



CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

Council Meeting

*Wednesday, 2 September 2020 at
6:30pm*

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MAYORAL MINUTE - PCYC IN MERRYLANDS

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SUMMARY

Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW (PCYC) is a not-for-profit organisation delivering a broad range of youth and community activities and support. The organisation focuses on empowering young people to be the best that they can be through personal development programs in partnership with NSW Police Youth and Crime Prevention Command. The clubs are welcoming and accessible, reflecting the community they serve by offering classes and programs to suite all ages and lifestyles.

The population in Cumberland City Council is young, with a large percentage under the age of 24 years. Myself and the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sarkis along with Councillor Rahme have been repeatedly approached by the youth in our Merrylands community and surrounds in relation to the establishment of a similar facility in Merrylands to the current Auburn PCYC. My fellow Granville Ward Councillor Joe Rahme has been especially supportive of this proposal. We have been aware for a considerable period that our youth in Merrylands need a place to call their own – a place where they can express themselves and be supported, a place where they can train and be healthy, and a place where they can interact with others in a positive way, the Cumberland City way.

This strong and growing concentration of youth in our community will benefit immensely by being able to access a Police Citizens Youth Club in the Merrylands area, and with Council's support I am sure that NSW PCYC can investigate the establishment of a PCYC in Merrylands where it is desperately needed.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sarkis, Councillor Rahme and myself see this as an important initiative to progress, and I want to affirm that we as a Council are committed to exploring all possible avenues to assist the youth of Cumberland City Council, and NSW PCYC who do great work in the community.

The first step of this process, is for Council to identify if there is a potential location for the establishment of a PCYC in Merrylands.

Therefore Councillors, tonight I am recommending the following:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council identify suitable locations within Council's property portfolio for a potential lease to NSW PCYC, for the purpose of establishing a new PCYC in the Merrylands area.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil