

# 9 September 2019

At 5.00 pm

Volume 2 - Item 3 - Minutes by the Lord Mayor



## Council

Sydney 2030 Green Global Connected

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- 10. Panel of Conduct Reviewers and Administrative Changes to Code of Conduct**
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### 13. Notices of Motion

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- 13.3 Extension of Green Square Library Opening Hours
- 13.4 Zero Litter to Ocean
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## Item 3.1

### Enabling Community Activities

File No: S051491

#### Minute by the Lord Mayor

To Council:

The City's Social Sustainability Policy and Action Plan – *A city for all: a socially just and resilient Sydney*, provides a roadmap for a socially just and resilient Sydney, one that is characterised by supportive social networks and trust, a sense of belonging and connection to place, harmony and social cohesion, diverse thriving communities, vibrant creative life, and accessible places and spaces.

#### Community facilities

Our community facilities make a critical contribution to our commitment to sustaining Sydney as a city for all. By bringing people together, they are essential infrastructure for enhancing community resilience, helping us realise the objectives of *Resilient Sydney: A strategy for city resilience 2018*.

The City of Sydney has an extensive portfolio of community venues, including libraries, community and town halls, neighbourhood centres, and auditoria that are available for hire by community groups and individual residents.

Across our local government area, we have 35 venues for hire with a total of 74 bookable spaces.

We are right to be proud of the facilities in our local government area – our commitment over the past 15 years to design excellence means we have created iconic and award-winning venues like the Surry Hills Library, Green Square Library, and the East Sydney Community and Arts Centre.

These new venues complement our venues for hire, which include Sydney Town Hall, Paddington Town Hall, Glebe Town Hall and Customs House.

We create and maintain these venues to support and enhance community engagement, resilience and social cohesion. And it is the people that use them and City staff that support them which makes the real difference in the lives of many of our residents. This was highlighted at the Sustainable Sydney 2050 Roundtable on social cohesion that I hosted with community leaders on 29 August 2019.

The City acknowledges the importance of local not-for-profit and community groups made up of volunteers who have limited access to funding and infrastructure. In many instances, individuals have been involved in these groups over a long period, generously giving their time and resources to contribute to and improve their communities.

In this context, our community facilities can be critical to the continued, effective contribution of these groups and participation by individuals. So the City needs to:

- ensure that the groups and individuals who provide these services know that our facilities are available for hire and can be used for meetings and events;
- ensure venue information including accessibility, booking processes, amenities and hire conditions are easy to find, straightforward and in formats that are user-friendly; and
- make sure that our venues, especially unstaffed venues, are easy to access and available to the whole community.

I want to acknowledge the invaluable contribution made by individuals who volunteer their time and effort to not-for-profit and community groups to provide services in response to identified needs.

I also want to recognise the important work of our City staff, who manage and operate these venues and the role they perform supporting our local communities.

### **City support for events that bring the community together**

In addition to our venues and facilities, the City has a network of parks and open spaces that can operate as outdoor venues, facilitating community art and sporting events, markets and social get-togethers in addition to their traditional uses.

Community-led events – for example, residents in a local street organising a Halloween ‘trick or treat’, should be encouraged wherever possible, and the City should look at ways to help communities plan and undertake these types of events.

**Recommendation**

It is resolved that:

- (A) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to review and propose strategies to improve community awareness of the City's community facilities for hire, including targeted marketing to appropriate community groups, provision of online virtual venue tours, and improved online information regarding venue amenities, including venue accessibility features; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate:
  - (i) reviewing requirements for hire of community venues with a view to streamlining and simplifying processes to increase facility usage by not-for-profit and community groups and individuals providing services to the city's growing community;
  - (ii) enhancing the assistance the City can provide to community-led events; and
  - (iii) working with the State Government to support and remove barriers to communities hosting events in local streets.

**COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor

**Item 3.2****Pymont Community Centre****File No: S051491****Minute by the Lord Mayor**

To Council:

The Pymont Community Centre plays a key role in promoting wellbeing, physical and social activities for the village and contributing to the diverse, harmonious community in Pymont/Ultimo.

There is strong demand for the facilities for indoor activities, out of school hours care (OOSH), fitness classes, rehearsal and performance space, and community groups use the facility to deliver activities such as ballet classes, scrabble, line dancing, a stitching circle, singing groups and art classes.

Representatives of the Friends of Pymont and Pymont Action contacted my office and the Office of the Chief Executive Officer – most recently on 1 April 2019 – to raise concerns that they are running out of space at the Centre, and require another room to accommodate increasing demand for services.

Pymont is one of the earliest and most successful examples of urban renewal in Australia, transforming from an industrial area with a residential population of 300 to a densely populated residential and commercial area with 14,500 residents.

This rapid population growth is placing pressure on existing facilities, and while this Council has authorised additional capital works projects for the area, such as the Fig and Wattle child care and basketball facilities, these are not anticipated to be completed until 2024.

The City's Chief Operating Officer and I met with members of the community on 3 September 2019 for an inspection of the community centre and to meet staff. It was clear from the busy use of the centre and the schedule provided that the demand for the facility has rapidly outstripped the current capacity.

Given the increasing demand, a modest renovation and re-organisation is proposed as well as a small expansion of the current facility, as the most effective way to support the community to continue to provide their very many activities while other larger capital works are completed over the longer term.

The specific requests of the resident groups include:

1. Building an additional room to accommodate gym activity and equipment, which would free up the current gym room as a music room, and a smaller gym room as a meeting room.
2. Installing an additional toilet upstairs.
3. Installing a cupboard system to store equipment that would allow the out of school hours care space to be used for other purposes when not being used for after school care.
4. Expanding the availability of staff on Sundays to enable the use of the Maybanke facility.
5. Exploring the addition of more active recreation facilities for young people in Pirrama Park.

### **Recommendation**

It is resolved that the Chief Executive Officer be requested to prepare a project scope, concept design and budget for the Pymont community's requests and report this to Council for consideration.

### **COUNCILLOR CLOVER MOORE**

Lord Mayor