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MM - NSW Medical Rescue Helicopter Services Contract - (79353, 82196)

REPORT:

The Minister for Health recently announced that NRMA Care Flight and Wespac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Services would lose their contract to Canadian Company CHC Australia in April 2007 on the basis of providing more and larger aircraft earlier.

Medical specialists associated with existing services have threatened to resign saying they are concerned with patient safety and possible lesser levels of service. They have emphasised the benefits of working with their own flight crews and pilots as an experience team.

Existing services have also established an enviable record in public fund raising to support their not-for-profit operations. Concern has been expressed that a private company will not be able to match this level of fund raising thereby resulting in either lesser levels of service or the need to divert funding from other areas of the health budget.

It is recommended that Council make representations to the Minister for Health and local State members emphasising the need to retain existing medical retrieval teams.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council make representations to the Minister for Health and local State members emphasising the need to retain existing medical retrieval teams.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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Item: 309 **IS - Richmond War Memorial, Richmond Park - (80131, 83571, 65465)**

Previous Item: NM1, Ordinary (27 September 2005)

REPORT:

Council at its meeting of 27 September 2005, resolved in part:

"That Council further workshop the upgrading to the Richmond War Memorial, in consultation with the Richmond RSL Sub-branch, as part of the Richmond Park Management Plan".

Since this time, the Richmond War Memorial Upgrade Committee has met with Council officers to discuss several design proposals that reflect a sympathetic compliment to the existing War Memorial whilst maintaining the historical character and integrity of the Richmond Park.

The Committee have developed some ideas and suggestions which include a new granite paved surface with additional granite plinths similar in design to the existing Memorial to accommodate the name of fallen servicemen. The proposal looks to reposition four flagpoles along the western edge of the Memorial with the existing cannons being placed on either side of the Memorial, and the perimeter of the Memorial itself being bordered with a decorative style of bollard.

Together with Council's Landscape Architect, these design suggestions have been used to create three dimensional concept illustrations of the proposed War Memorial.

The Committee have indicated that they would like to have the Memorial upgrade completed in time for the next Anzac Day ceremony on 25 April 2007, and have asked for assistance to manage the project. During this time the Committee have continued to obtain and filter names of those to be engraved on the new plinths. They have also been speaking to various members of the community and undertaken fund raising events to cover associated construction costs. The Committee has also been actively sourcing quotations and Contractors to assist with the construction and implementation of the proposed works.

The upgrade of the Memorial, whilst varying to a degree from the design initially envisaged, is in keeping with the Richmond Park Conservation Management Plan and Landscape Masterplan as previously adopted by Council.

Conformance to Strategic Plan

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

"Objective: Sustainable and liveable communities that respect, preserve and manage the heritage, cultural and natural assets of the City."

Funding

An amount of \$20,000 towards the project is currently available within the current Capital Works / Section 94 budget with the remainder of funding being contributed by the Richmond RSL Sub-branch.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the design for the proposed Richmond War Memorial upgrade be approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

AT - 1 Concept Plan - Richmond Park - *(To Be Displayed at the Meeting)*.

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