

# COMMUNITY WELLBEING COMMITTEE MEETING

Strathfield Municipal Council

**Tuesday 24 February 2015**

Commencing at the conclusion of the  
Extraordinary Council Meeting

Council Chambers,  
65 Homebush Road, Strathfield

## **AGENDA**

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CS1. Proposed Activities for Youth Week 2015

CS2. Harmony Day Celebrations 2015

CS3. The Future of Aged Services in Strathfield LGA

CS4. Reintroduction of Neighbourhood Watch

CS5. International Women's Day

I endorse the recommendations contained herein.



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Director Corporate Services

# MINUTES

**Community Wellbeing  
Committee Meeting  
28 October 2014**

## **MINUTES**

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Minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 28 October 2014, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 7.16pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Datta (Chairman)  
Councillor D Bott  
Councillor S Kokkolis  
Councillor S Ok  
Councillor A Soulos  
Councillor G Vaccari

**STAFF:** General Manager  
Director Corporate Services  
Director Technical Services  
Acting Director Operations (Manager Engineering Works & Services)  
Governance Coordinator

### **1. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor McLucas for non attendance.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**CW08/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari/Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting held on 25 March 2014, a copy of which has been furnished to each Councillor, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairman and General Manager be authorised to sign such minutes.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES**

**1. Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting 23 May 2014**

**CW09/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Kokkolis/Bott)

That the minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting held on 23 May 2014 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**2. Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting 22 August 2014**

**CW10/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Kokkolis/Bott)

That the minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 August 2014 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**3. Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting 20 May 2014**

**CW11/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari/Kokkolis)

That the minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2014 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**4. Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting 11 September 2014**

**CW12/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Kokkolis/Vaccari )

That the minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2014 be noted and the recommendations (if any) be adopted.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**4. DEFERRED/OUTSTANDING MATTERS AWAITING REPORT**

Nil.

**5. REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

General Managers Report

**GM1. Delivery Program and Operational Plan Six-Monthly Progress Report**

**CW13/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari/Bott )

That the Community Wellbeing Delivery Program six-monthly progress report for January to June 2014 be noted.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

Corporate Services Reports

**CS1. Go 4 Fun Program**

**CW14/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari/Bott)

1. That Council endorse the continuation of the Go 4 Fun program based on the demonstrated results and benefits to the community.
2. That Council note the Strathfield programs have achieved the highest number of participants in NSW.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**CS2. Community Access Plan**

**CW15/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Ok/Vaccari)

That Council note the report concerning the development of the Community Access Plan 2014-2018.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**CS3. Community Safety Projects Update**

**CW16/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Vaccari/Ok)

That Council note the progress of the current Community Safety Projects.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**CS4. School Holiday Program**

**CW17/14**

**RESOLVED:** (Bott/Kokkolis)

That Council note the participation results for the September 2014 School Holiday Program.

For the Motion: Councillors Vaccari, Bott, Datta, Kokkolis, Ok and Soulos

Against the Motion: Nil

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.25PM.**

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The foregoing Minutes were confirmed at the meeting of the Council of the Municipality of Strathfield held on 24 February 2015.

Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

General Manager\_\_\_\_\_

# MINUTES

**Youth Engagement Advisory  
Committee Meeting**

**28 November 2014**



## **MINUTES**

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Minutes of the Youth Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 28 November 2014, in the Council offices, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING** 4.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor McLucas – Chair

*Committee Members:* Phil Tambasco, Vidushan Paheerathan, Lescinska Fernandez, Shival Salgaonkar, Nicholas Malecki, Jafer Naim

*Staff:* Group Manager Organisation Performance  
Manager Community Services  
EA to Group Manager Organisation Performance

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor S Kokkolis  
General Manager

*Committee members:* Nusrat Alam, Kavipriya Manokaran, Rayan Alan, Sanchi Hampton, Luma Khatib

### **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of meeting held on 22 August 2014 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

### **2. REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

#### **2.1 Planning of Youth Week 2015 Program**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) That Committee members submit ideas for activities to be programmed in Youth Week 2015 by 5 February 2015;
- 2) That all activities be very proactively promoted through the local schools and teachers.
- 3) That part of Youth Week be aligned with fundraising for a Youth Development Fund and that one of the identified events be used as a fund raising activity for this purpose.

2.2 Engagement with Headspace for Strathfield LGA

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the committee investigate ways in which it could work proactively with Headspace for future youth activities.
- 2) That the Manager of Headspace be invited to join the Committee as a community representative.

