

# **Reports of the Community Services Committee Meeting held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 4 March 2014.**

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND**

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### **Non Pecuniary – Significant Interests**

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## **Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 4 March 2014**

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**Present**

- Councillor T Rowell (Chairperson)
- Councillor G Bricevic
- Councillor W Glynn
- Councillor D Lound
- Councillor A Matheson
- Councillor M Oates
- Councillor R Thompson
- General Manager - Mr P Tosi
- Acting Director Community Services - Mrs J Uluibau
- Director Planning and Environment - Mr J Lawrence
- Manager Community Resources and Development - Mr B McCausland
- Manager Communications and Marketing - Mrs B Naylor
- Manager Cultural Services - Mr M Dagostino
- Acting Manager Education and Care Services - Ms G Vickers
- Manager Healthy Lifestyles - Mr M Berriman
- Manager Library Services - Mr G White
- Manager Technical Services - Mr K Lynch
- Acting Manager Governance and Administration - Mr T Rouen
- Executive Assistant - Mrs K Peters

**Apology**      nil

### **Acknowledgement of Land**

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

### **Minutes Silence**

In acknowledgement of the passing of Coral Borg, the Chamber was upstanding to observe a one minute silence.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest at this meeting.

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## **1. COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

### **1.1 Australia Day 2014 post event report**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Communications and Marketing

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To advise Council of the Australia Day celebrations that took place at Koshigaya Park, Campbelltown and the Greg Percival Community Centre and Hallinan Park, Ingleburn on Sunday 26 January 2014.

#### **Report**

Council held its annual Australia Day celebrations on Sunday 26 January 2014.

The Australia Day civic ceremony in Koshigaya Park, Campbelltown commenced at 8.00am. A purpose built marquee was erected in the park to accommodate up to 400 guests for the ceremony.

Prior to the presentation of the Australia Day Awards, the Glenfield Scouts raised the flags and the national anthem was performed by the Campbelltown Camden District Band.

The 2014 award categories included Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Sportsperson of the Year and Community Group Initiative of the Year. There were 29 nominations across the four categories, and although the number of nominations were lower than 2013, the quality of the nominations was very high.

Following the presentation of the awards, the Mayor conducted a citizenship ceremony for 57 people who now proudly call Australia home. A second citizenship ceremony was held at the Greg Percival Community Centre where 59 people received their Australian citizenship.

Rotary Club of Macarthur Sunrise provided a community BBQ at the conclusion of the ceremony at Koshigaya Park, while at Ingleburn, support was received from the Ingleburn CWA, who provided a free morning tea, and the Lions Club of Ingleburn who provided their traditional free sausage sizzle. Both proved very popular.

Council's events staff ran a number of free activities in Hallinan Park following the conclusion of the citizenship ceremony from 12 noon to 2.00pm. The activities included a thong throwing competition, egg and spoon races and a large inflatable slide.

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Entertainment in Hallinan Park was provided by the Macarthur Country Music Club. Approximately 200 people participated in the activities.

The afternoon event in Koshigaya Park proved to be very popular. The Rotary Club of Ingleburn ran a BBQ at Koshigaya Park from 4.00pm until 5.30pm. During this time, they provided a free sausage sizzle to more than 1,000 event attendees.

Free carnival rides were available from 4.00pm until 9.30pm. They were well utilised with consistent queues for the duration of the event. There were 17 stallholders at the event featuring food, drinks, merchandise and information based stalls.

The entertainment program continued through the night, featuring local performers, stage shows and popular Sydney bands.

The entertainment line-up commenced with the inaugural Macarthur Talent Showcase, a new version of the Youth Talent Quest that has been reducing in popularity over the past few years. Ten individuals and groups from across the region participated in the showcase, which included vocalists, musicians and dancers. This was followed by kids stage show, Blinky Bill's Singalong and Stars from Oz, an Australian music tribute show.

