

MEETING NOTICE

A meeting of the
Community Services & Library Committee
will be held in the Botany Town Hall Meeting Room
Cnr Edward Street and Botany Road, Botany
on **Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 8:00 pm.**

AGENDA

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Bayside Council respects the traditional custodians of the land, and elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and acknowledges the Gadigal and Bidjigal Clans of the Eora Nation.

2 APOLOGIES

3 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

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Meredith Wallace
General Manager

Community Services & Library Committee

21/03/2018

Item No	5.1
Subject	Terms of Reference
Report by	Fausto Sut, Manager Governance & Risk
File	SC18/428

Summary

This report reminds members of the purpose of the Committee and its Terms of Reference and meeting schedule.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That the attached Terms of Reference be received and noted.
 - 2 That the schedule of meeting dates be received and noted.
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Background

The attached Terms of Reference, which were adopted by Council on 8 November 2017, are generic in nature and are applicable for all the recently established Advisory Committees.

They address such operational matters as:

- Status and delegations of the committee.
- Membership.
- Support.
- Meeting practices and procedures.

The focus of this committee is as follows:

‘Provides advice on the strategic direction of Council’s community and library services, and related matters such as service provision, policy development, and performance.’

At the same time, the Council also adopted a meeting schedule with the following principle:

‘The proposed Advisory Committee meeting cycle is generally a two monthly one, with most committees meeting every two months on a Wednesday evening.’

Based on this principle, the scheduled meeting dates are:

- 21 March 2018
- 16 May 2018
- 19 September 2018
- 21 November 2018

- 18 July 2018
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Attachments

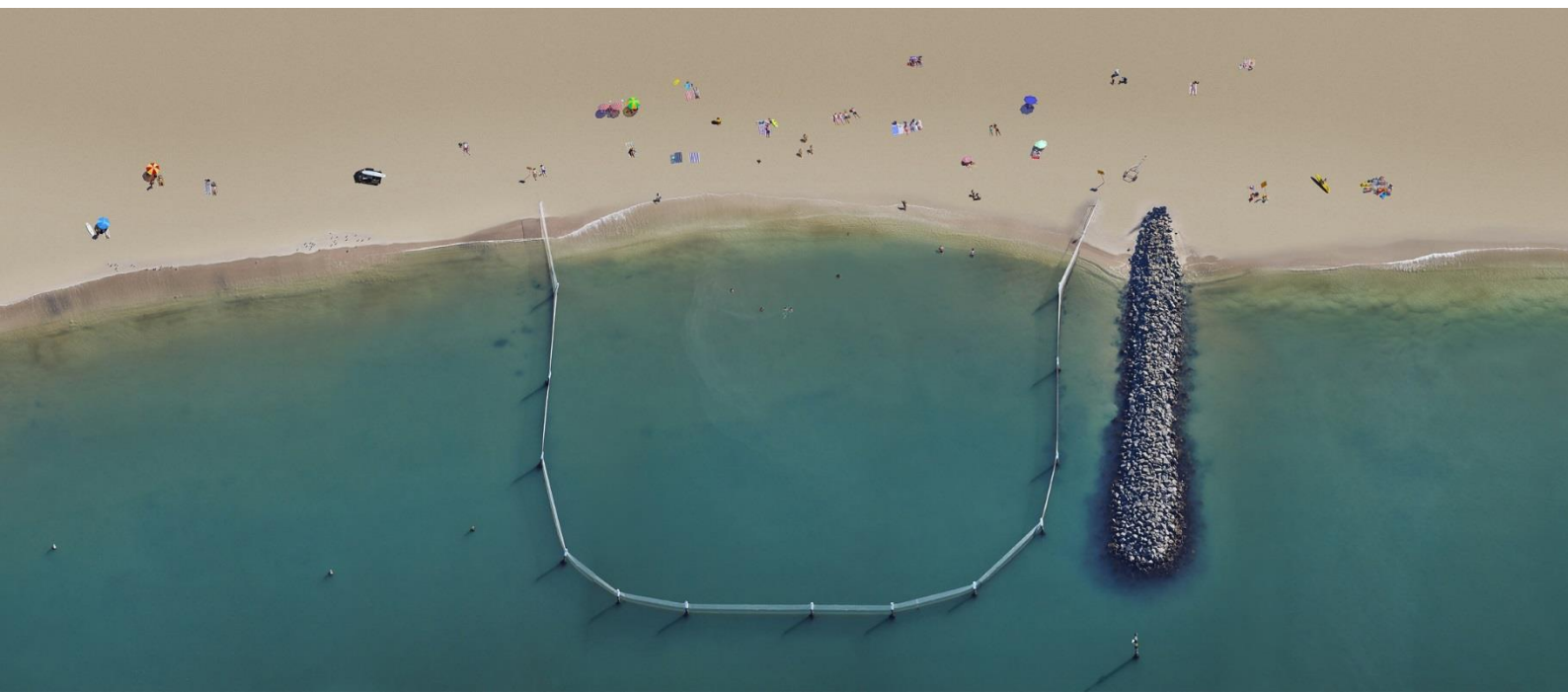
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Bayside Advisory Committees Terms of Reference

8 November 2017



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Bayside Advisory Committees Terms of Reference

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1 Purpose

To assist in meeting its role and responsibilities across the local government area, Bayside Council is supported by a committee framework in order is established to support the decision-making process.

