

Kogarah City Council

3 March 2016

COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKING PARTY

Council will hold its next Council Community Services Working Party in the Mayoral Office, 2 Belgrave Street, Kogarah on Monday, 7 March 2016, commencing at 6:00pm.

I enclose your Agenda for the Meeting.



Paul Woods
General Manager

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Members of the Working Party

Cr George Katsabaris (Chairperson)
Cr Nick Aroney
Cr Nick Katris
Cr Kathryn Landsberry
Cr Jacinta Petroni
Cr Annie Tang (Deputy Mayor)

Paul Woods (General Manager)
Alison Murphy (Executive Manager
Community Services)

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To attend as required

Nicole Rogan (Coordinator Integrated Planning)
Bridget Keating (Events Coordinator)
Wilma Bancroft (Manager Library and Cultural Services)
Marisa Rodriguez (Manager Children's Services)
Daniella Cvetkovski (Minute Secretary)

Item C1: Aged and Disability Services Update**Author:** Alison Murphy - Executive Manager Community Services (CT)**Reason for report:** To provide an update on Aged and Disability projects and activities.**Recommendation:**

That the report on upcoming (March – April 2016) aged and disability projects and activities be received and noted.

Background

1. Council's Community Development Officer - Aged and Disability coordinates a range of community development activities for seniors and people with disability in the Kogarah community. The following is a summary of recent and upcoming events.

Ongoing Projects

2. Council's Active Ageing Program has continued in 2016 with weekly classes held at Oatley Community Hall and PJ Ferry Reserve Hall. Classes run during the school terms and are currently at maximum capacity with waiting lists.

Seniors Week 2016

3. Seniors Week celebrates the valuable contribution that seniors make to the community. The official 2016 dates for NSW Seniors Week are 1 to 10 April 2016.
4. Council's events will be held over three weeks from Friday, 1 April 2016 until Wednesday, 20 April, 2016. In conjunction with the Seniors Week Committee, a variety of events and activities have been planned. The aim of the program of events is to provide a variety of activities catering to a broad cross section of seniors and to provide seniors with opportunities to experience new activities and interact with a range of organisations and services in the local area.
5. Council has applied and received two grants to contribute towards events and activities to mark Seniors Week 2016. A grant of \$390 has been received from NSW Ageing Disability and Home Care (ADHC) and a further \$200 from The Australian Senior Newspaper.
6. The events planned to mark Seniors Week 2016 are as follows:

'Get Fit Gangnam Style' Chinese Line Dancing Classes

On Friday, 1 April and Friday, 8 April, 2016, Council will celebrate multiculturalism by hosting two Chinese Line-Dance classes in Kogarah Town Square and Ma'Anshan Park, South Hurstville. Council will engage two Chinese speaking instructors to showcase and teach modern dance techniques to encourage seniors to gain new skills, enhance coordination, aid concentration and create a socially inclusive environment.

Item C1 (cont.)*Eden Gardens Tour and Devonshire Tea*

On Tuesday, 5 April, Council will provide a coach trip for fifty residents to explore the sights and surrounds of Eden Gardens, Macquarie Park. The day will consist of a guided tour by a horticulturalist followed by a Devonshire Tea. The event has been partially subsidised by Council and will cost \$16 per person.

'Be Agile, Not Fragile' – Yoga for over 60s

On Thursday, 7 April, a seniors Yoga class facilitated by The Mobile Yogi will be held at Oatley Memorial Gardens. This yoga class will provide low-impact exercise demonstrating ways to keep the mind and body in good health, help to relieve stress whilst maintaining a positive attitude, and age gracefully. This event has been partially subsidised by Council and will cost \$5 per person.

Seniors Week 'Matinee Concert'

On Tuesday, 12 April 2016, Council will host a Matinee Concert at Venus Reception Centre from 11.00am until 2.00pm. Invitees include residents, local nursing home residents, local day care program attendees and customers of Council's Home Library Service. A performance by the Older Women's Network (OWN) Theatre Group will also be held, along with a performance by a comedian and musicians. Lunch will be provided. This event has been partially subsidised by Council and will cost \$15 per person.

