

**MM-1                    MAYORAL MINUTE - COMMUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES AND  
RMCA PROFESSIONALS BUSINESS NETWORK**

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**REPORT**

I ask Council to join me in welcoming two local community groups to Chambers.

Tonight, we have representatives from Communities for Communities and the Rhodes Multicultural Community Association (RMCA) Professionals Business Network joining us, including:

- Lance Brooks and Lisa Cummins from Communities for Communities
- Sandra Zhang and Joyce Xu from RMCA Professionals Business Network

**Communities for Communities**

Founded by Lance Brooks in 2002 to strengthen the Canada Bay community by creating an energised and dedicated community dedicated to helping communities that are less fortunate. With the support of both Council and our local community, Communities for Communities have hosted over 100 community events and fundraised more than \$2 million since 2002, with funds building houses, schools and community facilities in disadvantaged villages in Thailand, Philippines, South Vietnam and Indonesia. Money raised has also funded paediatric physiotherapy hours, a playground and hydrotherapy facility at Lucas Gardens School. Communities for Communities deliver events in Canada Bay including Christmas in the Park and Cinema in the Park and hosting a National Volunteer Week breakfast.

**RMCA Professionals Business Network**

The RMCA is a community organisation dedicated to promoting multiculturalism, community engagement and partnership, and is committed to making Rhodes a better place to live and work. The RMCA launched the Professionals Business Network in March 2015, to facilitate local professionals in meeting each other, networking and cooperating to further careers, education and work. The RMCA have partnered with Council on both the Rhodes Moon Festival and Lunar New Year celebrations.

At Council, we are proud to support these local community groups, which work for the benefit of not only our community, but the global community. I ask Council to join me in congratulating and thanking these incredible organisations for their hard work and dedication.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council note the report