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November 25, 2019

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

TO BE HELD

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2019

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO. 1



JAMES RONCON
GENERAL MANAGER

FURTHER BUSINESS

1. MAYORAL MINUTE NO. 8/19 - DATED NOVEMBER 25, 2019 - NATION
DANCE - 1 DECEMBER 2019 (11/117, 11/426)..... 3

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ITEMMAYORAL MINUTE NO. 8/19SUBJECT: NATION DANCE - 1 DECEMBER 2019 11/117, 11/426**Summary**

I have received correspondence from the Barkandji Language Group of Wilyakali Country seeking the waiver of fees at the Living Desert Flora and Fauna Sanctuary on Sunday, 1 December 2019.

A sacred ceremonial dance will be held across Australia on Sunday, 1 December 2019 for all people of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or First Nation identity to come together as one, to create unity.

The Nation Dance is significant to the trauma currently being faced by our Nation with bushfires, our rivers, fracking, deforestation and protection of sacred sites. The Nation Dance will unite all communities across Australia as one.

It is recommended that park booking fees and entry fees at the Living Desert Flora and Fauna Sanctuary be waived on Sunday 1 December 2019 in order for the Nation Dance to be conducted and for the community to attend.

See attached correspondence with flyer.

Recommendation

1. That Mayoral Minute No. 8/19 dated November 25, 2019, be received.
2. That park booking fees and entry fees be waived at the Living Desert Flora and Fauna Sanctuary on Sunday 1 December 2019 (all day) in order for the Nation Dance to be conducted.
3. That the usual park booking processes are undertaken by the Barkandji Language Group (completed booking form, Risk Assessment and Public Liability Insurance).

Attachments

1. [↓](#) Correspondence from the Barkandji Language Group

D TURLEY AM
MAYOR

Dear Broken Hill City Council,

240 Blende St

Broken Hill NSW 2880

Just to inform you that our people will be joining across Australia to participate in ceremonial dance among the rest of the cultures in the world.

Nation Dance is a First Nations People group of unity between our Nations. Allies of First Nations people, please respect the cultural protocol of standing in solidarity by only listening, looking & learning. The participation of your support should only be by invitation of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or First Nation identity.

For the first time in history calling all First Nations People & their Nations across the continent of Australia to dance on country as one in time.

For centuries Aboriginal people have danced on the land of Australia for all purposes of sacred ceremonies. In turning the pages in history of Aboriginal people and their culture is that it is ancient and is filled with over 400+ Nations and 200+ languages spoken. This unique web of design across the whole continent is manifested with many songs and dances that tell stories of who we are and where we come from. It gives us our identity.

Dancing on country is a respectable attribute to honour to your people and nation of which you come from. It's the culture within dancing that glorifies our ancestors & our creation stories. It provides the spiritual healing of self and your environment.

Aboriginal people always have maintained the belonging to land and not land belonging to us. Its a balance of nature and human that go hand in hand together. The Nation Dance calls on all 400+ Nations to Dance as one in time across the whole continent.

With now the modern-day usage of technology we have had the opportunity to connect with each other from all over in an instant. This platform allows us to share and create unity.

There is a great trauma happening to the lands in Australia with bushfires, rivers drying up, fracking, deforestation & protection of sacred sites. All these are rippling into community's health and wellbeing on a human level and with the despair of changes from federal appointed leaders we need to uplift ourselves within our communities from rural to costal and big cities. To enshrine the humanity and unity of people to make important changes for the sacred land.

Nation Dance hopes to encompass many traditional dancing from many Nations sharing together. For the first time in history to dance as one in time.

Dance for our people

Dance for our land

Dance for our trauma

Dance for our justice

Dance for our children

Dance for our creator

Nation Dance is for First Nations mob of colonial so-called Australia, encompassing mainland Aboriginals, Torres Strait Islands mob and Tasmanian mob- people who IDENTIFY as First Nations.

On the day, there will be heaps of Allies, non-Aboriginal family members, partners, friends etc that will like to show support and solidarity for this movement. You are WELCOME to sit in respectful observance, to show solidarity by being there, BUT you will not be invited to dance our sacred dances or physically join in the connection that all us mobs will have. TRUE ALLIES will understand the need for our mobs to come together in this way and WILL NOT BE OFFENDED by this concept.

This event is very significant to our people and to our land as for so long not many songs have been sung. I am asking that council wave all fees associated with utilising the park situated on the Country of my peoples, Wilyakali. We will follow every precise procedure to ensure the event is low risk.

I have been informed that what we need is to have the general managers consent and at least 2 or more council members to go ahead with this.

Please find below places to insert signatory consent for all fee's to waived.

General Manager: _____ Date: _____

Council Member: _____

Council Position: _____ Date: _____

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Kind Regards Nations Dance – Barkandji Language Group,

Please send any communication back to Taunoa Bugmy, at taunoa.bugmy1994@gmail.com, or call to advise on 0472585620.

NATION DANCE!

DANCING FOR MOTHER EARTH

**SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER
2019**

**LOCATION: THE LIVING
DESERT (BEHIND
SCULPTURES)**

TIME: 11.30AM

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!



**OCHRE WILL BE
SUPPLIED FOR
EVERYONE**

**BRING CLAP STICKS
IF YOU HAVE THEM,
HEAD BANDS,
DIDGERIDOOS,
DECORATIONS,
COOLAMONS, LAP
LAPS**

**11.00AM ROCK UP AT
LIVING DESERT,
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**11.30AM SMOKING
CEREMONY**

**12.00PM DANCE
REHEARSAL**

**1.00PM DANCE AND
GO LIVE ON
FACEBOOK**

1.30PM PACK UP

**FIND OUT MORE ON OUR PAGE:
NATION DANCE- BAARKINDJI
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SEE YOU THERE!!!