2.3 Strategy to Identify Future Nominees for Youth Awards

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee canvas and identify local youth whose achievements meet with the criteria for the 2016 Youth Awards.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That Council investigates and reports back on the establishment of a Facebook page for youth on Council's website.
- 2) That regular press releases to local news media are implemented to identify and promote the activities of youth in the local community.
- 3) That volunteering opportunities in the local community are promoted to youth.
- 4) That Mental Health in local youth be a strong focus for future planning.
- 5) That a potential relationship between Strathfield Youth and Youth in Rural communities be investigated and reported back to the committee.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.15PM**

# MINUTES

**Community Development  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**17 December 2014**

Minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on 17 December 2014, in the Council offices, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING** 4.30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor H McLucas – Chair  
Councillor G Vaccari – Deputy Chair  
Councillor R Datta

**STAFF:** General Manager  
Director Corporate Services

**APOLOGIES** Nil

## **1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 11 September 2014**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2014 were confirmed.

## **2. REPORTS BY OFFICERS**

### **1. Chatterbox Language Program**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the continuation of the Chatterbox and Conversation Café language classes in 2015 be endorsed and the changes to the TAFE English as a Second Language program be noted.
2. That Council investigates options for further partners to support the Chatterbox program.

### **2. National Heart Foundation Walking Groups**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the establishment of further National heart Foundation Walking Groups in the Strathfield LGA be endorsed.
2. That increased promotion be made through media and contacts with other schools.

**3. International Women's Day**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the International Women's Day 2015 events be endorsed.
2. That the event be promoted and notified to Councillors.

**4. Volunteering Opportunities for Strathfield**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the information concerning the volunteering program be noted.
2. That the program brings together community agencies 4 times per year to identify opportunities for volunteering.

**5. 2015 Community Events**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information provided concerning 2015 Community Events be noted.

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil.

**4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.15PM.**

# MINUTES

**Civic Events Advisory  
Committee Meeting**

**18 December 2014**

## **MINUTES**

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Minutes of the Civic Events Advisory Committee Meeting of Strathfield Municipal Council held on Thursday, 18 December 2014, in the Council offices, Community Board Room at 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield.

**COMMENCING:** 3.10pm

**PRESENT:** Cr D.Bott - Chair  
Cr S.Kokkolis – Deputy Chair

**STAFF:** David Backhouse, General Manager  
Jason Andrew, Group Manager Organisational Performance

Matters discussed:

**1. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of meeting held on 22 August 2014 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting

**2. Council's "What's On Calendar"**

Seasons Calendar for Dec, Jan & Feb have been done and distributed.

**3. 2015 Events Calendar**

Information report on 2015 Events Calendar was tabled and reviewed and approved. Further discussion was held in regards to the following events;

- Lemnos Event to be included. Event to be part of the Event Committee Agenda, to review its progress.
- Consideration to be given of a Anzac Day celebration in Strathfield Square to celebrate 100 years.

**4. Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting scheduled date to be Thursday 12 February 2014

*Report by Bronwyn Hager, Communications Officer*

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That 2015 Events Calendar be noted.***

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Council of the 2015 Events Calendar.

**REPORT**

The 2015 Calendar of Council Events has been set below. Dates are selected following the same formula as has been used in recent years to keep events on consistent weekends, for example Spring Festival on Father's Day.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	24 January
Australia Day	Strathfield Park	26 January
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	7 February
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	21 February
Plantastic Picnic	Edwards Park	21 February
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	7 March
International Womens Day	Various	8 March
Harmony Day	Airey Park	14 March
Seniors Week	Various	14-22 March
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	21 March
Youth Week***	Various	10 April
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	11 April
ANZAC Service*	Davey Square Reserve	TBC
Youth Achievement Awards**	Strathfield Golf Club	TBC
Walk Safe to School Day	Various	22 May 2015
Cooks River Fun Run	Freshwater Park	21 June
National Tree Day/Family Fun Day	TBC	26 July
Strathfield Spring Festival	Strathfield Park	6 September
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	10 October <sup>^</sup>
Children's Week	All Primary Schools	24 October – 1 November
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	24 October <sup>^</sup>
Strathfield Food Festival	Strathfield Town Centre	25 October
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	7 November <sup>^</sup>
Graffiti Removal Day	Various	TBA
White Ribbon Day	Various	TBA
Movies in the Park	Strathfield Park	21 November <sup>^</sup>
HSC Art Exhibition	Strathfield Town Hall	2-7 December
International Day of Disability	Various	3 December
International Day of Volunteers	Dutton Centre	4 December
Strathfield Christmas Carols	Strathfield Park	5 December

