

**ITEM MAYORAL MINUTE: FERRAGOSTO FARMERS FUND
RAISES FUNDS FOR BURRUMBUTTOCK HAY
RUNNERS**

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REPORT

The City of Canada Bay's annual Ferragosto festival was held on Sunday August 19 on Great North Road in Five Dock to enormous acclaim from locals and visitors alike. The festival attracted a huge crowd and the contribution of our Italian community to our area was once again celebrated in style.

I wish to commend City of Canada Bay staff for all their hard work over the past months and on Sunday. Ferragosto has grown to become one of Sydney's greatest annual cultural celebrations and it is testament to the professionalism of the City of Canada Bay staff, the businesses of Great North Road and the sponsors and supporters who make the day possible.

I am additionally proud this year that the City of Canada Bay worked with local Rotary groups for a very important cause. News broke in the week leading up to Ferragosto that 100% of NSW is now in drought. Our friends and family in rural and regional Australia are doing it tough and it is important for them to know that their friends in the City are supporting them through these hard times.

For Ferragosto 2018, the City of Canada Bay teamed up with the Rotary Club of Drummoyne, the Rotary Club of Five Dock and Rotary Club of Sydney to raise funds for the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners, who deliver donated hay to drought affected farmers in NSW and Queensland.

Our community's generous spirit was on full display this year at Ferragosto – I am delighted to announce that over \$8,800 was collected for the Ferragosto Farmers Fund on Sunday.

Following further fundraising this coming week the City of Canada Bay will contribute the shortfall to ensure that the final amount for the Ferragosto Farmers Fund will be \$10,000.

These funds will be donated to the Rotary Club of Sydney's Drought Appeal that funds the efforts of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners.

This fundraising effort was a huge achievement for a very important cause. Thanks to all involved and a special thanks to the Rotary clubs of Drummoyne and Five Dock.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive and note the report

