

Reports of the Community Services Committee Meeting held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 2 June 2015.

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 2 June 2015

Present

His Worship the Mayor, Councillor P Lake
Councillor T Rowell (Chairperson)
Councillor W Glynn
Councillor D Lound
Councillor M Oates
Councillor R Thompson
Acting General Manager - Mrs L Deitz
Acting Director Community Services - Mrs J Uluibau
Director Planning and Environment - Mr J Lawrence
Manager Communications and Marketing - Mrs B Naylor
Manager Community Resources and Development - Mr B McCausland
Manager Cultural Services - Mr M Dagostino
Acting Manager Customer Service - Mrs M James
Acting Manager Education and Care Services - Ms G Vickers
Manager Healthy Lifestyles - Mr M Berriman
Manager Library Services - Mr G White
Manager Property Services - Mr J Milicic
Manager Technical Services - Mr K Lynch
Events and Promotions Coordinator - Ms A King
Policy and Governance Coordinator - Ms J Warner
Executive Assistant - Mrs D Taylor

Apologies (Rowell/Lound)

That the apologies from Councillors Matheson and Brticevic be received and accepted.

CARRIED

Also in Attendance

At the conclusion of the Corporate Governance Committee Meeting the following Councillors attended the Community Services Committee Meeting:

Councillor R Kolkman
Councillor P Hawker

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.

1. COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

1.1 2015 Mayor's Charity Race Night Post Event Report

Reporting Officer

Manager Communications and Marketing

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To report on the outcome of the 2015 Mayor's Charity Race Night which was held in the Lawn Marquee at Tabcorp Park, Menangle Park on Saturday 18 April.

Report

This year's charity recipient was Macarthur Legacy, who provides personal support to more than 670 widows across the region, as well as people with a disability and students. Beneficiaries of Macarthur Legacy are assisted through a variety of initiatives, including specialised disability respite holidays, personal alarm monitoring systems, social outings for the elderly, home visits, and referrals to other local support services.

The event raised \$21,369, with all proceeds donated to Macarthur Legacy. Commencing at 6.00pm, the night was hosted by Rob Doorey from Campbelltown's C91.3FM and included speeches by the Mayor of Campbelltown, Councillor Paul Lake and Macarthur Legacy representative Elwyn Spencer.

This year's sponsors included Mir Group, Marsdens Law Group, Oscars Hotels, Wests Ashfield Leagues, NewsLocal Macarthur Chronicle, Patrick and Tina Vitocco, Australian Pacing Gold, Wests Campbelltown, Michael Brown Planning Strategies and Tacca Industries.

There were a range of auctions and raffles on the night, which featured prizes donated by a range of businesses. The event featured 10 races, lucky door prizes, raffle draws and auctions and was attended by more than 220 people.

The night was a great success and positive feedback has been received by a number of event attendees.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Glynn/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 9 June 2015 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 106

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

1.2 Proposed location change for the annual community Christmas Carols event

Reporting Officer

Manager Communications and Marketing

Attachments

Proposed venues - site map (contained within this report)

Purpose

To seek Council's approval for the annual community Christmas Carols event to be relocated to the Campbelltown Sports Stadium from 2015.

History

Council has hosted an annual community Christmas Carols event at the Campbelltown Arts Centre since 2005. The event, held traditionally on the first Saturday of December, marks the beginning of Christmas celebrations across the Macarthur region.

Interested members of the community are invited to participate, with auditions held prior to the event to determine song choice and line up. The performers are supported by a six piece band and a backing vocalist. The event is supported by the Rotary Clubs of Campbelltown and Macarthur Sunrise.

In its current location, the growth of the event is limited to an estimated crowd of 3,000 people due to space constraints and parking restrictions.

Council was approached by Tabcorp Park Menangle earlier this year, with a suggestion of relocating Council's Christmas event to their venue. A briefing to Council took place on 28 April 2015 where this option was discussed, and where it was also suggested that Campbelltown Sports Stadium be investigated as an option to host the event.

