

# **ASHFIELD COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

**ORDINARY MEETING - 8 MARCH 2016**

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## MAYORAL MINUTE

### DONATION TO ASSIST THE RECOVERY OF FIJI

I am in receipt of a letter from Australia Red Cross dated 29 February 2016 requesting Council to support the Tropical Cyclone Winston Appeal to provide humanitarian support to the people and communities in Fiji and across the region who have been affected by the devastating category 5 cyclone.

Council's financial contribution will help transform the lives of vulnerable families and communities.

The Annual Red Cross Calling campaign has been held each March to raise vital funds to support people in times of hardship.

### ATTACHMENTS

**Attachment 1** Letter from Australia Red Cross dated 29 February 2016 2 Pages

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council support the Australian Red Cross in the humanitarian support by donating \$5,000 to the recovery of Fiji.**



**COUNCILLOR L MCKENNA OAM**  
Mayor



29 February 2016

Clr Lucille McKenna  
Mayor  
Ashfield Council  
260 Liverpool Road  
Ashfield NSW 2131



Dear Clr McKenna,

**Red Cross Calling 2016**

For more than a century now, Red Cross has played a unique role helping people and communities in need in virtually every town and community across Australia. 2016 has barely begun and already our staff and volunteers have been on the ground helping people to recover from devastating fires, floods and cyclones around the country. Red Cross has also launched the Tropical Cyclone Winston Appeal to provide humanitarian support to the people and communities in Fiji and across the region who have been affected by the devastating category 5 cyclone.

But Red Cross does much more than that. Every day we are working with vulnerable people in your community – making daily phone calls to elderly Australians living alone, providing a healthy breakfast to thousands of children who might otherwise go hungry, and supporting people who are isolated, or seeking asylum from war and persecution.

This critical work would not be possible without generous donations from members of the public to fundraising appeals like Red Cross Calling.

For over 66 years the annual Red Cross Calling campaign has been held each March to raise vital funds to support people in times of hardship. Through Red Cross Calling, we ask individuals and families around Australia, including local communities across regional and metropolitan New South Wales, to volunteer their time to collect valuable donations for our work in the community. Hundreds of schools, community service groups and local businesses also get involved.

We would like to ask for the support of Ashfield Council for this initiative. Your financial contribution to Red Cross Calling will help us transform the lives of vulnerable families and communities. Please find enclosed a form showing payment options.

We recognise that many Councils are already Red Cross champions, providing significant support to our Branch network. This local level support is deeply appreciated. Without it Red Cross would not have the capacity to provide much needed support to those in need. If you would like information on opportunities to engage with Australian Red Cross at a local level, please call me directly on 02 9229 4219 or email [jbroun@redcross.org.au](mailto:jbroun@redcross.org.au)

For your information I have also enclosed a copy of the latest issue of our Red Cross magazine 'Humanitarian'.

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### Red Cross Calling 2016 - How to make a donation

There are several ways you can donate to Red Cross Calling. Options include bank deposit, cheque, money order or credit card.

1. Bank Deposit

Name: Australian Red Cross – Red Cross Calling      Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
Account Number: 1096 4232      BSB: 063-010      \*Reference: RCC16DGL – and the name of your council

\*Please ensure you use the reference number so we can match your deposit to your Council for receipting purposes.

2. Cheque or money order made payable to Australian Red Cross marked 'Red Cross Calling 2016'

3. Credit Card payments can be made securely online at [www.redcrosscalling.org.au](http://www.redcrosscalling.org.au) or over the phone by calling our Red Cross Supporter Services Centre team on phone 1800 811 700.

Please complete and return the 'Payment Advice' section below in the reply paid envelope provided (or in your own envelope addressed to: Red Cross Calling, Australian Red Cross, GPO Box 4343, Melbourne VIC 3001).

All donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible. Your organisation will be issued with a tax deductible receipt for all donations made to Red Cross Calling through the above payment options.

### Red Cross Calling Payment Advice

Name: Clr Lucille McKenna - Mayor

Council: Ashfield Council

Reference Number: RCC16DGL

Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_      Payment Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:     Bank Deposit     Cheque/Money Order     Credit Card

I hereby declare that all details provided above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

Full Name:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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## **MAYORAL MINUTE**

### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

It was a pleasure to host the Breakfast for International Women's Day for 2016 in the Civic Centre Activity Rooms.

The Theme this year is "Pledge for Parity".

Over 120 Council staff and many local residents attended the Breakfast. Our speaker this year were Reverend Bridget Ocean and Ms Kelly Loveridge.

Reverend Bridget is presently ministering at Ashfield Parish Mission/Exodus Foundation with the Rev. Bill Crews. She is a 2014 Graduate of Charles Sturt University via The United Theological College in North Parramatta and was Ordained in March 2015.