Kogarah Seniors Computer Club Open Day

On Wednesday, 13 April 2016, the Kogarah Seniors Computer Club, with Council's support, will be hosting an open day at the Kogarah School of Arts. The open day will enable the Computer Club to showcase their work and increase awareness about the club, with the hope of attracting new members and tutors.

ABC Ultimo Tour

On Wednesday, 13 April 2016, Council will provide a second coach trip for fifty residents to the ABC studios in Ultimo. This will include a guided tour of Australia's public broadcasters, covering TV, radio, news and current affairs production. The tour will also include a leisurely tour of the eastern harbour suburbs and lunch at the Paddington RSL. This event has been partially subsidised by Council and will cost \$17 per person.

Dr. Gary Darby Lecture Series

On Tuesday, 13 April, Friday, 15 April and Wednesday, 20 April 2016 an illustrated lecture series hosted by local historian Dr. Gary Darby will be held in the Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre. Topics include the history of the Sans Souci waterfront, the first fifty years of the historic Rocky Point Road and a local history talk on Primrose House in Dolls Point.

7. These events have been promoted in the 2016 Life Festival Program, Kogarahlife and through Council's seniors' mailing lists. The events will also be promoted on Council's website, at Council's libraries and Customer Service Centre, through local groups, services and at local forums.

Item C1 (cont.)**Third Party Verification**

8. Council receives annual funding from NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC) that contributes to the cost of employing a Community Development Officer – Aged / Disability at Council. To continue to be eligible for this funding, Council is required to undertake Third Party Verification (TPV) of its performance against the NSW Disability Service Standards (DSS) as part of the funding agreement with the NSW ADHC.
9. On Wednesday, 9 March 2016 an ADHC approved verifier from Global Mark Pty Ltd will visit Council and commence the TPV process, utilising a gap assessment. This includes ensuring Council has a Quality Management System (QMS) in place, self-assessment against the NSW DSS and will include a review of how Council ensures accessibility for people with disability, their family or carers.
10. Once the gap assessment is completed, Council will be required to address any identified areas of need for improvement. Once these areas have been met, Council will be issued with a statement of verification against the NSW DSS.

Operational Plan Budget

11. Within budget allocation.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

End of Report

Item C2: Youth Activities and Projects**Author:** Alison Murphy - Executive Manager Community Services (FY)**Reason for report:** To provide an update on recent and upcoming youth activities and projects.**Recommendation:**

That the report on recent and upcoming (February 2016 – May 2016) youth activities and projects be received and noted.

Background

1. Council's Community Development Officer – Youth, coordinates a range of community development activities for young people aged twelve to twenty-four years in the Kogarah Local Government Area (LGA), in accordance with the needs and priorities identified in Kogarah City Council's Community Strategic Plan. Recent and upcoming projects are outlined below.

'Stress Less' Study Workshop Event

2. Council's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has previously identified that school stress is an issue of concern for local young people. In consultation with Council's Youth Officer and Library service, the YAC have organised a workshop evening targeting school stress.
3. The event will now be held on Friday, 6 May 2016, at Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre. A series of workshops and seminars will be presented on topics including study skills, timetabling, mindfulness and meditation, and the psychology of stress. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with speakers and one another at an informal post-workshop dinner.

National Youth Week 2016

4. Council's YAC has planned a basketball knock out event and family film night which will be held during National Youth Week 2016. The project is being developed in association with the Rockdale City Youth Council.
5. The event will take place on Friday, 22 April 2016 during the school holidays, and will consist of an afternoon basketball knock out tournament, followed by an open air screening of a family friendly film. Local service providers who engage with young people have been invited to participate in the event by setting up stalls and games to distribute information on their services to attendees.

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6. The event has been promoted in the 2016 Life Festival guide, and will be listed on Council's website as well as promoted through schools and youth networks. Rockdale City Youth Council will attend and cross promote the event to their networks.
7. Council's YAC has applied for additional funding for the event under the National Youth Week Grants program, which categorises councils according to Census data. Kogarah City Council is classed as Category C, and as a result were granted \$1,845 towards the cost of the event. Councils receiving funding are required to match the NSW Government's grant on a dollar for dollar basis.