\* Event run by Homebush-Strathfield RSL with the support of Council

\*\* Event run by Strathfield Rotary with the support of Council

\*\*\* Events being planned in consultation with SYEAC

<sup>^</sup> Dates subject to change upon negotiation with Event supplier

Details of each event will be placed in the Councillor's Diary and invites issued accordingly



REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

Council's Community Services Department was consulted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for Council events has been provided by various areas of the budget.

**Report approved by:**

Jason Andrew
<b>Director Corporate Services</b>

*Report by Yvonne Yun, Manager Community Services*

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the proposed activities for Youth Week 2015 be endorsed.***

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Committee of feedback from Youth Engagement Advisory Committee regarding the proposed activities for Youth Week 2015 to be held 10-19 April.

REPORT

Input for the 2015 Youth Week was invited from the Strathfield Youth Advisory Committee. Based on the suggestions made and having regard to available funding, the following activities have been developed for youth during Youth Week 2015. Final dates and venues are still to be fixed and will be determined largely around resource and facilitator availability.

Photographic Competition

A suggestion was made for this program and in order to attract a broad range of entries, Council has developed 3 categories for the competition. These are:

A portrait – self or others

A place – in the Strathfield LGA

A day in the life – a candid shot taken in and around Strathfield.

It is intended that interpretation of what these categories mean will be left to the photographer. Entrants will need to obtain the necessary consent for exhibition of their work and prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category. Entries will be lodged electronically and will be displayed at the major event for the week, the World Conversation Café.

World Conversation Café and Headspace Workshop

Recent feedback from local high schools and counsellors is that many young people in our LGA find it difficult to manage the pressures of study, exams and the expectations for exceptional academic achievement on the part of others. It is planned to hold a Conversation Café where in the first session youth develop their face to face social skills through games and other activities and in the second session, they workshop the management of anxiety and develop some coping tools under the guidance of a skilled and empathetic youth sector worker.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Proposed Expenditure: \$3,000

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose as set out below:

<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure to date</b>
Youth support	\$9,314	\$230

**Report approved by:**

Neale Redman
<b>Director Corporate Services</b>

*Report by Yvonne Yun, Community Services Manager*

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the proposed Strathfield Council Harmony Day celebrations be endorsed.***

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To obtain endorsement of the proposed Harmony Day celebrations.

**REPORT**

Each year as part of Council's Community Events Calendar celebrations are held to recognise Harmony Day.

Council will be celebrating Harmony Day 2015 on 14 March, 2015 in Airey Park. The theme for the day will be 'share my picnic' and participants will be encouraged to bring along a picnic that allows them to share something from their culinary culture with their neighbour.

The date has been chosen to coincide with the launch of Seniors Week 2015 and to avoid conflict with neighbouring Council's events to mark the date.

By taking this approach, Council will not only promote inter-cultural harmony, but also advance inter-generational engagement throughout our community. Features of the day will be:

- Live performances throughout the day, with the opening performance being given by an Indigenous dance troupe. This group will remain throughout the day to run two Indigenous art classes and to provide information about Aboriginal culture to visitors.
- Performances will also include groups from local schools, a local group of Russian seniors and programs for children.
- Inside the Community Centre there will be a Living Library, a display of hobbies and interests for seniors, as well as a workshop for local Chinese seniors on the tensions between traditional expectations of their grandchildren and modern approaches to teenagers.
- A BBQ will be available as will representatives of local community, sporting and other organisations that may be able to support and assist local residents in their settlement in the Strathfield LGA.
- Staff from the Cooks River Alliance and Council's Sustainability Team will also be on hand for the event.

Invitations have been extended to the Minister of Citizenship and Communities, Mr Victor Dominello MP, Mr Craig Laundry and Mr Charles Casuscelli.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Proposed Expenditure: \$8,300

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose as set out below:

<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure to date</b>
Multicultural Events	\$10,500	\$1,220

**Report approved by:**

Neale Redman
<b>Director Corporate Services</b>

*Report by Yvonne Yun, Community Services Manager*

### **RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council continue to make strong representations for clear advice from both State and Federal governments on the level and nature of services proposed to support the aged and ageing.***

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To obtain direction from Council regarding the provision of Aged Services in the Strathfield LGA.