Sydney bands, Under Wraps and Endless Summer Party Band completed the stage line up, with the event concluding with a popular fireworks display.

Police and security guards reported that the event was incident free and positive feedback has been received about the event.

The event was delivered at a total cost of \$77,800, an increase on the budget of \$72,600 adopted as part of the 2012-2013 operational plan. This increase on the allocated budget is attributed to the addition of the Campbelltown formal proceedings.

An outline of expenditure and income is provided below.

**Expenses**

Production (audio visual and stage hire)	\$22,500.00
Equipment hire (marquees, fencing, lighting and toilets)	\$16,143.00
Entertainment/activities	\$10,685.00
Overtime (events and operations staff)	\$6680.00
Contractor (electrical, cleaning and fireworks)	\$6520.00
Carnival hire	\$5000.00
Advertising	\$4119.00
Security and first aid	\$2050.00
Donations for provision of BBQs and morning tea	\$4350.00
Miscellaneous (printing, gifts, cake, consumables)	\$1553.00

**Income**

Stallholder fees	\$1800.00
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**Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

**Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Glynn)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **2. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **2.1 2014 Indent Funding Submission - Update**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Community Resources and Development

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To inform Council that the NSW Government through the 2014 Indent Partnerships Grants Program has approved \$5,000 for assistance towards Fisher's Gig and the All Ages Program.

#### **History**

Council at its meeting 12 November 2013 endorsed a submission to Music NSW to support the delivery of Fishers Gig 2014 and the All Ages Program.

#### **Report**

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.

Music NSW has confirmed that Council has been successful in receiving \$5,000 in funding towards this year's Fisher's Gig and the All Ages Program.

The funding will be used towards the cost of infrastructure and resources to hold the events.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

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**Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Thompson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **2.2 2014 National Youth Week**

### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Community Resources and Development

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### **Attachments**

Nil

### **Purpose**

To advise Council that the 2014 National Youth Week will be celebrated across the Campbelltown Local Government Area from 4-13 April.

### **History**

National Youth Week is a joint Australian Government, State, Territory and Local Government initiative and is the largest celebration of young people in Australia. Thousands of young people aged 12-25 get involved in National Youth Week each year. National Youth Week is an opportunity for young people to share ideas, attend live events, and have their voices heard on issues that concern them, showcase their talents, celebrate their contribution to the community, take part in competitions and have fun.

### **Report**

The theme for this year's National Youth Week is 'Our Voice, Our Impact'. Council staff are currently finalising a comprehensive program of events with the assistance of local young people and youth services.

Council also offered partnership funding of up to \$500 per project to local youth groups and service providers to host a Youth Week event. Applicants needed to demonstrate that they could provide dollar for dollar funding or inkind support to the same value. Expressions of interest closed on 13 December 2013. The following project ideas were successful and have been developed in partnership with Council and are included in the program of events.

#### **Culture meets Culture**

A group of up to 20 Afghani young people will participate in a Bush Tucker Tour at Mount Annan Botanic Gardens on Saturday 5 April from 10.00am-2.00pm. The tour will offer an opportunity for Afghani young people to explore Aboriginal culture, the land and traditional Indigenous foods.

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### **In the Heart of the Community**

The Minto Youth and Employment Network Group will run a series of art workshops with young people from the Minto community on Thursday 3 and Friday 4 April to develop artworks with the theme 'What Minto Means to Me'. The workshops will provide young people an opportunity to express their voice about living in Minto. Completed artworks will be displayed at Minto Marketplace on Saturday 12 April 2014 from 10.00am to 1.00pm.

### **Adventurous Kids - Art Workshop**

Local young people will work with a group of young people with a disability, providing art instruction and peer mentoring on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 April from 9.00am to 3.00pm. The group will create an artwork which will be displayed in Magnolia House youth space.

This year's Youth Week activities will be funded from a combination of a grant from Communities NSW and Council, as well as a range of in-kind contributions and support from local youth services and community groups.

