

Item 13.14**Notices of Motion****Opening of all Libraries and Community Facilities**

By Councillor Chung

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Covid-19 restrictions have resulted in necessarily limiting access to places where people gather such as small business premises, transport, public spaces such as libraries and community centres and open space;
 - (ii) the NSW Government has gradually reduced the restrictions on gatherings to encourage people to safely return to their lives;
 - (iii) access to public spaces forms a critical part of the social connection for many people in the City of Sydney. During the Covid-19 lockdowns, the resulting lack of social connection has resulted in an increase in mental health issues, domestic violence, limited access to food and other necessities, poor social connections and a disconnection of community networks; and
 - (iv) the City of Sydney has many premises which can offer community support which are currently operating at limited capacity beyond the public health orders; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to open all Council owned public facilities to the fullest extent permitted under the public health orders.

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