Report

Tabcorp Park Menangle

Tabcorp has proposed that Council host the carols event in its current format, in the middle of the racecourse, with some changes. With the stage at one end, event attendees could then sit in front of the stage and vehicles could be parked at the other end of the grassed area (see attachment). It was suggested that food stalls could line one side of the event, including a charity fundraising community BBQ, or attendees could take advantage of alternative dining options at Tabcorp.

1.2 Proposed Location Change For The Annual Community Christmas Carols Event

As part of the change, it was suggested that the event start at 4.00pm and include a 'family fun day' element such as rides/jumping castles and face painting, before the carols start at 6.00pm. The event would need to be moved to a Sunday afternoon/evening, so as not to clash with the racing calendar.

The venue has indicated that Council would not be charged a venue hire fee and would be provided with in-kind support (such as printing of programs, parking assistance, potential sponsorship approaches), but would be expected to carry the cost of the event.

Campbelltown Sports Stadium

Campbelltown Sports Stadium has also been presented as an alternative location to host the event. The Stadium is one of New South Wales premier sporting facilities with ample car parking and convenient public transport at the venue. Offering infrastructure such as lighting, toilets, a canteen and some sheltered seating, the Stadium provides an ideal location to grow the carols into a future regional event, and an alternative to other large production carols events in Sydney.

The event would take place on the grassed area of the stadium, with the stage facing the western grandstand. Event attendees could utilise seating in both the grandstand or on the grassed area, allowing for some cover or more a relaxed seating style for those attendees who bring picnic blankets or chairs. Through consultation with Healthy Lifestyles staff, this event would not impact the playing surface. The event is also being held at a time of year where it will not compete with other sporting events.

The event would follow the current format, however relocating it to the Stadium may result in some cost savings. There would not be a need for road closures as is currently the case. Any savings could be put back into the event to provide more entertainment, activities or fireworks.

Conclusion

While there are some advantages in relocating the event to Tabcorp Park Menangle, it is important to consider the distance to the location, public transport access and implications of moving a Council event away from a Council facility.

As a result of the operational benefits and the potential future growth of the event, it is proposed that Council's Christmas Carols event be relocated to Campbelltown Sports Stadium from 2015.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council approve the annual community Christmas Carols event be relocated to the Campbelltown Sports Stadium from 2015.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 9 June 2015 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 106

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1

Tabcorp Park Menangle



Campbelltown Stadium



2. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

2.1 2015 Youth Week Evaluation

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To provide Council with an evaluation report on the 2015 Youth Week celebrations held from 10-19 April.

History

Council at its meeting of 17 March 2015 was informed of planned Youth Week activities to be held across the Campbelltown Local Government Area (LGA) for 2015.

Report

This year's national theme for Youth Week was 'It Starts With Us'. Council, with the assistance of local young people and youth services, coordinated a diverse range of Youth Week activities within the Campbelltown LGA. Approximately 500 young people attended local events in 2015.

Council worked collaboratively across various sections including Healthy Lifestyles, Communications and Marketing, and Technical Services to provide a number of events throughout Youth Week.

Highlights of this year's Youth Week events included the All Ages Gig held at Eagle Vale High School. Council worked in partnership with Year 11 and 12 entertainment classes in planning and organising the event and supported the School Representative Council to raise funds for the school.

The YOUTHRIVE Leadership Forum was a successful Regional Youth Forum in partnership with Camden and Wollondilly Councils, aimed at supporting young people to develop leadership skills and set future goals.

Recreational events included a Skateboarding Jam Session for young people to showcase their skills in skateboarding, scooter and BMX along with an NRL Touch Football Clinic and Oz Tag Sports Tournament. Partnerships with the NRL, NSW Touch and Oz Tag NSW Development were established to host a series of skills and drills workshops and organise fun filled matches.

