

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL

Committee Minutes

Community Services Committee Meeting held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 7 December 2004.

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Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on Tuesday, 7 December 2004

Present

Councillor M Oates (Chairperson)
Councillor J Bourke
Councillor R Kolkman
Councillor P Lake
Councillor J Rowell
Councillor M Thomas
Councillor R Thompson
Manager Community Resources and Development - Mr B McCausland
Director Community Services - Ms S Cannon
Manager Childrens Services - Ms L Deitz
Manager Cultural Services - Ms L Havilah
Manager Healthy Lifestyles - Mr G Knights
Manager Library Services - Mr G White
Manager Technical Services - Mr D Webb
Manager Corporate Strategy and Support - Mr S Kelly
Manager Environmental Planning - Mr J Lawrence
Manager Financial Services - Mr M Sewell
Manager Property and Support Services - Mr P Holland
Executive Support - Mrs C Wimmer
Executive Support - Mrs J Jordan

Also in Attendance:

DataWorks Consultant - Ms J Baulch

Declarations of Interest

Declaration of Interest was declared for the following item:

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Lake – Item 4.5 – Catering Contract for Campbelltown Sports Stadium – Councillor Lake is a Director of Western Suburbs Leagues Club (Campbelltown) Limited.

1. CHILDRENS SERVICES

1.1 Children's Services Cash Collection

Reporting Officer

Manager Children's Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

In considering a report provided to Council on Childrens Services Cash Collections at its meeting on 16 December 2003, Council requested that a report be presented on the progress of the new initiatives regarding payment of Childrens Services fees through PostBillPay and EFTPOS.

Report

After Council resolved to implement the PostBillPay and EFTPOS solutions for the payment of child care fees and the elimination of cash transactions, contact was made with Australia Post and the StarCare Software Application to facilitate the new payment methodology.

There was a greater lead time than anticipated in implementing the solutions embodied in the report of 16 December 2003 relating to the StarCare Software Application.

Council was also required to contact Australia Post to get a unique identifier number for payments through the PostBillPay system. There was considerable amount of testing that needed to take place between the download facility provided by Australia Post, Council's Finance System and the StarCare Childrens Services Software Application. The PostBillPay option commenced on 1 July 2004 with the StarCare Software Application being distributed to all long day care centres.

PostBillPay is available at Council's long day care centres and before and after school care facilities. EFTPOS transactions are available at Council long day care centres, occasional child care centres and vacation care facilities. Transactions that have been experienced through Australia Post for August and September are in the table below.

| Month | Over The Counter | Telephone | Internet | Total |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| August | 503 | 50 | 68 | 621 |
| September | 490 | 51 | 50 | 591 |

Financial Impact

While the initial take up was slow for the alternative payment options, all payments are now up to date with no increase in the amount outstanding being reflected through the child care debtor

account. Comments through the Childrens Services staff have been positive with all parents and staff becoming more familiar with the new payment regime. Costs incurred through Australia Post vary between \$800 and \$900 per month depending on the type and the number of transactions experienced.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Bourke)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2. COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

2.1 Evaluation of Recent Youth Initiatives

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

Council's Youth Services Unit and Youth Advisory Sub Committee (YASC) planned and coordinated youth activities held as part of the 2004 Festival of Fisher's Ghost. Surveys were conducted during the events to assist with planning future activities. The following evaluation report is provided for the information of Council.

Report

Alive Festival

Campbelltown Sports Stadium hosted the first of the Motor Accidents Authority (MAA) Alive Festival tours held on 23 October 2004. Over 3,000 people attended, with Campbelltown having the second largest crowd after Newcastle.

Members of the YASC and Campbelltown's local music scene were given the opportunity to volunteer with events management including backstage. Some of these young people went on to receive paid work at the other Festival venues.

The MAA and Council's Youth Services Unit will meet in the near future to debrief and to consider the possibility of Campbelltown hosting another Alive Festival in 2005.

Fisher's Gig

Fisher's Gig was held at Bradbury Oval on Saturday 6 November 2004. Over 1,000 people attended and common feedback was that this was the most successful Fisher's Gig event to date. This is attributed to the range of performances and local talent forming the line up, related fete stall activities, merchandise and give-aways and the bean bag seating provided.

In addition to Council's contribution to Fisher's Gig production costs, Campbelltown's Youth Advisory Sub Committee (YASC) was successful in securing \$10,000 from the Motor Accidents Authority's Arrive Alive grant scheme. Funds were used to run a series of competitions relating to road safety awareness, produce the compilation CD and t-shirt merchandise and to create a road safety themed drama performance, which was presented at Fisher's Gig.

Competitions

A series of competitions relating to road safety awareness was held prior to the event. Participation was good in all categories - Creative Writing, Slogan Design and Song Writing. Entries in Creative Writing were particularly high. A presentation was made to the competition winners during the event.

Drama Performance

Seventeen young people participated in workshops by Circus Solarus held at the Art Gallery in the lead up to the event. The young people forming the "Arrive Alive" troop also participated in the Fisher's Ghost Street Parade as well as performing at Fisher's Gig.

Compilation CD

This year a compilation CD was produced which is currently available for sale at all library branches, the Art Gallery, Council's Information Desk and the Community Services Building. CD sales have been steady due to recent articles in the local newspapers. 30 CDs were given to C91.3FM to use as give-aways with the road crew. All band members also received a complimentary copy of the CD. National promotion of the CD is now being negotiated.

Fisher's Gig 2004 had many supporters that helped make the event successful. These included C91.3FM, MAA, Council's Road Safety Officer, YASC, Art Gallery, Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields LAC Police, PCYC, Macarthur Diversity Services Inc., macarthurbands.com, Campbelltown Youth Services Inc., Circus Solarus, Youth Solutions, Interzone Reversal and Recording Studios, Festival of Fisher's Ghost Association and Hydrogen Records. Letters of appreciation will be sent to all supporters.

Fisher's Ghost Extreme

Fisher's Ghost Extreme was held at Campbelltown Skate Park on Saturday 13 November 2004. The day's program consisted of 5 competitions in skate, bmx and in-line skating. There was consistent attendance of between 300-500 people throughout the day.

The YASC secured \$1,500 funding from Indent Music NSW to provide live music entertainment to accompany the competitions. Performances were by local bands, Reversion, Under the Influence, Levitikus and Mug.

Survey Results

Members of the YASC conducted surveys during the three major youth events held during the Festival to assist with planning future activities. Statistics collected included:

- 100% of those surveyed said they would come to another music event at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.
 - 39% of those surveyed at the Arrive Alive Festival (a free event) said \$20-\$50 was a reasonable amount to pay for a music event at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, 35% of people said they would pay \$10-\$20.
 - 46% of people surveyed identified from being from a CALD or Aboriginal cultural background.
 - 50% of people that attended events had heard of Campbelltown's Youth Advisory Sub Committee.
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- 67% of those surveyed said they played an instrument, with guitar and drums the most common instruments.
 - 92% of those surveyed at Fisher's Gig thought the venue suited the event program.
 - 26% of those surveyed bought the Fisher's Gig compilation CD at the event.
 - 48% of people heard about the events from family and friends, 12% from the local newspaper, and 8% from local radio.

Financial Impact

These recent youth initiatives were all achieved within the allocated 2004/2005 Budget.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the information be noted.
2. That letters of appreciation be sent to all volunteers, sponsors and supporters of Fisher's Gig 2004.

Committee's Recommendation: (Bourke/Thomas)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.2 Youth Mock Council Meetings

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

Council at its meeting on 31 August 2004, considered a report outlining the viability of Youth Advisory Sub Committee members holding mock council meetings during Youth Week 2005.

Report

It was suggested that two youth mock Council meetings be held during the Youth Week period on Tuesday 12 April 2005, which has now been identified as a briefing night. It was proposed to target local school students from years 10 – 12 and the meetings would be held in the evening.

Further discussions with a Curriculum Coordinator of a local school identified that our original proposal was not suitable, both for the students and supporting schools. Participation in youth mock council meetings best meets the school curriculum for years 7 - 9, fitting into Civics and Citizenship Education under both the History and Geography Syllabus. However we will be opening participation to all high school students, leaving it up to schools to form their own team, thus allowing senior students to participate if they choose.

It is now suggested that these meetings be held as pre-Youth Week activities as Youth Week will take place in the first school holiday period between 8 - 26 April and this would hinder participation by schools. It is therefore suggested that the youth mock council meetings be held prior to the Council meeting on 29 March 2005 in Term 1, 2005.

Financial Impact

It is anticipated that there will be no financial impact for this initiative.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Youth Mock Council Meetings be held as pre-Youth Week events from 4.00pm to 7.00pm on 29 March 2005.

Committee's Recommendation: (Bourke/Thomas)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.3 NSW Local Government Community Services Association Conference

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

The 2004 NSW Local Government Community Services Association Conference (NSW LGCSA), "Under the Big Top" was held in Wollongong from Wednesday 17 to Friday 19 November 2004.

Report

Under the Big Top was the title of the 2004 NSW LGCSA Conference. Keynote speakers included Gabi Hollows and Lisa Wilkinson (a former student of Campbelltown High School who became the youngest ever editor of an Australian women's magazine).

Presentations covered leadership, participation, partnerships and case studies. Site visits to community facilities and cultural development projects proved very informative, with many innovations that may be useful for Campbelltown Council.

The Director of Community Services gave a presentation on "*A century of leadership models – what has community services gained?*" The Director was also elected as the President of the NSW LGCSA at their Annual General Meeting, which took place during the conference. The Place Manager for the Strengthening Airids project gave a presentation on the value of partnerships involved in that project.

Six staff members were able to attend, as they were able to travel to the conference on a daily basis.

Financial Impact

Cost of attendance was met in accordance with Council's Policy.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation:(Bourke/Lake)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

2.4 Access for the Disabled Sub Committee

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Minutes of the Access for the Disabled Sub Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2004.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Access for the Disabled Sub Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2 November 2004.

Report

The Community Services Division has considered the recommendations of the Sub Committee and those actions that require consideration are detailed below.

Financial Impact

Nil cost to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the Minutes be noted.
2. That in regard to Item 6.3, Council write a letter to State Rail outlining the issues of the lift at Leumeah Railway Station due to lack of staff to provide assistance after 5.00pm each day.

Committee's Recommendation: (Bourke/Lake)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES OF THE ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 10.30AM IN COMMITTEE ROOM 3

Present:

Councillor Mollie Thomas
Julie Deane
Rosemary Gray
Alice Vance

Also in Attendance:

Andrea McTighe
Carolyn Young
Michael Donachie
Dick Webb
Carolyn Wimmer – Executive Support

1. Apologies:

Councillor Fred Borg
John Lloyd
Stacey Copas
Rosemary Watson
Bruce McCausland
Vicky May-Franks
Warwick Stimson

Committee's Recommendation: (Gray/Deane)

That the above apologies be received and accepted.

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes from the Meeting held 5 October 2004: (Gray/Deane)

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Access for the Disabled Sub Committee held on 5 October 2004 copies of which have been circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Pembroke Park, Minto – Unisex Disabled Toilets (Item 5.3)

Audit was conducted on toilets and access to the park and looking at Best Practice and how things happen in other Councils.

Rosemary Gray reported that the audit revealed toilets are not accessible. They have wider doors but not enough room and problems with accessing sink outside (which has been built to withstand vandalism). The Committee further discussed the possibility of building unisex toilets at the park. There are also problems with other parts of the park eg: no concrete for wheelchairs, some pathways are too steep and bridges are sealed with asphalt which is not safe for wheelchairs or vision impaired people.

Campbelltown Library

It was noted that an audit of Campbelltown Library will take place Thursday 11 November 2004.

Development Application for Private Hospital, Park Central Estate (Item 5.7)

This application is due to come before Council in the first quarter of 2005 and Council Officer's have been informed of the recommendations of this Committee.

Pedestrian Lights Corner Dumaresq Street and Queen Street (Item 3 [6.2])

Dick Webb advised the Committee that there had been ongoing discussions with the Roads and Traffic Authority and they are going to turn off the audible signal for the Queen Street crossing but will keep the scramble phase for the crossing.

Vision at Roundabouts

A report has been presented to Council for this information regarding this issue. A three year program will commence to start replanting many of the roundabouts that have site issues whilst still trying to preserve the nice look of roundabouts in the Campbelltown area.

Work has commenced at the intersection of Blaxland Road and Rose Street, Campbelltown and this has opened up site lines.

Leumeah Primary School, Burrendong Road, Leumeah

Ongoing issue in relation to off street disabled parking. Dick Webb, Julie Deane and the Principal of Leumeah Primary School had a meeting and the result is that the school is unable, for a range of reasons, to provide internal disabled access on the school site. A report will be presented to the Traffic Committee requesting that one disabled space be provided on the road.

The issue of disabled parking around schools will be treated on a case by case basis.

Shrub Branches near Courthouse

This Issue is now with the Registrar for assessment and the Registrar seems to be supportive about getting something done. Dick Webb to chase this up over the next few weeks.

Council's Internet

Vicky May-Franks and Bruce McCausland met with Communications and Marketing. The Disability Action Plan Framework is displayed on Council's Web Site for the community and general public to comment on.

CALD communities will have difficulty accessing the Web Site as some have little knowledge or access to computers. Council's Customer Service changes should help in this regard.

