

## Resolution of Council

**25 June 2018**

### **Item 12.3**

#### **Save Waterloo Library**

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note the cultural significance of the Waterloo Town Hall building, which opened in 1882 and became a library in 1972;
- (B) recognise the importance of a neutral, public space in the unique Waterloo community;
- (C) note plans to close the Waterloo Library without community consultation;
- (D) congratulate the work of the Women of Waterloo in gathering hundreds of signatures in a petition to prevent the closure of the Waterloo Library;
- (E) note the variety of services that the library offers, including:
  - (i) literary fiction, non-fiction works, research materials and multi-media items to use and borrow;
  - (ii) a quiet place to read;
  - (iii) study desks;
  - (iv) free newspapers in multiple languages;
  - (v) spaces for tutoring;
  - (vi) free Wi-Fi;
  - (vii) printing and photocopying facilities; and
  - (viii) rooms for community meetings;

- (F) congratulate library staff for curating specific Koori, Mandarin and Russian collections at the Waterloo Library;
- (G) note the unique demographics of the Waterloo area, including long-term elderly residents, young families, school children, job-seekers, university students, Mandarin speakers, a Russian community and a strong Aboriginal community;
- (H) note that the population in Green Square is expected to swell to 60,000 by 2030;
- (I) note that 700 new units are proposed to be built in the nearby Waterloo Metro Quarter by 2022;
- (J) note that the Waterloo-Zetland area has a predicted population growth of a further 124% by 2036, with over 10,000 people coming to live in the area between 2011-2016;
- (K) recognise the importance of maintaining and developing existing library services in Waterloo and across the local government area to provide services for existing and incoming residents; and
- (L) stop plans to close Waterloo Library.

Note – at the meeting of Council, Councillor Phelps withdrew her Notice of Motion, the matters raised in it having been dealt with at an earlier stage of the meeting in Item 6.2.

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