

ITEM MM – CITY OF CANADA BAY MUSEUM

Department Executive Services

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REPORT

I would like to acknowledge the valuable work done by the volunteers at the City of Canada Bay Museum. The Museum is an important organisation recording and preserving the history of the City of Canada Bay. Many significant photographs, memorabilia and objects from our industrial, domestic and sporting past are displayed in the museum. Examples include items of national significance such as:

- The Mowhall rotary lawn mower designed locally by Lawrence Hall
- the 128th Victa Mower which was manufactured in Concord
- a working model of the Victoria Road lane barrier transfer machine
- original papers relating to the Yaralla Estate
- Dame Eadith Walker's illuminated address
- The Mortlake/Putney punt model

The City of Canada Bay Heritage Society, charged with running the Museum, has existed since 1969, being renamed once Concord and Drummoyne societies amalgamated. This long existence is due to the dedicated work of volunteers such as Lois Michel and Alan Wright. Council supports the Museum through free use of the former Concord Branch library on the lower ground floor of the Concord Senior Citizens Centre where it has been located since 2009.

The City of Canada Bay Heritage Society has identified an opportunity to improve the way in which its archives are kept by converting a small office adjacent to the main area of the Museum in to a specialised archives storage area. This would require some minor alterations to install a door to provide access to the office area, which would otherwise be unused. This expansion will enable the Heritage Society to properly store important archival material in more appropriate conditions.

Library staff will work with the City of Canada Bay Heritage Society to renew the Memorandum of Understanding which underpins the relationship between Council and the Heritage Society and will ensure that we continue to work together to preserve and promote the history and heritage of the City of Canada Bay.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council supports the important work of the Museum by providing this additional space for the preservation of collections.