Council's Web Site is currently being upgraded and a presentation on the new site will be presented to Council at the end of November 2004. The upgraded site will contain a lot more detailed information and Communications and Marketing have been made aware of issues of concern from this Committee.

Committee's Recommendation: (Deane/Gray)

1. That Dick Webb to follow up the issue of the protruding shrub branches with Court House.
2. That a representative from Communications and Marketing to be invited to attend the next meeting of this Committee to discuss Council's Web Site.

CARRIED**4. Disability Action Plan**

A report on the Disability Action Plan and audits conducted to date was distributed to Committee members. There are no changes to the framework.

Pembroke Park has been audited. Campbelltown Library will be audited next week. This will mean that an audit has been conducted on an external premises, an internal premises and the committee is working towards auditing a community event. Macarthur Disability Services are holding a Macability Day on 2 December 2004 at the Civic Hall and this could be a good event to audit.

Vicky May Franks and Russell Chudley carried out a presentation to Council Managers on the Disability Action Plan and it was well received.

5. Guest Speaker - Carolyn Young, Campbelltown Library Extension Program Coordinator

Carolyn Young addressed the Committee to inform them of her role at Council and to seek feedback on issues of concern. Carolyn's focus will be children, young adults, disability issues, the aged and the CALD community. Will also be looking at staff awareness training and at new software for computers that would be of benefit.

Julie Deane stated that she would be happy to assist Carolyn Young with information about available computer programs and adaptable technology for people who cannot use keyboards. It was also suggested for Carolyn Young to talk to John Lloyd or Myrtle Cottage in regards to software available for brail users.

Recommendation: (Deane/Gray)

That Carolyn Young be thanked for addressing the Committee.

CARRIED**6. General Business****6.1 Council's New Resident's Package**

Rosemary Gray suggested that Council's new resident's package contain detailed information about accessibility in the Campbelltown area. This could be in the form of pamphlets.

6.2 Ingleburn Fair Parking Area

There is concern that there are not enough disabled parking spaces in this area.

6.3 Leumeah Railway Station Lifts

Julie Deane was contacted by a member of the public in regards to the lifts at Leumeah Railway Station being unavailable after 5.00pm each day due to staff shortages on the Station. The person concerned was asked by Station staff if he could make sure he was home by 5.00pm each day. The Northcott Society is going to write a letter to the Anti Discrimination Board on the resident's behalf. Minto Railway Station has the same issue.

Dick Webb commented that there is a Public Transport Forum to handle these issues. The Forum has not met recently as it has been waiting for confirmation of funding from Sustainable Regions for the Transport Strategy. Margaret Stack is the Manager for Disability at Rail Corp and State Rail's Disability Action Plan has an Easy Access Program that should be checked.

6.4 Macability Day

Macarthur Disability Services are holding a Macability Day on 2 December 2004 at the Civic Hall, International Day of People with Disabilities is 3 December and there will be a lot of different events being held all over the Local Government Area. Information about the Macability Day is on the Macarthur Disability Services web site.

Recommendation: (Deane/Gray)

1. That Council's Communications and Marketing Section be asked to consider including in the New Resident's Package information about accessibility issues.
2. That Dick Webb look at the disabled parking areas at Ingleburn Fair and assess safety issue in regards to location of disabled parking spaces.
3. That Dick Webb discuss the issue of Railway Stations with Darren Stone, Area Manager (or his replacement) report back to this Committee.
4. That Council write a letter to State Rail outlining the issues of the lift at Leumeah Railway Station due to lack of staff to provide assistance after 5.00pm each day.

CARRIED

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Access for the Disabled Sub Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 December 2004 at 10.30am in Committee Room 3, Campbelltown Council Administration Building.

Councillor M Thomas
CHAIRPERSON

NOTE: Please note the date of the next meeting has been changed to a week later than scheduled due to commitments of committee members.

2.5 Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee Meeting held on 25 October 2004

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee Meeting held on 25 October 2004.

Report

The Community Services Division has considered the recommendations of the Sub Committee and those actions that require consideration are detailed below.

Financial Impact

Nil cost to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the Minutes be noted.
2. That in regard to Item 11.2 Council Officers meet with representatives of the Department of Education and Training to discuss options for increasing the number of students enrolled in Aboriginal Studies.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Thompson)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES ABORIGINAL ADVISORY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 2004 IN CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

1. Election of Chairperson

Committee's Recommendation: (Smith/Lynch)

That Norm Newlin be appointed Chairperson for the meeting.

CARRIED

Present: Norm Newlin (Chairperson)
Joe Eather-Brooks
Des Smith
Alison Lynch
Muriel Brandy
Charles Mundine

Also in Attendance: Councillor Mollie Thomas
Bruce McCausland - Manager Community Resources and Development
Robyn Straub - Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Teena Riley - Acting Manager Communications and Marketing
David Cartwright - Marketing and Tourism Assistant
Kathleen Clapham - Sydney University
Freidoon Khavarpour - Sydney University
Mrs P Boyle - Executive Support

2. Apologies: (Newlin/Lynch)

That the apology be received and accepted from Louise Hughes.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Interest

- **Pecuniary Interests**
- **Conflict of Interest**
- **Other Disclosures**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes 6 September 2004

Committee's Recommendation: (Mundine/Lynch)

That the Minutes from the meeting held on 6 September 2004 be adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1 Recognition of Outstanding Aboriginal Youth (Item 10.8)

Certificates being drafted as agreed at previous meeting. Department of Education have resumed the Aboriginal student awards ceremony and the ACDO has expressed an interest to be included in the development of this.

Other award ceremonies which can be utilised for the project, include the Youth awards (Youth Week), The Mayors Education Awards (Educational Week) and if an Awards ceremony is planned for NAIDOC week.

Committee Note:

Robyn advised the Committee that a draft Certificate has been created. It will be printed on brown coloured paper with an Aboriginal Flag on the bottom near the logo. The Order of Macarthur is only issued to volunteers and the students don't meet the criteria.

Youth Awards could be issued in Youth Week, the Mayors Education Awards in Education Week with an Award Ceremony planned for NAIDOC week.

The Certificates will be presented at school assemblies. The Committee could go to the schools for the presentation. There were 16 nominations from two schools.

5.2 Orientation Information for Committee (Item 6.2)

Date not yet set, but end of year function could be an opportunity to introduce the Committee to Councillors and Senior Staff.

5.3 Conferences (Item 9.3)

Norm Newlin and Louise Hughes have nominated to attend the 5th National Indigenous Environmental Health Conference on 3 and 4 November at Terrigal.

5.4 Boomerangs (Item 5.1)

Robyn advised that she still hasn't heard back from Lou Davis so there is nothing further to report to the Committee. Robyn did advise however, that Council is giving approximately 80 boomerangs to Japanese Delegates during Fishers Ghost Week.

5.5 Two Positions Vacant (Item 13.2)

Joe Eather-Brooks advised the Committee that these two positions in the pest control industry have now been filled.

6. Guest Speakers – Teena Riley and David Cartwright Communication and Marketing

Feedback was sought on communications and marketing issues identified through the Social Plan, particularly promoting Aboriginal heritage and involving the Community in events

Committee Note:

Charlie Mundine noted that there are few public images or specific sites recognizing Aboriginal people in Campbelltown.

School students in the area are unaware of the local Aboriginal history including the Appin Massacre and the Bull Caves. Cr Thomas noted that many local people didn't know that Namut, after whom the Long Day Care Centre is named, was the black tracker who actually discovered Fisher's body.

Sub Committee members advised that the Library has some very good resources and Verlie Fowler and the heritage group should be contacted. This information would be used to develop a pamphlet posters and a plaque can be done at a later date. The posters would be distributed through schools and Quondong Information Centre after being approved by the Sub Committee.

Macquarie Fields TAFE worked together with parents and children in the area compiling a history of the area which could also be useful.

A suggestion was made that Aboriginal work be displayed and sold at Quondong.

Committee's Recommendation: (Mundine/Lynch)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED**7. Guest Speakers – Dr Kathleen Clapham and Dr Freidoon Khavarpour, Sydney University.**

A research project into injury prevention among children of the SWS Aboriginal community was presented. The researchers would like feedback on information sheets and focus questions to be used.

Committee Note:

The findings show that there are three times more injuries to Aboriginal children than to other children. Kathleen's project is collecting data on injury rates in South West Sydney.

The second part of the project is to focus on a small urban community such as Airds. Kathleen would like feedback on whether the questions on the questionnaire are appropriate. The Ethics Committee has approved the questions. She would like to bring experts from the University to help people solve their problems. The Committee suggested asking the AEA to join the reference group.

Sub Committee members provided feedback about local health issues and where more information could be found.

The third stage of the project is trying to find solutions for other areas as well. The project could be focusing on Airds for the data collecting stage, however Tharawal takes in Minto, Macquarie Fields and Glenfield as well.

It was suggested that a good way for Kathleen to get her survey out, would be to organize a Community morning tea to discuss health issues and casually ask the questions then, rather than knocking on doors with a survey.

8. Correspondence

Weekly mail out commenced.

There was no correspondence as Robyn has commenced forwarding information to each Committee member.

AASC Expenditure to date.

Robyn advised the Committee that there will be information for the Committee on the AASC Expenditure by next meeting.

Council still undertaking IT rollout.

9. ACDO Update

Robyn Straub provided her report to the Committee members as a handout.

In regard to Item 2 - Social Plan, Robyn advised the Committee that the feedback meeting on 26 October to bring everyone together came out of the Social Plan.

Living in Harmony Grants - resubmitted funding application to Area Assistance.

10. Outstanding Achievements by an Aboriginal Student Nomination

As advised earlier there were 16 nominations received. They will be presented when the Certificates have been typed.

11. General Business**11.1 Moree**

Joe Eather-Brooks enjoyed the conference and brought back interesting information. She noted that it was disappointing that very few Aboriginal people were employed in the town,

11.2 Aboriginal Studies

Alison Lynch advised the Committee that Picton High School is the only High School in the region with Aboriginal studies. As there is such a large Aboriginal population in this area, Aboriginal Studies should be a subject in the local High Schools.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lynch/Eather-Brooks)

1. That the Committee write to the Education Department to request that Aboriginal Studies be a compulsory subject in High Schools because of the high percentage of Aboriginal children in this area.
2. That Council be requested to lobby the Education Department to request that Aboriginal Studies be a compulsory subject in High Schools because of the high percentage of Aboriginal children in this area.

CARRIED**11.3 Christmas Function**

Dates and venues for the function were discussed.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lynch/Mundine)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Sub Committee function be held on 6 December and that Councillors and Senior Staff be invited.

CARRIED**11.4 Fishers Ghost****Committee's Recommendation: (Lynch/Mundine)**

That the AASC submit a float in the Fishers Ghost Parade and that Alison approach the AEA from Airds regarding the CrocFest costumes and that Robyn approach Sarah Redfern High School.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm.

Norm Newlin

CHAIRPERSON

2.6 Youth Advisory Sub Committee

Reporting Officer

Manager Community Resources and Development

Attachments

Minutes of the Youth Advisory Sub Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2004

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Sub Committee meeting held on 15 November 2004.

Report

The Community Services Division has considered the recommendations of the Sub Committee and those actions that require consideration are detailed below.

Financial Impact

Nil cost to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the Minutes be noted.
2. That in regard to Item 4 (a)
 - (a) That a report be presented on the funding of Fishers Gig.
 - (b) That Council send a letter to Team Phoenix, Youth Advisory Committee of Bankstown City Council to support a Sydney Youth Advisory Youth Conference.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Thomas)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 6.15PM ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2004 IN COMMUNITY SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM

- Present:** Ms Elyse Cabral (Chairperson)
Councillor Anoulack Chanthivong
Ms Michelle Woolley
Mr Dylan Mitrovich
Mr Jeff Cabrera
- Also in Attendance:** Ms Jenny Gleeson – Youth Project Officer
Ms Michelle Birch – Youth Librarian
Mrs Pam Boyle – Executive Support
- Apologies:** Mr Bruce McCausland - Manager Community Resources and Development
Ms Ellen Brooks
Ms Michelle Lanyon
Mr Brad Lanyon

1. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes 18 October 2004: (Cabral/Williamson)**
That the minutes from the meeting held 18 October 2004 be taken as read and confirmed.
CARRIED
 2. **Council Resolutions**
There were no recommendations.
 3. **Special Guests**
 - (a) **Martin Peebles – Leo and Youth Outreach Coordinator, Lions Club, regarding presentation on Lions Youth Programs.**
Martin Peebles addressed the Committee regarding Lions and Leos. Lions are hosting an annual youth conference between 21 and 23 October 2005 for youth aged between 12 and 28. There will be a youth forum at the conference where Leos from the district talk about their experiences. There will be some money available from Lions in a youth budget to bring kids from the country to the conference and for promotion of a social function. YASC could organise an event during that weekend. Father Chris Riley will be a speaker at the conference. He doesn't accept a fee but asks for a donation which will go to Youth off the Streets.

Committee's Recommendation: (Williamson/Smolcic)
That YASC organise an event for the Lions Youth Convention to be held 21 to 23 October 2005.
CARRIED
 - (b) **Paul Johnson – Secondearth Promotions, regarding proposal of Punk and Pennyless 3 (all ages Punk rock event at PCYC)**
Paul addressed the Committee regarding holding the Punk and Pennyless event possibly on 22 January 2005 with an entry fee of \$5.
The venue will be advertised as a drug and alcohol free event and advertising can go out to schools before the Big Day Out. At this stage there will be six bands performing free.

