

## Item 10.1

### Notices of Motion

#### Christmas in Pymont

By Councillor Jarrett

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
- (i) Christmas in Pymont is an annual street fair organised by Pymont and Ultimo residents;
  - (ii) it has been a fixture within the Pymont community since 2013, each year increasing in size and popularity, and bringing the community closer together;
  - (iii) Christmas in Pymont celebrates the festive season and promotes a sense of community, while raising funds and awareness around local charities, having raised and distributed over \$700,000 to local charities since its inception;
  - (iv) the City of Sydney has been providing an annual grant of \$15,000 to Christmas in Pymont since its inception in 2013;
  - (v) previous grant applicants have raised concerns that the current grant application and acquittal process at the City of Sydney is long, complicated and time-consuming and noted that it was a particularly difficult and onerous task for not-for-profits and community groups who rely on sparse amounts of volunteers to complete it;
  - (vi) due to the growth in size and popularity of Christmas in Pymont and the nature of its reliance upon volunteers, the Christmas in Pymont Committee has decided not to apply for a City of Sydney grant for its 2023 event; and
  - (vii) for well-established community events which have previously been successful grant recipients like Christmas in Pymont, the many hours taken to annually fill out the City's grant and acquittal forms could be better spent connecting with the community and local businesses; and
- (B) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to:
- (i) investigate the City's ability to remove the unnecessary red-tape surrounding the City's grants and acquittal process for well-established community-run events which continue to add value to the City's social and economic life;
  - (ii) investigate the implementation of a new grants and acquittal process which simplifies and removes the complexities and repetition of the current process for applicants who are seeking to re-apply for a grant of which they have previously been an annual recipient; and

- (iii) consult previous grant recipients, including the Christmas in Pymont Committee, to establish the particularities of what needs to be removed and/or simplified in the City's current grants and acquittals forms in order to make the new application and acquittal process more user friendly and promote the City's willingness to provide timely and efficient grants and acquittal services to the community.

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