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EMPLOYEES: Applies to employees classified as Operational Staff who are located at the works depot, Storey Street, Maroubra

PARTIES: Randwick City Council -&- Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (New South Wales Branch), Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union of Australia, New South Wales Division





RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL

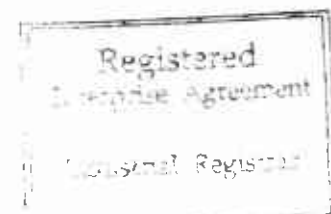
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1. Title and Intention of the Parties

This Enterprise Agreement is made in accordance with the provisions of sections 29 to 47 of the Industrial Relations Act 1996, and shall be known as the Randwick City Council - Operational Staff Enterprise Agreement and shall provide the basis for determining the certain features of the salaries and conditions of employment of operational staff as specified by this Agreement employed by Randwick City Council.

2. The Parties

The Parties to this Agreement are Randwick City Council (herein after referred to as Council), the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union of Australia, New South Wales Division, and the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (New South Wales Branch).

3. Duress

This Agreement has been entered into without duress by any party

4. Duration

The Agreement shall come into operation from the date of registration by the parties and shall remain in force for a period of three (3) years.

5. Definitions

Award: Shall mean the Local Government (State) Award 1997, and any Award that succeeds this Award.

Council: Shall mean the Randwick City Council.

Employee: Shall mean, for the purpose of determining eligibility to the benefits of this Agreement, an employee who works in the field in undertaking work of a principally operational nature.

Loading: Shall mean the payment which occurs, in addition to the ordinary rate of pay fixed by the Salary System, for working a spread of ordinary hours which includes Saturdays and Sundays.

Ordinary Hours: Shall mean those hours worked consistent with subclause (ii) of clause 12.B. Arrangement of Hours of the Award.

Union: Shall mean the Federated Municipal and Shire Council Employees' Union of Australia, New South Wales Division and the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (New South Wales Branch).

Salary: Shall mean remuneration for the employee's position as established through the process of Job Evaluation and the identification of essential skills at entry level as outlined in the position descriptions.

Salary System: Shall determine the salary range for each employee employed by Council.

6. Relationship with the Award

6.1 This Agreement shall be read and interpreted wholly in conjunction with the Local Government (State) Award 1997 and any amendments to that Award.

6.2 This Agreement shall not affect the payment of Award based increases and there shall be no absorption of such increases for the purposes of this Agreement.

6.3 In the event of any inconsistency between the Award and this Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

6.4 Where this Agreement is silent the Award shall prevail.

7. Commitment to the Delivery of an Effective Service

The matters detailed below reflect the commitment staff and management have achieved in reaching this Agreement as the basis for a range of effective and efficient Council services:

- ◆ Council, by all actions within its power, offers security of employment to the operational staff during the term of this Agreement.
- ◆ Employees will work diligently and effectively to maintain and enhance the service currently provided to the residents, businesses and visitors to the City of Randwick.

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- ◆ Management and staff within the service will act promptly, consistent with their scope of authority, to remove any impediments to the effectiveness of the service.
 - ◆ Management will support and assist staff in the process of tendering for work, which is currently undertaken under contract.
 - ◆ Management will actively encourage employees to develop the skills necessary to effectively participate in the tendering process should work be subject to external market testing.
 - ◆ Management and staff will work together to ensure plant and equipment breakdowns, damage and failures are minimised, and are promptly addressed if they do occur.
 - ◆ Management and staff will work together in a team environment to ensure an effective communication is maintained and that further opportunities to improve and enhance Council's services are identified and introduced to assist in the ongoing security of Council employment in the long term.

8. Salary Increase

Employees employed pursuant to this Agreement shall, on its approval by the Industrial Relations Commission, receive a salary increase of \$30.00 per week, or two and one half Salary Points within Council's Salary System, whichever is the greater. This increase shall not be subject to absorption in any future Award based increases.

9. Salary System

- 9.1 Employees shall be paid in accordance with the salary range for the Grade into which Council's Job Evaluation System places their position.
- 9.2 The Salary Step into which an employee is placed shall be determined, on the implementation of the new Salary System, based on a consistent process of recognition of prior learning. This recognition shall be undertaken by appropriately trained assessors and shall be against course competencies as developed by the Department of Technical and Further Education (TAFE), or other relevant training bodies.

