

ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE - 2020 MAYOR'S GOLF DAY

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

Whilst this year has seen many cancellations and changes to business as usual, I am happy to report that planning is underway for the 2020 Mayor's Golf Day — a great annual opportunity for members of our community to come together and raise funds for a local charity.

As the health and safety of our community is paramount, a number of amendments to the event have been introduced to ensure the program complies with all COVID—19 public health orders and to ensure the participants can maintain social distancing and stay safe.

This year's event at Massey Park Golf Course on Friday, 13 November will raise funds to support two City-wide programs that have provided vital care for residents suffering hardship as a result of COVID—19:

- Anglicare's Pantry program through St Bede's Anglican Church Drummoyne
- St Vincent de Paul five local church conferences.

Both organisations have provided support, food programs and financial assistance to residents struggling due to COVID—19. Volunteers have been on the frontline helping vulnerable people and working with other dedicated groups in the City including Butterfly Buddies, Drummoyne Community Centre and local churches.

They continue to offer this support whilst financial reserves have dwindled. COVID—19 has dealt a huge blow to fundraising for these organisations with traditional fundraising streams impacted through lockdowns and restrictions.

It is estimated that the income for charities has dropped by around one third across Australia. At the same time the demand for support has surged for mental health and welfare charities. Locally, carers have been busier than ever whilst the support from regular donors through churches and fundraising events has all but dried up.

The City of Canada Bay would like to acknowledge the work of these charities and their volunteers who have worked tirelessly and selflessly during a very difficult time.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds raised by the 2020 Mayor's Golf Day will be split evenly between the two charities.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and note the report.

THAT Council donate the proceeds of the 2020 Mayor's Golf Day evenly between two local charity efforts providing vital care for residents suffering hardship as a result of COVID-19: Anglicare's Pantry program through St Bede's Anglican Church Drummoyne and St Vincent de Paul five local church conferences.