Committee's Recommendation: (Williamson/Cabral)
That the information be noted.
CARRIED
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(c) Michelle Birch – Youth Librarian, regarding future youth programming through library branches.

Michelle advised that she was involved in running the Library HSC lectures in conjunction with YASC. She is now organising getting up to date materials for HSC students.

Other Councils hold Libraries Aloud for local bands to perform at libraries, maybe once a month on a Friday night or weekend to get youth into the library and promoting local bands. The library is also for culture, CDs, DVDs, videos, magazines, x-box collections etc. There is internet access where PCs can be used twice for 15 minutes free and then \$2 per hour.

Some suggestions from Michelle for youth entertainment include:

- Movie nights or afternoons. Village Roadshow are willing to let out recent movies to the library at a minimal cost.
- Drama workshops
- Comic workshops - how to write a comic strip
- Games afternoons such as celebrity heads and twister
- Book clubs where members can discuss different books
- Jewellery making
- How to start up a band workshop
- Candle making - there are books on candle making in the library
- Careers - how to write resumes and what to expect in interviews
- Basic car care workshop - repair manuals are in the library
- Beauty or hair care workshop
- Yoga, meditation and pilates
- Card making workshops
- Poetry
- Dance - Hip Hop, rap etc.
- Print screening
- Video production workshops
- Youth rights workshop during Youth Week
- HSC for next year - legal studies workshop
- Business study workshop
- Travel workshops - how to get passports, insurance etc.
- Photography

It is envisaged that these workshops will commence at Campbelltown and if successful, maybe they can then go to the branches.

YASC can help Michelle by handing out flyers at schools and Universities.

YASC members can email any feedback back to Michelle.

Committee's Recommendation: (Cabrera/Scowcroft)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

(a) Working Party Updates

Entertainment/recreation – proposal for partnership with Pete's Café regarding music event.

Jenny has had some discussions with Pete's Café regarding holding an acoustic night there. Elyse will continue discussions with Pete.

Education/employment – feedback from Macarthur Youth Commitment partnership proposal and information on consumer rights.**YASC promotion – Western Sydney Youth Councils proposed Conference.**

Fisher's Gig - there will be no Alive funding next year for Fisher's Gig - discussion of budget.

Committee's Recommendation: (Williamson/Cabral)

1. That the information be noted.
2. That a request be made to Council to increase the budget for Fisher's Gig.
3. That a letter of support be forwarded to Team Phoenix from Bankstown Council.

CARRIED**(b) Main Street Committee**

Elyse Cabral and Michelle Lanyon represent YASC on this Committee. Michelle Lanyon to provide feedback on last meeting and about Youth Café Idea.

(c) YASC Information to Councillors

Discussion of how information regarding activities of YASC could be presented to Councillors.

Jenny will try to locate videos and photographs of the past work done by YASC.

(d) Maximising Potential In Macarthur

Through the Office of Regional Development, the University of Western Sydney (UWS) has developed a youth leadership program titled Maximising Potential In Macarthur, in conjunction with Future Achievement Australia. The program will link young people to coaches from business, Government and the community. Briefing of the project to be presented to YASC.

Michael Scowcroft is to be the YASC representative on this Committee and will provide an update regarding this project.

Michael is yet to go to a Committee meeting, however he will follow this up.

(e) Youth Week 2005 Planning

Youth Week 2005 will be held from 9 to 17 April 2005. Council has applied for grants for this event, however nothing has come back as yet. There is an internal working party in Council which is looking at how much money can be used from Council's budget. There is a suggestion of partnerships from outside Council.

Some suggestions for events during Youth Week include:

- Mock Council meeting will be held and invitations will be sent to schools to be part of this exercise. Any outcomes from the mock meetings will come back to YASC for discussion.
- A workshop is planned on consumer rights.
- A band night at the PCYC
- An art gallery forum on arts and music
- Third issue of SWAY
- Skate competition
- A bandwagon idea to go to schools to talk at assemblies - maybe use the PCYC bus

Application be made for a grant for funding for film making workshops. The program for Youth Week to be finalised by February 2005.

5. General Business

(a) Monthly Music/Band Nights at PCYC

Discussion to be held on coordination and YASC involvement of monthly events on Thursday nights, starting in January 2005.

Other items to be tabled at the meeting.

There is a suggestion of Macarthur Square hosting a band night one night a month.

(b) Christmas Party

It was decided that the Christmas Party be held at the Eagle Vale Leisure Centre from 6pm to 8pm on Monday 6 December 2004.

(c) Calendar

It is suggested that YASC put together a calendar so there is no clash of events.

6. Correspondence

To be tabled at the meeting.

7. Next Meeting

The next YASC meeting will be held at 6.15pm on Monday 17 January 2005 in the Community Services Conference Room.

3. CULTURAL SERVICES

3.1 Campbelltown Cultural Precinct Committee Membership

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

The Cultural Precinct Committee at its meeting on 15 November 2004 recommended that a report be presented to Council requesting that one representative from Wollondilly Council and one representative from Camden Council be invited to join the Cultural Precinct Committee. The inclusion of these representatives on the Committee would assist the Campbelltown Arts Centre in ensuring the delivery of cultural services across the Macarthur Region and facilitate the development of a sub regional Arts Strategy for Macarthur.

Report

Campbelltown Arts Centre is considered a major Centre of excellence in Western Sydney for the delivery of cultural services including contemporary arts programming and community cultural development practice. With the completion of the new Centre within the Cultural Precinct there will be an expectation that the Centre will significantly increase its delivery of cultural services broadly across the Macarthur Region.

The Centre has identified the need for the implementation of a subregional strategy for arts development for the Macarthur Region to implement a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of cultural services. The extension of service delivery will also provide opportunities for Council to increase its level of external partnerships with both the Federal and State Government while also providing an opportunity to generate audiences across South-west Sydney.

Inviting representation on the Cultural Precinct Committee by one member of Wollondilly Council and one member of Camden Council will ensure that both Local Government Areas are able to contribute the development of the Centre while also providing feedback and information on the needs of their constituents. The Cultural Precinct Committee will then be in the position to consult and deliver a comprehensive strategy for arts development for the Macarthur Region.

Financial Impact

Nil cost to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council endorse the Cultural Precinct Committee's recommendation to invite one representative from Wollondilly Council and one representative from Camden Council to join the Campbelltown Cultural Precinct Committee.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Thomas)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

3.2 Campbelltown Cultural Precinct Committee Minutes

Reporting Officer

Manager Cultural Services

Attachments

Minutes of the Campbelltown Cultural Precinct Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2004

Purpose

The Minutes of the Campbelltown Cultural Precinct Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 November 2004 are presented to Council.

Report

The Minutes in accordance with Council's resolution are submitted for information.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from the Committee's Recommendations.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Lake)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES OF THE CAMPBELLTOWN CULTURAL PRECINCT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 5PM AT THE ART GALLERY

Present: Mr J Marsden (Chairperson)
Councillor R Kolkman
Mrs S Cannon – Director Community Services, Campbelltown City Council
Mrs J Long – Friends Representative
Ms A Bakkers – Friends Representative
Mr T Bryan - Business Representative
Ms R Pulbrook - Community Representative
Ms M Kessler - Community Representative

In Attendance: Ms L Havilah – Cultural Services Manager
Mrs P Boyle – Executive Support

1. Apologies: (Kolkman/Long)

That the apologies from His Worship the Mayor, Councillor B Banfield, Mr P Tosi, Councillor M Oates, Ms M Ware and Mr F Braat be accepted.

CARRIED

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 27 September 2004

Committee's Recommendation: (Bakkers/Long)

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2004 copies of which had been circulated be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from Minutes

3.1 Friends Corporate Members (Item 12.4)

John Marsden advised that he has a Christmas function at the Gallery in December where there will be many businessmen. He advised the Friends that he could set up a table for them to try to get more members.

5. Chairman's Memos

5.1 Judging of Fisher's Ghost Exhibition

John Marsden has been approached by a Councillor to raise the issue of why there is only one judge for the Fisher's Ghost Art Exhibition. The Councillor thinks there should be more than one judge.

Lisa Havilah advised that the established practice is as follows:

- A list of suggested judges is developed by senior staff at the gallery
 - The list is presented to the Fisher's Ghost Art Award Sub Committee
 - A shortlist is developed
 - A senior staff member contacts the judge from the shortlist
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Following are some suggested alternative options:

1. Include a senior gallery staff member on the judging panel.
2. Include a senior gallery staff member, member of Fisher's Ghost Sub Committee and external party.
3. This Award could be judged by artists in conjunction with a senior gallery member.

Merrilee Kessler advised that at her place of employment there is a Code for Judging. She will look into this and bring her findings back to the Committee.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kessler/Long)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

5.2 Report on Fisher's Ghost Festival and Art Exhibition Opening Night

John Marsden set out in his memo, which was circulated to all Committee members, suggestions for the better running of this function.

This year, it was very crowded as there was a large contingent here from Japan for the 20th Anniversary of the Sister City Celebrations.

Next year there will be a lot more room with the completion of the Amphitheatre. The main function could be held outside near the Amphitheatre, or in the gardens themselves.

It was also suggested that all sponsors from the Fisher's Ghost and the Art Exhibition be brought together to a combined Cocktail Party.

Another reason for the length of the function is that the award winners are spread throughout the venue. It was suggested that people who are to receive awards congregate closer to the stage.

Committee's Recommendation: (Pulbrook/Bryans)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

6. Cultural Services Manager's Report

6.1 Capital Development Program

6.1

The following works have been undertaken in relation to the Capital Development Program:

- Interviews were conducted with the two companies who submitted expressions of interest for the management of the café. Neither of the applicants were deemed an appropriate fit with the needs of the cultural precinct. Letters have been sent informing the applicants of the Committees decision. A business plan to manage the Café internally has been developed. This plan has been incorporated in the 5 year financial model for the operation of the Arts Centre. Costing for the fitout of the Café are currently been finalised. It is planned that the Café will be operational from the time of the Arts Centre launch in May.
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- Work has been undertaken for the relocation of the administration area which will occur in the second week in December. Existing office furniture that is not required will be relocated to the Council administration offices.
 - The relocation of the collection to the new store 1 has been completed. The racking system still requires some amendments which will be completed once the preparation area is finalised.
 - Theatre consultant Neil Simpson has been appointed to advise on the fitout of the Performance Studio to date he has advised on a range of issues and assisted with the preparation of a submission to the NSW Ministry for the Arts requesting support. He has also provided practical advice which will positively impact on the Performance Studio's operations.
 - External landscape works were completed for the opening of the Fisher's Ghost Art Award on the perimeter of the Café and on Art Gallery Road. Amendments to these works will be undertaken once the landscape masterplan is implemented in January.

Committee Note:

John Marsden asked if local people have been approached regarding Expressions of Interest for the management of the Café. Second Expressions of Interest have closed with no-one suitable being found. Some local businessmen have been approached informally, however there isn't anyone showing interest.

If there is still no interest externally, a Business Plan will be formed to operate the Café internally on a short term basis. The Café is planned to be operational by April 2005. If the decision is made to go internally, the trading figures will be checked after a year and then a decision can be made whether Council should keep it or go out for another Expression of Interest.

John also asked what is the intentions regarding applying for a liquor licence. Sandra Cannon is going to check with Parramatta and Baulkham Hills Councils as they serve alcohol at their galleries. Sandra and Lisa Havilah are to develop a Business Plan which will include a liquor licence.

Discussion took place on operating hours of the Café, and it was generally felt that it could open after Gallery hours such as Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

6.2 Art Gallery Branding

The Cultural Precinct Committee's recommendation to endorse the concepts for the Arts Centre brand were presented to the last meeting of Council. Council requested that further options be presented for their consideration. As a result a brief to develop the branding has been distributed to five design companies one local, three metropolitan and one interstate. Once a company has been appointed further work will be undertaken in the next three months and it is envisaged that a presentation will be made to the Cultural Precinct Committee Meeting at its first meeting in 2005.

Committee Note:

Lisa Havilah advised the Committee that Council approved the name of Campbelltown Art Centre, however Council requested more options for the branding design. Letters were sent to three Metropolitan, one local and one interstate companies. This process will probably be a three month process.

6.3 Premiers Submission

A meeting was held between Graham West, MP Member for Campbelltown, Paul Tosi, Sandra Cannon and myself to discuss the submission of the capital request to the Premier. Graham West has agreed to support the submission, which will be sent to the Premier this week. A further meeting will be held before the end of November with The Hon Craig Knowles, Member for Macquarie Fields, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, and Minister for Natural Resources. The request will also be presented to MACROC for endorsement.

Committee's Note:

Sandra Cannon advised the Committee that the Ministry for the Arts and Graham West are quite keen to develop Campbelltown and include Camden and Wollondilly as a Regional Centre for the Arts. Sandra and Lisa are to address MACROC for their endorsement.

The Committee discussed that a representative from Wollondilly and Camden Councils become members of the Cultural Precinct Committee.

6.4 Western Sydney Arts Strategy Review

Further discussions have been held with the NSW Ministry for the Arts regarding identifying regional Centre's of excellence in Western Sydney for the delivery of arts programming. Campbelltown Arts Centre, Penrith Regional Gallery and the Lewer's Bequest, Parramatta Riverside Theatres and Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre have been identified as key sites for cultural service delivery across greater Western Sydney. This identification provides substantial opportunities for Campbelltown City Council to substantially increase its partnership with the State Government. Another meeting will be held in December to develop a joint proposal requesting operational support.