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- 9.3 Further progression beyond the initial placement shall be through the successful completion of the course requirements as determined by TAFE within their Certificate level courses, the acquisition and use of enhancing skills, or through superior performance.
- 9.4 The training which is required to complete TAFE Certificates will be undertaken by staff and 50% of this time will be paid by Council at the employee's ordinary rate of pay. Where the shift pattern worked by an employee creates difficulties with attendance at training, management will take all practicable steps to facilitate such attendance.
- 9.5 The training referred to in sub-clause 8.4 refers to career progression training rather than the training Council requires to be undertaken as an essential feature of the position. Training required by Council shall be undertaken during ordinary working hours.
- 9.6 The Salary System shall not include the disability allowance, which is paid consistent with the provisions of this Agreement, and other applicable Award allowances.

10. Disability Allowance

- 10.1 The special disabilities associated with work in the work teams involved with the maintenance of Council's assets and infrastructure has been considered by the parties in the negotiation of this Agreement. A disability allowance of \$17.00 has been agreed to reflect the average nature of the disability associated with the work performed.
- 10.2 This allowance shall be paid for all purposes of the Award and this Agreement but shall not attract any penalty. The allowance shall be increased consistent with movements in the Award disability allowances. This allowance shall be paid in lieu of the disability allowances detailed in sub-clauses (i) and (ii) of clause 7. Disability Allowances of the Award.
- 10.3 Multiskilled Workers and Team Leaders employed in infrastructure maintenance shall be entitled to be paid the allowance.

10.4 Employees engaged in garbage collection work shall continue to receive the disability allowance as provided in the subclause (ii) of clause 7. of the Award.

10.5 Employees who, prior to the signing of this Agreement, received the higher rate of disability allowance will continue to receive this payment.

11. Pattern of Working Hours Loading

11.1 The calculation of the loading shall be based on the following three categories of the time when the hours are worked.

(a) Ordinary hours worked between midnight on Sunday and midnight on Friday shall not attract a loading.

(b) Ordinary hours worked between midnight on Friday and midnight on Saturday shall attract a 25% loading.

(c) Ordinary hours worked between midnight on Saturday and midnight on Sunday shall attract a 65% loading.

11.2 The method of calculation is then as follows:

- ◆ Determine the ordinary time rate of pay for the position consistent with the rules of the salary system.
- ◆ Divide the weekly rate of pay by 38 to determine an hourly rate of pay.
- ◆ Determine the number of ordinary hours of work, which fall into each of the three categories.
- ◆ Multiply the number of ordinary hours by the loading that applies to each respective category.
- ◆ Add each of the categories together to determine the loaded rate for the ordinary hours of the position.

11.3 An example of this process of calculation is detailed below:

- ◆ Ordinary time weekly rate of pay for the position = **\$561.00**
- ◆ Hourly rate of pay = \$14.7632
- ◆ Categorisation of hours:
 - ◆ 30 hours in category 1.
 - ◆ 4 hours in category 2.
 - ◆ 4 hours in category 3.

Calculation of loading:

- ♦ $30 \times \$14.7632 \times 1 = \442.90
- ♦ $4 \times \$14.7632 \times 1.25 = \73.82
- ♦ $4 \times \$14.7632 \times 1.65 = \97.44
- ♦ **Total = \$614.16**

12. Working on a Roster which Includes Public Holidays

12.1 Where a Local Work Area Agreement provides for a seven day roster including work on Public Holidays the loading of the rates of pay for the positions employed within the area shall be calculated as follows:

- ♦ Ten (10) public holidays are gazetted in New South Wales including Easter Saturday.
- ♦ Union Picnic Day is not a public holiday and is not covered by the loading determined in this clause.
- ♦ Assume that one an employee works half of the public holidays. In addition to the normal rate of pay add the following:
 - ♦ 5 days when the public holiday is worked and paid at an additional time and one half = 7.5 days.
 - ♦ 5 days when the public holiday is not worked, but is rostered off and therefore the employee is entitled to a day off in lieu. 5 days at ordinary time = 5 days.
 - ♦ Total = 12.5 days.

12.2 The method of calculation is then as follows:

- ♦ Determine the ordinary time rate of pay for the position consistent with the rules of the salary system.
- ♦ Multiply the weekly rate of pay by 52.17857 to determine an annual rate of pay.
- ♦ Calculate the additional payment that results from working on the public holidays.
- ♦ Divide the additional payment by the annual salary and convert into a percentage.