Campbelltown Arts Centre's Youth Week program included the annual Pixel Sounds Chip Music Festival incorporating workshops and demonstrations on creating and performing music using archaic gaming consoles and software. Other activities include NIDA Bites, a drama workshop to enhance voice, movement, improvisation and acting skills and a creative workshop on how to make your bedroom into an artwork involving hands on artwork and sculptural works.

Library's Youth Week program delivered exciting youth programs which include Manga Drawing at HJ Daley Library and Henna Tattoo Workshops at Glenquarie Library. Both programs help to discover different styles and techniques of drawing and application.

Council continued this year to offer its annual Youth Week Small Grants program for local organisations to deliver a diverse range of Youth Week projects. Youth Solutions were successful in receiving a grant of \$500 to the #whyichoose campaign. This project included an interactive stall sharing messages about making safer choices around smoking and a workshop to start conversations about the risks of tobacco smoking and the benefits of quitting smoking. These health promotion initiatives were held at Macarthur Square and at the University of Western Sydney Campbelltown.

Marketing and promotion

Youth Week events were promoted across the Campbelltown LGA through a variety of media formats including print, social media and Council's website. Local newspapers supported the events by publishing several newspaper articles following Youth Week.

Funding

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

Evaluation

Positive feedback regarding the events that were held has been received from participants and event organisers. Comments provided by workshop facilitators noted that this year participants were more confident and willing to engage in discussions. This feedback will be utilised to enhance next year's program activities, ensuring wider participation of young people.

The 2015 Youth Week activities were developed and delivered in line with the five key focus areas identified in the Campbelltown Youth Strategy 2013-2017.

Council is in the process of submitting the 2015 Youth Week Evaluation to Communities NSW. As the nominations for the Local Government Youth Week Awards are incorporated into the evaluation process, Council's Youth Week program will be automatically considered in the award assessment process.

All sponsors, volunteers and key stakeholders involved in the planning and coordination of Youth Week 2015 have been sent a letter of appreciation.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thompson/Lound)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 9 June 2015 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 106

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.2 NSW Department Family and Community Services Funding - Collective Impact Projects

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of one-off funding from the NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS) of up to \$83,500 to be used towards Collective Impact projects in Claymore over a twelve month period.

Report

Collective Impact is a structured method of working with communities on common goals. Services and community members agree upon their priorities and establish a shared way of achieving these goals. Under this approach time is taken to work through differences and establish a common agenda, a shared measurement system, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication, and the guidance and support of a backbone organisation.

Council has held discussions with FACS regarding a contribution of up to \$83,500 over a twelve month period to deliver a Collective Impact Coordination Project. The funding would be used to employ a part time Collective Impact Facilitator for up to 12 months to develop and deliver the Claymore Collective Impact initiative. The position would also be responsible for providing strategic direction and support to the Claymore Action Network, the local interagency, in its work to achieve positive social change.

Council will coordinate the actions of services in Claymore and provide capacity building opportunities across other local disadvantaged communities in the Campbelltown Local Government Area.

There will be no cost to Council to deliver the project however Council will provide in-kind support by making available office equipment and supervision of staff.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council endorse one-off funding from the NSW Department of Family and Community Services of up to \$83,500 to be used towards Collective Impact projects in Claymore over a 12 month period.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Glynn)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 9 June 2015 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 106

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.3 2015 Round One Community Grants

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Copies of Grant Applications (distributed under separate cover - confidential - due to privacy reasons this attachment is not available to members of the public)

Purpose

To assist Council in its determination of applications for financial assistance under the Community Grants Program.

Report

Community groups may apply for a maximum of \$1,000 to develop and support local community programs and activities. Council has a total of up to \$8,000 to distribute in this funding round.

