

Resolution of Council

9 September 2019

Item 13.3

Extension of Green Square Library Opening Hours

Moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Green Square is one of the fastest growing precincts in Australia. Around 30,000 residents have already moved in to the area, and by 2030, the area will have 61,000 residents and 22,000 jobs. This is a population density of 22,000 people per square kilometre, the highest in Australia;
- (ii) the City of Sydney is committed to delivering the public facilities and infrastructure that this growing population needs to be part of a liveable, sustainable city;
- (iii) the City of Sydney has committed \$540 million to establish beautifully designed facilities, including an aquatic centre, 40 parks and open spaces, a community and cultural precinct and new public art. The City has also invested \$1.2 billion on infrastructure that includes essential work on stormwater drains, new roads and footpaths, and a transport corridor for future light rail;
- (iv) in October 2018, the City of Sydney officially opened the Green Square Library and Plaza. It is a state of the art facility providing the community with access to music rehearsal rooms, reading and study areas, community meeting spaces, a technology suite and an open-air garden. Since its completion, it has been recognised with some of the most respected awards in NSW public architecture, winning four awards at the 2019 Australian Institute of Architects NSW Awards and The Architectural Review's Library Award 2018. This is an indication of the City of Sydney's commitment to providing quality infrastructure to last for generations;

- (v) the success of the Green Square Library is evident in the usage figures which indicate that it has drawn more visitors through its doors over the first 10 months of opening and new members have joined the library service at Green Square in greater numbers than any of the other eight branches which comprise the library network. Over the past 10 months there have also been 108,755 WiFi sessions at Green Square Library, which is well above the WiFi usage at other branches within the network; and
 - (vi) Green Square Library is currently open Monday to Wednesday 10am–7pm, Thursday and Friday 10am–6pm, and Saturday 10am–4pm; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to investigate the option of extending the opening hours of Green Square Library, including opening on Sunday, and report back to Council via the CEO Update.

Carried unanimously.

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