The Youth Week program will be widely distributed and promoted across the Campbelltown Local Government Area through a variety of media formats including print, email networks and social media.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

### **Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Oates)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

### **Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **2.3 Campbelltown Place Management Project**

### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Community Resources and Development

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### **Attachments**

Nil

### **Purpose**

To inform Council of activities and initiatives organised through the Place Management Project, a joint Housing NSW and Council initiative.

### **History**

Council at its meeting on 31 July 2012, Community Services Item - 2.3 Housing NSW Funding, accepted a contribution of \$120,000 over two years by Housing NSW towards community development projects across Rosemeadow/Ambarvale, Claymore and Macquarie Fields housing estates under Housing NSW's Community Regeneration Strategy.

### **Report**

The Place Management project has been designed to support the delivery of place-based programs and interventions in Claymore, Macquarie Fields and Rosemeadow/Ambarvale.

The objective of the project is to support the transition of Housing NSW regeneration initiatives through a place based approach; working with the community, key stakeholders and team members to develop projects and services which meet the projected needs of targeted community groups.

The project is informed by the Claymore and Macquarie Fields Regeneration Partnership Plans, the Rosemeadow Ambarvale Community Plan and Council's Community Strategic Plan.

Initiatives under the Place Management Project include:

#### **Pathways 2 Information 4 Everyone (P2I4E)**

P2I4E is an initiative that utilises volunteers and technology to reach the hard-to-reach people in the community and links them to relevant, up-to-date information when they need it.

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Local volunteers are trained to provide access to community information for residents through a P2I4E webpage based at a number of community host sites across the Campbelltown Local Government Area. P2I4E is currently established at host sites in Macquarie Fields, Airds, Minto and Ambarvale.

The project targets residents of areas across the five social housing areas, who are experiencing high unemployment and significant social disadvantage and aims to engage the most vulnerable residents with information to provide support and assist them engaging in their communities. Activities within the project include supporting and training resident volunteers; supporting host sites; and developing a P2I4E webpage and training package.

### **Resident Engagement and Participation Project**

The Resident Engagement and Participation project provides capacity building and training opportunities for volunteer groups and residents to encourage resident participation, and to strengthen and support existing community groups in Claymore, Macquarie Fields and Rosemeadow/Ambarvale to actively participate in their communities.

Project activities include a New Residents Welcome Kit in partnership with Housing NSW, a small grants project for existing community groups, and resident training on topics including active volunteering, first aid and governance.

### **Good Neighbour Project**

The Good Neighbour Project is designed to promote and showcase the local communities of Airds/Bradbury, Claymore, Macquarie Fields and Rosemeadow/Ambarvale.

A series of Good Neighbour Showcase events will be held to promote positive community spirit, and showcase the contribution of services, organisations, schools, community groups and residents in each of the four social housing areas of Airds/Bradbury, Claymore, Macquarie Fields and Rosemeadow/Ambarvale, which will include utilising part of the Macbeth Way for stalls.

The events are a joint Housing NSW and Council initiative, delivered in partnership with local community agencies, services, residents and community groups.

The events will focus on building the pride of the community and promoting good neighbours, and will include a Good Neighbour Recognition Ceremony celebrating the unrecognised contributions of local community members and neighbours.

Details of the events are as follows:

Rosemeadow/Ambarvale  
Wednesday 19 March 2014 (4.00pm-7.00pm)  
Macbeth Way Community Centre  
Macbeth Way, Rosemeadow

Airds/Bradbury  
Friday 11 April 2014 (4.00pm-7.00pm)  
AB Central, Riverside Drive, Airds

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Macquarie Fields  
Tuesday 15 April 2014 (10.00am-2.00pm)  
Billabong Community Centre Precinct/Salvation Army Community Centre  
Eucalyptus Drive, Macquarie Fields

Claymore  
Friday 16 May 2014 (3.30pm-6.30pm)  
Claymore Youth Centre

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

### **Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

### **Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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### **3. CULTURAL SERVICES**

#### **3.1 Australia Council for the Arts - Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund**

##### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Cultural Services

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##### **Attachments**

Nil

##### **Purpose**

To seek Council's endorsement of a grant application to the Australia Council for the Arts through the Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund for up to \$30,000 funding towards Campbelltown Arts Centre's 2014 Contemporary Performance Program – 'One Billion Beats'.

