



INNER WEST COUNCIL

LGBTIQ Working Group Meeting

Monday, 2 December 2019 meeting

Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield 2131

Meeting summary

Meeting commenced 6.00pm

Present

Staff	Community members	Councillors
Josie Leeson – Community Projects Officer (JL Convenor)	Teresa Savage (TS) - Chair	
	Amanda Honey (AH)	
	Jody Toomey (JT)	
	Dale Yardy	

Apologies

Benjamin Farr, Brianna Marcroft, David Haynes, Curtis Dickson, MS

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Minutes from 4 November meeting

The minutes of the 4 November 2019 were accepted by consensus.

Item	Summary	Recommendation/action	Council response
Item 1 a Mural	IWC Arts team coordinating Gateway Mural artwork for the side wall of the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre	Working Group members met with IWC CEO to discuss the design and timeline of the mural. JT to elicit broader community feedback on the proposed design and get back to Council. JL to advise Council's Art team of this process and confirm whether we need confirmation from the artists to proceed with this.	
Item 1b Welcome Here Project	The Welcome Here Project run by ACON is successfully being rolled out by IWC at all Council Facilities.	The Working Group met with IWC CEO to discuss the Welcome Here Project, outcomes and successes so far. The CEO is fully supportive of the project and outcomes.	



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<p>Item 1c Library Project</p>	<p>The Working Group would like to see LGBTIQ programs and projects run at Inner West libraries</p>	<p>The Working Group met with IWC CEO to discuss possible library projects. A meeting has been set up with the library team to develop a program of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rainbow story time - Book launches - Queer book Clubs - Queer writing events - Queerstories 	
<p>Item 1d Summer Hill Rainbow Crossing Plaque</p>	<p>A plaque will be installed at the Rainbow Crossing at the Lackey Street Piazza in Summer Hill</p>	<p>IWC staff met with Rainbow Crossing volunteers to pick an appropriate place for the plaque to be installed. Council staff are liaising with plaque contractor and disability staff to confirm position. The plaque will be celebrated with the official flag raising ceremony for Mardi Gras in February.</p>	
<p>Item 1e Website update</p>	<p>In response to community feedback, Council's LGBTIQ website content is being updated</p>	<p>The working group will continue to feed back relevant content for these website pages.</p>	
<p>Item 1f Newtown Festival Community Consultation</p>	<p>LGBTIQ Working Group was at the Newtown Festival conducting community consultation on the Action Plan.</p>	<p>The Community responded very positively to IWC and the Working Group's efforts to ensure that the Inner West is safe, friendly and welcoming. JL to compile responses for inclusion of relevant actions in the working group's Action Plan.</p>	
<p>Item 2 Pride Centre</p>	<p>A Council resolution was adopted to create a Pride Centre in the Inner West</p>	<p>The Working Group met with IWC CEO to discuss the strategy for the Pride Centre moving forward. A meeting will be set up by IWC with relevant community organisations, working group members and Council staff to discuss any opportunities to collaborate.</p>	
<p>Item 3a Marrickville Library Naming of Balcony</p>	<p>IWC put forward a proposal to name a Marrickville Library balcony after Ida Leeson</p>	<p>The working group accepted the proposal and would like to organise a small event to acknowledge the naming. JL to liaise with the library and coordinate.</p>	



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<p>Item 3b Room named after Malcolm Cole</p>	<p>IWC put forward a proposal to name a new room being built at the St Peter's Town Hall after Malcolm Cole</p>	<p>JL look at a new room being built at the St Peter's Town Hall and get back to the working group. TS to check with Malcolm's niece to confirm this will be welcomed by the family.</p>	
<p>Item 3c Council Facility Bathrooms</p>	<p>The Working Group were approached by Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre Staff to advise the best solution for inclusive bathroom and change room facilities</p>	<p>The working group is currently waiting on reports from ACON and IWC parks team to develop a uniform strategy for all IWC facilities. JL to chase up reports.</p>	
<p>Item 3d World Pride – Rainbow Crossings etc</p>	<p>The Working Group have suggested that IWC participate in 2023 World Pride celebrations by organising specific events and installing a Rainbow Crossings like the one installed by the City of Sydney Council</p>	<p>The Working Group met with IWC CEO regarding 2023 World Pride and ensuring that the Inner West is part of the celebrations. IWC will establish a Council committee that includes the Working Group and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce. TS to register with WorldPride to receive updates. TS and JT to meet with Councillor Anna York to get a Notice of Motion to Council to install a Rainbow Crossing in the LGA.</p>	
<p>Item 3e LGBTIQ people for the naming of Council venues/facilities</p>	<p>IWC CEO encouraged the working group to put forward LGBTIQ people's names for use when naming future new Council facilities.</p>	<p>JL to keep a list of upcoming naming opportunities – streets, parks, playgrounds, buildings, rooms etc. Working Group members to prepare a list of suitable people. The working group suggested BF might like to do this? To be confirmed at the January meeting.</p>	
<p>Item 3f Flags to be flown for Diversity Days</p>	<p>The Working Group suggested that IWC could fly flags for significant diversity days throughout the year.</p>	<p>JL preparing report on the number of flag poles, flags and diversity days for consideration.</p>	
<p>Item 3g Nominating LGBTIQ people and allies for Awards</p>	<p>IWC CEO encouraged the working group to nominate LGBTIQ people and allies for Council awards</p>	<p>Working Group members to keep track of Council awards and coordinate submissions.</p>	



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<p>Item 3h Diversity Days</p>	<p>IWC is committed to celebrating ACON's recommended diversity days throughout the year.</p>	<p>The next Diversity event will be Mardi Gras. An official flag raising ceremony and Inner West Mardi Gras reception is being coordinated.</p>	
<p>Item 3i Using non-gendered language</p>	<p>The Working Group would like to encourage the use of non-gendered language during working group meetings and community announcements</p>	<p>JT and TS to find non-gendered language guide for promotion on the Inner West Rainbow Community Facebook page and IWC website.</p>	
<p>Item 4a World Aids Day</p>	<p>The Working Group acknowledged World Aids Day</p>	<p>Thank you to DY and MCC for coordinating an event to recognise World Aids Day on 1 December.</p>	
<p>Item 4b Feel the Love</p>	<p>Feel the Love is the Inner West's annual Mardi Gras reception</p> <p>Feel the Love 'Welcome Here' 6 February 2020 Marrickville Pavilion 313 Marrickville Road 7:00pm – 9:00pm</p>	<p>WG to select four of their favourite songs from the Welcome Choir list. JL to compile the favourite and select the top 4 for a community selection process</p>	
<p>Item 4a Flag Raising Ceremony</p>	<p>A Flag Raising Ceremony is conducted each year at the start of Mardi Gras with flags remaining until the end of the Mardi Gras celebrations and parade</p>	<p>Flag Raising Ceremony 11 February 2020 Lackey Street Piazza Summer Hill 6:00pm – 7:00pm To be organised in conjunction with the installation of the Summer Hill Rainbow Crossing plaque</p>	
<p>Item 5 General Business</p>	<p>Census 2021 – a decision has been made to remove LGBTIQ questions from the 2021 census. The Working Group would like to raise awareness of this and have the questions included.</p>	<p>JL to check whether Council can support. JL to check with id Profile to see if they will support WG to include a template letter on Facebook page to lobby the government.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Next Meeting – Monday, 13 January 2020