Advertisements were placed in local newspapers on 3 and 4 March, 10 and 11 March as well as 17 and 18 March 2015 and circulated through community networks. A well-attended community information session was held on 30 March 2015 in Council's Staff Training Centre. All applicants were required to discuss their application with an appropriate Council Officer. Day and evening project planning workshops were run to support applicants prior to submission to gain experience in basic project planning and submission writing. This was to enable participants to ensure the practicalities of the project were reflected in the application and the application is consistent with the guidelines of the program.

Community Grants applications closed on 1 May 2015 and 18 applications totaling \$15,828.37 were received.

A summary of the applications is below.

| Applicant | Project | Amount (\$) |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| Campbelltown Half Pints Playgrounds | Hands on gardening program | 520.00 |
| Te Kopu O Te Reo | Literacy and mentoring for young people | 832.00 |
| Sydney Underground Film Festival | Film screening and networking opportunities for local participants | 1,000.00 |
| Scout Pipes and Drums - Macarthur | Supporting drumming skills to young players | 660.00 |
| Macquarie Fields Masterchef | Playgroup a platform for parents to share recipes and develop a cookbook | 1,000.00 |

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| Claymore Residents Group | Social gathering to reduce social isolation | 1,000.00 |
| Macarthur Regional Rose Society | Promotional banner for advertising events | 1,000.00 |
| Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club Inc. | Promotional banner for advertising events | 1,000.00 |
| Multicultural and Samoan Community (Macquarie Fields Incorporated) | Support local youth through music and community presentations | 1,000.00 |
| Hosanna Praise and Worship Centre International | Opportunity for young men seeking boxing career | 1,000.00 |
| Focus on Families Volunteer Group | Support for Volunteer Meetings | 1,000.00 |
| Marathi Katta Australia | IT equipment to maintain records | 1,000.00 |
| Tanzeemal-Falah Minto | English lessons for Urdu and Punjabi speaking community | 1,000.00 |
| Claymore Public School P&C | IT equipment to produce newsletter | 988.00 |
| Lau Samoa Council Inc | Information day for Pacific Island Seniors | 1,000.00 |
| United 2564 – 24 Hour Team | Equipment to record community event | 1,000.00 |
| Fisher's Ghost Youth Orchestra Inc | Promotion of orchestra through advertising | 830.00 |
| Total | | 15,830.00 |

All projects were assessed according to the criteria for funding as set out in Council's Community Grants Policy and Guidelines.

The following groups are recommended to receive funding for the following reasons:

Campbelltown Half Pints Playgroup - Funding is recommended to implement a project to obtain resources for young children and parents and guardians to participate in activities in planting herbs and plants commonly found in their suburban gardens with a focus on environmental sustainability. The families would create crafts from the project and from recycled items from their homes.

Scout Pipes and Drums - Macarthur - Funding is recommended for this group who started performing in the local community at the end of last year when it performed in the Fisher's Ghost Parade. Since then, with increasing public exposure, the band has attracted new members, necessitating the purchase of new equipment.

Macquarie Fields Masterchef - Funding is recommended for parents with their children, in a playgroup setting, to come together to learn new skills, increase social interaction and share meals together and with other members of the community. The group has grown considerably in the last few months and funding would provide additional materials and equipment needed to support the growth of the project.

Claymore Residents Group - Funding is recommended for regular interactive games for community members of all ages who are usually socially isolated and disengaged. A pilot project had been implemented previously and there has been community demand for the project to be continued. The project would also provide a soft entry point access to services for socially isolated and disengaged community members.

Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club Inc - Funding is recommended for a banner to promote activities being run by the club that promote the benefits of gardening and sustainable environmental practices for the community.

Macarthur Regional Rose Society - Funding is recommended for the flip side of the Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club Inc banner as the groups work in partnership to develop activities to promote productive social activity.

Multicultural and Samoan Community (Macquarie Fields Incorporated) - Funding is recommended to increase membership of young people 14 years and over. The group would learn music skills to provide entertainment for community activities and events. The aim of the group is to encourage social cohesion between young people and create a sense of belonging in the community.