6.5 Grant Applications

The following grant applications have been prepared and submitted in October/November

| Organisation | Request | Amount |
|---|---|------------------|
| Department of Environment and Heritage – Sharing Australia's Stories | Campbelltown Oral History Project in partnership with Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society | \$50,000 |
| Department of Environment and Heritage – Cultural Heritage Projects Program | Interpretive work and increase amenity – Hurley Park Reservoir | \$150,000 |
| Total | | \$200,000 |

6.6 University of Western Sydney Scholarship

On 19 November I will be opening the University of Western Sydney, School of Contemporary Arts Graduating Exhibition and launching Campbelltown's Scholarship Program established for graduates of the School of Contemporary Arts. The University has committed \$2,500 matching funds towards the establishment of the Scholarship. The Memorandum of Understanding has been drafted and sent to the University for finalisation.

6.7 Establishment of Museum Planner Position

A meeting was held on 24 September between Alex Bowen, Program Manager, Museums, NSW Ministry for the Arts and the Museum Working Party. Alex provided positive feedback on the direction planning was heading and was confident that a partnership can be established with the NSW Ministry for the Arts. The job description has now been finalised and the position will be going to advertisement in January.

6.8 Floats – Fishers Ghost Parade

The Gallery facilitated the development of two entries into the Fishers Ghost Parade. The Airs Float and the Sister City Float. The Sister City Float won the prize for best entry and employed two local artists to undertake the design and implementation. The Airs Float was built at the gallery and will begin the gallery's partnership with communities in Airs.

Committee Note:

The Committee is to be congratulated on the Sister City Float gaining first place in the Fishers Ghost Parade.

6.9 Aboriginal Cultural Strategy

A meeting was held with Robyn Williams, Chair, Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council and Robyn Straub, Aboriginal Cultural Development Officer, Campbelltown City Council on the 7 October to begin the process of developing an Aboriginal Cultural Strategy specifically for the Marcarthur region (Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly). This strategy will provide a framework for Cultural Services to significantly increase Indigenous arts programming. It is planned that a full time Indigenous Arts Officer position will be employed to assist in the delivery of the strategy in partnership with the Aboriginal Cultural Development Officer.

6.10 Ann Lewis Partnership

A meeting was held with renowned Australian Collector Ann Lewis to discuss the establishment of a partnership to develop an emerging Curators Program. The program would combine the resources of her significant collection as well as the collection of the gallery and would engage three emerging curators to develop new works engaging with contemporary ideas. A proposal is currently be finalised for her consideration. It is envisaged that the exhibitions would be presented in 2006.

6.11 Staff Issues

Interviews for a replacement for Renee Porter during maternity leave will be conducted on Wednesday the 17 November. Interviews for the Performance Program Officer will be conducted the following week. Penny Stannard has been on jury duty for the last eight weeks and will be returning at the end of December. Phillipa Welfare is acting temporarily in this position.

6.12 TAFE NSW Partnership

A meeting was held on the 28 October with representatives from TAFE Art and Design, Campbelltown Campus. Further meetings will be held over the next six months looking at ways both organisations can develop strategic partnerships in the delivery of cultural education projects.

6.13 Phone Book Project Development

A meeting was held on the 4 November between ABC Online, dLux Media Arts, Marcarthur Diversty Services and the gallery to continue to develop the Phone Book Project which will be held at the gallery on the 19, 20, 21 January 2005. The project will bring the UK based technology performance company to Australia to run a three day workshop on developing artwork for mobile platforms. Essentially the participants will learn how to do animations and sound pieces that can be presented on mobile phones. ABC Online will be showcasing the work and the general public will be able to download the work onto their phone for a fee. This fee will then go back to the participants. On the third day of the workshop there will be a series of performances which will be presented live on Triple J.

6.14 Functions – September/December

| Date | Event | Number | Charge |
|-------------------|--|--------|--------|
| September 4 2004 | Storytelling- William Robinson | 20 | Nil |
| September 6 2004 | Lao Dance Project Workshop | 12 | Nil |
| September 8 2004 | Advisory Committee Meeting | 20 | Nil |
| September 11 2004 | Environmental Symposium | 60 | Nil |
| September 16 2004 | Public Art Consultation Meeting | 6 | Nil |
| September 21 2004 | Lao Dance Project Meeting | 3 | Nil |
| September 26 2004 | Community Consultation Public Art Masterplan | 5 | Nil |
| October 14 2004 | Cultural Plan Consultation | 50 | Nil |
| October 31 2004 | Lao Dance Project Workshop | 12 | Nil |
| November 7 2004 | Lao Dance Project Workshop | 12 | Nil |
| November 14 2004 | Lao Dance Project Workshop | 12 | Nil |
| November 21 2004 | Lao Dance Project Workshop | 12 | Nil |
| November 24 2004 | Marsdens Cocktail Party | 100 | TBA |
| November 28 2004 | Lao Dance Project Workshop | 10 | Nil |
| December 3 2004 | Song Company Performance | 50 | Nil |
| December 3 2004 | Gift of time Ceremony | 100 | Nil |
| December 4 2004 | Fires of the South Seas | 250 | 355.75 |
| December 5 2004 | Lao Dance Project Workshop | 10 | Nil |
| December 7 2004 | Friends Christmas Party | 200 | Nil |
| December 8 2004 | Cultural Precinct Christmas Dinner | 12 | Nil |
| December 10 2004 | Marsdens Christmas Party | 500 | TBA |

Committee's Recommendation: (Cannon/Kolkman)

1. That the information be noted.
2. That a report be prepared by Lisa Havilah and Sandra Cannon for a Business Plan to be formed to operate the Café internally on a short term basis.

3. That a Sub Committee be formed consisting of John Marsden, Rudi Kolkman and Tim Bryan and that this Sub Committee meet with the General Manager in the next couple of weeks regarding the Café development and operations.
4. That a report be presented to Council asking for a Councillor from Wollondilly and Camden Councils to become members of the Cultural Precinct Committee.
5. That letters of congratulations be forwarded from the Committee to the two artists who undertook the design and implementation of the float.

CARRIED

7. Curator's Report

7.1 Exhibition Openings

On Friday November 5 the 42nd Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Award. An estimated attendance of 500 guests, this proved to be a popular event. On Thursday November 4, the Gallery held the sponsor's cocktail party; approximately 80 guests attended this function and several works sold on the night.

7.2 Forthcoming Exhibitions

"ARTEXPRESS" is the Gallery's next scheduled official opening on Thursday December 9. Due to the scale and diversity of work, this exhibition will be displayed throughout the gallery.

7.3 New Collection Store

The new collection storeroom was handed over to the Gallery on Friday October 22. On the weekend of October 23 and 24, a team of technicians relocated all works from their temporary storage facility of the Claire St Claire gallery into this new space. The Gallery curator oversaw the entire relocation. This mammoth task of relocating approximately 800 works of art and all associated fittings took two full days to complete. Currently there are two dehumidifier units on rental in this space. Due to the progression of works, only temperature control was operational at hand over. Humidity control will not be available until the building is complete.

7.4 Box Making Workshop

On Monday November 8 a box making workshop was held at the Gallery, organised by the Gallery curator, this workshop was facilitated by Karen Coote, conservator. Three Gallery technicians and the curator undertook this hands on workshop, providing them with the knowledge and skills to now undertake this project. All three-dimensional works currently located in cupboards will be custom fitted into a box. Thus significantly reducing the risk of damage to works, improved storage and ease of relocation of works.

7.5 Documentation of the Permanent Collection

The Gallery has recently undertaken the task of employing a photographer to produce medium format transparencies of works in the Gallery's permanent collection. These transparencies are then scanned and downloaded onto the Gallery's server, with a link made between this and "Collection", the specialised collection management software. Other Gallery's who reproduce our works in publications also uses these transparencies. It is estimated that approximately 45% of the collection has been photographed.

7.6 Pest Control and Cleaning Tenders

Pest control and cleaning at the Gallery has recently been examined due to various issues that have arisen. An updated cleaning agenda has been generated by the Gallery curator and provided to the cleaning contractor's supervisor. To follow this up, meetings have taken place with all parties involved.

In reference to pest control, there has been dissatisfaction with the current contractor. At present, the Gallery is under the general Council tender document, it is not treated as a specialised facility. The Gallery Curator has consulted with an independent conservator (Karen Coote) and a pest control officer (Alex Roach, who specialises in Gallery – museum pest control). This consultation has resulted in a brief that has been generated to relevant Council staff. This brief is to be given to the current contractor and incorporated in to the current tender. This will need to be re-evaluated once all capital works are complete.

7.7 Improvements to Ian Porter Gallery

The Ian Porter Gallery has been repainted a clean shade of white, with all freestanding screens repaired. Additional work included the removal of electrical skirting that ran along the perimeter of the Gallery. This was replaced with a discreet skirting, painted the same shade as the walls. It is planned that these upgrades will also be undertaken in the Claire St Claire Gallery.

7.8 Valuation of Permanent Collection

Stella Downer has been employed by the Gallery to provide valuations on all works in the permanent collection. Stella is an accredited valued under the Cultural Gifts Program and also runs her own commercial gallery. To date all works have been valued and entered into the database except Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. This information will be accessible to Council's insurance officer to ensure adequate coverage of this collection. Each year a targeted section of the collection will be re-valued by the Gallery Curator, ensuring that all works are valued every five years.

Committee's Recommendation: (Bakkers/Long)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

8. Education Officer's Report

8.1 Attendance Figures

| | Primary | Secondary | Tertiary | Groups | INDIVIDUALS | Workshops | Total |
|------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Sept | 390 | 45 | 45 | 131 | 4980 | 486 | 6077 |
| Oct | 26 | 219 | 0 | 74 | 5132 | 297 | 5748 |

8.2 Volunteer Hours

Volunteers contributed 808 hours to the Gallery over the September - October period. Assistance was provided in the following areas; Staffing the Information Desk, Catering for functions, administration support and Education Programs.

8.3 Workshop Program

The Term 3 Workshop ended on 26 September. The program featured many new courses and more flexible course times and structures. A Spring School Holiday Workshop Program was held for the first time in the September-October school holiday period. This program was attended by over 400 children. 11 adults also participated in classes for parents and children. The program featured a range of workshops including several aimed at young people, such as flip-book animation and zine-making. Three free activities designed for children to do with their parents/guardians were also included: Teahouse/Arthouse, where art materials are supplied to make artworks inspired by the Japanese Garden; the Sculpture Vulture Detective Challenge, an activity which encourages children to engage with the works on display in the Sculpture Garden; and Rainforest Escapade, an activity booklet based around the exhibition *Place and Memory: The Graphic Art of William Robinson*.

8.4 A History of Environmental Activism in Campbelltown - Symposium

The environmental symposium "A History of Environmental Activism in Campbelltown" was held at the Art Gallery on Saturday 11 September as part of History Week 2004. The symposium explored the campaigns fought by the Campbelltown community in order to protect and preserve Campbelltown's natural environment. Speakers on the day included: Leon Warren, Coordinator, Campbelltown Anti-Airport Group; Verlie Fowler, Representative, Saving St Helen's Park; Pat and Barry Durman, National Parks Association; John Peart and David Fairbairn, Georges River Environmental Action Team; Robert Close, University of Western Sydney Koala Research Project; Bindie Stewart-Fitzpatrick, Campbelltown Stream Care Community Group. Local environmental groups also had displays in the Gallery foyer. The event was well attended and feedback was extremely positive. The talks are currently being transcribed and copies will be available on Council's website and in the local studies section of Campbelltown City Library.

The event received media coverage in the History Week official calendar, the Sydney Morning Herald, the University of Western Sydney website, The Australia Council website, the Macarthur Advertiser and the Macarthur Chronicle.

8.5 Media

Clippings for September - October 2004 are attached. Avenues of advertising pursued during this period include the C91.3 C-line, the Mayoral column in the Macarthur Advertiser, various Council publications, including Uncover Campbelltown, Connect and Compass, The Macarthur Young Artists' Bulletin and Youth Events Guide, Art Almanac, From the Highlands to the Sea and free listings in journals and email bulletins. Two articles about the Gallery were published in the Sydney Morning Herald. Art Gallery programs received a total of \$36, 052 in free publicity during this period. This figure is calculated by determining the cost of an advertisement of an equivalent size in each publication.

8.6 Volunteer Program

10 new volunteers have recently joined the Art Gallery volunteer program. Three of these volunteers are recent university graduates who are undertaking volunteer work with the Education Officer and Curator as a professional development opportunity.

8.7 Work Experience Students

During the September-October period the Education Officer supervised two work experience students, a Yr 10 student from John Therry High School and a Welfare Student from Campbelltown TAFE.

8.8 Mental Health Week

The Art Gallery participated in Mental Health Week 2005 by hosting a ceramics workshop and morning tea for the Macarthur Area Health Service Dementia Group. This was a successful day, with the Macarthur Area Health Service indicating they would like to participate in more activities at the Art Gallery.

8.9 Elizabeth Cummings Drawing Workshop

Wedderburn artist Elisabeth Cummings hosted a drawing workshop at her Wedderburn Studio on 25 September. This day booked out quickly with many people indicating that they would like to attend similar programs.

