



## LGBTQ Working Group Meeting

Monday, 17 January 2022 meeting

Microsoft Teams

6:00pm – 8:00pm

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### Meeting summary

I acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora Nation on whose country we are meeting today, and their elders past and present.

Meeting commenced 6.00pm

#### Present

Staff	Community members	Councillors
Josie Leeson – Community Projects Officer (JL Convenor)	<b>Jody Toomey (JT) - Chair</b>	
	<b>Lara Sabbadin (LS)</b>	
	<b>Stacy Warren (SW)</b>	
	<b>Michael Beckett (MB)</b>	
	<b>Madeleine Gandhi (MG)</b>	

#### Apologies

Emmaly Langridge (EL), Jayanto Tan (JTan), Jack Whitney (JW)

#### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Item	Summary	Recommendation/action	Council response
<b>Item 1a</b> New Group members	New WG members are required to replace inactive members and a member who is moving away from the Inner West	Madeleine Gandhi has advised that she is moving away from the Inner West. Maddy will continue to work with the group to deliver the Youth Week event she has been leading. We thank Maddy for her proactive approach to WG projects and her flexibility to continue working with us until the delivery of the Queer Prom in April.  Maddy has put forward a Youth Representative to lead youth projects for the group. The WG look forward to welcoming Sean Landis at the February meeting.	



		<p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WG members to consider their networks and put forward suggestions to fill vacant positions ensuring diversity</li> <li>- JL to contact young person put forward by JT</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 1b</b> Seniors Festival Mental Health Virtual Workshop</p>	<p>IWC is organising a Seniors Festival program of events between 23 March and 3 April</p>	<p>Staff are running a small suite of virtual events and would like to include a workshop/seminar for seniors with a psychologist/mental health worker. The info session would be around mental health and coping with anxiety during the pandemic aimed at folks over 55 years from the LGBTQ community.</p> <p>The WG were happy to support the idea and put forward Brooke Smith as a potential facilitator.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JL to forward recommendation to Council's Healthy Ageing Officer</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 2</b> Pride Centre</p>	<p>A Council resolution was adopted to create a Pride Centre in the Inner West</p>	<p>No update was available for this meeting.</p>	
<p><b>Item 3a</b> Community Strategic Plan (CSP)/Action Plan</p>	<p>The WG submitted suggestions to update Council's CSP and would like to integrate items into the groups Action Plan for the next 12 months</p>	<p>JL to forward the current WG Action Plan and CSP to the group. Members to forward priority items to JL by 4 February.</p> <p>WG members agreed to meet face-to-face for the February meeting and map out the Action items for the next 12 months.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JL to send CSP and current Action plan to WG members on Slack</li> <li>- WG members to send priority items based on their areas of</li> </ul>	



		<p>interest and importance from the CSP and Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JL to source venue for February meeting and advise group</li> <li>- JL to check whether external facilitator is available to assist with mapping process at Feb meeting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 3b</b> Queer Prom – Youth Week</p>	<p>IWC has funded a Queer Prom to be held during Youth Week on 8 April 2022</p>	<p>The WG have agreed to meet separately to discuss action items.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JL to set up Teams meeting for 1 Feb 2022 at 6.30pm and invite MG, JT, EL, LS, SW</li> <li>- WG to complete marketing information for Youth Team</li> <li>- MG to contact Minus18 and Wear it Purple prior to 1 Feb meeting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 3c</b> International Women’s Day – Learning Journey</p>	<p>IWC is funding workshops for International Women’s Day to be delivered from March to November 2022</p>	<p>Workshops for IWD are aimed at capturing the journey of growth as we experience new things, take on new information and create new connections in the community.</p> <p>Several workshops have been put forward. All welcome female identifying members of the LGBTQ community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We Are the Mainstream workshops and post workshop publication</li> <li>- Noisy Girls music workshops</li> <li>- WAGEC economic security workshops</li> <li>- Inner Essence workshops for youth</li> <li>- Inner Essence workshops for 18+</li> <li>- Active and Connected workshops</li> <li>- Yarnbombing workshops (put forward by LGBTQ WG)</li> </ul>	



<p><b>Item 3d</b> Fox's Lane Lantern Project 'There Will Always Be a Light On for You'</p>	<p>Three local artists, Selina Springett, Jayanto Tan and Alessandro Berini working in conjunction with IWC to create a permanent installation as part of the Fox's Lane urban renewal project in Ashfield</p>	<p>JTan was not present at this meeting and no update was available.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JL to check with Arts team on progress of this project</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 3e</b> Social Media – Facebook, YouTube, Website</p>	<p>The WG are committed to ensuring the community are kept up to date with LGBTQ events and programs in the Inner West</p>	<p>WG are encouraged to keep reporting events/programs for inclusion in social media</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JT to invite all WG members to become admins on the Inner West Rainbow Community Facebook page</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 4</b> Important Events</p>	<p>Upcoming events are identified and shared with the community</p>	<p><b>Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flag Raising Ceremony/CAMP History signage unveiling. JL to set up event for 9 February</li> <li>- Marrickville Library Poles in rainbow flag colours Friday, 7 Feb to Monday, 7 March</li> <li>- Progress Pride Flags raised at: Ashfield Civic Centre Summer Hill Lackey St Petersham Town Hall Marrickville Town Hall Newtown Town Hall Thursday, 10 Feb to Monday, 7 March</li> <li>- Inner West Fest Feel the Love Event to be held Friday, 18 March from 6-8pm at Peace Reserve, Newtown. Unveiling R U OK? Mural. JL to confirm details with events team</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 5a</b> Political Animals Show</p>	<p>Political Animals is a show being developed by IWC as a sequel to Political Children</p>	<p>IWCs Performing Arts Project Officer would like to present the Political Animals project to the WG for their input/involvement</p>	



		<p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JL to invite Felicity Nicol to the February meeting</li> <li>- JL to introduce MG to FN via email</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 5b</b> Communication and Planning Software</p>	<p>The WG requested a way to plan and track progress and would like to research available software</p>	<p>The WG would like to source a software planning tool that will facilitate discussion, store documents and plan and monitor actionable items and progress</p> <p><b>Action</b> JL to research software and present to the group for their feedback by next meeting.</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

**Next Meeting – 21 February 2022 (Venue to be confirmed)**