sports Centre membership numbers are consistent, while memberships have increased, attendances are remaining stable. Group visits are consistent at approximately 4000 visits per quarter for same periods. Fitness member visits represent almost 11,000 visits, while group and school visits have slightly declined with indoor sports.
- Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre general pool entry has increased by 8700 visits due to an increased in the Learn to Swim Program. The Learn to Swim program had 8089 visits compared to 5661 for the same period last year. The squad program enrolments and attendances have declined.

Sport and Recreation - Attendance	Apr-Jun 2012	Apr-Jun 2013	% change
Minto Indoor Sports Centre	19,240	23,444	22%
Campbelltown Athletic Centre	15,890	18,935	19%
Campbelltown Football Stadium	20,815	27,898	34%
Bicycle Education Centre	3,894	4,295	10%
Sporting Grounds (clubs) est.	390,000	409,500	5%
Sporting Grounds (schools) est.	255,000	267,750	5%
Macquarie Fields Skate Park est.	22,750	22,750	0%
Campbelltown Skate Park est.	5,000	5,000	0%
Total	732,589	779,572	6%

- Minto Indoor Sports Centre's usage was interrupted for two weeks due to critical roof repairs. The increase in participation has been due to a significant rise in learn to play and junior basketball programs. A new netball competition has also been established which has assisted with participation.
- Campbelltown Athletic Centre has seen an increase in training numbers for the athletics club and an increase in school athletics participants.
- Campbelltown Football Stadium - Two Wests Tigers matches were held at the Stadium during this period as opposed to one in the same period of the previous year, however crowd attendances have been low. There has been a reduction of NSW Cup matches held at the venue due to a merger with Wests Tigers where games are shared between grounds.
- The Bicycle Education Centre had an increase in the number of visitors attending the Centre in this period including school groups attending education programs, private bookings and the April school holidays.
- Sporting Ground attendances are based on registered players per season, and include two uses per player each week. Usage slightly increased due to fewer weekends of wet weather (ground closures).
- School sport is estimated at 50% of winter season usage. Usage slightly increased due to fewer weekends of wet weather (ground closures).
- Usage at Skate Parks is constant and similar to the corresponding period in 2012.

Health Promotion - attendance	Apr-Jun 2012	Apr-Jun 2013	% change
Immunisation clinics	97	153	58%

The immunisation program is increasing due to targeted promotions to new parents.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Macarthur Community Options

Number of clients	Apr-Jun 2013
Campbelltown	129
Camden	43
Wollondilly	11
Wingecarribee	1
South Western Sydney (Not in LGA)	1
Total	185

Key events

Staff from Community Resources and Development organise and support events during the year. Events are an important component of the activity of the section. Attendance at key events in the last quarter is as follows.

Event and Services	Attendances
Emergency Management Forum	65
Regional Youth Forum	200
Campbelltown Youth Forum - Cyber Safety	100

The section provides support to a wide range of community groups and community service agencies. This enables better planning and coordination leading to more effective and efficient services and activities.

Type of group supported	Number
Small community group	10
Community service agency	14
Network of agencies	11

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Brticevic/Glynn)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 13 August 2013 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 177

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

20. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No reports this round

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.25pm.

T Rowell
CHAIRPERSON