8.10 The Bell Tree Project

The Bell Tree Project brings together people living with a disability in the Campbelltown region to participate in free ceramic bell making workshops. The project aims to create hundreds of bells which will be installed from the branches of a tree in the Japanese Garden. This installation will be known as the Bell Tree. In traditional Japanese culture, bells are a symbol of good will and fortune. The Bell Tree will be a permanent installation in the Japanese Garden and it is intended that it will be an ongoing project.

Organisations and schools who have taken part in the project to date include: Macarthur Area Health Service, Macarthur Disability Services, The Junction Works, Passfield Park Special School, Mary Brooksbank Special School/ The Bell Tree will be launched at 11am on Friday 3 December in celebration of International Day of People with a Disability. This project is part of the official International Day of People with a Disability program organised by Accessible Arts New South Wales and the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

8.11 Bell Shakespeare After-School Program.

Participants in the Bell Shakespeare After-School program have been rehearsing throughout Term Three and Four in preparation for an end of year performance to be held at Campbelltown Civic Centre on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 November. The performance is entitled "Free Will", which refers to the participants engaging in the program of their own free will and their intention to free the language of William Shakespeare. 'Free Will' will be a dusk performance in the grounds of the Civic Centre.

8.12 Alternative Directions to Education Theatre Program

The Directions theatre project has continued throughout Terms Three and Four, involving clients from the Juvenile Justice Post Release Support Program and students from the following high schools: Airds, Ambarvale, Thomas Reddall, Eagle Vale and Sarah Redfern. Participants in the project have met twice a week and are rehearsing a performance to be presented at the Campbelltown Civic Centre on Thursday 25 November at a time to be confirmed.

8.13 Fisher's Ghost Festival

The Education Officer coordinated two artists to work on the Koshigaya Sister City Association float for the Fisher's Ghost Festival Parade on Saturday 6 November. The float was very successful and won first prize in the parade. Artistic assistance was also provided to the Aboriginal Advisory Sub-Committee Float and in-kind support was provided to the Airds Reachout Centre and Wilma Women's Health Centre to assist in the production of their floats.

8.14 Circus Solarus Street Theatre Project

The Theatre troupe Circus Solarus coordinated a street theatre workshop program for young people at the Art Gallery throughout October. Participants in the workshop ranged in age from 9 – 19 and the program attracted a core-group of 10. The program culminated in a performance at the Fisher's Gig on Saturday November 6 and the troupe also participated in the Fisher's Ghost Parade. This project was made possible with funding provided by the Motor Accidents Authority.

8.15 Education Program

During the September – October period the Education Officer provided exhibition related discussion tours and workshop programs for the following institutions: Bambi Kindergarten, Eschol Park Primary School, Mount Hunter Primary School, Warby Street School, Broughton Anglican High School, John Therry High School and Wollongong TAFE. Dance students from Campbelltown Performing Arts High School have also been visiting the Art Gallery Sculpture Garden on a weekly basis throughout October to produce a dance/video work that engages with the sculptures.

Committee's Recommendation: (Bryan/Kessler)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

9. Friends Report

9.1 Macarthur Young Artists Network

We have received a letter from the Manager, Mr Bruce McCausland, Community Resources and Development at Council requesting that the Friends become the auspice of the newly formed Macarthur Young Artists Network. This would allow the network to become a sub-committee of the Friends. The committee recommended that a reply be sent, inviting Jenny Gleeson to attend our next committee meeting in January 2005 to lay the foundation steps for this to occur. We changed our Constitution early this year to accommodate just this sort of thing, and hope that in the future similar groups will come under our umbrella.

9.2 Public Liability

We will have to look at our Public Liability Insurance in the near future to cover the above changes.

9.3 Finances

I am anticipating a loss this year of approximately \$5,000, unless during Fishers Ghost Art Exhibition a large quantity or highly priced artworks are sold.

9.4 2005 Program

The committee is looking toward 2005 with high expectations. We hope to hold some new and exciting events and encourage more people to become Friends.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Havilah)

1. That the information be noted.
2. That in regard to Item 9.2 - Public Liability, Sandra Cannon to check if the Friends can be included in Council's Public Liability Policy.

CARRIED

10. General Business

10.1 Private Art Collection

John Marsden advised the Committee that the first President of the Friends of the Art Gallery died recently. At the time of his death he had a large art collection which is still in his home, which includes an archive of newspaper clippings going back to the opening of the Art Gallery. There is high expectation that this collection may be donated to the Gallery.

10.2 Committee Meeting Dates

Lisa Havilah distributed a list of proposed dates for the Cultural Precinct Committee Meetings for 2005. A couple of members can't attend different meetings, particularly 16 May meeting which may have to be rescheduled.

10.3 Christmas Party

It was decided that a Christmas Party would be held in the Art Gallery from 6.30pm on Wednesday 8 December 2004 for Committee members and partners.

10.4 30th Anniversary - Treaty of Nara

Rudi Kolkman advised the Committee that 2006 will be a significant year as it is the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Nara and the Federal Government will be making funding available for a range of celebrations. It is suggested that Campbelltown incorporate an exchange of art between Campbelltown and Koshigaya.

10.5 Art Sales

Joan Long advised the Committee that there were 14 art works sold by Friends during the Festival. This is separate from the winning entries.

Committee's Recommendation: (Havilah/Marsden)

That the information be noted.

CARRIED

4. HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

4.1 Heated Swimming Pools

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

Council at its Meeting 6 July 2004 called for a report on the feasibility of heating the outdoor swimming pools at Campbelltown Swimming Centre and Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre.

History

Campbelltown Swimming Centre and Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre currently provides indoor heated swimming pools and an outdoor cold-water swimming pool. This report identifies costs associated with heating each centre's outdoor cold-water swimming pool.

Report

Council provides four swimming centres to service the community in the following suburbs:

- Airds
- Bradbury
- Eagle Vale
- Macquarie Fields

Each of these centres provide indoor heated swimming pools for community use. Campbelltown Swimming Centre, Bradbury and the Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre, Macquarie Fields are the two largest swimming centres, which also provide outdoor cold-water swimming pools.

Heating Options

Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields Swimming Centres currently use gas heaters for heating the 25 metre swimming pools. Gas lines are already established and would therefore provide the most cost effective installation alternative.

The plant room configuration at both centres allow easy and convenient installation of additional gas heaters a factor identified within the original specifications.

Solar heating can provide the heating required. Solar is more expensive to set up and would require a major redesign and fit out of each plant room including installation of panels requiring considerably more surface area than the plant room roofs can provide and a major overhaul of each filtration system. Solar is an excellent option for new swimming centre development but is a costly alternative for swimming pool redesign.

Considering that Council has in the past selected gas heating for its two most recent swimming pool developments at Eagle Vale and Macquarie Fields this report identifies gas as its selected fuel source.

Other alternatives can be investigated identifying installation costs and long term running costs should Council wish to fund concept costs.

The basis of this report are the costs associated with gas heating outdoor swimming pools at each centre. Winter operating costs, operating periods and increased swimming opportunities are also identified.

Campbelltown Swimming Centre – Outdoor 50 metre x 23 metre Swimming Pool

The Campbelltown Swimming Centre outdoor swimming pool and filtration equipment was commissioned in 1979. The swimming pool and filtration system have recently been assessed as part of Council's recent Asset Management schedule.

This assessment identified that the 50 metre swimming pool is in a reasonable condition for its age and that a detailed inspection will be carried out at the completion of the current summer season. The replacement of expansion joints and any identified tiling will be rectified at this time.

The outdoor toddlers' pool is in a good condition and working order.

Heating

The outdoor toddlers' pool is heated by the indoor swimming pool's heating system.

The following quotations have been provided for the installation of gas pool heating and the purchase of a heat retention blanket system.

Supply and install gas heating complete with:

- 5 x gas pool heaters
- Lockable enclosure
- All gas fitting for new supply
- Water plumbing connections
- Electrical connections and thermostats
- Commission system and filtration interlock

Total including GST \$54,000

Supply and install thermal pool blankets and roller systems:

- 5 x blankets at 50 x 4.6 metres plus accessories
- 5 x rollers plus accessories
- 1 x motorised roller attachment
- Freight plus installation

Total including GST \$51,000

Totalling \$105,000

Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre - Outdoor 50 x 17 metre, Recreation 20 x 13 metre and Toddlers' Swimming Pools

The Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre outdoors swimming pools and filtration equipment was commissioned in 1973. The swimming pools and filtration systems have recently been assessed as part of Council's ongoing Asset Management schedule.

This assessment identified that the 50 metre outdoor swimming pool requires structural maintenance to be determined at the completion of the current summer season.

The capital cost of these works cannot be determined until a full examination of the swimming pool concrete shell is undertaken.

The outdoor recreation and toddlers' pools are in good condition and working order.

Heating

The cost for similar heating and heat retention blankets for the 50 metre outdoor and 20 metre recreation swimming pools are as follows.

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| Complete supply and installation of gas pool heating: Total including GST | \$53,000 |
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| Supply and install thermal pool blanket and roller system: Total including GST | \$64,000 |
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| Totalling | \$117,000 |
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| The total cost of heating installation and the provision of pool blankets at both swimming centres are: | \$222,000 |
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Operating Period Considerations

The daily operation and patronage of outdoor swimming pools is directly linked to water temperature, weather conditions and the wind chill factor. The following information identifies Council's operational opportunities.

Extension of Seasonal Use

The traditional extended season for heated outdoor swimming pools is a shoulder period identified as four weeks prior to the commencement and following the conclusion of the summer season, totalling eight weeks.

Should Council wish to increase this period, consideration will need to be given to the provision of structures as basic as wind breaks to reduce the wind chill factor, to enclosed shelter including basic amenities to reduce weather dependence.

Financial Impact

The capital costs of installing heating and associated equipment are identified as follows:

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|------------------|------------------|
| Campbelltown | \$105,000 |
| Macquarie Fields | \$117,000 |
| Totalling | \$222,000 |

The annual operating costs are based on heating, staffing, chemicals, electricity and maintenance costs.

The estimated expenditure and income for Winter Season (6 months) and Summer Shoulder Periods (2 x 4 weeks) and the total annual operating cost are identified as follows:

Annual Operational Expenditure

| <i>Winter Season (6 months)</i> | | <i>Summer Season Shoulder Period (2x4 weeks)</i> | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|----------|
| Campbelltown | \$198,500 | Campbelltown | \$66,000 |
| Macquarie Fields | \$228,800 | Macquarie Fields | \$76,000 |

Annual Operational Income

The estimated income identifies an increase in patronage of approximately 25%.

| <i>Winter Season (6 months)</i> | | <i>Summer Season Shoulder Period (2x4 weeks)</i> | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--|----------|
| Campbelltown | \$15,000 | Campbelltown | \$5,250 |
| Macquarie Fields | \$11,250 | Macquarie Fields | \$14,100 |

Total Annual Operating Cost

| <i>Winter Season (6 months)</i> | | <i>Summer Season Shoulder Period (2X4 weeks)</i> | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--|----------|
| Campbelltown - | \$183,500 | Campbelltown | \$60,750 |
| Macquarie Fields - | \$217,550 | Macquarie Fields | \$61,900 |

There may also be a slight increase in indoor swimming pool income due to program timing opportunities.

Estimated Total Cost to Council

| | <i>Year 1</i> | <i>Year 2</i> | <i>Year 3</i> |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Capital | \$222,000 | | |
| Recurrent (Winter Season) | \$401,050 | \$410,000 | \$415,000 |
| | \$623,050 | \$410,000 | \$415,000 |

Conclusion

The heating of outdoor swimming pools will provide benefits to a range of current users including competitive swimmers requiring the need of a 50 metre swimming pool.

The opportunity to attract new patrons during the winter season will be weather dependent recognising the current open space design surround Council's swimming pools.

Should Council wish to peruse heating outdoor cold-water swimming pools, Council will need to assess what are the overall objectives of the project including:

- heating during the shoulder period of 4 weeks prior to the commencement and following the conclusion of the summer season
- heating during the whole winter season
- heating all year round where required

Appropriate strategies would then need to be developed to reduce the impact of weather dependence on programming.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That information regarding the cost of heating outdoor cold-water swimming pools and associated information regarding weather dependence be noted.
 2. That a further report be provided identifying costs associated with the maintenance of the Macquarie Fields 50 metre outdoor swimming pool.
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Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Bourke)

1. That information regarding the cost of heating outdoor cold-water swimming pools and associated information regarding weather dependence be noted.
2. That a further report be provided identifying costs associated with the maintenance of the Macquarie Fields 50 metre outdoor swimming pool.
3. That a report on the costs of integrating solar heating with Council's existing gas heating be provided.
4. That a further report be provided to Council when more efficient and economical technology becomes available to make the heating of outdoor pools more viable.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

4.2 Minto Indoor Sports Centre

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

Identification of the current status of negotiations between YMCA Sydney and Council in relation to the management of the Minto Indoor Sports Centre.

History

Council at its meeting of 31 August 2004 approved a recommendation to award the management and operation of Minto Indoor Sports Centre contract to YMCA Sydney.

Report

Council has furthered discussions with the successful tenderer – YMCA Sydney in relation to the external management of Minto Indoor Sports Centre. Current negotiations include the progression of all contract and practical aspects of the tender.

