

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 **Monday 13 August 2018** at **6.30 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

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Meredith Wallace
General Manager

Community Services & Library Committee

13/08/2018

Item No	4.1
Subject	Minutes of the Community Services & Library Committee Meeting - 14 May 2018
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	SC18/430

Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Community Services & Library Committee meeting held on 14 May 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

Present

Councillor Christina Curry
Councillor Michael Nagi

Also present

Councillor James Macdonald
Councillor Scott Morrissey
Councillor Andrew Tsounis
Meredith Wallace, General Manager
Debra Dawson, Director City Life
Angela Hume, Manager Customer Experience
Hayla Doris, Manager Recreation & Community Services
Fausto Sut, Acting Director City Performance
Karen Purser, Manager Community Capacity Building & Engagement
Sue Matthew, Coordinator Sport & Recreation

The Chairperson opened the meeting in the Meeting Room, Botany Town Hall at 9.50pm.

1 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

The Chairperson affirmed that 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

The following apologies were received:

Councillor Tarek Ibrahim

3 Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4 Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 Minutes of the Community Services & Library Committee Meeting - 21 March 2018

Committee recommendation

That the Minutes of the Community Services & Library Committee meeting held on 21 March 2018 be confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

5 Reports

5.1 Terms of Reference

Committee recommendation

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

5.2 Key Focus Areas

Committee recommendation

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

5.3 Customer Service Review

Committee recommendation

That the briefing is received and noted.

6 General Business

There was no General Business.

7 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room, Botany Town Hall at 8.00pm on Monday, 16 July 2018.

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 10.10pm

Attachments

Nil

Community Services & Library Committee

13/08/2018

Item No 5.1
Subject **Easy to do Business**
Report by Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File F18/688
Duration 30 minutes

Summary

The 'Easy to do Business' service will make it easier and faster to establish a business in the Bayside LGA. The sectors currently supported include cafes, restaurants and small bars.

Service NSW will be in attendance at the Committee meeting to present to Councillors and answer any relevant questions.

Officer Recommendation

- 1 That authority is delegated to the General Manager to enter into a contract with Service NSW for the Easy to do Business initiative.
 - 2 That authority is delegated to the Mayor and General Manager to execute any necessary documents under the Common Seal of Council.
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Background

Council have been approached by Service NSW to participate in the federally funded 'Easy to do Business' service. There is no cost for councils or for business owners to participate. It helps businesses navigate three layers of government by giving them access to business concierges who can give them general guidance, connect them with specialist support services and advisory networks and can help them complete applications so they are assessment ready.

This is a joint initiative of the NSW Small Business Commissioner and Service NSW.

Financial Implications

Not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Included in existing approved budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional funds required	<input type="checkbox"/>

Community Engagement

Not applicable.

Procurement

Not applicable ☒

Applicable – procurement method ☐

Attachments

Nil

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13/08/2018

Item No	5.2
Subject	Renew our Libraries
Report by	Debra Dawson, Director City Life
File	F18/193

Summary

Libraries are a vital piece of social infrastructure for our community.

NSW public libraries receive over 35 million visits a year, but State recurrent funding has not increased to match the demand. Funding was cut by 5% in the 2018-19 State Budget. Access to infrastructure funding was removed for metropolitan libraries.

Annually the NSW Government contributes \$23.5 million to support over 360 libraries across the State. This compares with a local government contribution of over \$314 million.

At 7.8% of total funding, the NSW contribution to libraries is the lowest in Australia. It is 18% in Victoria and 12% in Queensland.

The Renew Our Libraries objectives are to double the funding for public libraries and create a long term, sustainable funding model to invest in our libraries into the future.

Officer Recommendation

That the Committee recommends to Council the 'Renew our Libraries' campaign be supported and endorsed.

Background

NSW public libraries are struggling to keep up with the increasing demand for their services and library funding is at a crisis point. Recently there has been a cut of 5% to recurrent public library funding.

At the 2017 LGNSW Conference, all councils unanimously agreed to joint advocacy and the NSW Public Libraries Association (NSW PLA) and Local Government NSW (LGNSW) have united to create Renew Our Libraries.

Renew Our Libraries is an advocacy initiative, which brings together councils, public libraries and their supporters into a grassroots effort to demand action and funding commitments from all political parties in the lead up to the 2019 NSW State Election.

Attachments

Nil