Operational Plan Budget

8. Within budget allocation.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

End of Report

Item C3: Cultural Activities and Projects**Author:** Alison Murphy - Executive Manager Community Services (AL)**Reason for report:** To provide an update on activities and projects included under Kogarah City Council's Cultural Plan.**Recommendation:**

That the report on current and upcoming (February – July 2016) cultural activities and projects be received and noted.

Background

1. Council's Cultural Plan provides a framework for Council to strengthen cultural development in the Kogarah community through supporting the distinctiveness and identity of the local area, facilitating a range of arts and cultural programs and undertaking community cultural development projects in collaboration with the community. An update on current projects and activities is provided below.

Kogarah Art Prize

2. The Kogarah Art Prize is an annual national acquisitive prize for painting with an open theme. 2016 is the fifth year of the Kogarah Art Prize.
3. The judge for the 2016 Kogarah Art Prize is Dr Gene Sherman AM. Dr Sherman is Chair and Executive Director of Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation (SCAF), a philanthropic organisation dedicated to exhibiting significant contemporary art from Australia, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East. For the 21 years prior to this, Dr Sherman was the Director of Sherman Galleries, one of Sydney's most important commercial galleries. As a gallerist, curator, academic and philanthropist, Dr Sherman has made a significant contribution to the Australian cultural landscape. A judge of Dr Sherman's calibre and experience will continue to raise the profile and reputation of the Kogarah Art Prize.
4. In 2016 the Kogarah Art Prize will offer total prize money of \$14,000. The prize money has increased from \$12,000 to \$14,000. The main Kogarah Art prize will be \$10,000, the Place of Reeds Prize will be \$3,000 and commended prizes total \$1,000. The increase in prize money will raise interest in the prize and attract a broader range of artists.
5. Key dates for the 2016 Kogarah Art Prize include:
 - Monday, 7 March 2016 – Entries open and entry forms are available;
 - Monday, 2 May 2016 – Entries close;
 - Tuesday, 17 May 2016 – Finalists announced;
 - 7pm on Friday, 10 June 2016 – Opening night and winners announcement; and
 - Tuesday, 7 June until Sunday, 3 July 2016 – Kogarah Art Prize exhibition at Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre.

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6. Kogarah City Council is currently seeking sponsorship for the Kogarah Art Prize.
7. The Kogarah Art Prize Facebook page continues to attract attention and now stands at 513 likes.

Public Art – Sculptural Wall in Carss Bush Park

8. Council's Parks and Waterways Department is constructing an improved children's playground at Carss Bush Park during 2016. New dynamic and natural play equipment is being installed, including a scooter track, flying fox, slide, climbing rope structure, powerful owl sculpture; bat shaped climbing frame and wooden structures constructed from a local Blackbutt tree. As part of this project, public art in the form of a curved sculptural wall will be commissioned.
9. Expressions of interest are invited from established artists and artist teams to develop the high quality integrated sculptural wall. It will function as a decorative and safety device to separate the scooter track from another path used by cyclists riding through the park. The concept, design and theme of the wall are open to each artist's interpretation and must address certain requirements as detailed in the Expression of Interest (EOI). The wall is located at the northern edge of the park, and will measure 10m long by 900mm high.
10. The EOI has been distributed to public art networks and through Tenders Online. The Expression of Interest closes on Monday, 4 April 2016.

Life Festival Activities

11. As previously reported, there will be a number of cultural and community activities held as part of the Life Festival.
12. On Tuesday, 1 March 2016 at 6.30pm Council held the first 'Art at Twilight' tour, showcasing highlights of Council's art collection, including public art. The 2015 Kogarah Art Prize winner, Craig Handley gave an artist talk in the Council Chambers and refreshments were served. This was a free event.
13. On Tuesday, 8 March 2016 from 10.30am to 12pm Council will celebrate International Women's Day with a morning tea and exhibition celebrating Women in Science at Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre. The Director of St George Hospital Intensive Care Unit Associate Professor Theresa Jacques is the guest speaker. Councillor Annie Tang, Deputy Mayor of Kogarah will introduce the event.
14. From Tuesday, 12 April – Sunday, 1 May 2016, Tetsuya Mori will hold an exhibition entitled 'Harmonious Energy and Ambiguity' at Kogarah Library and Cultural Centre. On Wednesday, 13 April 2016 at 6pm an opening night event will be held.