##### **History**

Council at its meeting of 23 April 2013 was informed of the development and production of the multi-disciplinary music theatre work 'One Billion Beats'.

One Billion Beats refers to the heartbeats of one billion Indigenous people who lived before colonisation, weaving their stories through the landscape. Combining spoken word, poetry, music, song, contemporary theatre techniques and audio visual imagery, 'One Billion Beats' is an excavation of the historical representation of Aboriginal people in Australian film, interlaced with an autobiographical reflection by Dr Romaine Moreton on her experience of being both hostage and liberated from the constraints of Western paradigms in relation to Indigenous identity.

##### **Report**

Campbelltown Arts Centre proposes to submit an application for support from the Australia Council through the Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund towards final development of 'One Billion Beats' as part of the Contemporary Performance Program 2014.

Led by Aboriginal poet, film maker and academic Dr Romaine Moreton, the work combines spoken word poetry, music, song, contemporary theatre techniques and audio visual imagery to explore the historical representation of Aboriginal people in Australian film, and Moreton's own personal experience of Indigenous identity.

In 2014 the full artistic team will come together at Campbelltown Arts Centre for the first time, to unite the elements of the work. Funds from the Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund would facilitate a final development stage prior to presentation at Campbelltown Arts Centre in 2015.

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### 3.1 Australia Council For The Arts - Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund

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The Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund supports Indigenous led projects, which benefit the development of contemporary Indigenous media, interdisciplinary and hybrid art practitioners. This important one-off funding from the Australia Council for the Arts would allow Campbelltown Arts Centre to support Romaine Moreton and her artistic team to realise an ambitious project of national significance, and promote significant contemporary Indigenous artistic practice to the Campbelltown community.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

1. That Council endorse the submission to the Australia Council for the Arts through the Indigenous Experimental Arts Fund for up to \$30,000 funding towards Campbelltown Arts Centre's 2014 Contemporary Performance Program – 'One Billion Beats'.
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/Thompson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

#### **Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **3.2 TV Moore Exhibition - Campbelltown Arts Centre Visual Arts Program**

### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Cultural Services

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### **Attachments**

Nil

### **Purpose**

To inform Council of a major solo exhibition, 'Rum Jungle' by Timothy John Vernon (TV) Moore which will be presented in March 2014, as part of Campbelltown Arts Centre's Visual Arts Program.

### **History**

Council at its meeting of 26 February 2013, Community Services - Item 3.3 - Arts NSW Funding – New Projects, endorsed \$50,000 funding from Arts NSW to support the creative development and public presentation of new works by TV Moore.

### **Report**

Campbelltown Arts Centre will be presenting a major solo artist exhibition that features new and existing works by Australian artist TV Moore. Since early 2000, TV Moore has been one of Australia's most prominent and exciting artists, consistently disrupting expectations and pushing the boundaries of his practice.

TV Moore's exhibition 'Rum Jungle' continues the artist's work with paint, video, film, photographic, and theatrical forms. Using psychological space, performance, narrative and non-narrative structures, Moore operates in a myriad of worlds where there are stories within stories, histories within histories.

During the exhibition there will be an artist talk that invites the public to meet and engage in a critical discussion about contemporary art. A series of workshops and school programs will also be facilitated during the exhibition.

The exhibition will be launched on Friday 28 March 2014 at 7.00pm and continue until Sunday 25 May 2014.

