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Sent: Thursday, 25 August 2022 3:27 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: SWEK Councillors; SWEK EMT
Subject: Drag Storytime

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence to the Shire Councillors regarding the upcoming event at the Library.

We value input from our community to help inform our decision making and especially those community members who make the effort to commit their concerns, in writing, to us.

Be assured Councillors, both individually and as a collective, have considered the issues you have raised and the action you have requested.

Whilst there may have been some slight differences in opinion over the issues you raised there is strong alignment within Council over the action you have requested.

There is a very strong desire by Council to foster a caring and supportive, inclusive community in our Shire. There is also a desire to see people empowered to make their own decisions, wherever possible.

To that end we note the planned event is on a Saturday, attendance is voluntary, it is legal and we as a Council have no intention of trying to ban the event.

My personal wish is that the event organisers and those that choose to attend can enjoy their time together. Those who don't want to attend can respect their choice and enjoy their day doing whatever it is that brings them joy.

Kind regards,
David Menzel