

LATE ITEM**14 COUNCIL'S CONTINUED SUPPORT IN ACKNOWLEDGING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

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Report Summary

In April 2005 Council resolved to acknowledge the 90th Anniversary Commemoration of the Genocide of the Armenians by recognising 24 April every year as a Day of Remembrance of the Armenian Genocide.

This report recommends the continued support by Council of this event by providing a venue for their after ceremony function, the supply of a small portable sound system and invitations from the Mayor of the day.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council support the request for the Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide this year and each year for the term of this Council by providing a venue for the after ceremony afternoon tea, providing a portable sound system for the ceremony, an official invitation from the Mayor of the day and for the site to be clean and tidy prior to the event.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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ITEM 14 (continued)**Background**

Council resolved in April 2005 to:

- (1) ACKNOWLEDGES THIS YEAR AS MARKING THE OCCASION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE GENOCIDE OF THE ARMENIANS PERPETRATED BY THE THEN OTTOMAN GOVERNMENT BETWEEN THE YEARS 1915-1922;
- (2) JOINS WITH THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY OF RYDE IN HONOURING THE MEMORY OF THE 1.5 MILLION MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO DIED IN THE FIRST GENOCIDE OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY;
- (3) RECOGNISES 24 APRIL EVERY YEAR AS A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE;
- (4) CONDEMNS THE GENOCIDE OF THE ARMENIANS AND ALL OTHER ACTS OF GENOCIDE COMMITTED AS THE ULTIMATE ACT OF RACIAL, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL INTOLERANCE;
- (5) CALLS ON THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT TO OFFICIALLY CONDEMN:
 - (i) THE GENOCIDE OF THE ARMENIANS
 - (ii) ANY ATTEMPT TO DENY SUCH CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY"

Report

Council has received a request to support the Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide on Saturday 24 April 2010 at Memorial Park Meadowbank by providing a venue for the after ceremony afternoon tea, providing a portable sound system for the ceremony, an official invitation from the Mayor of the day and for the site to be clean and tidy prior to the event.

The request is for the use of Shepherds Bay Community Centre, Meadowbank. Unfortunately the venue had already been booked for this year prior to the groups request and they have made alternate arrangements at the venue used in previous years at Lions Park, West Ryde.

Consultation

Internal Council business units consulted included:-

- Councillor Services

Internal Workshops held:-

- Not Applicable

City of Ryde Advisory Committees consulted included:-

- Not Applicable

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External public consultation included:-

- Not Applicable

Critical Dates

The following deadlines are required to be met:

- The ceremony is scheduled for April 24 2010

Financial Impact

It is estimated that the total cost of the project proposal is \$60 per annum (in –kind support) being the cost of hall rental based on the current Management Plan for a Community Group use of Shepherds Bay Community Centre.

There would also be minimal cost for the preparation and posting of invitations and the cleaning and tidy of the site would be scheduled into current work programs.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications through adoption of the recommendation.

Other Options

Council may determine not to support this event.

Conclusion

Council have supported this activity in the past and by approving the recommendations will continue to show their support to this commemoration.