



## LGBTQ Working Group Meeting

Monday, 15 November 2021 meeting

Microsoft Teams

6:00pm – 7:30pm

### Meeting summary

Meeting commenced 6.00pm

#### Present

Staff	Community members	Councillors
Josie Leeson – Community Projects Officer (JL Convenor)	Jody Toomey (JT) - Chair	Pauline Lockie
	Lara Sabbadin (LS)	
	Stacy Warren (SW)	
	Michael Beckett (MB)	

#### Apologies

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

#### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Item	Summary	Recommendation/action	Council response
<b>Item 1a</b> Progress Pride Flag	A Notice of Motion was raised by Councillors Lockie and McKenna to fly the progress Pride flag instead of the Rainbow Flag during Mardi Gras	The Motion was heard at the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 2 November and was unanimously passed. The new flags will be flown from civic buildings in the LGA for the month of Mardi Gras celebrations in February.	
<b>Item 1b</b> Community Strategic Plan (CSP)	All Local Democracy Groups have recently been asked to review the outcomes and strategies of the CSP that are most relevant to their work.	The WG have developed a sub-committee led by SW with LS and others if available. All documents relating to the CSP have been moved to a 'Slack' channel for WG members to access and review.  <b>Action</b> - WG members to provide their feedback on Slack by 29 November	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WG members not at meeting to contact SW if they would like to assist the sub-committee</li> <li>- Sub-committee will meet on 29 November to process comments and draft a response</li> <li>- Draft document will be circulated to the rest of the WG for comments before being submitted to Council</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 1c</b> International Women's Day</p>	<p>IWC celebrates International Women's Day to celebrate women and girls</p>	<p>Brief discussion of possible IWD celebrations in 2022. The IWD WG are investigating putting together a Woman and Girls Learning Journey invitations. Women &amp; Girls coming together to build community, develop relationships and learn.</p> <p>Possible Learning Journey's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reconciliation, truth telling</li> <li>- Environment/Sustainability</li> <li>- Intergenerational connection</li> <li>- Anti-racism</li> <li>- Identity self-care and mental health</li> <li>- Leadership</li> <li>- Body positivity and wellbeing</li> <li>- Industry learning</li> <li>- Skills focus – eg financial skills, car maintenance</li> <li>- jewellery making</li> <li>- Aboriginal led, Cultural walks/Jewellery making</li> <li>- LGBTQ specific learning journey</li> </ul> <p>Groups would be led by a paid facilitator and delivered online or in council space.</p> <p>Approach is to identify suitable Learning Journey facilitators (as advised by working group and Council networks), arrange a meeting to discuss the opportunity with them and then ask them to complete an EOI/program proposal.</p>	



		<p><b>Action</b> WG to put forward suggestions for a suitable LGBTQ led learning journey including potential facilitators</p>	
<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> World Pride – rainbow crossings, murals, working group</p>	<p>The Working Group have suggested that IWC participate in 2023 World Pride celebrations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating spaces of interest in the Inner West showcasing history, pride, art</li> <li>- Organising events</li> </ul>	<p>The WG are interested in pursuing the viability of implement the following for the start of World Pride in March 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A Pride Centre at Newtown Town Hall</li> <li>- A Rainbow History Walk at a park like Camperdown Memorial Park, Cooks River, Bay run</li> <li>- Rainbow lights installed at Camperdown Memorial Park</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>Council to review resources and budget for these installations</p>	
<p><b>Item 3b</b> Rainbow Families Sports Carnival</p>	<p>Rainbow Families are running a series of opportunities for young people and their families to engage with sports. The first event will be held in the Inner West</p>	<p>Rainbow Families Sports Carnival has been confirmed for:</p> <p>Date: 5 December 2021 Venue: HJ Mahoney Park Time: 10am-12pm</p> <p>Sports program for families with lunch afterwards and bouncy castles. Registration Required.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LS to contact Council for assistance with additional sports</li> <li>- LS to send out event flyer for distribution by Council and WG to their networks</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 3c</b> Queer Prom – Youth Week</p>	<p>Council are organising Youth Week programs and have allocated</p>	<p>A sub-committee led by MG with the support of SW, LS, EL and JT submitted an EOI and were</p>	



	funding for an LGBTQ community event	successful. An event will be held on 8 April. <b>Action</b> Council to confirm venue and provision of a bus to get young people home.	
<b>Item 3d</b> Seniors Festival	Council Officers are organising a Seniors Festival program themed 'Reconnect' from 25 March to 3 April.	<b>Action</b> MB to check his networks to see if we can source a suitable event for seniors in the LGBTQ community	
<b>Item 3e</b> Fox's Lane Lantern Project 'There Will Always Be a Light On for You'	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	No update was provided at this meeting.	
<b>Item 3f</b> Social Media – Facebook, YouTube, Website	The WG are committed to ensuring the community are kept up to date with LGBTQ events and programs in the Inner West	WG are encouraged to keep reporting events/programs to JT and JW for inclusion in social media	
<b>Item 4</b> Important Events	Upcoming events are identified and shared with the community	<p><b>Transgender Day of Remembrance (20 November)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- JT confirming vigil event details to share with the WG and community</li> </ul> <p><b>World Aids Day (1 Dec)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IWC Library team were investigating a program/event. JL to confirm details with libraries</li> </ul> <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 10 February</li> </ul>	



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inner West Fest Feel the Love Event to be held Friday, 18 March from 6-8pm at Peace Plaza. Unveiling R U OK? Mural. JL to confirm details with events team</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Item 5</b> Religious Discrimination Bill</p>	<p>The federal government is preparing to unveil its Religious Discrimination Bill in Parliament next week.</p>	<p>MB encouraged all WG members and the community to contact their local MPs to stop the Bill and what will lead to issues for many people trying to access services.</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

**Next Meeting – 20 December 2021 – Yanada Room – Luna Apartments, 22 Hudson Street, Lewisham**