### REPORT

Strathfield Council has in the recent past made representations to both State and Federal Governments regarding the need for support for the aged in our community. Currently, Council receives funding to support its Aged Day Care Service which is of direct benefit and support to at least 45 local seniors, a significant number of whom are from CALD backgrounds. This funding, whilst extended until October 2015, has not been confirmed beyond this date.

Council also receives funding towards the cost of its Age and Disability Officer, and further funding past June 2015 has not been confirmed.

Advice has been received that the following changes are being considered:

1. The gateway service for referral to Aged Day Care is to be abolished.
2. The new gateway to services from July will be through Centrelink.

In addition, local transport and food services are being urged to regionalise as a condition of funding, leading to a much broader spread of service and potentially, decreased availability over time.

Service providers have also advised that currently there is an intention not to fund podiatry, volunteering services, the HACC Development Officer and a number of other very critical services being offered.

Whilst previous representations to government have resulted in responses, there is no clear direction or advice from government concerning the future of funding and support for Aged Services. The Australian Government has enquired whether Council has an exit strategy for these services.

To plan appropriately and to establish other options for those people receiving support, it is absolutely essential that both levels of government provide clear and comprehensive details of their intentions. It is also essential that the significant needs and reliance of our aged and ageing on such support services is made very clear to those responsible for delivery of care.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

**Report approved by:**

Neale Redman
<b>Director Corporate Services</b>

ITEM CS4. REINTRODUCTION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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*Report by Yvonne Yun, Community Services Manager*

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the proposed reintroduction of Neighbourhood Watch in the Strathfield LGA by the NSW Police be supported.***

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise the Committee of the proposed reintroduction of Neighbourhood Watch.

**REPORT**

Council offices recently attended a workshop hosted by NSW Police to outline the process by which Neighbourhood Watch is to be re-introduced to the community. The workshop outlined the tools to be made available by NSW Police to recruit and train residents to organise and run the program. NSW Police have advised that they will support resident efforts to do so and the Flemington Local Area Command have also advised that they are happy to support a re-introduction of the program.

Council will act as a facilitator rather than being directly involved with the program's operation, by providing access to space for meetings of local Neighbourhood Watch groups.

It is recommended that Council support the reintroduction of Neighbourhood Watch and that information concerning the program be provided to the community.

**REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT**

No referral was required.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications.

**Report approved by:**

Neale Redman
<b>Director Corporate Services</b>



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Report by Yvonne Yun, Manager, Community Services

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That the events to recognise International Women's Day 2015 be endorsed.***

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise of the events to mark International Women's Day 2015.

REPORT

Council's Community Development Advisory Committee at its meeting on 17 December, 2014, endorsed the following three events to mark and celebrate International Women's Day in 2015.

1. A morning tea for women of Strathfield who have made significant contributions to the local community.
2. Through the Strathfield Youth Engagement Advisory Committee to develop a fund raising activity to raise funds for women in disadvantaged situations.
3. A youth event to provide a forum for young women to workshop issues that are currently impacting their sense of worth and equality.

The morning tea for women who have made significant contributions to the local community will be held in the Dutton Centre on 6 March 2015 between 10.00am and 12 noon.

The proposed fundraising activity has been deferred due to insufficient lead time to organise the event which included obtaining suitable sponsorship. It is proposed that the event be included for next year's International Women's Day celebration.

In view of the deferral of the fundraising activity in order to enable as many local women as possible to take part in International Women's Day a brunch will be held in the Town Hall on 8 March 2015 between 10am and 12 noon. This will be a networking event where local women will be able to connect with others from the LGA and potentially tap in to services.

Young women from all local high schools have been invited to attend a forum to be held in the Town Hall on 9 March 2015 between 9.00am to 12 noon to discuss issues of importance to young women. The forum will feature presentations from a number of prominent women including:

Dr Judy Lattas	Director of the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies, Gender and Sexuality Program in Sociology at Macquarie University
Dr Sally Macarthur	Senior Lecturer in Music and Co-ordinator of Musicology at the University of Western Sydney
Ms. Pippa Hallas	CEO of Ella Bache

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Proposed Expenditure: \$1,800

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose as set out below:

<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure to date</b>
Community Services - Access	\$44,500	\$16,352

**Report approved by:**

Neale Redman
<b>Director Corporate Services</b>