Te Kopu O Te Reo - Funding is recommended for resources for a project to mentor and instruct students through the use of language on the importance of cultural identity. The project would strengthen community cohesion through linking participants to local networks and guest speakers from a range of backgrounds.

The following groups are not recommended for funding at this stage:

United 2564 24hr team - The project aims to raise awareness about the 24hr fight against cancer and other community events through photographic records of these events. The group requires a stronger governance structure and it is recommended that Council staff provide support for the group to build partnerships with other organisations so that the proposal is more fully developed.

Lau Samoa Council Inc - Au Sina Sina Samoan Senior Citizen Campbelltown - Funding is not recommended for this project. Council's Strategic Ageing and Disability Officer runs regular Senior's forums each year and will contact the group in order to share skills and contacts to develop a specific forum in partnership with them in the 2015-2016 financial year.

Focus on Families Volunteer Group - Funding is not recommended for this application as the funds requested are mainly for refreshments rather than for a specific project. The application does not meet objectives in the Community Grants Guidelines.

Claymore Public School P&C - Funding is not recommended for this project. The resources requested are available from an alternative government agency and there are currently already two newsletters distributed to the community that the project is targeted to.

Tanzeemal-Falah, Minto - This project is not recommended for funding as the application is from an individual not a community group therefore does not meet the eligibility criteria under the Community Grants Guidelines.

Hosanna Praise and Worship Centre International - Funding for this project is not recommended as the applicant is a religious organisation and not a community group therefore does not meet the eligibility criteria under the Community Grants Guidelines.

Sydney Underground Film Festival - Funding is not recommended for this project as there is limited local content in the initial film screening and non-specific ongoing process for local film makers therefore the project does not meet does not meet eligibility under the Community Grants Guidelines.

Fisher's Ghost Youth Orchestra - Funding is not recommended for this application as the group has been funded previously for promotional resources. Due to the high number of applications, repeat funding for a similar purpose is not viable use of Community Grants.

Marathi Katta Australia - Funding is not recommended for this group as a previous project funded by Community Grants is pending completion. The group has been provided funding previously for technical equipment therefore is not eligible.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council approve funding to the following groups under the Community Grants Program, with the amounts specified below.

| Applicant | Project | Amount (\$) |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Campbelltown Half Pints Playgrounds | Hands on gardening activity program | 1,000.00 |
| Scout Pipes and Drums - Macarthur | Supporting drumming skills to young players | 660.00 |
| Macquarie Fields Masterchef | Playgroup used as a platform for parents to share recipes and develop a cookbook | 1,000.00 |
| Claymore Residents Group | Social gathering to reduce social isolation | 1,000.00 |
| Ingleburn Horticultural Society and Garden Club Inc. | Promotional banner for advertising events | 1,000.00 |
| Macarthur Regional Rose Society | Promotional banner for advertising events | 1,000.00 |
| Multicultural and Samoan Community (Macquarie Fields Incorporated) | Support local youth through music and community presentations | 1,000.00 |
| Te Kopu O Te Reo | Literacy and mentoring for young people | 832.00 |
| Total | | 7492.00 |

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 9 June 2015 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 106

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Councillor Mead asked for his name to be recorded in opposition to the resolution for Item 2.3 – 2015 Round One Community Grants.

3. CULTURAL SERVICES

No reports this round

4. CUSTOMER SERVICE

4.1 Proposed Renaming of Minto One Community Hall

Reporting Officer

Acting Manager Customer Service

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement to rename Minto One Community Hall in acknowledgement of Mr Ron Moore OAM.

History

In 2012 construction was completed on the new Minto One Community Hall located in Guernsey Avenue Minto. Since its opening this community facility has been widely occupied by both casual and regular hirers on a weekly basis.

Currently there are two community facilities located in the Minto area. Minto Community Centre which is located in Surrey Street and Minto One Community Hall is on Guernsey Avenue. There has often been confusion by members of the community and contractors in locating these facilities as the names are very similar.