YMCA Sydney has indicated its intention to manage and operate the Centre as soon as possible. Council together with YMCA Sydney are developing a Memorandum of Understanding, which will be agreed upon and signed prior to the handover in management. The Memorandum of Understanding will outline the agreed terms of the contract, asset management details and contract performance criteria.

Council currently has casual staff employed at the Minto Indoor Sports Centre. These staff members have been advised of the tender details. YMCA Sydney has held preliminary meetings with Council and Council has informed the effected staff members of YMCA Sydney's willingness to retain current Council employees on an initial 3-month trial. A formal agreement involving Council staff will be outlined within the Memorandum of Understanding.

A management handover date has initially been identified for 1 February 2005. It is envisaged this date will allow sufficient time to finalise the Memorandum of Understanding and staffing and programming details. Council will seek legal advice regarding this document.

This handover date is currently preferred as it precedes the commencement of the 2005 basketball competitions and will allow required Basketball NSW and local competition registration fees and other financial related areas to be managed by YMCA Sydney.

The operation of all other sporting competitions and school usage will also be managed to suit the identified hand-over date.

Council is also administratively supporting the development of the Campbelltown Basketball Management Group in relation to the ongoing administration of representative basketball. This support will continue during the operational transition period.

Financial Impact

Council is continuing to manage the day-to-day operations of the Centre and it is envisaged that the Centre will produce an operating profit of \$15,000 for the six-month period July – December 2004.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council hold further discussions with YMCA Sydney with a view to handing over the day to day operational management of Minto Indoor Sports Centre on 1 February 2005.
2. That Council inform all appropriate state, local and school organisations.
3. That Council support the Campbelltown Basketball Community Management group during the operational management transition period.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Bourke)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

4.3 2004 Campbelltown City Council Fisher's Ghost Pro-Am Athletics Meet

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

The Campbelltown City Council Fisher's Ghost Pro-Am Athletics Meet was held as part of the Festival of Fisher's Ghost on Saturday 20 November 2004, at the Campbelltown Athletics Centre.

History

This event has been successfully staged at this venue since 2001.

Report

Council's Pro-Am Athletics Meet featuring "The Fisher's Ghost Gift" was successfully staged as part of the Festival of Fisher's Ghost at the Campbelltown Athletics Centre, on Saturday 20 November 2004. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event throughout the day.

The prime purpose of the event was to attract a field of top sprinters to participate in a quality event and in turn promote the City of Campbelltown, Festival of Fisher's Ghost and the Campbelltown Athletic Centre.

The Meet was widely publicised as a community event and staged with the assistance of the NSW Athletics League, Campbelltown Collegians UWS Athletics Club, South West Metropolitan Zone Little Athletics, and the NSW Institute of Sport-Track and Road wheelchair program.

The Pro-Am event was staged between 9.00am and 4.00pm and included a wide range of track and field athletic events for all ages. Additional entertainment included a jumping castle, fun events, Festival of Fisher's Ghost merchandise and promotional material for all to enjoy.

The Athletics Meet was extensively promoted by radio station C91.3 throughout the day, including updates of preliminary events and a comprehensive broadcast of the finals series.

As in 2003, Council was identified as the major event and Pro-Am Gift race and Women's Gift race sponsor. Additional race sponsors were widely sought prior to the event and were difficult to attract recognising the variety of sponsorship opportunities available within the Festival of Fisher's Ghost program.

Race sponsors included Macarthur Disability Services, Macarthur Engineering and Campbelltown Collegians Campbelltown UWS Collegians Athletics Club. Company representatives were present at the event to present race winners with prize money and sashes of their sponsored races.

The event program was held in conjunction with the staging of South West Metropolitan Zone Little Athletics Championships, with in excess of 250 junior athletes competing in 150 preliminary heats, semi finals, and finals in 58 varied events. The Little Athletics track and field events were integrated within the Pro-Am races throughout the day. This change in programming was very well received by both senior and junior athletes and spectators.

The 120 metre Pro-Am Gift Final was open to male and female athletes under handicap conditions. One of Australia's top young sprinters, 18 year-old Owen Martin defeated a quality field of professional runners in a time of 12.73 seconds from Australian representative, Jason Hooker and Commonwealth Games representative, Tim Parraviciniallum Taylor. Corowa athlete, Melissa McQuade in a time of 14.54 seconds, won the \$1,000 Campbelltown City Council Women's 120 metre Gift event.

Australian Representative, Grant Buckley, won the Macarthur Engineering Wheelchair Handicap. The feature wheelchair event, the Macarthur Disability Services 400 metre handicap was dominated by front marker, Keiran Dinnerville.

The NSW Athletic League commended Council and all concerned on the quality and success of the 2004 event. It is considered appropriate that Council formally congratulate all supporting organisations and event sponsors.

Financial Impact

Costs associated with staging the event included race sponsorship, event promotion costs, on the day activities and other administration costs. Council sponsored races totalled \$8,000 in prize money and sashes for all place-getters. Council promotion for the event, including event programs, newspaper advertising, local letterbox drop and fun activities on the day totalled approximately \$3,000.

NSW Athletic League and Campbelltown Collegians Campbelltown UWS Collegians Athletics Club provided additional promotion for the event and the operation and support of events on the day at no cost to Council. Council also received approximately \$2,000 in sponsorship from local organisations for prize money and sashes. MacDonald's sponsored the Little Athletics Championships program.

The total cost to Council associated with staging the event was \$11,000 and has been allocated from within the 2004/05 Healthy Lifestyles section budget.

The desired outcomes of the event including providing a quality Athletics Meet as part of the Festival of Fisher's Ghost calendar, a local free fun family day out, support for the development of local senior and junior athletics, promotion for the Campbelltown Athletic Centre and the City of Campbelltown were successfully achieved.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council formally congratulate all supporting organisations and event sponsors in the staging of the event.

Committee's Recommendation: (Rowell/Thompson)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

4.4 Campbelltown Sports Stadium - Camden Tigers Soccer Club

Reporting Officer

Manager Healthy Lifestyles

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

Council recently held discussions with Camden Tigers Soccer Club with regard to the Club's use of the Campbelltown Sports Stadium – Football Stadium for the 2005 Soccer season and beyond.

Report

The Camden Tigers Soccer Club participate in the Soccer NSW State League and Youth League competitions. Soccer NSW has informed the club that its current home ground of Ron Dine Reserve in Camden, does not meet the competitions venue criteria set by Soccer NSW. The club is now seeking an alternative appropriate venue and has approached Council regarding the use of the Campbelltown Sports Stadium – Football Stadium for the 2005 soccer season.

With the Wests Tigers decision to reduce its commitment to National Rugby League (NRL) matches being played at Campbelltown Sports Stadium during the next three years, it is proposed that Council consider the Camden Tigers Soccer Club's request and further discuss opportunities for use of the Stadium. Camden Tigers has indicated that should discussions be fruitful, the Club is interested in discussing long-term use of the Stadium. It is envisaged that any use of the Stadium beyond 2005, be the subject of a further report to Council.

The NSW State League competition is held between March and August each year. The competition draw has not yet been confirmed, though it is envisaged that the Club will receive between 14 and 18 home fixtures during the 2005 season. Each home fixture will be scheduled for a Saturday and include State League and Youth League fixtures. First grade will commence at 5.00pm.

The present standard of lighting at Campbelltown Football Stadium does not currently meet the NSW Soccer State League venue criteria requirements for evening and night matches. It is envisaged that replacement light fittings to the existing light poles at the Stadium would reach the required lighting level of 150 lux. The current standard is 100 lux.

The cost for this upgrade is estimated at \$40,000 inclusive of light fittings, labour and plant hire. The upgrade in lighting will be necessary should Council wish to attract the proposed use or any further State level or above soccer matches to the Stadium in 2005 and beyond. This lux level is also the minimum lux level for most State League football codes.

Camden Tigers Soccer Club's 2005 home games will not be scheduled until the NRL, Wests Tigers and Wests Magpies draws are confirmed. Camden Tigers has indicated flexibility with its home game draw. The Club is willing to accept a playing schedule suitable to the availability of the Stadium. There is no requirement for weekly training for teams at the Stadium in addition to match bookings.

Camden Tigers and Wests Tigers are currently negotiating a partnership involving the two clubs. The partnership will include changing the Camden Tigers State League and Youth League team's name, logo and colours to Wests Tigers. It is proposed that this partnership will incorporate a Sydney wide promotion and marketing strategy and financial agreement and a program of events jointly coordinated between the two clubs. Should the partnership not be resolved for the 2005 season the Camden Tigers are still seeking to utilise Campbelltown Sports Stadium for their home matches.

In recent years the Macarthur Rams Soccer Club has had ongoing contact with Council with a view to using the Stadium in a similar manner as it is proposed by the Camden Tigers.

In late 2002 a report was presented to Council regarding a proposed use of the Stadium for 2003 with the Club securing sponsorship to support the cost of Stadia hire. Following deliberation the Club decided that it was currently more financially viable to continue to operate out of Lynwood Park, St Helens Park.

Council has submitted a Regional Facilities grant application for \$200,000 to extend and cover the current grandstand. Lynwood Park also provides the Club with a playing field flood lighting level of 150 lux.

Current Use

The 2004 Campbelltown Sports Stadium schedule of events has seen a marked increase in bookings with only four separate weeks of non-utilisation outside the designated renovation period.

By the conclusion of this year the Football Stadium will have hosted in excess of 107 Rugby League matches, eight NSW Gridiron Football League matches, including the Sydney competition grand final, various Australian Rugby League training courses and school holiday clinics and five Rugby Union matches. Other 2004 events and proposed events include the Arrive Alive Concert, Thank You Australia Festival, Women's National League Soccer and the Christmas Gala Concert.

With similar anticipated use next year and should the Camden Tigers proposal be accepted, the use of the playing surface will be nearing maximum capacity.

Financial Impact

Hire Costs

It is proposed that use of the Football Stadium by the Camden Tigers be similar to Australian Rugby League (ARL) Wests Magpies Premier League and its supporting fixtures, hire charge.

The Wests Magpies hire fee has recently been reviewed in consultation with the Club for the 2005 season, with an agreed fee of \$1,200 per event day, an increase of \$100 from 2004. This is the first fee increase since 1999. Wests Magpies fixtures involve three matches on game day and two mid-week training sessions.

Camden Tigers hire fee does not include training at the Stadium and therefore the proposed use of the Stadium by the Camden Tigers compares favourably with the Wests Magpies use.

The current Football Stadium maintenance contractor has indicated that the proposed use and change in goal posts and line markings from Rugby League to Soccer can be accommodated. These costs will be identified within the Stadium's operating budget.

The cost of the Stadium floodlighting upgrade is estimated at \$40,000. This can be accommodated through a redirection of Council's Maintenance funding of other assets to the value of \$20,000. The remaining \$20,000 can be funded from the additional anticipated income generated from Camden Tigers and further night-time fixture opportunities should Council consider the project appropriate.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That negotiations continue with the Camden Tigers Soccer Club regarding utilisation of the Campbelltown Sports Stadium – Football Stadium for home fixtures, where possible during 2005.
2. That the Wests Magpies hire fee be \$1,200 per event day, for 2005.
3. That the Camden Tigers hire fee be \$1,200 per event day, for 2005 should negotiations be considered appropriate.
4. That a further report be presented to Council regarding any use of the Campbelltown Sport Stadium beyond 2005.
5. That Council upgrade floodlighting at Campbelltown Sports Stadium from 100 lux to 150 lux the minimum required lux level for most State League football codes.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Lake)

1. That negotiations continue with the Camden Tigers Soccer Club regarding utilisation of the Campbelltown Sports Stadium – Football Stadium for home fixtures, where possible during 2005.
2. That the Wests Magpies hire fee be \$1,200 per event day, for 2005.
3. That the Camden Tigers hire fee be \$1,200 per event day, for 2005 should negotiations be considered appropriate.
4. That a further report be presented to Council regarding any use of the Campbelltown Sport Stadium beyond 2005.
5. That Council upgrade floodlighting at Campbelltown Sports Stadium from 100 lux to 150 lux the minimum required lux level for most State League football codes.
6. That the Director Community Services include in her report to the next Council Meeting information concerning upgrading the lighting at Campbelltown Sports Stadium to a standard suitable for television.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

4.5 Catering Contract for Campbelltown Sports Stadium

Reporting Officer

Deputy General Manager

Purpose

To consider an extension of time for the catering arrangements at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Report

Council at its meeting on 19 October 2004 considered a report in regard to the current arrangements for catering rights at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. Council was advised that the Western Suburbs Leagues Club is the current caterer and this is due to expire on 31 December 2004 and that the Club had advised Council that they no longer wished to continue providing catering at the Stadium.

Council resolved that opportunities be investigated to obtain a Liquor Licence for Council to be utilised at the Stadium. Advice has now been received from Council's Solicitors that the only type of licence that would be available to Council is a "Governor's Licence". The licensee would have to be a senior member of Council staff, normally the General Manager who would then be required to meet the many conditions of the licence. The advice indicated that this type of licence would be inappropriate for Council to hold and that a better approach would be to seek a caterer who has their own liquor licence.

An Expression of Interest was being prepared for catering rights for 2005 and beyond and it is proposed that this Expression of Interest now incorporate that the caterer must have their own liquor licence.

This delay has made it necessary to renegotiate with the Western Suburbs Leagues Club seeking to extend their catering arrangements, for a further 12 months, or until such time as Council can source a caterer with a licence. The Club has acceded to this request and it is proposed to extend the current catering contract for a maximum period of 12 months.