12.3 The results of this calculation are demonstrated in the following example:

- ◆ Ordinary time weekly rate of pay for the position = \$561.00
- ◆ Ordinary time annual rate of pay for the position = $\$561.00 \times 52.17857 = \$29,272.20$
- ◆ Hourly rate of pay = \$14.7632
- ◆ Additional payment for working on Public Holidays = $12.5 \times \$14.7632 \times 7.6 = \$1,402.50$
- ◆ Calculation of loading:
 - ◆ $\$1,402.50 / \$29,272.20 \times 100 / 1 = 4.79\%$
 - ◆ Rounded to **Two (2) Salary Points**

12.4 Employees who are rostered to work on public holidays shall receive, in addition the other amounts determined through the Salary System and this Agreement, two salary points.

13. Work Break for Morning Tea

13.1 A principle outcome of the negotiation of this Agreement has been a commitment to work constructively to maximise the effectiveness of Council's operations. The long-term competitiveness of the services currently provided by Council employees is critical to ensure job security. The custom and practice which has been adopted by some work teams for the taking of the morning tea break has been identified as a significant impediment to achieving optimum effectiveness in service provision. The parties agree that the following principles shall apply to the taking of the morning tea break:-

- (a) The break will be taken in a manner, determined by the work teams, to minimise the disruption to the work flow. This may include flexibility in the time at which the break is taken and situations in which the break may be staggered through the team members.
- (b) The break will be taken at the work site and arrangements for food and drink, to be consumed during the break, will be made prior to the commencement of work or during the break.

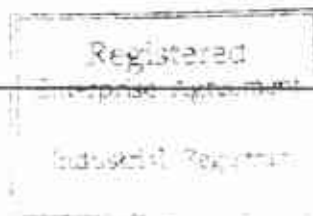
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- (c) A work team may agree to take the morning tea break adjoined to the lunch break or at the end of their shift in which case the break will be of fifteen (15) minutes duration.
 - (d) The Team Leader will be accountable to ensure the effectiveness of the team is maximised with respect to the flow of work across the morning tea break.
 - (e) The break will not in any circumstances, except where a work team makes an agreement consistent with point (c) above, be in excess of ten minutes. The period of the break shall be measured from the ceasing of work until the recommencement of work.

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14. Payment of Accumulated Untaken Sick Leave

Operational Staff employed by Council prior to 14 February 1988 shall be entitled to payment of accumulated untaken sick leave on the basis as detailed in the table below.

PAYMENT OF ACCUMULATED UNTAKEN SICK LEAVE			
REASON FOR TERMINATION	EMPLOYMENT COMMENCED PRIOR TO 1 JANUARY 1974	EMPLOYMENT COMMENCED BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 1974 AND 1 AUGUST 1981	EMPLOYMENT COMMENCED BETWEEN 1 AUGUST 1981 AND 14 FEBRUARY 1988
Resignation	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	Nil	Nil
Retirement	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	260 days or Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993 (whichever is the lesser).
Ill Health	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	260 days or Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993 (whichever is the lesser).
Redundancy	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	260 days or Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993 (whichever is the lesser).
Death	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	260 days or Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993 (whichever is the lesser).
Council Decision - Any reason except misconduct.	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993.	260 days or Total Untaken Sick Leave accrued to 14 February 1993 (whichever is the lesser).
Misconduct	Nil	Nil	Nil



15. Parental Leave

15.1 Council is committed to providing a working environment that supports the needs of families. Parental leave is considered by Council to be an effective management practice designed to encourage staff to return to the workplace in order to retain skilled and experienced staff. Parental leave within this Agreement means paid maternity leave, parental leave and adoption leave.

15.2 The entitlement to paid maternity, parental and adoption leave shall be determined consistent with the provisions of Part 4 – Parental Leave of the Industrial Relations Act 1996 but shall not extend the maximum period of leave as prescribed by the Act.

15.3 Primary Carer Leave

Primary Carer Leave is leave taken by an employee in connection with the birth of a child, or adoption of a child less than six (6) months of age, for whom the employee is the primary carer. Primary Carer Leave, in this Agreement, shall consist of an unbroken period of four (4) weeks at the employee's ordinary rate of pay.

15.4 Other Carer Leave

Other Carer Leave is leave taken by an employee in connection with the birth of a child, or adoption of a child less than six (6) months of age, of the employee's spouse or partner. Other Carer Leave, in this Agreement, shall consist of an unbroken period of two (2) weeks at the employee's ordinary rate of pay.

15.5 Primary Carer and Other Carer Leave granted pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered as service with Council for all calculations of entitlements.