Report

Mr Ron Moore OAM, well-known long standing citizen of Campbelltown passed away in 2008, aged 82.

Council has been approached by the family of Mr Moore to have their father recognised for his contribution to the Campbelltown community.

In 1993, Mr Moore was Campbelltown Citizen of the Year and in 1994 was a recipient of the Order of Australia Medal.

Ron and Joy Moore started their hardware business in Campbelltown in 1956 with a store in Queen Street, Campbelltown. They relocated in 1960 to Ingleburn and subsequently in 1977 to Minto for another 30 years.

In 2012 Mr Moore was inducted into the Hardware Legends Hall of Fame in recognition for his 56 years contribution to the industry. Hardware Industry Association of NSW President, Mr Michael LoRicco said Mr Moore's legacy went far beyond the shop floor. "Individuals can come into your life and make a difference, but it's rare for an individual, a single person, to make a significant difference to a whole community," he said. "Ron not only made a difference to the hardware community, but to his local community as well."

Mr Moore revitalised the Dumaresq Street Cinema and was known for his generous donations to schools, community and sporting groups, good causes and heritage needs.

Although a formal balance sheet was never kept, Ron's incessant donations to local causes have been estimated at approximately \$1m.

Mr Moore served his local community as a patron of the Campbelltown Theatre Group, Campbelltown-Camden District Band, Campbelltown City Show Society and the Red Cross.

Mr Moore's contribution to Campbelltown was significant and represented a lifetime of commitment. It is appropriate the Council acknowledge his life and community values in a lasting way.

It is therefore proposed that Council rename Minto Community One Hall to The Ron Moore Community Centre.

Officer's Recommendation

That Minto One Community Centre be renamed The Ron Moore Community Centre.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lound/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 9 June 2015 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 106

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

5. EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

5.1 Korean Delegation visit to Education and Care Services

Reporting Officer

Acting Manager Education and Care Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To advise Council on the visit from Korean officials to Council's Education and Care Services on Friday 29 May 2015.

Report

The Central Support Centre for Childcare in Seoul, Korea, an organisation under the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare, wrote to Council requesting to visit Amarina Early Learning Centre (ELC). The delegation selected Amarina ELC based on the service receiving the first Excellent rating in the state of New South Wales by the Children's Education and Care Quality Authority.

The Central Support Centre for Childcare work for child and family welfare to strengthen education development and to build children's character. They regulate the operation of early childhood education and care services for children aged from birth to eight years.

The Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare visits developed countries annually with the aim of improving their services and enhancing efficiency in regard to managing and operating an education and care service. This visit allowed the delegates to research ways to encourage parent and community participation in their early childhood education and care services and to assist with future policy development.

The delegation of 32 Korean visitors included team leaders from Support Centres for Childcare and officials from municipal governments.

The visitors were provided with information on Council's Education and Care Services, followed by visits to both Amarina ELC and Campbelltown Child and Family Centre. Council was able to demonstrate its existing links with parents and the Airds community through the programs offered at both services.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Oates/Glynn)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 9 June 2015 (Rowell/Matheson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 106

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

6. HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

6.1 Sport Centre of Excellence

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

To seek Council's commitment to the contribution of up to \$5m towards the development of a Regional Sport Centre of Excellence in the Campbelltown Local Government Area and to seek Council's endorsement of an application to the Federal Government through the National Stronger Regional Fund towards the development of a Regional Sport Centre of Excellence in the Campbelltown Local Government Area (LGA).

Background

On 24 February 2015 Council was briefed on an opportunity to develop a Sport Centre of Excellence in the Campbelltown LGA.

As detailed in the briefing, a Sport Centre of Excellence combines elite sports training facilities, administration and operational spaces with community spaces and programs. These facilities are used in a collaborative and shared arrangement to promote sporting participation, education and health and wellbeing in a 'community hub' model.

