Item 5.2 Mayoral Minute - Halloween 2024 Events

**Attachments: Nil**

Submitted by: Councillor Michael Megna (Mayor)

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| Motion  That the Mayor write to the Hon. John Graham, Minister for Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-Time Economy, Jobs and Tourism:   1. Expressing Council’s gratitude for the NSW Government’s Open Streets Program funding for the 2024 Major Bay Road Halloween Festival and highlighting the event’s extremely positive impact on local business and the local community. 2. Requesting a meeting to open discussions about the potential for ongoing funding to support the Majors Bay Road Halloween event in the future. |

Background

I would like Council to join me in reflecting on the success of our 2024 Majors Bay Road Halloween Festival in Concord, and of Council’s support for the Renwick Street Halloween festivities in Drummoyne.

These vibrant community gatherings united families, friends, and neighbours in a festive Halloween spirit, fostering a joyful and welcoming atmosphere where everyone could safely connect and celebrate.

In particular, the Concord event brought one of Sydney’s best and most vibrant local villages to life in a way that many long-standing residents have not seen before. Thousands flocked to Majors Bay Road to enjoy the festivities, and I have been overwhelmed with well wishes and congratulations from local businesses and community members since the event.

The Concord event, run in collaboration with the Majors Bay Chamber of Commerce, has grown each year and I want to extend my sincere thanks to the Chamber and all of the local businesses that enthusiastically participated, offering creative activities, treats, and decorations that made the event so memorable.

The turnout from our community was exceptional, and the support and engagement from the Chamber, local businesses and attendees was crucial in making the night a triumph.

This event would not have been possible without the vital funding provided by the NSW Government’s Open Streets Program. The program’s support enabled us to close one of the lanes on Majors Bay Road, creating a safe, lively, and accessible event for locals and visitors from across Sydney.

To secure the future of this event, it’s important that we begin discussions with the NSW Government about the possibility of ongoing funding.

I ask for Council’s endorsement to write to the Minister for Roads, Arts, Music and the Night-Time Economy, Jobs and Tourism, expressing our gratitude for the funding and highlighting the event’s extremely positive impact on local business and the local community. Furthermore, I will ask that we open discussions about the potential for ongoing funding to support the Majors Bay Road Halloween event in the future.



**Michael Megna**

Mayor