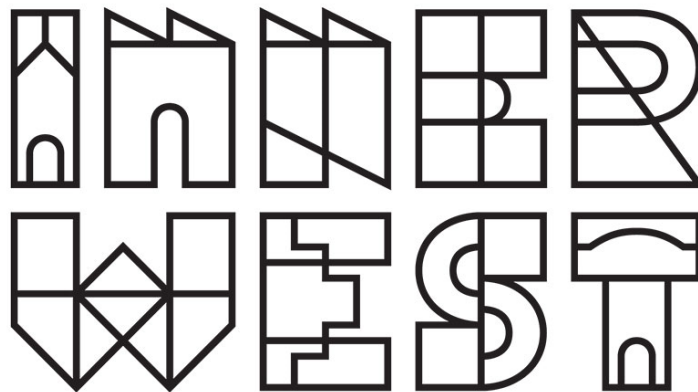


SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2022

6.30pm

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

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The following reports appear as late items as information required for the preparation of the reports was not available at the time of distribution of the Business Paper.

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Item No: C1122(1) Item 28
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: CHRYS MEADER CONDOLENCE MOTION
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

That Council:

- 1. Record our sadness at the passing of 2021 Inner West Citizen of the Year Chrys Meader and write to the Meader family offering our solidarity and gratitude for Chrys' lifelong contribution to our community; and**
 - 2. Identify options for a facility, place or landmark that could be named in honour of Chrys Meader.**
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Background

Chrys Meader was a dear friend to all of us.

Chrys was a historian, librarian, archivist, published author, educator and speaker. She authored histories of the Enmore Theatre, Henson Park and Vicars Woollen Mill.

Chrys conducted the most informative walking tours of the local area that were attended by many thousands of residents and visitors.

If you were on one of those tours it would become obvious that there was very little, if anything, about the history of Marrickville that Chrys didn't know.

She was an unrivalled and passionate expert with encyclopaedic knowledge of local history.

Her lifelong commitment to keeping our local history alive was recognised through her selection as the 2021 Inner West Citizen of the Year.

What makes the Inner West so special is our history and heritage, and Chrys' dedication throughout her career preserved and upheld these.

Chrys will be dearly missed in our community. My condolences to her family, her friends, her former colleagues and the whole Marrickville community.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1122(1) Item 29
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: PEDESTRIANISATION OF MAIN STREETS
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

That Council:

- 1. Write to the organisers of The Norton Street Festival and the Stanmore Music Festival to congratulate them on the success of their events;**
 - 2. Note the recurrent support that Council has budgeted for both events and thank Council officers for the collaboration and coordination they provided to the community for each event;**
 - 3. Propose to the NSW Government a pilot main street pedestrianisation program in the Inner West, to allow bi-monthly or quarterly use of sections of main streets for events, activations and cultural activity;**
 - 4. Seek expert advice on how the current costs of street closures can be addressed through improved local and state regulation, selection of locations and simplified approval processes;**
 - 5. Consult chambers of commerce, main street businesses and residents about whether there are main street locations they would like to propose for more regular pedestrianisation;**
 - 6. Write the Minister for Transport and the Shadow Minister for Transport seeking their assistance in the design of the program; and**
 - 7. Prepare a report for the February 2023 Ordinary Council meeting with finalised plans for the launch of the program.**
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Background

The great success of the Norton Street Festa and the Stanmore Music Festival demonstrates the broad support in our community for the pedestrianisation of main streets for events, cultural activity, and social interaction.

In recent years rises in the cost of street closures have been a hinderance to using these public spaces for events more frequently.

If costs could be made more sustainable, Council could offer local residents and businesses, the option of having regular use of sections of main streets for pedestrian activity and events.

If events were scheduled quarterly or bimonthly the program may build momentum and attract customers to local businesses and boost economic activity.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1122(1) Item 30
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: RENTERS RIGHTS
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

That Council:

- 1. Seek to partner with advocacy organisations, including Shelter NSW, The Tenants Union, Marrickville Legal Centre and the NSW Council of Social Service to advocate for changes to Tenancy laws in NSW.**
 - 2. Receive a report from Council Officers to the February 2023 meeting identifying how Council can propose legislative and regulatory changes to achieve the following objectives:**
 - a) banning no fault evictions;**
 - b) lengthening tenancy periods to give tenants long-term security of 5 – 10 years;**
 - c) new government oversight of complaints about repairs and maintenance;**
 - d) consideration of an empty properties tax for residential and retail properties; and**
 - e) allowance for renters to own pets.**
 - 3. Further, include in the report:**
 - a) A plan for community consultation with renters to identify the challenges they are facing and to inform Council's planning and advocacy; and**
 - b) An assessment of how Council's health and safety compliance role can be used to assist local businesses in ensuring that repairs and maintenance are carried out by their landlords.**
 - 4. Propose again to the NSW Government that the Local Government Act be amended to allow Council to reduce rates for main street property owners who keep their properties tenanted, funded by a commensurate increase in rates for landlords who keep their main street properties untenanted for a prolonged period.**
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ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C1122(1) Item 31
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: SNAILS BAY
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION:

That Council:

- 1. Oppose the ongoing location of the dolphin moorings, the floating dry dock, and the various inoperable vessels in Snails Bay, under the approval of NSW Maritime (now Transport for NSW); and**
- 2. Write to the NSW Minister for Transport, the Member for Balmain and the executive officers of the Maritime agency, proposing the removal of the above-mentioned structures and vessels, and also outline the range of public uses and benefits that are being prevented due to the dolphins location, including:**
 - **Recreational uses including sailing, kayaking and fishing.**
 - **Disruption of the iconic views from Snails Bay of Sydney Harbour.**

Background

Located at Snails Bay in Birchgrove are dolphins, or moorings, which are a left-over relic of the era in which the bay was surrounded by industrial operations. **See pictures attached.**

These dolphins are no longer used for their original purpose and are instead used for long term storage of retired, stranded, inactive and otherwise decaying marine vessels. Several of the vessels moored there have been left there for years on end and a number of them are owned by one private company.

There is a large floating dry dock there also that has now been left in Snails Bay for many years. There was no application or consultation with Council about locating this large, bulky eyesore in the middle of the serene bay.



ATTACHMENTS

Nil.