Bayside Advisory Committees provide advice on strategic direction, priorities and policy principles related to the Committee function. They are to inform and monitor the development of the Delivery Program and the Operational Plans.

These terms of reference outline advisory committees' function, structure, authority and reporting requirements. For consistency of approach and understanding, they are applicable to all advisory committees established by Council, except any committee established with a specific set of terms of reference, charter, constitution or the like.

2 Interpretation

For the purpose of this document:

Member means a member of the Advisory Committee.

Committee means Advisory Committee.

Council means Bayside Council.

Chairperson means the chairperson of the Advisory Committee or Sub-Committee appointed by Council.

Mayor means the elected Mayor.

3 Status of Committee

Bayside Advisory Committees are 'advisory committees' of Council, as defined in Council's Code of Meeting Practice.

4 Delegations

Bayside Advisory Committees may make recommendations to Council on all matters before it. These recommendations are submitted via the minutes of each meeting to Council for consideration.

Substantial recommendations (including any requiring the expenditure of Council funds) are to be accompanied by a report to Council from the appropriate Council officer.

The Group's recommendations, which are determined by the General Manager to be purely or substantially 'operational' in nature, will be dealt with by the relevant Director and any action or lack thereof reported to the Group.

Advisory Committees do not have the power to incur expenditure, nor do they have the power to bind Council.

5 Membership

5.1 Overview

An Advisory Committee comprises Councillors and is supported by Council officers.

5.2 Councillors

Council appoints three (3) Councillors to be members of an Advisory Committee.

All other Councillors are welcome to attend meetings of an Advisory Committee as observers and contribute to discussions but are not entitled to vote.

5.3 Chair and Deputy Chair

The Chairperson of an Advisory Committee is one of the three Councillor members, and is appointed by Council.

In the absence of the Chairperson at a particular meeting the meeting elects a Chair of the meeting.

5.4 Quorum

The attendance of two (2) member Councillors are required to form a quorum at an Advisory Committee.

If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the time appointed for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting lapses.

In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson can exercise a casting vote.

5.5 Term of office

Unless otherwise stipulated by Council, Advisory Committee members are appointed for a period coinciding with a Mayoral term.

A member continues as a member of the Committee until the next ordinary election of the Mayor, or the next general election of Council, or until the Committee is disbanded or completes its purpose in accordance with these Terms of Reference, if such event occurs before the next general local government election.

Any casual vacancy in membership is to be filled by Council appointment.

From time to time, Council may appoint other members to Committees and Sub-committees to suit the matters under consideration.

6 Other attendance

6.1 Community representation

The Chairperson and/or the General Manager may invite community representatives and/or technical specialists to specific meetings of an Advisory Committee in order to assist the Committee in the consideration of matters before it.

Such community representatives attend at the invitation of the Chairperson, are not entitled to vote, and may be requested to leave the meeting if confidential matters are before the Committee.

6.2 Council staff

Advisory Committees are supported by Council officers, who will provide technical support and secretariat services. Council officers are not entitled to vote. The Council officers are nominated by the General Manager.

6.3 General public

Advisory Committee meetings are not open to the public.

7 Support

7.1 Sub-committees

The Council may establish sub-committees, and appoint members and respective chairpersons to support the work of Advisory Committees.

7.2 Specialist support

Council provides specialist information on the areas of interest of Advisory Committees. Such information includes:

- Proposing strategic issues for consideration by the Committee.
- Background research on issues relevant to the Committee.
- Preparation of reports on issues to be considered in Committee meetings.

7.3 Administrative support

Council provides administrative support as determined by the General Manager to assist Advisory Committees in their deliberations. Such support includes:

- Preparing and publishing notices of meeting, agendas and minutes.
- Liaising with Council officers of any reports and actions required.
- Arranging meeting venues and refreshments.

8 Meeting schedule

Advisory Committees normally meet every two months (except during the summer recess) in various locations across the local government area.

The frequency and location of meetings may be varied by the Chairperson in consultation with the General Manager, following consideration of the matters before it.

The location, date and time for meetings is advised on the meeting notice, which will be provided to members along with the business paper in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice.

9 Meeting practices and procedures

The administrative provisions of Council's Code of Meeting Practice apply, in addition to any higher standard imposed by these Terms of Reference.

The proceedings of each meeting are recorded in minutes of the meeting, including those present, apologies, conflict of interests, and recommendations on matters before the Committee.