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**Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

**Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Thompson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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### **3.3 2014 Local Government Arts and Culture Awards**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Cultural Services

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To inform Council that a submission will be made to Local Government NSW for the 2014 Local Government Arts and Culture Awards.

#### **History**

The Local Government Arts and Culture Awards were initiated in 2003 and are held annually by Local Government NSW.

Campbelltown Arts Centre has previously had much success in being commended in these Awards including the 'Campbelltown Intergenerational Aboriginal Project', 'Campbelltown Arts Centre Cultural Program', 'News from Islands' and for 'Matthew and others Journeys with Schizophrenia'.

#### **Report**

The Local Government Arts and Culture Awards recognise the arts and cultural initiatives of NSW Councils that were predominantly delivered during the 18 months spanning Sunday 1 July 2012 and Tuesday 31 December 2013.

This year Campbelltown Arts Centre will enter under the following categories:

##### **Participation in Arts and Culture**

Aboriginal Arts and Cultural Development (One Billion Beats)  
Accessibility in the Arts Performance (Macarthur with Kevin Jackson)  
Multicultural Arts (Towards the Morning Sun)

##### **Developing Arts and Culture**

Visual Arts and Gallery Initiatives (Towards the Morning Sun)

##### **Places for Arts and Culture**

Public Art and Place Making (Temporary Democracies)

##### **Leading Arts and Culture**

Creative Community Engagement and Collaboration (Temporary Democracies, Towards the Morning Sun).

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Nominations for the Awards opened on 31 January and closed 28 February 2014. Finalists will be invited to present at the two day Local Government Arts and Culture Summit to be held Monday 26 – Tuesday 27 May 2014 at NSW Parliament House, Sydney.

**Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

**Committee's Recommendation: (Matheson/Lound)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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### **3.4 'Transforma' a partnership project with C3West**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Cultural Services

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To inform Council of the partnership project with C3West, 'Transforma', which will be presented in Airds from February-April 2014.

#### **History**

Council at its meeting of 13 August 2013, Community Services - Item 3.7 C3West – Campbelltown Arts Centre Visual Arts Program, was advised of the C3West project.

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.

#### **Report**

'Transforma' is a seven week residency project by New Zealand-based artist Michel Tuffery. Located in Airds in south-western Sydney, 'Transforma' has four main components: The retrieval of cars dumped in the Woolwash area of the Upper Georges River, an outdoor sculpture studio located in the car park of the Airds Shopping Centre, an art station located in the Airds Shopping Centre and a series of public programs culminating in a major public event.

This project is a C3West project commissioned by Campbelltown City Council (on behalf of the Upper Georges River Urban Sustainability Program), and Museum of Contemporary Art. 'Transforma' has been specifically devised to raise local awareness of the links between river health and behaviours such as arson, dumping and littering, and is the culmination of three extended residencies by Tuffery in the area.

On Saturday 22 February 2014, abandoned cars were retrieved from the Woolwash area. The operation involved motorised winches and 8 – 10 cars were removed from the river banks. For the duration of the residency, Michel Tuffery and his team will transform the retrieved car pieces into 'Transforma', a major work of sculpture. The artist proposes to donate the sculpture to Airds High School.

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There will also be a series of public events that will accompany the sculpture development. On Saturday 1 March 2014, 'Transforma' will host a barbecue for the local community from 11.00am. This event will provide a communal moment for locals to share with Michel Tuffery their feelings for the river and their local environment as well as the 'Transforma' program.

On Wednesday 19 March 2014, the 'Transforma' - Our river community meeting will take place from 11.00am-2.00pm. Up to fifteen speakers, including local community leaders and environmental experts will participate in the event.

On Saturday 12 April 2014 the 'Transforma' public event will take place from 4.30pm-7.00pm. This large scale event for both the local and the wider community will feature a live performance, an exhibition of the works produced in the woodblock workshop, video projections of the car retrieval and the development of Tuffery's major sculpture.