The Campbelltown LGA boasts significant organised sport participation with approximately 40,000 people involved in a wide range of activities each week. Across the broader Macarthur region take up rates continue to expand as population growth in new release area suburbs, including the South West Growth Centre accelerates.

Campbelltown-Macarthur has recently been declared by the NSW Government as Sydney's newest Regional City Centre. This announcement acknowledges Campbelltown's pivotal role and centralised location in the Greater South West which is earmarked as the most significant growth area for the whole of the Sydney metropolitan area.

The Campbelltown and wider Macarthur region has provided facilities for a number of local elite sports stars, sports administrators and support staff over a number of years. Unfortunately, due to the standard of facilities, many have left the Macarthur region to access higher level training facilities and professional careers elsewhere.

This has occurred to the detriment of the local and regional community in both social and economic terms.

The capacity to leverage economic growth and investment from such a significant rate of people's participation in sport, should not be overlooked and presents as an opportunity to sustain the future of the Macarthur Region. That is, sport in Campbelltown and the Macarthur represents a major platform upon which governments could work collaboratively to grow the value of the local and regional economy.

As some Councillors may be aware, the Australian Football League has been active in the development of elite training facilities for many years, with well-established facilities and programs located in Melbourne, Adelaide and Western Australia. In recent times Greater Western Sydney has established a site within Olympic Park at Homebush.

In late 2014 the National Rugby League became active in investigating opportunities to establish elite training facilities throughout Sydney for their member clubs. The A League are also investigating avenues to develop facilities of this nature.

Report

Sport Centre of Excellence

As a Regional City Centre, an investment into the establishment of a Sport Centre of Excellence would provide many social and economic benefits to the local and regional community reaching far beyond elite sport.

Investigation into appropriate sites within Campbelltown was undertaken and two potential sites identified:

- Campbelltown Sports Stadium precinct
- the future sporting precinct located on land currently owned by the University of Western Sydney (UWS) but also earmarked for transfer to Council as part of the UWS residential development project The sporting precinct within UWS site would offer a more strategic location for a regional level Sport Centre of Excellence as it would be positioned close to the UWS, TAFE and Macarthur Square while also having exceptional access to railway, road and cycleway infrastructure.

There are four key components to a Sport Centre of Excellence:

- Community facilities and programs
- Elite sports training facilities (eg. altitude training, research and development)
- Shared meeting and education facilities
- Commercial opportunities (eg. cafés, fitness centre).

Community access and programs

Although sport would be a strong focus of the facility at all levels of ability, community development and access is imperative. The model that Council should pursue would have positive social outcomes with a focus on programs for disadvantaged groups within the Macarthur region.

Mental health programs and the provision of administration and program facilities for a Non-Government Organisation which focuses on mental health would also be a consideration. The provision of rehabilitation facilities for people with disabilities and senior residents is currently being investigated for inclusion within the facility. There is an opportunity to provide industry leading facilities and programs in this area which would have a far reaching economic and community benefit.

Community meeting rooms, education classrooms, rehabilitation facilities (including hydrotherapy) open space, indoor sports facilities, public gymnasium, informal meeting spaces and a cafe would all be facilities to be considered for inclusion in the facility.

Potential Partners

Councillors would be aware that Wests Tigers Rugby League Football Club is currently investigating a number of locations for its elite training facility and administration base, as it has been well documented by the Club that their current facilities located at Concord are no longer appropriate to their needs.

Although having an elite professional sporting team as an anchor tenant would be advantageous to the ongoing success of a Sport Centre of Excellence, it is not specifically material nor necessary to ensure the potential for success, and generation of benefits that a Sport Centre of Excellence could potentially provide to the community.

Notwithstanding, Council will continue to pursue the Wests Tigers, whilst still assessing interest from other peak sporting organisations and those potential partnerships to participate in the Sports Centre of Excellence project at the Macarthur site. It is anticipated that Wests Tigers will be in position to announce its preferred training base by the end of June 2015.

