

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUSINESS PAPER 2**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, 19 April, 2016**

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**Meeting commences at 6:30pm**

**Council Chambers  
Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street  
Petersham**

## MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

The following report appears as a late item with Mayoral approval as information required for the preparation of the report was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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BETHLEHEM

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**Item No:** C0416 Item 32  
**Subject:** MAYORAL MINUTE: RECEPTION FOR THE MAYOR OF BETHLEHEM  
**File Ref:** 12/4674/45586.16

**From Councillor Sam Iskandar, Mayor of Marrickville**

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**MOTION:**

**THAT Council hosts a reception and dinner for Vera Baboun, Mayor of Bethlehem on Friday 6 May 2016.**

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**Background**

As one of Marrickville's sister cities, Bethlehem holds special significance for the local community. In 2007 a sister city agreement was signed between Bethlehem and Marrickville, formalising the 2000 Memorandum of Understanding between the council areas. Since that time, the communities of Bethlehem and Marrickville have been actively engaged in a range of activities, supported locally by the Sister Cities Committee and Friends of Bethlehem.

The Mayor of Bethlehem, Vera Baboun, will be visiting Australia in early May 2016 as a guest of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and is available to visit Marrickville on Friday 6 May 2016. It is appropriate to provide an opportunity for Ms Baboun to meet with our local community and I propose that Council host a reception for this purpose followed by a small dinner at a local venue.

Ms Baboun is the first female Mayor of Bethlehem and the chairperson of the Board of Directors for Guidance and Training Centre for Family and Children and as a gender studies researcher looking at the role of information technology in empowering women in the Arab world.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.