The minutes of each meeting are submitted to the next available Council Meeting with a view to the Committee's recommendations being considered.

10 Administrative Procedures

The General Manager may approve administrative procedures that support these Terms of Reference. The procedures may address such issues as:

- Agendas, reports, and minutes arrangements
- Council officer responsibilities.

11 Document control

11.1 Review

The Group and this Terms of Reference will be reviewed at least at the commencement of each term of Council.

Apart from any inconsequential editing, amendments to these Terms of Reference are approved by the Council.

11.2 Version history

Version	Release Date	Author	Reason for Change
1.0	08/11/2017	Bruce Cooke	New document

Community Services & Library Committee

21/03/2018

Item No	5.2
Subject	Key Focus Areas
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SC18/428

Summary

The Committee is asked to consider the key focus areas it wishes to pursue as a priority during the term of the Committee in order to fulfil its Charter responsibilities.

Officer Recommendation

That the Committee adopts the key focus areas outlined in this report.

Background

The key focus for the Committee is as follows:

“Provides advice on the strategic direction of Council’s community and library services, and related matters such as service provision, policy development, and performance.”

In order to ensure the Committee works effectively within the allocated meeting time, consideration should be given to the key focus areas that the Committee meeting may wish to allocate as a priority. As a starting point some key focus for discussions have been identified as follows:

- Customer Service improvements
- Service reviews
- Library updates
- Arts and Culture
- Aboriginal Sub-Committee
- Youth Centre Sub-Committee

The Committee should consider its focus areas to guide future meetings.

Attachments

Nil

Community Services & Library Committee

21/03/2018

Item No	5.3
Subject	Council's Community Grants Program
Report by	Karen Purser, Manager Community Capacity Building
File	F16/998

Summary

Through the Bayside Council Financial Assistance Policy, Council delivers a community grant budget of \$100,000. As well Council supports the local Club Grants and is responsible for the Award winning Doing it Differently Grants program, in partnership with NSW Health.

This presentation provides an overview of each of the grants programs and the benefits to the community they deliver.

As well, it proposes some changes to the Community Grants program.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That the Committee receives and notes the report.
 - 2 That the Committee considers the proposed changes to the Community Grants program.
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Background

The current Community Grants policy is based on the previous Rockdale policy which dates from November 2008 and makes grants available to voluntary or community groups, community based service providers or clubs.

Currently, groups may apply for funds in two categories:

- Small Grants - one-off grants of up to \$1,500 to purchase items of equipment, run a specific activity or event or produce an information resource.
- Seeding Grants - one-off grants of up to \$5,000 to establish a community, social, cultural or leisure program or activity that will have enduring community benefits.

In the 2016/17 financial year, Council ran two consecutive rounds of Community Grant funding in line with the NSW Government funded Stronger Communities Community Grants program.

Anecdotal feedback from community groups suggest that the smaller amount of \$1500 is really too small to be of any real use to organisations looking to gain equipment or run an event with their communities. Additionally, community feedback collected during the development of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) suggested that there is an appetite for

the community to run cultural events and activities in partnership with or supported by Council.

This paper proposes a change to the focus of the Community Grants program away from solely focussing on community activities, and opening it up to include arts and cultural activities as well. We believe that this change will encourage more constructive use of the money and give Council better opportunities to leverage the funding through promotional and community activities.

Arts and Cultural Grants

Under the new program, \$28,000 would be allocated to those projects that foster creative and cultural activities that might include the performing or visual arts, and encourage residents to participate in some way in the development, delivery or participation in the projects through improved community participation, amenity of local spaces, or celebration of cultural diversity.

Individual projects of up to \$7,000 value would be eligible to apply for grants in this category.

Community Grants

Council would continue to support the community organisations who have traditionally been recipients of our Community Grants program. A total of \$60,000 would be available to community groups who are able to demonstrate a need for the project or service they were developing and a strong community benefit.

The remaining balance of \$12,000 would be allocated between Seniors Groups (up to 8 groups at \$500 each) and a Bayside Street Party program (up to 8 street parties @ \$500 each + in kind support) and a program of Australia Day related sporting grants (\$4,000 TBD).

- While Seniors Groups are able to apply for any of the Community grants on offer, Council has traditionally allocated a sum of \$500.00 per annum to registered seniors groups to spend as they like, rather than going through a complex application and acquittal process.
- The former Botany Bay Council supported a number of street Christmas parties through in-kind and cash donations. The former Rockdale Council did not have a policy on street parties and did not support them. Properly conducted, Neighbourhood Street Parties can build community spirit and improve neighbourhood security. By encouraging formal applications and a small amount of funding, Council is able to influence the format and purpose of the Street Parties and ensure that a community capacity building approach is taken.
- If this policy is endorsed, a Street Party Policy will be developed for further approval by Council.

Attachments

Nil