The Expression of Interest will be issued as soon as it is finalised so that Council can appoint a new caterer.

It is proposed that the extension of the catering contract will be on identical terms as the previous arrangements.

Financial Impact

Any payments that would be received from a potential catering operator will not be available until one is appointed.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That the catering contract at Campbelltown Sports Stadium provided by Western Suburbs Leagues Club be extended for a further period of one year or until such time as Council appoints a caterer with a liquor licence.
2. That the catering contract be extended on the same terms and conditions as the existing contract.

Committee's Recommendation: (Bourke/Thompson)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004

Having declared an interest in regard to Item 4.5, Councillor Lake left the Chamber and did not take part in debate nor vote on this item.

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

At the conclusion of the discussion regarding Item 4.5, Councillor Lake returned to the Chamber for the remainder of the meeting.

5. LIBRARY SERVICES

5.1 Books for Babies

Reporting Officer

Manager Library Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

Council at its meeting on 28 September 2004 endorsed that expressions of interest be called for implementing the Books for Babies program. These were advertised during November and two responses were received from the Ingleburn Quota Club and Focus on Families.

Report

It was hoped that the EOI process would attract a business willing to sponsor the program. While this did not eventuate, interest in facilitating the delivery of kits and other support for the program was obtained.

The Quota Club expressed an interest in making a cash donation to the program, while Focus on New Families indicated that they would be able to assist by distributing information through its volunteer network. Focus on New Families coordinate volunteers who prepare NSW Government Blue Books for distribution to every infant born at Campbelltown and Camden hospitals. Trained volunteers also visit new mothers at Campbelltown hospital and early child health clinics to inform them of resources available.

Based upon the expressions of interest received and observations of similar programs, it is recommended that the Books For Babies program develop and distribute a kit comprising a picture book by an Australian children's author, a library bag, a reading bib and supporting library membership and other early childhood literacy information.

To ensure eligibility, parents will be required to complete a brief registration form. The registration form will ensure that the relevant eligibility criteria are met and assist in gathering information about the long term outcomes of the program. The registration forms will be included in the NSW Blue Books and distributed to each new baby in the City.

Registration forms will also be freely available through branch libraries, the Internet and other Council facilities where appropriate. Focus on Families volunteers will also promote the programme to parents during their scheduled visits. Kits will be distributed directly to registered parents by volunteers or available for collection at Campbelltown City Council Library branches.

Kits will be available to all children resident in Campbelltown, born after July 2003.

Should funding be available it is anticipated that a full launch of the program could be undertaken in March 2005.

Financial Impact

This project is not currently funded. Anticipated costs include:

| Item | Cost per item |
|--|-----------------------|
| A Children's book (Australian author such as, Mem Fox, Bob Graham) | \$8 - \$12 |
| Book Bag – with logo | \$2.42 |
| Book Bib with logo | \$2.42 |
| Library information and membership forms | Funded from recurrent |
| Reading to your child leaflet | Funded from recurrent |

Total estimated cost of kit is \$13 - \$17 each.

Based upon previous years birth rate information of 2500 annual births in Campbelltown, total annual costs for the project will be between \$32,500 - \$42,500.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council consider a budget allocation of \$37,000 be included in the December Quarterly Review to establish and fund the Books for Babies program.

Committee's Recommendation: (Thomas/Kolkman)

That Council allocates \$37,000 to be included in the December Quarterly Review to establish and fund the Books for Babies program.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

5.2 Library Development Grant CALD Collection

Reporting Officer

Manager Library Services

Attachments

Nil

Purpose

The State Library of NSW recently advised Council that it had been successful in its application for funding to undertake development of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Collections at Campbelltown Libraries.

Report

The Library Development grant totalling \$93,000 will enable the initial development of collections of books, audiovisual resources and periodicals in a range of the most populous languages spoken throughout the City.

The development of the collections will be undertaken in close consultation with stakeholders from the community including the Migrant Resource Centre, and specific linguistic groups. It is anticipated that items purchased for the CALD collections will be selected by the community.

Library Services will also be calling upon the expertise of the Multicultural Services Consultant from the State Library of NSW and the NSW Multicultural Purchasing Cooperative. As part of the grant conditions, the Library will also be adding any items purchased through the project to our existing holdings on the National Bibliographic Database, Kinetica.

As part of the consultation process an information evening describing the project and other CALD services available through the Library, is being held on 9 December 2004 at the H. J. Daley Library.

Financial Impact

There will be no cost to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Kolkman/Thomas)

1. That letters be sent to all community associations and groups to inform them of the CALD collection
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2. That invitations be extended to members of these groups to assist Library staff to identify books for acquisition to ensure our purchased collection represents community needs.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

5.3 Community Services Quarterly Report - July to September 2004

Reporting Officer

Director Community Services

Purpose

Quarterly statistics detailing Community Services usage are presented for the information of Council.

Report

These statistics cover Childrens Services, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Healthy Lifestyles, Library Services and Community Resources and Development activities.

CHILDRENS SERVICES

Attendance and Usage - Family Day Care/Long Day Care/Occasional Care

| Service | Operating places per day | Average no. places used per day | Measure | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------|------------|
| | | | No. children (ie actual, not per day, as one child could attend 5 days) | | |
| | | | Jul-Sep 2004 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Family Day Care | 488 | 485 | 757 | 752 | -1% |
| In Home Care | 20 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0% |
| Amarina LDC | 28 | 27.5 | 56 | 52 | -7% |
| Amber LDC | 39 | 39 | 95 | 90 | -5% |
| Eagles Nest LDC | 39 | 37.49 | 95 | 92 | -3% |
| Kabbarli LDC | 39 | 36.97 | 86 | 90 | 5% |
| Minto LDC | 33 | 32.21 | 64 | 71 | 11% |
| Parklands LDC | 39 | 33 | 89 | 77 | -13% |
| Waratah LDC | 33 | 33 | 86 | 77 | -10% |
| Wombat Willows LDC | 39 | 39 | 83 | 76 | -8% |
| Namut OC | 29 | 25 | 212 | 217 | 2% |
| Ingleburn OC | 28 | 28 | 60 | 65 | 8% |
| Total | 854 | 819.17 | 1,688 | 1,663 | -1% |

- Namut Occasional Care, Ingleburn Occasional Care, Minto and Kabbarli have all experienced increases in children attending their services.
- Amarina, Amber Cottage, Eagles Nest, Parklands, Waratah and Wombat Willows Long Day Care Centres have all shown a small decrease in the utilisation of their services. This is largely due to exists from the Centres and no waiting lists available to fill these places.

Attendance and Usage - Before and After School Care

| | | | Measure | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------|------------|
| Service | Maximum places per day | Average no. places used per day | No. children (ie actual, not per day, as one child could attend 5 days) | | |
| | | | Jul-Sep 2004 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Ambrosia Before | 30 | 8.22 | 12 | 12 | 0% |
| Ambrosia After | 45 | 28.08 | 49 | 54 | 10% |
| Campbellfield After | 30 | 7 | 23 | 16 | -30% |
| Campbelltown North After | 30 | 24.06 | 33 | 35 | 6% |
| Eschol Park Before | 8 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 17% |
| Eschol Park After | 30 | 18.68 | 39 | 25 | -36% |
| Robert Townson Before | 30 | 17.3 | 12 | 17 | 42% |
| Robert Townson After | 45 | 39.44 | 69 | 72 | 4 |
| Total | 248 | 149.78 | 243 | 238 | -2% |

- Ambrosia, Campbelltown North and Robert Townson After School Care Centres have shown an increase in numbers due to new enrolments at the Centres.
- Campbelltown North and Eschol Park After School Centres show a decrease in numbers mainly due to changes in parents' work commitments.
- Robert Townson Before School Centre has increased numbers and now has a waiting list for Wednesdays.

Attendance and Usage - Vacation Care

| | | | Measure | | |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| Service | Maximum places per day | Average no. places used per day | No. children (ie actual, not per day, as one child could attend 5 days) | | |
| Vacation Care | | | October 2003 | October 2004 | % change |
| Namut | 15 | 15 | 25 | 25 | 0% |
| Ambrosia | 75 | 74.66 | 116 | 96 | -17% |
| Robert Townson | 50 | 43 | 73 | 60 | -18% |
| Total | 140 | 153.88 | 334 | 276 | -17% |

- All Vacation Care Centres continue to be well utilised. Robert Townson has increased numbers due to the Centre's return to the newly refurbished school hall.

CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE

| | Measure | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Service | Quarterly Attendances | | |
| | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Primary Schools | 1,106 | 573 | -48.19% |
| Secondary Schools | 900 | 708 | -21.33% |
| Tertiary | 117 | 100 | -14.53% |
| Community | 352 | 324 | -7.95% |
| Individuals | 11,038 | 15,081 | 36.63% |
| Workshops | 1,594 | 1,163 | -27.04% |
| Total | 15,107 | 17,949 | 18.81% |

- In 2003 the Gallery undertook a major partnership with the NSW Department of Education and Training, which resulted in a higher level of Primary and Secondary School visitation during this period. In December 2004 the Gallery will be presenting Art Express, which will be specifically targeting Secondary Schools throughout the region.
- Due to Campbelltown Arts Centre redevelopment, statistics for Sculpture Garden for 2004 quarter not available.

LIBRARY SERVICES**Loans and Renewals**

| | Measure | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Service | Number of loans and renewals | | |
| Circulation | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Campbelltown | 116,623 | 114,351 | -2% |
| Eagle Vale | 18,523 | 27,658 | 49% |
| Glenquarie | 20,059 | 22,819 | 14% |
| Ingleburn | 19,359 | 21,325 | 10% |
| Minto | 20,754 | 20,241 | -2% |
| Home Library Service | 10,324 | 12,227 | 18% |
| Web Renewals | 2,691 | 821 | -69% |
| Total | 208,333 | 219,442 | 5% |

- Eagle Vale Library statistics from 4 August 2003.
- Overall the Library has experienced increased usage in this quarter, compared to the same period in 2003.

Returns

| | Measure | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Service | Number of returns | | |
| Circulation | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Campbelltown | 102,140 | 97,460 | -5% |
| Eagle Vale | 15,020 | 26,442 | 76% |
| Glenquarie | 19,250 | 21,445 | 11% |
| Ingleburn | 18,611 | 20,166 | 8% |
| Minto | 19,092 | 18,105 | -5% |
| Home Library Service | 7,982 | 8,858 | 11% |
| Total | 182,095 | 192,476 | 6% |

- Eagle Vale Library statistics from 4 August 2003.
- Loans and returns have increased 5-6%.

Public Access Computers

| | Measure | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Service | Number of public computer bookings | | |
| PC Bookings | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Campbelltown | 6,269 | 7,030 | 12% |
| Eagle Vale | 1,479 | 3,762 | 154% |
| Glenquarie | 1,650 | 2,166 | 31% |
| Ingleburn | 1,691 | 2,465 | 46% |
| Minto | 1,206 | 2,092 | 73% |
| Total | 12,295 | 17,515 | 42% |

- Eagle Vale statistics from 4 August 2003.
- Computer bookings have increased 42%, largely due to increased facilities and better maintained equipment.

Desk Transactions

| | Measure | | |
|-------------------|---|---------------|-----------|
| Service | Number of Information/Reference Desk Transactions | | |
| Desk Transactions | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Campbelltown | 42,757 | 39,739 | -7% |
| Eagle Vale | 8,808 | 14,914 | 69% |
| Glenquarie | 10,232 | 9,545 | -7% |
| Ingleburn | 9,125 | 9,729 | 7% |
| Minto | 9,587 | 9,607 | 0% |
| Total | 80,509 | 83,534 | 4% |

- Eagle Vale statistics from 4 August 2003.
- Information/Reference Desks transactions have increased 4%.

Inter-Library Loans

| | Measure | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Service | Number of items lent and borrowed | | |
| Inter-Library Loans | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| | 237 | 396 | 67% |

- Inter-Library Loans have increased 67%.

Home Library Service

| | Measure | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Service | Number of visits to housebound people | | |
| Home Library Service Visits | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| | 1,380 | 1,589 | 15% |

- Housebound visits have increased 15%.

Web-based activities

| | Measure | | |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| Service | Number of renewals | | |
| Web-renewals | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| | 2,691 | 821 | -69% |

| | Measure | | |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Service | Number of reservations | | |
| Web-reservations | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| | 462 | 977 | 111% |

| | Measure | | |
|----------------------|--|--------------|----------|
| Service | Number of Web catalogue searches, renewals, reserves | | |
| All Web-transactions | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| | 24,269 | 24,388 | 0% |

- Web renewals have decreased 69%, although Web reservations increased 111%, and total Web transactions are steady at about 24,000.

Library Visits

| | Measure | | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Service | Number of people visiting libraries | | |
| Library visits | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Campbelltown | 87,416 | 89,263 | 2% |
| Eagle Vale | 14,154 | 27,152 | 92% |
| Glenquarie | 21,690 | 19,508 | -10% |
| Ingleburn | 20,441 | 22,045 | 8% |
| Minto | 36,768 | 35,786 | -3% |
| Total | 180,469 | 193,754 | 7% |

- Eagle Vale people counter installed 20 August 2003.
- The number of people visiting the libraries has increased 7% overall, (an increase of **13,285** people) with the main increase at Eagle Vale (02%). While Glenquarie Library experienced a drop in customers of 10% and Minto dropped 3%, Ingleburn increased 8% and Campbelltown increased 2%.