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: (Glynn/Lound)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

### **Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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### **3.5 2014 Museums Australia Multimedia and Publication Design Awards**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Cultural Services

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To inform Council that a submission will be made to Museums Australia for the 2014 national Multimedia and Publication Design Awards (MAPDA).

#### **Report**

The MAPDA were established by Museums Australia to celebrate excellence in design and communication in the museum and cultural sector across Australia.

Campbelltown Arts Centre has previously been successful in these awards, winning several awards and receiving highly commended certificates since entering in 2006.

This year the Arts Centre will enter under the following categories:

#### **Invitation**

2013 'The Social' exhibition

2013 'Catching Light' exhibition

#### **Poster**

2013 'The Social' exhibition

2013 'Catching Light' exhibition

Shortlisted entries will be posted on the Museums Australia website from early April 2014 and be on exhibition at Launceston during the Museums Australia National Conference. The MAPDA ceremony will be held on Saturday 17 May, 2014. Winning entries will be published in the Winter 2014 issue of Museums Australia Magazine and on the Museums Australia website.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

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**Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Lound)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **4. EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES**

### **4.1 Mobile Toy and Book Library Funding**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Education and Care Services

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To seek Council's endorsement of \$10,000 funding from The Benevolent Society to enable the Mobile Toy and Book Library to provide two Specific Skills programs for the Claymore community in 2014.

#### **Report**

The Benevolent Society has offered Council funding of \$10,000 from the 2013-2014 Communities for Children Brokerage Funding to support the Mobile Toy and Book Library to provide projects under the Society's Early Years Strategy.

The Early Years Strategy provides projects that increase the early childhood development and educational outcomes of children aged 0-5 years that complement existing programs in Claymore.

The funding would allow Council's Mobile Toy and Book Library to implement two Specific Skills programs for children living in the Claymore and surrounding areas.

The Fine Motor Skills Program would provide structured weekly sessions during Term 1, 2014, enabling children to practice skills and demonstrate improved competency in the areas of pencil grasp, scissor skills, muscle tone, hand preference, index finger isolation and strength, hand eye and bi lateral coordination; attending to and completing a task, wrist extension, visual perception, posture and upper body strength.

The PALS Program (Playing and Learning to Socialise) would be delivered through weekly sessions during Term 2, 2014, enabling children to learn about and demonstrate improved competency in the areas of greeting others, taking turns, talking and listening; taking turns at play, sharing, asking for help, identifying feelings, empathy, overcoming fear and anxiety, managing frustration, calming down and speaking up.

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These programs would be delivered by Mobile Toy and Book Library Early Childhood Educators, in partnership with a Psychologist from Area Health as well as an Occupational Therapist. The programs would target families with children aged 4-5 years who will be attending school in 2015 primarily addressing four key domains of early childhood development, including social competence and emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills, communication skills and general knowledge.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

1. That Council accept the funding of \$10,000 from The Benevolent Society to enable the Mobile Toy and Book Library to provide two Specific Skills programs to the Claymore community in 2014.
2. That the Communities for Children Partner Agreement with The Benevolent Society be signed by the General Manager on behalf of Council.

### **Committee's Recommendation: (Lound/Brticevic)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

### **Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **4.2 Amarina Early Learning Centre**

### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Education and Care Services

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### **Attachments**

Nil

### **Purpose**

To advise Council of a recent visit to Amarina Early Learning Centre (ELC) in Airs by an international delegation to share teaching practices.

### **Report**

On 10 December 2013, Amarina ELC was awarded the Excellent rating by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA). The Centre is the fifth service in the country, the first in New South Wales and the first Council operated service to ever be awarded the Excellent rating by ACECQA. The Excellent rating is the highest rating a service can achieve under the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Representatives from FROEBEL Australia and its German parent company FROEBEL e.V., including the company's German chief executive officer and its Istanbul, Turkey, chief executive officer, visited Amarina ELC on 14 February 2014 to see its nationally recognised programs.

