

# Ordinary Council Meeting

## Supplementary business paper – Mayoral Minutes

Tuesday 27 February 2024



**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER**

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Council meeting of Randwick City Council will be held in the Council Chamber, 1st Floor Randwick Town Hall, 90 Avoca St Randwick on Tuesday, 27 February 2024 at 7pm

**Additional Mayoral Minutes**

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM7/24

**Subject: Planning Proposal & Draft Planning Agreement - 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland**

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### Motion:

That Council write to the NSW Minister for Planning & Public Spaces:

- a) expressing concern that the construction and dedication of the standalone affordable housing building which was a key component of the draft planning agreement accompanying the planning proposal will no longer be provided on the site at 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland; and
- b) ask that the planning proposal be rejected as it does not have strategic merit.

### Background:

On 12 December 2022, the City of Sydney Council endorsed a draft planning proposal, draft development control plan and draft voluntary planning agreement in response to the proponent's (Meriton) request to amend planning controls at the 'Holden Suttons' site at 118-130 Epsom Road and 905 South Dowling Street, Zetland.

On 24 January 2024, the proponent advised they would not proceed with the construction and dedication of the standalone affordable housing building as outlined in the draft planning agreement accompanying the planning proposal. It is noted that the requirement to provide 3% affordable housing contribution is under the Sydney LEP 2012. Instead of delivering a stand-alone building, the applicant has changed their position and is only offering an equivalent monetary contribution under the City of Sydney LEP.

Council's submission to the City of Sydney has outlined that the impacts created by the proposed 90 storey tower will have lasting visual and heritage impacts on the community of West Randwick. The proponent has argued that internal site benefits can be achieved, as a result of the redistribution of heights including a 90m residential tower, however the proposal lacks a clear strategic justification and commensurate broader public benefits at the site. Deletion of a standalone affordable housing building has removed a significant public benefit on the site by no longer providing a social mix of housing. Upon completion, a dedicated affordable housing building on the site offers a range of public benefits ensuring key workers can access on site facilities as well as local employment and services and promotes social cohesion and diversity. The draft planning agreement now only includes a BASIX stretch target, the requirement for dual water reticulation and EV charging capabilities.

The BASIX stretch target amounts to development achieving 5 points for energy and water BASIX score above the BASIX target required. However, as the State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) is now in force, the 'stretch' has all but been negated by progresses in State Government policy.

In terms of EV charging facilities, the requirement that each residential parking space be 'capable' of being fitted with an electric vehicle charger should be commonplace in all new development. The EV charging facilities don't extend to community use in the public places within the development.

The dual water reticulation meanwhile is dependent on being supplied by the City of Sydney, no on-site recycling of wastewater from the development is proposed.

The planning proposal is primarily driven by the proponent's desire to alter internal configuration and maximise existing densities on the site and lacks strategic merit. Council should therefore write to the NSW Minister for Planning & Public Spaces asking that the planning proposal be rejected.

**Attachment/s:**

Nil

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**Submitted by:** The Mayor, Cr Philipa Veitch

**File Reference:** F2024/06574

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## Mayoral Minute No. MM8/24

**Subject: Additional Financial Assistance and Donations - December 2023 - January 2024**

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### Motion:

That Council waive the fees for:

- a) Marie Tesoriero, (Cool Marie) to hold a fete stall at the 2024 Spot Festival with handmade craft gifts and original artworks sold with all profits going to the Sydney Children's Hospital; totaling \$370.
- b) Running for Premature Babies to hold an information stall and dunk tank activation at the 2024 Spot Festival with all profits going to Running for Premature Babies; totaling \$250.
- c) Autism Mates Inc to hold an information stall and handing out prepackaged goods at the 2024 Spot Festival with all profits going to Autism Mates; totaling \$280.

### Background:

#### Marie Tesoriero (Cool Marie) – Spot Festival

Marie Tesoriero was a Community Service Award Recipient at Council's Australia Day Awards 2023. Marie requested the waiving of fees associated with holding a fete stall at the Spot Festival held on 24 March 2024. Each craft gift and original artwork is handmade by Cool Marie. All funds raised from the fete stall will go to the Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

#### Running for Premature Babies

Running for Premature Babies started in 2007 when Founder, Sophie Smith OAM and her late husband Ash lost their three premature triplets due to complications. When their babies were in hospital, Sophie and Ash realised that most of the machines that kept their boys alive were donated and that the hospital relied on fundraising for 70% of the equipment in the unit. What began as a quest to run the SMH Half Marathon and raise \$20,000 for one new humidicrib for the hospital in memory of their boys, grew into what is now the Running for Premature Babies Foundation.

The Foundation has so far raised over \$5 million for life saving neonatal equipment and funded research to solve the many mysteries of prematurity and advance the care of premature babies for the future.

#### Autism Mates Inc

Autism MATES, a local charity, is committed to fostering inclusion and empowerment for individuals on the autism spectrum through engaging programs, social opportunities, and a supportive community for families. Our stall aims to spread awareness of the valuable services we provide while fundraising with our delightful Freckly Faces chocolates.

### Source of funding:

The financial implications to Council will be \$900.00 funded from the 2023-24 Contingency Fund.

### Attachment/s:

Nil

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