Plaques Program

Item C3 (cont.)

15. As previously requested, the Community Services Department is implementing a two part project to make places of significance in Kogarah LGA. One part of the project is the installation of plaques at sites of historical significance in the Kogarah LGA. This will help to define Kogarah's unique history and identity, providing context and information to residents, visitors, school-aged children and professionals.
16. The design, manufacture and installation of these plaques is consistent with the City of Sydney Green Plaques program. The principles for selection of proposed locations, events and people to be commemorated have been guided by the City of Sydney Historian and the Royal Australian Historical Society guidelines.
17. Ten plaques have been determined for installation in 2016, with the 'launch' of the program during the Kogarah Life Festival. Five plaque sites are within the Kogarah town centre, and five are located at riverside locations.
18. The subjects of the plaques and their locations are listed below:
 - Kenneth Slessor, O.B.E. (1901 – 1971) - Kogarah Town Square;
 - Kogarah School of Arts (1887, restored 1990) - Kogarah School of Arts;
 - St George Hospital (established 1894) - Gray Street entrance (proposed);
 - Steam Tram Terminus (1887 – 1937) - garden area beside Kogarah Railway Station;
 - Christina Stead (1902 – 1983) - St George Girls' High School (proposed);
 - Taren Point Punt (1916 – 1965) - seawall near Bass and Flinders Cruises;
 - Bidley Giles (c. 1820 – 1875) - Endeavour Street park near Botany Bay Yacht Club;
 - Tow Weiry (c. 1820 – 1850) - Tom Ugly's Point fishing area;
 - Bald Face Reserve (1939) - track at Bald Face Reserve; and
 - Drakes Oyster Barges (1955 – 1996) - bottom of Wyong Street, Oatley.
19. On Tuesday, 15 March 2016 at 11am Council will launch the Plaques program in the Kogarah Town Square, at the installation site of the first plaque which commemorates the poet and war correspondent Kenneth Slessor. Invitations will be extended to all Councilors and Ms Betty Romeo (Principal of St George Girls' High School), as well as representatives from the Kogarah Historical Society, Oatley Heritage and Historical Society, the Dictionary of Sydney, the Royal Australian Historical Society, the City of Sydney, the History Council of NSW and the Sydney Tramway Museum.

Operational Plan Budget

20. Within budget allocation.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

End of Report

Item C4: Safer Streets Program Grant**Author:** Alison Murphy - Executive Manager Community Services (NB)**Reason for report:** To advise that an application has been submitted for grant funding under the Safer Streets Program.**Recommendation:**

That the application for a grant of \$96,080 under the Safer Streets Program be received and noted.

Background

1. The Safer Streets Program implements the Federal Government's \$50 million commitment to deliver effective solutions to local areas experiencing problems with criminal or anti-social behaviour through a grants program focused on improving community safety through crime prevention. This program is delivered through the Attorney General's Department.
2. Eleven key areas within the four key commercial and transport hubs of Kogarah, Carlton, Allawah and South Hurstville were identified as being able to benefit from crime prevention strategies. The installation of security cameras, which can deter and detect crime as well as increase the sense of security for the community, were identified as the best strategy to implement within the City of Kogarah.
3. A grant application for \$96,080 was lodged for the installation of eleven cameras. It is anticipated that this would allow Council to provide for the installation of eleven solar powered rapid deployment cameras with 4G and WIFI. These high resolution low maintenance cameras are currently being used by Hurstville City Council in a number of town centres and have been found to be a successful option.
4. The application included letters of support from the St George Local Area Command (LAC) and Advance Diversity Services.
5. It is suggested that if the grant application is successful, that Kogarah City Council officers work in partnership with representatives from the St George LAC to oversee the implementation and management of the project.

Operational Plan Budget

6. Within budget allocation.

Attachments/Annexures

Nil.

End of Report