FROEBEL Australia is a not-for-profit organisation which was established in Sydney in 2009 and operates two bilingual English-German education and care services in Alexandria and North Sydney. FROEBEL e.V is one of the most highly regarded education and care service providers in Germany that operates 125 early learning centres with more than 11,000 children and 2,000 employees, many of them being Australian and New Zealand early childhood teachers.

Educators at Amarina Early Learning Centre were able to showcase the service to the delegation whilst also gaining insight into FROEBEL's bilingual services across the world. The FROEBEL delegation was happy to offer an online partnership between their staff and the team at Amarina ELC to strengthen the professional education and care services relationship.

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The visit provided a unique opportunity to exchange information and ideas with a leading global provider, with a focus on further improving outcomes for children.

### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

### **Committee's Recommendation: (Brticevic/Lound)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **CARRIED**

### **Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

### **Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **5. HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**

### **5.1 Bicycle Education and Road Safety Centre School Holiday Program**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To notify Council of the School Holiday Program provided at Campbelltown Bicycle Education and Road Safety Centre from 2 – 28 January 2014.

#### **History**

Campbelltown Bicycle Education and Road Safety Centre was established 25 years ago in 1989. The Centre provides road safety educational programs for preschool, primary and secondary schools. The Centre also conducts programs for students with special needs.

The centre is available for private hire seven days a week. Open Days are held on Sundays throughout the year and during school holidays from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

During the 2012/2013 financial year, a total of 7800 visitors attended the Centre. Two hundred private hire bookings, approximately four bookings per weekend were made and 2000 school students attended educational programs.

#### **Report**

The aim of the School Holiday Program, which commenced in 2011, is to increase the community's awareness of Campbelltown Bicycle Education and Road Safety Centre and to assist parents in keeping their children active during school holiday periods.

Activities provided included a skills circuit and ramp which tested children's balance and turning points on a bike; a jumping castle and an education competition which required children to ride around the track to gain answers to complete the quiz.

This year 1527 visitors attended the Centre during the 20 open days in January compared with 1426 for the same period in 2013.

In addition to an increase in group and school bookings, the Centre has also experienced an increase in private bookings for events and birthday parties with bookings now being taken for dates in 2015.

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The Centre's programs are regularly reviewed to ensure they meet the needs of the community as well as complementing school and educational requirements.

**Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

**Committee's Recommendation: (Matheson/Lound)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **6. LIBRARY SERVICES**

### **6.1 Open Universities Australia - Library Connect Program**

#### **Reporting Officer**

Manager Library Services

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#### **Attachments**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To advise Council that Campbelltown City Library Service will be joining the Connect Library Program with Open Universities Australia (OUA).

#### **Report**

OUA Connect Library Program is an initiative which provides study support to students undertaking courses through Open Universities Australia. OUA provides support and training assistance to libraries participating in the programme to more effectively help students and to improve educational outcomes.

OUA is a leader in online/distance learning for students and offers access to courses from over 20 leading University and TAFE providers. OUA has over 60,000 students in Australia and internationally, studying across a range of disciplines.

Through the Connect Library Program, Council's libraries will receive training and assistance to support OUA students in the local area. Staff will then be able to assist with accessing online resources, library resources, research skills, basic IT assistance as well as other information about support services for OUA students.

A range of promotional materials about the program will be supplied by OUA and information sessions for local students will be held during March 2014.

#### **Officer's Recommendation**

That the information be noted.

#### **Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Lound)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

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## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Centennial Stadium - Minto - Car Parking**

#### **Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Brticevic)**

That a report be presented examining the provision of appropriate parking for patrons of Centennial Stadium, Minto.

#### **CARRIED**

#### **Council Meeting 11 March 2014 (Rowell/Matheson)**

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

#### **Council Resolution Minute Number 30**

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

## **20. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **No reports this round**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.57pm.

T Rowell  
CHAIRPERSON

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