

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

WARRINGAH COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012

Beginning at 6.00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.



Rik Hart
General Manager

(2012/06)



Warringah Council

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to be held on Tuesday 22 May 2012
at the Civic Centre, Dee Why
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5.0 MAYORAL MINUTES

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MAYORAL MINUTE NO 4/2012

FRESHWATER DINING PODS - CALL TO THE COMMUNITY FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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ATTACHMENTS

NIL

BACKGROUND

The Freshwater dining pods have recently been removed. They were subject to very minimal damage in the removal and therefore could be used in another location.

We are all very aware that the dining pods have attracted significant community debate and media attention in the past and they still continue to be an issue, particularly in relation to the current development in the Freshwater Village precinct.

As a way of contributing the dining pods back to the community and in the interest of transparency and equity, I am proposing that Council call for expressions of interest from the community - specifically from not-for-profit organisations including our local public schools and kindergartens – to seek who may be interested in taking ownership of the pods and providing a new use for them.

I have been advised that Council's Disposal of Physical Assets Procedures (Section 2.6) specifies that donations of old assets may only be made with the authority of the General Manager and that council staff should only consider donations in response to a formal written request. It goes further to say that community groups should receive equitable treatment to avoid possible claims of bias.

In order to meet with Council's procedures, Expressions of Interest for the dining pods could be referred to one of the Council's Strategic Reference Groups for determination or Council may wish to re-convene one of our grants panels such as the panel for our Community Development Grants to ensure an independent decision is made and then ultimately submitted to the General Manager for approval.

Community groups would need to demonstrate that the pods would be re-installed in a permanent place and would benefit the community in some way. They would also need to be responsible for any costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the pods.

While it would be difficult to establish a definitive cost for this project, the cost of advertising for the expressions of interest could be met from our current media and communications budget and any further costs of convening a panel be met within the existing Strategic Reference Group budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council -

- A. Develop a broad criteria to be incorporated as part of the expression of interest process including details of their responsibility to install and maintain the pods;
- B. Publicly call for written expressions of interest from the community, specifically from not-for-profit organisations including local public schools and kindergartens;
- C. Staff determine whether to refer the Expressions of Interest received to one of Council's Strategic Reference Groups or one of the panels established to assess applications under Council's current grants program to ensure transparency and equity in the assessment process;

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- D. The recommendation to be approved by the General Manager in line with Council's current Disposal of Physical Assets Procedures;
- E. Staff report to council providing details of the process, the successful applicant and costs incurred.
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Michael Regan

MAYOR