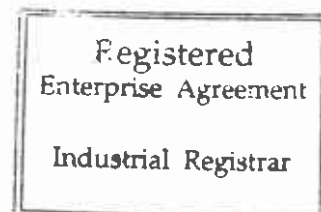
16. Workers' Compensation Make-Up Pay

16.1 An employee shall be entitled to workers' compensation make-up pay for the period of absence from work if such absence arises from circumstances which give right to payment to the employee of compensation under the Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, or any Act replacing or varying the provisions of that Act.

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- 16.2 The period for which an employee shall be entitled to payment of workers' compensation make-up pay shall be fifty-two ordinary working weeks in respect of each particular injury and thereafter payment may be made at the discretion of Council.
- 16.3 Workers compensation pay under this clause shall be a sum equal to the difference between:
- (a) The amount of weekly compensation (including dependants allowances) to which the employee has become entitled under the relevant legislation, and
 - (b) The rate of pay for the employee as identified through Council's salary system and the provisions of this Agreement.
- 16.4 Where an employee recovers common law damages in respect of an injury arising in circumstances covered by the relevant legislation, the liability of the Council under this clause shall cease from the date of determination resulting from the employee recovering damages.
- 16.5 Where an employee has received a payment pursuant to this clause from an injury sustained by the employee under circumstances creating a legal liability in some person or organisation other than Council, and the other organisation is required to pay damages in respect to the employee, the employee shall forthwith refund to Council the amount of workers compensation make-up pay paid to the employee.

17. Additional Annual Leave

- 17.1 Employees covered by the provisions of this Agreement shall receive, in addition to the period of annual leave provided in the Award, three (3) days of leave in each year of service.
- 17.2 The additional annual leave shall be taken consistent with the annual leave provisions in the Award.



18. Recording System for Absences

As a feature of the changes in operational arrangements a Free Call answering machine has been installed to allow employees to ring a designated telephone number to advise of absences or lateness. Employee who will be absent or late are required to ring the designated number and indicate the expected period of absence or the time until their expected arrival at work.

19. Redundancy

- 19.1 The process of strategic review and restructure is designed to establish an organisation capable of providing services to the City of Randwick in the long term. Council is committed to working in-a consultative environment through The Solutions Team to develop a team based service organisation. Development of staff will be encouraged and provided through Vocational Training Accreditation Board (VTAB) accredited training.
- 19.2 Should Council, through circumstances which are at the time of these negotiations unforeseen, be required to make position(s) within the structure redundant, then management undertake to enter into meaningful discussion with the relevant Union(s) regarding redundancy provisions, in addition to those contained in the Award, which reflect the disadvantage suffered by those people so affected.

20. Local Work Area Agreements

- 20.1 The parties to this Agreement will review operations on an ongoing basis, with the view to providing enhanced flexibility and efficiency. The relevant Union shall be advised prior to the commencement of negotiations.
- 20.2 The Award and this Agreement shall apply unless varied either expressly or impliedly by such Local Work Area Agreement, provided that:
- (a) The agreement has been genuinely arrived at by negotiation without compulsion;
 - (b) Such agreement is consistent with the current wage fixation principles;
 - (c) Such agreement is to provide not less than the entry level rate of pay as determined by Council's Salary System;

(d) Such agreement is processed in accordance with subclause 20.3.

20.3 Local Work Area Agreements shall be processed as follows:

(a) Any agreement reached shall be committed to writing and shall include a date of operation and date of expiration;

(b) The agreement shall be signed by the Council and the relevant Union(s) and a copy shall be forwarded to the Local Government and Shires Associations of New South Wales.

20.4 Local Work Area Agreements determined through the process detailed above shall be treated as appendices to this Agreement.

21. Renegotiation of the Agreement

The parties to this Agreement shall meet to renegotiate the provisions contained herein six (6) months prior to the date of its cessation. Should there be no agreement between the parties the existing provisions shall remain in force until rescinded by the making of a new Enterprise Agreement.

SIGNED on behalf of)
RANDWICK CITY)
COUNCIL)
in the presence of)



Witness


General Manager

SIGNED on behalf of the)
FEDERATED MUNICIPAL & SHIRE)
COUNCIL EMPLOYEES' UNION OF)
AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES)
DIVISION in the presence of)



Witness


General Secretary

SIGNED on behalf of the)
CONSTRUCTION, FORESTRY, MINING)
AND ENERGY UNION,)
(NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH))
in the presence of)

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