

Item 8

Report of the Cultural and Community Committee - 2 December 2019

Item 8.1

Disclosures of Interest

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Clover Moore, made the following disclosures:

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda in that a member of the board of the Sydney Community Foundation made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections.
- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda in that the Sydney Community Foundation presented the Lord Mayor with an award in September 2019, at the Sydney Women's Fund's annual Saluting Sydney Women event.

'Be Kind Sydney' is a charity established as a subsidiary of the Sydney Community Foundation.

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.6 on the agenda in that a member of the board of the Australian Design Centre made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections.

Councillor Robert Kok made the following disclosures:

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda in that a member of the board of the Sydney Community Foundation made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections. 'Be Kind Sydney' is a charity established as a subsidiary of the Sydney Community Foundation.
- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.6 on the agenda in that a member of the board of the Design Advisory Centre made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections.

Councillor Jess Scully made the following disclosures:

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in this item in that a member of the board of the Sydney Community Foundation made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections. 'Be Kind Sydney' is a charity established as a subsidiary of the Sydney Community Foundation. Councillor Scully advised she was not aware of this recommendation until the Committee report became available, and would not be participating in voting on this matter.
- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in this item in that a member of the board of the Australian Design Centre made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections. Councillor Scully advised she was not aware of this recommendation until the Committee report became available, and would not be participating in voting on this matter.

Councillor Phillip Thalys made the following disclosures:

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda in that a member of the board of the Sydney Community Foundation made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections. 'Be Kind Sydney' is a charity established as a subsidiary of the Sydney Community Foundation. Councillor Thalys advised he had not been contacted about this grant, was not aware of the grant until the Committee papers became available, and would not be voting on this matter.
- a significant non-pecuniary interest in item 8.6 on the agenda in that a member of the board of the Australian Design Centre made a reportable donation to the Clover Moore Independent Team prior to the 2016 Council elections. Councillor Thalys advised he had not been contacted about this grant, was not aware of the grant until the Committee papers became available, and would not be voting on this matter.

Councillor Kerryn Phelps made the following disclosures:

- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.4 on the agenda, in that a member of the Be Kind Sydney Ltd. Board donated to the Clover Moore Independent Team during the 2016 Council elections. Councillor Phelps is no longer a member of the team, and was not aware of the grant or contacted by the organisation in relation to the grant prior to the meeting.
- a pecuniary interest in Item 8.5 on the agenda, in that one of the chairs of WorldPride worked on Councillor Phelps' Wentworth campaign, donated to this campaign, and provided candidate agent services.
- a significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.6 on the agenda, in that a member of the Darlinghurst Theatre Company Board donated to the Clover Moore Independent Team during the 2016 Council elections. Councillor Phelps is no longer a member of the team, and was not aware of the grant or contacted by the organisation in relation to the grant prior to the meeting.

Councillor Christine Forster disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.5 on the agenda, as she is a personal friend of Mardi Gras co-chair Kate Wickett. Councillor Forster advised she has not discussed this item with Ms Wickett.

Councillor Linda Scott disclosed a less than significant, non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.2 on the agenda in that she used to work for Senator The Hon John Faulkner whose work to create a Harbour Foreshore walk may be incorporated into the Eora Journey Public Artwork.

No other Councillors disclosed any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any matter on the agenda for this meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee.

The Committee recommends the following:-

Item 8.2

Eora Journey - Harbour Walk Storytelling Report

It is resolved that:

