

Ordinary Council Meeting Supplementary business paper

Tuesday 28 May 2024



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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, 28 May 2024 at 7:00pm

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Ray Brownlee, PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

Mayoral Minute No. MM23/24

Subject: Gweagal Spears return to Country - Congratulations to the La Perouse Aboriginal Community

Motion:

That Council;

- a) congratulate the La Perouse Aboriginal Community on their work in returning the Gweagal spears to Country at Gamay; and
- b) work with representatives of the La Perouse Aboriginal Community on appropriate ways to acknowledge this historic and important achievement.

Background:

In 1770 two members of the Gweagal clan of the Dharawal Nation stood on the shore of what we know now as Botany Bay as a boat approached the shore. The Gweagal warriors challenged these strangers and attempted to turn them back. This was responded to with gunfire, which caused these two warriors, as well as all other Aboriginal people in the area to seek cover. Cook's party then approached the nearby camp, taking, among other things, ~40 fishing spears. Upon Cook's return to England, four of these spears were given to Trinity College, where they remained for ~250 years. These spears have been referred to as the Gweagal Spears.

Members of the La Perouse Aboriginal Community have been advocating for the return of both ancestral remains and artefacts such as the Gweagal spears since the 1980s. The ongoing advocacy undertaken by members of this community over generations has resulted in the Gweagal Spears being returned to Country.

We would also like to acknowledge the campaign led by Rodney Kelly to return an artefact known as the Gweagal Shield currently held by the British Museum.

In May 2024 a delegation made up of representatives from the La Perouse Aboriginal Community went to Trinity College, Cambridge where they were handed back Gweagal spears. They have been returned to the La Perouse Aboriginal Community and will be returned to Country.

Noeleen Timbery, Chair of the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council and member of the delegation, acknowledged the cultural significance of the spears, commenting that *"They are an important connection to our past, our traditions, and cultural practices, and to our ancestors. Many of the families within the La Perouse Aboriginal Community are descended from those who were present during the eight days the Endeavour was anchored in Kamay in 1770."*

The Gweagal Spears will be displayed at a new visitor centre which is to be built at Kurnell, Kamay. In the meantime, at the request of the La Perouse Aboriginal Community, they will be cared for by the Chau Chak Wing Museum at the University of Sydney.

I congratulate the La Perouse Aboriginal Community on this historic and important achievement that is so significant for our community, the communities of Kamay and for Australia. I also hope that this achievement will assist in the campaign led by Rodney Kelly to return the Gweagal Shield. I recommend that Council work with representatives of the La Perouse Aboriginal Community on ways to appropriately acknowledge these efforts and provide opportunities for the community to hear more about the Gweagal spears.

Source of funding:

Via report back if required.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Philipa Veitch

File Reference: F2023/06574

MM23/24

Mayoral Minute No. MM24/24

Subject: Additional Financial donations and Assistance - March - April 2024

Motion:

That Council donate \$5,000 towards a NAIDOC event being held at the Yarra Bay Sailing Club for community on Saturday, 13 July 2024.

Background:

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (7 – 14 July 2024), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Each year for NAIDOC Week an event is organised by Aunty Marjorie Dixon as a celebration of Aboriginal culture and performance and held at the Yarra Bay Sailing Club. Many members from the local and wider Randwick Community attend the event for NAIDOC Week. I have been approached by the organisers who have requested support from Council for this event.

The funding will go towards entertainment and live music. Council holds an event for NAIDOC Week in partnership with other Councils at Centennial Park and supports other activities however this event will be a significant celebration for the whole community held at Yarra Bay.

Source of funding:

The financial implication to Council will be \$5,000 to be funded from the 2023-24 Contingency Fund.

Attachment/s:

Nil

Submitted by: The Mayor, Cr Philipa Veitch

File Reference: F2024/06574

Question with Notice No. QN5/24

Subject: Question with Notice from Cr Pandolfini - Burrows Park Upgrade

QN5/24

Question:

- a) What is the timeline to produce the Burrows Park Masterplan, including the community consultation?
- b) Is Council investigating alternate field options in the Randwick LGA if the sports field at Burrows Park isn't extended?
- c) Can you please provide the outcomes of the meeting held with the sporting clubs in October 2023, including any minutes of the meeting?
- d) Which teams will be impacted if the field isn't expanded?
- e) Bondi to Coogee walk is ranked at #1 on trip advisor. Is the Burrows Park masterplan prioritising this asset in the planning?

Response from Director City Services:

- a) The lead design team is currently working on the preparation of the masterplan exercise, and it is anticipated that it will be finalised in readiness for a public community consultation open in the fourth quarter of this year.
- b) Council is currently not looking at other options for a new field elsewhere in the LGA as part of the scope for this project or master planning exercise.

Council is however, in line with our Open Space and Recreational Strategy looking to generally deliver on the following strategic approaches identified by the community:

Outcome 1 – Open Space grows and changes with the community

1.6 Explore partnership opportunities to achieve additional open space and recreation areas to meet community demand.

Outcome 2 – Our Community is health and active

2.4. Optimise existing sportsfield layouts to increase number of fields provided and diversity of codes catered for.

Outcome 3 – Everyone has the opportunity to participate in sport and recreation.

3.9 Collaborate with local sporting codes to identify opportunities and initiatives to increase female participation in sport by 2023.

- c) In October 2023, a meeting was facilitated with the relevant primary Sportsfield booking users of Burrows Park and applicable supporting associations.

At this meeting all those in attendance voted in favor of pursuing further investigations into a full-size field and new amenities and changeroom buildings.

The stakeholder groups present in which voted in support included:

Primary Sportsfield Bookings Users

- Clovelly Crocodiles (Sydney Roosters Junior Rugby League)
- Clovelly Eagles JRFC (Randwick Rugby).

Applicable associations

- Randwick Rugby
 - Sydney Roosters Junior Rugby League
 - South Sydney Juniors Rugby League (offer support for combined competitions however do not utilise the field).
- d) Clovelly Crocodiles and Clovelly Eagles JRFC.
- e) The coastal walkway is already in place and not to be altered and therefore is not included as part of this project.

Submitted by: Councillor Pandolfini, North Ward

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