

ITEM 5.3 MAYORAL MINUTE - BEATS AND EATS**Reporting Manager** Deputy Mayor**Attachments:** Nil**BACKGROUND**

I would like to acknowledge the overall success of the Beats and Eats program that was delivered by Council with support from the NSW Government's Summer Night Fund and Festival of Place initiative.

Through the Beats and Eats program, Council held events during the months of February, March and April in the town centres of Drummoyne, Five Dock, Concord and Rhodes. This allowed many in our community to enjoy an enlivening event program after 5pm through music, family fun and delicious food. It helped to create a social destination after school and after work, supporting our collective efforts towards reviving our local economy and supporting small businesses.

The Beats and Eats program was faced with many challenges, particularly due to inclement wet weather but with thanks to our staff, we were still able to host some fantastic events.

It is evident that there is a real appetite in the community for this type of family-friendly small-scale events that activate our town centres and provide a vibrant and fun atmosphere.

I would like to see Council continue to deliver these events for our community and small businesses and seek funding opportunities to continue the program.

MOTION

That Council

1. Write to the NSW Department of Environment and Planning thanking them for their funding that assisted with the Beats and Eats program.
 2. Seek funding opportunities to assist with costs associated with delivering these events, including operational resourcing.
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