Item 14.6

Notices of Motion

Community Recognition Statement – Debaser 4th Birthday

By Councillor Gannon

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

(i) Debaser is a community driven events and promotion team that exists to celebrate every sonic delight bubbling up from Sydney's underground. They put on “events that you want to tell your future kids about”

(ii) Debaser started in December 2021 as a labour of love by founders Oscar Byrne and Jack Moran during the Covid-19 lockdown depression

(iii) Oscar has an insatiable appetite for grassroots local music, something that he was not seeing enough of in Sydney at that time. Booking his own shows felt like the most logical thing to do, especially given he was volunteering at local community radio station 2SER at the time

(iv) their mission is to keep growing Debaser while holding onto the community side of it, creating more opportunities for emerging artists, and facilitating more collaborations between music, fashion, and art, and hopefully bigger events that still feel accessible and connected to Sydney's local creative scene

(v) Debaser holds events across the City of Sydney, including at The Oxford Art Factory, Metro Lair, Goodspace Gallery, and the Lord Gladstone Hotel. Since forming in December 2021 Debaser has:

(a) produced over 1,500 shows

(b) staged over 3,000 local and emerging bands

(c) given a platform for over 500 visual artists

(d) published 3 yearly annuals (soon to be 4)

(e) staged hundreds of poets, designers, and models

(vi) on 28 November 2026 Debaser will be hosting its 4th birthday party at the Lord Gladstone hotel. True to form they will be opening it up to the community and will have emerging creatives showcasing their talents

(vii) Debaser is all about giving emerging musicians opportunities to play some of their first shows and provides an environment that brings together local fashion designers, musicians and visual artists through multidisciplinary events

(B) congratulate and thank Oscar Byrne, Jack Moran and everyone involved with Debaser for their commitment to fostering emerging talent and strengthening Sydney's cultural community and wish them continued success in future showcases.

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