Memberships

| | Measure | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Service | Number of new library members | | |
| New Members | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| | 3,002 | 2,218 | -26% |

- New memberships have decreased by 26%, but this is mainly to the large number of new members who joined at Eagle Vale Library in the same period in 2003 (1,125 people, compared to 279 this quarter).

| | Measure | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Service | Number of current library members | | |
| Current Memberships | As at 30.09.03 | As at 30.09.04 | % change |
| Adult | 67,113 | 44,039 | -34% |
| Junior | 35,764 | 24,916 | -30% |
| Home Library Service | 250 | 222 | -11% |
| Sarah Redfern Schools | 1,131 | 1,142 | 1% |
| Other | 217 | 172 | -21% |
| Total | 104,475 | 70,491 | -33% |

Library Stock

| | Measure | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Service | Number of new library items | | |
| New Library Stock | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| | 8,862 | 5,040 | -43% |

| | Measure | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Service | Number of current library items | | |
| Current Library Stock | As at 30.09.03 | As at 30.09.04 | % change |
| | 246,771 | 224,088 | -9% |

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
Leisure Centres

| | Measure | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Service | Number of attendances during period | | |
| Leisure Centres | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Campbelltown Pool | 28,571 | 24,143 | -15% |
| Campbelltown Airds | 6,218 | 5,711 | -8% |
| Eagle Vale Central | 25,721 | 22,915 | -11% |
| Macquarie Fields Indoor | 12,417 | 12,824 | 3% |
| Macquarie Fields Pool Swimming Centre | 25,147 | 22,731 | -10% |
| Vacation Care | 591 | 605 | 2% |
| Total | 98,665 | 88,929 | -10% |

- Campbelltown Pool's patronage reflects a decrease in lease operated program attendance. Less favourable climatic conditions for outdoor pool use are also reflected in comparison to the same period last year. The opening of an additional modern aquatic leisure and fitness centre in close proximity has impacted on casual attendances.
- Campbelltown Airds decreased patronage was due to a decrease in general pool entry attendances. The opening of an additional modern aquatic leisure and fitness centre in close proximity has impacted on casual attendances.
- Attendance figures at Eagle Vale Central have decreased due to more emphasis being placed on membership sales rather than casual attendance. This has positively impacted on the Centre in terms of annual income generation.
- Macquarie Fields Pool marginal decrease in patronage was due to a drop in general pool entry in comparison to 2003 and reflects unfavourable climatic conditions relating to general pool use. The transitional period between Head Swim Coaches has resulted in a marginal decrease in swim squad attendances.
- Macquarie Fields Indoor attendances increased due to the impact of a variety of program upgrades implemented into the fitness program. The expansion of the program and loyalty incentives for members has been a catalyst in retaining and gaining new clientele.
- Vacation Care attendances increased due to a restructure of the program and greater promotion to schools, therefore building numbers.

Sport and Recreation

| | Measure | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Service | Number of attendances during period | | |
| Sport and Recreation | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Minto Indoor Sports Centre | 14,500 | 14,000 | -3% |
| Campbelltown Athletics Centre | 15,713 | 25,190 | 60% |
| Campbelltown Football Stadium | 30,800 | 44,800 | 45% |
| Campbelltown Bicycle Education Centre | 1,856 | 1,816 | -2% |
| Sporting Grounds (Clubs) (estimates only) | 345,760 | 345,760 | 0% |
| Sporting Grounds (Schools) (estimates only) | 25,900 | 25,900 | 0% |
| Campbelltown Skate Park (estimates only) | 22,750 | 22,750 | 0% |
| Total | 457,279 | 480,216 | 5% |

- Minto Indoor Sports Centre had a slight decrease in patronage due to a cost saving reduction in operating hours and a slight decrease in basketball registrations.
- The Campbelltown Athletic Centre patronage increase was primarily due to strategies developed to increase school carnival bookings from within and outside the Campbelltown area.
- The Campbelltown Football Stadium usage has increased due to strategies developed to increase Football Stadium bookings throughout the period. Two Wests Tigers games also had an increase in average attendances in comparison to the same period in 2003.
- The Bicycle Education Centre attendances include private hire, open days and school use. The slight decrease in patronage is a result of changes in school curriculum activities resulting in less school attendances. A range of additional programs has lessened the drop in attendances.
- Sporting Ground attendances are based on registered players per season, and identify two uses, per player each week. Usage has remained stable.
- School sport is estimated at 50% of winter season usage. Usage has remained constant.
- Campbelltown Skate Park usage is estimated at 250 visits per day. This is considered high skate park patronage.

Health Promotion

| | Measure | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Service | Number of attendances during period | | |
| Health Promotion | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Health Education Resource Loans | 256 | 281 | 10% |
| Immunisation Treatments ⁰ | 419 | 270 | -36% |
| Total | 675 | 551 | -18% |

- Demand for health education resources has increased. Free health information requests continue to be strong.
- The decline in immunisation treatments is due to the increasing difficulty in retaining/replacing immunisation-accredited nurses, with staffing shortages causing a number of clinic cancellations and due to the increasing immunisation role currently played by GPs as a result of Federal Government initiatives.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

Community Options

| | Measure | | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Service | Number of current clients | | | |
| Community Options | No. of packages 78 | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Campbelltown | | 2 | 2 | 0% |
| Camden | | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Wollondilly | | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | | 2 | 2 | 0% |

Key Events

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

| Event/Community Meetings | Attendances |
|--|--------------------|
| Remembering Minto | 300 |
| Airds History Exhibition | 100 |
| Biyani Women's Healing Day | 250 |
| Community Options Open Day | 39 |
| Winter Blues Music Night | 150 |
| International Youth Day | 120 |
| SWAY Magazine Launch (Macarthur Square and Campbelltown Arts Centre) | 1,000 |
| Council NAIDOC Week events | 1,500 |

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

| Type of group supported | Number |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| • Small community group | 9 |
| • Community service agency | 27 |
| • Network of agencies | 23 |

YOUTH AND ATSI

The social plan identifies target groups for which Council should provide services. This report targets activities for youth and ATSI groups during the July-September 2004 quarter.

CHILDRENS SERVICES

ATSI

Fifty ATSI children access Council's Childrens Services. There is one ATSI staff working in Council's Childrens Services. Kabbarli Early Learning Centre will employ a designated Aboriginal Child Care Assistant from December 2004.

Childrens Services Support Team

The Childrens Services Support Team is a Commonwealth Government funded program which supports child care staff to include children with additional needs or from Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander origin, and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds into mainstream child care centres. Between July to September 2004 the team developed six Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander resource kits to loan out to child care services in the LGA, including Family Day Care, Out of School Hours Care, Occasional Care and Long Day Care. The team also provided additional Aboriginal resources and teaching aids to promote NAIDOC Week to those services.

In July to celebrate NAIDOC Week the team together with Council's Aboriginal Community Development Officer organised and provided craft activities for over 120 children. This activity was offered at the Family and Cultural Fun Day held at Bradbury Oval.

During the July school holidays the tam also jointly funded and arranged with Council's Vacation Care services, two interactive workshops attended by 130 children from Namut, Robert Townson and Ambrosia Vacation Care. This workshop called, 'The Dreamtime' by Taronga Mobile Zoo Van introduced the children to traditional Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and Australian wildlife animals.

ART GALLERY

In this quarter Cultural Services staff developed and managed the following Indigenous and Youth programs.

Youth

Workshops

Holiday Workshops were held in the winter school holidays from 5–16 July. Workshops included new classes such as Eggshell Mosaics, Drawing Dr Know-It-All, Exceptional Essays, Acting and filmmaking workshops, Build Your Own Sculpture Garden, and Fabulous Fimo Jewellery.

Term 3 Workshops were held from 26 July-19 September. The Workshop Program included new and old workshops for adults and children. Workshops included Spinning and Dyeing, Portraiture, Ikebana, Mosaic Magic, Etching, and Chinese Brush Painting. Other workshops included Flip Book Animation and Zine-Making.

Sway Magazine

Community Cultural Development NSW received funding to put together an Arts and Culture magazine, aimed at and produced by young people from the Campbelltown area. Campbelltown Arts Centre supported the project by providing space for the group of young people to meet and produce the magazine. The Centre also held an exhibition of artworks that were in the magazine.

Work Experience Students

Eight students from Mt Carmel High School, Robert Townson High School, John Therry High School, St Gregorys College and Campbelltown TAFE have completed work experience at the Centre during this quarter.

Bell Shakespeare

Participants in the Bell Shakespeare After-School program rehearsed throughout Term Three and Four in preparation for their performance. The performance entitled "Free Will", which refers to the participants engaging in the program of their own free will and their intention to free the language of William Shakespeare. 'Free Will' was held at dusk in the grounds of the Civic Centre on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 November.

Circus Solarus

Campbelltown's Youth Advisory Sub Committee (YASC) received funding from the Motor Accidents Authority Arrive Alive Scheme. Campbelltown Arts Centre in conjunction with Circus Solarus created a street theatre drama performance with the theme of road safety, which was performed at Fisher's Gig on 6 November at Bradbury Oval.

Directions

The Directions theatre project has continued throughout Terms Three and Four, involving clients from the Juvenile Justice Post Release Support Program and students from Airds, Ambarvale, Thomas Reddall, Eagle Vale and Sarah Redfern High Schools. Participants in the project met twice a week for rehearsals. A performance was held at the Campbelltown Civic Centre on Thursday 25 November.

ATSI*NAIDOC Week*

Campbelltown Arts Centre hosted a talk by Dr Rubi Langford Ginibi. Dr Langford Ginibi has been recognised for her contribution to making visible the contemporary experience of Aboriginal women and their families. Dr Langford Ginibi spoke about her experience as an artist and writer.

Parliament of NSW Indigenous Art Award

Campbelltown Arts Centre in partnership with the Parliament of NSW is developing a statewide Indigenous Art Award which will be presented in 2005.

Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council

A consultation was held with Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council to discuss the development of an Aboriginal Arts strategy for the Macarthur Region.

LIBRARY**Youth**

| Service | Measure | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Loans Jul-Sep 2004 | Stock as at 30.09.04 |
| HSC resources | 4,264 | 3,145 |
| Young Adult fiction | 4,449 | 4,646 |
| Young Adult large print | 11 | 30 |
| Young Adult literacy | 2 | 63 |
| Young Adult non-fiction | 263 | 308 |
| Young Adult magazines | 719 | 752 |
| Young Adult comics | 2,471 | 1,805 |
| Young Adult talking books | 17 | 64 |
| Young Adult videos | 719 | 320 |
| Total | 12,915 | 11,133 |

ATSI

| Service | Measure | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Loans Jul-Sep 2004 | Stock as at 30.09.04 |
| Aboriginal Resource Collection (Adult) | 624 | 1,335 |
| Aboriginal Resource Collection (Junior) | 174 | 355 |
| Aboriginal Resource Collection (Reference) | N/A | 148 |
| Total | 798 | 1,838 |

- Aboriginal Resource collection (Reference) not for loan.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT**Community Options - Youth**

| Service - Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly | Measure | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Number of current clients | | |
| Youth (12-25) with a disability No. of packages 58 | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Total | 4 | 12 | 200% |

Community Options - ATSI

| Service - Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly | Measure | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Number of current clients | | |
| ATSI No. of packages 58 | Jul-Sep 2003 | Jul-Sep 2004 | % change |
| Total | 2 | 2 | 0% |

LEVEL OF SUBSIDISATION

The costings below are based upon net cost ÷ by number of users.

| Service | Cost | Comment |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Long Day Care | \$417.05 | per year per child |
| OSCH | No cost to Council | |
| Family Day Care | No cost to Council | |
| Art Gallery | \$8.31 | per visit |
| Cultural Development | \$2.28 | per participant |
| Library | \$1.73 | per transaction - State subsidy |
| Minto Indoor Sports Centre | \$0.00 | costing subsidy per head |
| Campbelltown Athletics Centre | \$0.00 | costing subsidy per head |
| Campbelltown Football Stadium | \$1.41 | costing subsidy per head |
| Campbelltown Bicycle Education Centre | \$5.20 | costing subsidy per head |

| Service | Cost | Comment |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Sporting Grounds - including club and school sport | \$0.08 | costing subsidy per head |
| Campbelltown Skate Park | \$0.46 | costing subsidy per head |
| Leisure Centres | \$2.51 | costing subsidy per head |
| Health Promotion | \$8.90 | per loan transaction |
| Immunisation | \$18.31 | per treatment |
| Community Options | No cost to Council | |

Officer's Recommendation

That the information be noted.

Committee's Recommendation: (Lake/Bourke)

That the Officer's recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

7. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No reports this round.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 Bell Shakespeare In Schools Program

Committee's Recommendation: (Bourke/Kolkman)

1. That Council make representations to the Department of Education to fund the Bell Shakespeare In Schools Program for disadvantaged students.
2. That Council explore opportunities that exist to acquire funding from the State and Federal Government.
3. That Council write to the Bell Shakespeare Company expressing Council's disappointment that this successful and enduring program is no longer going to be funded.

CARRIED

Council Meeting 14 December 2004: (Oates/Kolkman)

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.

Council Resolution Minute Number 317

That the Committee's Recommendation be adopted.
