

ASHFIELD COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

ORDINARY MEETING - 12 APRIL 2016

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MAYORAL MINUTE

CARNIVAL OF CULTURES

I was honoured to open Ashfield's premier community event the Ashfield Carnival of Cultures on Sunday, 20 March 2016, coinciding with the celebration of Harmony Day.

I was pleased to welcome the Member for Grayndler Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Member for Summer Hill Jo Haylen and Shadow Minister for Finance Tony Burke MP, along with a number of other community leaders.

The event was a great success with thousands of people turning out to enjoy a great day of entertainment. The Carnival also marked Harmony Day – and it was fantastic to see such a wonderfully diverse crowd turn out to enjoy a great day of entertainment for the whole family and to celebrate our great multicultural community.

Congratulations to the organisers of the Carnival for providing a wonderful day of entertainment on the stage and around the park. The stall holders were very pleased with the number of people in attendance throughout the day. The community stalls were very informative with the wide range of social topics they encompassed.

Many Council staff volunteered during the day to support the Council's stalls. The volunteers were professional and supported council's staff in providing quality customer service support across the Carnival.

Thank you to all our sponsors:

Official Event Gold Sponsor: Wests Ashfield Leagues

Silver Sponsor: LJ Hooker Ashfield

Bronze sponsor: Ashfield Mall

Media Partners: Inner West Courier, Ciao, 2RDJ FM,

La Fiamma, Indian Link and The Vision China Times, and our Supply Partners: Eco Design Eco Print, Festival Hire,

The Street University created by the Ted Noffs Foundation and Ashfield Bowling Club.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no supporting documents for this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That letters of appreciation be sent to the sponsors for their support and letters of thanks be sent to staff and volunteers who organised the event.



COUNCILLOR L MCKENNA OAM
Mayor

MAYORAL MINUTE

Local Government Excellence Awards

On 7 April 2016, Ashfield Council received the ‘Excellence in Age-Friendly Communities’ Award from LG Professionals’ annual LG Awards. The award recognises the work achieved by Council in a suite of programs that have improved the accessibility and safety for pedestrians of all ages, including:

- Accelerated Footpath Program, which delivered ten years’ worth of new footpath across the LGA, in under 18 months and this was coupled with the replacement of 1160m of kerb and gutter;
- Grass verge conversion initiative, which installed 2,630m² of grass verge along footpaths, improving the pedestrian experience of our footpath network;
- Bus stop accessibility project, which upgraded 44 bus stops to improve their accessibility for low mobility or vision-impaired residents;
- Access ramp improvement initiative, upgraded 167 ramps to improve pram, wheel chair and pedestrian access and safety when crossing local roads.

In addition to the delivery of capital works, the Award recognises the outcomes of internal collaboration, mentoring, leadership and innovation in procurement, design and contract management led by Council staff.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no supporting documents for this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That we congratulate our staff for their outstanding work and receipt of the LG Excellence in Age-Friendly Communities Award.



COUNCILLOR L MCKENNA OAM
Mayor

MAYORAL MINUTE

WestConnex - Urban Design Review Panel

Council continues to receive ongoing requests for representatives to attend meetings linked to the WestConnex project. The latest request, received yesterday (11 April 2016), is for an Ashfield Council representative to attend an Urban Design Review Panel (UDRP) meeting scheduled for this Friday, 15 April 2016.

The establishment of the UDRP is a requirement of the development consent issued for the M4 East WestConnex project by the State Government last February. The Panel's role is to provide advice in relation to architecture, heritage values, urban and landscape design and artistic aspects of the project. It is intended to meet at least four times per year. The first meeting will include a presentation from the contractor and their consultants and take place at the SMC offices in George Street, Sydney.

As has been the case with similar requests in the past, the notice provided for such meetings is totally inadequate. The Council needs to have an ongoing role with construction of the project but the engagement strategy employed by the Sydney Motorway Corporation (SMC) with key stakeholders to date needs serious review. Council needs to determine its representative to attend this and other planned meetings scheduled in coming months.

It should be noted that officers have arranged for representatives from the SMC to brief Councillors at next week's Planning & Environmental Services Committee meeting (19 April 2016) on the design aspects of the project.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no supporting documents for this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1/2 That Council advise the SMC that its current processes with respect to the engagement of key stakeholders in the M4 East WestConnex project are totally inadequate and should be reviewed as a matter of urgency.**
- 2/2 That Council determine its representative on the Urban Design Review Panel.**



COUNCILLOR L MCKENNA OAM
Mayor

**NOTICE OF MOTION OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN BY
COUNCILLORS JULIE PASSAS, VITTORIA RACITI, MAX RAIOLA AND ADRIANO
RAIOLA**

MOTION: SUSPENSIONS

To move Notice of Motion No. NM17/2016

The Labor Councillors with the support of the 3 independents voted to suspend the four Liberal Councillors from Committee Meetings.

This political move was unprecedented in the history of Ashfield Council, (Confirmed by staff).

There was no resolution by Council for staff to spend time gathering the information on the Liberal Councillors attendance.

The resolution to suspend the four Liberal Councillors did not state a time frame for the suspensions nor did it report on the attendance record of the other seven Councilors.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no supporting documents for this report.

Accordingly, I move:-

- 1/2 That a report be given on the attendance record of the Labor and independent Ashfield Councillors, also the validity of the suspensions.**
- 2/2 That why one of the Liberal Councillor is permitted to remain on the Audit Committee.**



Julie Passas



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