- (B) Council receive and note the Eora Journey Harbour Walk Storytelling Report (the 'Report') by Emily McDaniel, shown at Attachment A to the subject report, and the Harbour Walk Historical Research by Paul Irish, shown at Attachment B to the subject report;
- (C) Council note the Harbour Walk project forms part of the Eora Journey and will be a key project in the forthcoming Sustainable Sydney 2050 plan to demonstrate the City's ongoing commitment to our First Nations peoples and that a review of funding for the project will be undertaken as part of the Sustainable Sydney 2050 plan implementation;
- (D) Council endorse the recommended projects and strategic initiatives in the Report to progress to implementation as outlined in the report and the Harbour Walk Implementation Plan at Confidential Attachment C to the subject report;
- (E) Council enter into a contract to develop the recommended Harbour Walk projects with the author of the Harbour Walk Report, curator Emily McDaniel, as Harbour Walk Curator for three years with the option to extend for a further year, based on exceptional circumstances, as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting quotations due to the social and cultural complexities of the project and given the professional insights gained during her engagement in developing the Harbour Walk Storytelling Report, as per Confidential Attachment C to the subject report;
- (F) Council approve an exemption from tender for the extension of Hetti Perkins' contract as Eora Journey Curatorial Advisor for three years, with the option to extend for a further year, based on extenuating circumstances, to oversee Eora Journey public art projects underway and provide guidance on the Eora Journey program, as a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders due to the social and cultural complexities of the project; additionally significant goodwill and knowledge has been built-up by the curator's engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and communities; and professional insights have been gained during her engagement by the City as per Confidential Attachment C to the subject report; and,
- (G) Council approve the engagement of a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff person as Indigenous Engagement Project Coordinator (Harbour Walk) to coordinate consultation on Harbour Walk projects for up to three years funded by the project budget, as per Confidential Attachment C to the subject report.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor), and carried unanimously.)

Speakers

Mr Beau James addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee) on Item 8.2.

S110607

The Committee recommends the following:-

Item 8.3

Knowledge Exchange Sponsorship - Onto It Media - Venue Online Services

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a cash sponsorship of \$30,000 (excluding GST) to Onto It Media Pty Ltd to pilot their Venue Online Services with six performance venues in the City of Sydney area; and
- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer a sponsorship agreement in relation to the sponsorship described in (A) above.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Kok, seconded by Councillor Scully, and carried unanimously.)

Speakers

Mr Chris Johnson addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Cultural and Creative Sub-Committee) on Item 8.3.

X026778

The Committee recommends the following:-

Item 8.4

Ad Hoc Grant - Be Kind Sydney Ltd - The Be Kind Sydney Dinner

It is resolved that:

- (A) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to determine, negotiate, execute and administer a sponsorship agreement with Be Kind Sydney Ltd in relation to the sponsorship, in accordance with Clause 4.35 of the City of Sydney Code of Conduct.

X027017

The Committee recommends the following:-

Item 8.5

Ad Hoc Grant - Set up for Sydney WorldPride 2023

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a \$100,000 (excluding GST) cash sponsorship to Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd for the pre-event planning of WorldPride 2023 to be held in Sydney, with funds drawn from the 2019/20 General Contingency budget; and
- (B) Council provide in principle approval for a second cash sponsorship of up to \$150,000 (excluding GST) to Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd., subject to the Chief Executive Officer's satisfaction that the NSW Government has confirmed funding support, with funds drawn from the 2019/20 General Contingency budget or provided in the 2020/21 budget; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer sponsorship agreements with Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Ltd in relation to the sponsorship described in (A) and (B) above.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Forster, and carried unanimously.)

Speakers

Ms Kate Wicket addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) on Item 8.5.

S123871

The Committee recommends the following:-

Item 8.6

Accommodation Grants Program Lease Renewals - Australian Design Centre and Darlinghurst Theatre Company

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council approve a renewal of the Accommodation Grant for Darlinghurst Theatre Company, Eternity Playhouse, 39 Burton Street, Darlinghurst for up to five years from July 2021 to June 2026 on a rental level as outlined below noting all amounts are per annum:

	Market rent	Subsidy level	Subsidy amount	Rent to be paid
Year 1	\$190,962	63%	\$120,306	\$70,656
Year 2	\$196,691	63%	\$123,915	\$72,776
Year 3	\$202,592	63%	\$127,633	\$74,959
Year 4	\$208,669	63%	\$131,462	\$77,208
Year 5	\$214,929	63%	\$135,406	\$79,524

- (B) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, execute and administer agreements with any organisation approved for an Accommodation Grant on terms consistent with this resolution and in accordance with the Grants and Sponsorship Policy.; and
- (C) authority be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer to determine, negotiate, execute and administer an Accommodation Grant agreement with Australian Design Centre, 101-111 and 113-115 William Street, Darlinghurst in relation to the agreement, in accordance with Clause 4.35 of the City of Sydney Code of Conduct.

(Note – At the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee, this recommendation was moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Thalys, and carried unanimously.)

Speakers

Ms Lisa Cahill, Ms Vicki Middleton, and Ms Amy Harris addressed the meeting of the Cultural and Community Committee (Healthy Communities Sub-Committee) on Item 8.5.

S123796