Bridget is an American, who arrived in Australia in 2000, to attend the Sydney Olympics, and returned as a student in 2001.

She has earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, with a Concentration in Marketing, from the University of Mississippi and has pursued a Master's of Counselling Degree from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Bridget is married to Pete and they have a daughter, Essence, who is 11 years old.

Ms Kelly Loveridge joined Ashfield Council in August 2015 as the Manager Operations. Kelly is a civil engineer whose career has spanned over 16 years in several Sydney metropolitan councils as well in private construction companies. This includes working overseas in South East Asia and the Middle East for a number of years, extending beyond civil infrastructure and into offshore oil and gas industries also.

It was very informative to hear their respective life journeys and how they worked their way through their chosen careers.

We were pleased that students from Bethlehem were able to join us once again this year along with the Principal Paula Bounds.

Thanks also to OZ Hair in Ashfield for their support in providing lucky door prizes that were well received by the winners.

Following the Breakfast, Ashfield Council hosted, on behalf of Marrickville Council, a lunch with guest speaker Eva Cox AO who is an Austrian-born Australian writer, feminist, sociologist, social commentator and activist. She has been an active advocate for creating a "more civil" society.

The audience of 60 enjoyed the thought provoking presentation.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no supporting documents for this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1/3 That a letter of thanks be sent to Reverend Bridget Ocean and Ms Kelly Loveridge for their presentation to a very appreciative audience.
- 2/3 That a letter of thanks be sent to OZ Hair Ashfield Mall for their generous donation of lucky door prizes.
- 3/3 That a letter of thanks be sent to Brian Barrett, General Manager, Marrickville Council for inviting Ashfield staff to participate in the event.



COUNCILLOR L MCKENNA OAM  
Mayor

## MAYORAL MINUTE

### SUPPORT OF GENERATIONAL CHANGE TO END DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

I am in receipt of correspondence from the Mayor of Leichhardt Cr Darcy Byrne, who has extended an invitation to Marrickville and Ashfield Councils to partner with NAPCAN to take whole community action to end domestic and family violence.

This will enable the three Councils to take collective action to end domestic and family violence. The first step is the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the governance of the partnership and the methodology and resources.

Domestic and family violence has devastating impact on local communities.

Local Government is better placed than State or Federal agencies to show leadership and work with local schools etc to make our local communities safer for all women and children.

#### ATTACHMENTS

**Attachment 1** Letter from Mayor of Leichhardt dated 8 February 2016 1 Page

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That Council support this initiative and work with Leichhardt Council & Marrickville Council to develop the Memorandum of Understanding and an ongoing program.**



**COUNCILLOR L MCKENNA OAM**  
Mayor





8 February 2016

Councillor Sam Iskandar, Mayor of Marrickville  
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Councillor Lucille McKenna, Mayor of Ashfield  
[lucille.mckenna@bigpond.com](mailto:lucille.mckenna@bigpond.com)

Dear Lucille and Sam,

**Re: Support for generational change to end Domestic and Family Violence**

We are seeking your support to stand together to end domestic and family violence in our communities.

Recently, Leichhardt Council and National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) have been in discussions about how we can work together.

It has become clear through these discussions that there is an opportunity for the three neighbouring Councils of Leichhardt, Ashfield and Marrickville to partner with NAPCAN to implement an innovative community wide education program to teach children about how to have healthy and respectful relationships.

As you are aware, domestic and family violence has a devastating impact on local communities. Local Government is better placed than State or Federal agencies to show leadership and work with local schools, sporting clubs, businesses and churches to make our local communities safer for all women and children.

Leichhardt Council recently launched the Speak Out Campaign to raise awareness about how to prevent family violence and abuse of children. Please find enclosed some of the campaign materials that have been developed, for your information.

In developing this campaign Council sought advice from NAPCAN about implementing education programs for children and young people. Coincidentally, NAPCAN had already been exploring the possibility of partnering with a group of councils through a coordinated program.

Over the last 10 years NAPCAN has developed and delivered an evidence based model for the education of children and young people from 3 to 17 years of age aimed at preventing domestic and family violence in the next generation. They have recently established a partnership with Western Sydney University to develop an evaluation framework to guide the continuous improvement of the programming. NAPCAN have indicated they are keen to establish a 3 – 5 year partnership with Leichhardt, Marrickville and Ashfield Councils to create generational change, by implementing the education framework of NAPCAN across our communities.

This is an opportunity to make use of new resources and expert advice to help in the protection and development of children and families across our three local government areas.

We invite Marrickville and Ashfield Councils to partner with Leichhardt Council and NAPCAN to take whole of community action to end domestic and family violence. The first step is the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the governance of the partnership and the methodology and resources.

Yours sincerely,

Cr Darcy Byrne  
Mayor of Leichhardt

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