Council officers have met a number of interested organisations within sporting, and educational facilities including South West Sydney Academy of Sport, NSW Cricket and UWS (Campbelltown Campus) to investigate the extent of partnership that could be available for the project.

Project Cost

The initial modelling of a Sport Centre of Excellence is in the order of \$20m and is consistent with other 'known' models within Australia such as facilities located in Carlton and North Melbourne in Victoria.

The maximum contribution from the Federal Government available through the National Stronger Region Fund is \$10m, matched at dollar for dollar.

A commitment by Council of up to \$5m would provide the impetus to negotiate with other key partners including the NSW State Government to contribute to the capital costs of the project. Council's commitment of up to \$5m will be subject to further consideration of funding options in the 2016-2017 budget process.

Most importantly, without Council's endorsement of the development of the Regional Sport Centre of Excellence, it is difficult to attract key partners willing to commit a financial contribution to the project.

Council staff are progressing with preparation to establish partnerships, scope the functional spaces and nominate specialised equipment and detail the components of the construction. This would provide the necessary information and appropriate detail to undertake more robust financial modelling for the ongoing operation of the facility. The objective is to ensure the facility is self-sustaining with limited or no subsidy by Council.

National Stronger Regional Fund

An opportunity for Federal Government funding through the National Stronger Regions fund is available to support the establishment of the Sport Centre of Excellence. It is proposed that Council apply to the Federal Government for funding up to \$10m on a dollar for dollar basis. Applicants need to be able to meet four key criteria:

- The extent that the project contributes to economic growth in the regions
- The extent to which the project supports or addresses disadvantages in the regions
- The extent which the project increases investment and builds partnerships in the region
- The extent to which the project and applicant are viable and sustainable.

The application process opened on 15 May 2015 and closes on 31 July 2015. It is anticipated that successful announcements would be made in December 2015. Construction must be completed by 31 December 2019.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council commit to contributing up to \$5m towards the development of a Regional Sport Centre of Excellence in the Campbelltown Local Government Area.
2. That Council endorse an application to the Federal Government through the National Stronger Regions Fund towards the development of a Regional Sport Centre of Excellence in the Campbelltown Local Government Area.
3. That Council be presented funding options for Council's commitment of up to \$5m as part of the 2016-2017 budget process.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lound/Thompson)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

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That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Amendment (Hawker/Matheson)

1. That Council commit to contributing up to \$5m towards the development of a Regional Sport Centre of Excellence in the Campbelltown Local Government Area conditional upon:
 - i. a successful application to the Federal Government for funds towards the development of a regional sport centre of excellence in the Campbelltown LGA; and
 - ii. presentation to Council of funding options for Council's commitment of up to \$5m as part of the 2016-2017 budget process.
2. That Council negotiate with other key partners including the State Government to contribute to the project.

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That the above amendment be adopted.

A **Division** was called in regard to the Resolution for Item 6.1 - Sport Centre of Excellence with those voting for the Motion being Councillors Borg, Brticevic, Chanthivong, Dobson, Glynn, Greiss, Hawker, Kolkman, Lake, Lound, Matheson, Mead, Oates, Rowell and Thompson.

Voting against the Resolution: Nil.

This item was **CARRIED** unanimously.

7. LIBRARY SERVICES

No reports this round

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

Confidentiality Motion: (Thompson/Glynn)

That the Committee in accordance with Section 10A of the *Local Government Act 1993*, move to exclude the public from the meeting during discussions on the items in the Confidential Agenda, due to the confidential nature of the business and the Committee's opinion that the public proceedings of the Committee would be prejudicial to the public interest.

CARRIED

22. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

22.1 Education and Care Services Review

Reason for Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 10A(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: -

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

Motion: (Thompson/Lound)

That the Committee in accordance with Section 10 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, move to re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

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

T Rowell
CHAIRPERSON
