



LGBTQ Working Group Meeting

Monday, 21 February 2022, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Marrickville Library Pavilion – Patyegarang Place, 313 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6:00pm and concluded 8:00pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Jody Toomey (JT) – Chair	Josie Leeson (JL – Project Officer – Convenor)	Deputy Mayor Jessica D’Arienzo
Lara Sabbadin (LS)	Kristen Carey (KC – Aquatic Programs Coordinator)	Clr Liz Atkins
Stacy Warren (SW)		Clr Pauline Lockie
Michael Beckett (MB)		Clr Mat Howard
Sean Landis (SL)		

2. Chairperson – Jody Toomey (JT)

3. Acknowledgment of Country

JT welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

4. Apologies

Emmaly Langridge (EL), Madeleine Gandhi (MG), Mieke van Wel (MVW), Felicity Nicol (FN)

5. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

6. Quorum (minimum 5 members)

A quorum was achieved.



7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

- Minutes for the January meeting were endorsed.
- All actions had been completed except for Community Strategic Plan/Action Plan planning and Communication and Planning Software

8. Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
Item 1a New Group Members	New WG members were invited to replace inactive members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Sean Landis – thank you for joining the team • We look forward to meeting Mieke van Wel at the March meeting 	
Item 1b Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night	<p>IWC Aquatics team are planning a trans and gender diverse swim night for the community and allies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A date will be identified around April • 7-10pm exclusive event at the new Ashfield Aquatic Centre • All facilities will be available for use including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indoor pool space (25mtr lanes & recreation space) - Spa, Sauna & Steam facilities - Outdoor program pool for activities & general swim - Indoor Aquarobics session • The event will be catered and held on a Friday/Saturday night and be family friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KC to get back to the WG with a date and program • WC to submit any program ideas to JL 	
Item 1c Political Animals	Political Animals is a show being developed by IWC as a sequel to Political Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FN was unable to attend the meeting and will update the group on this program at a future meeting 	
Item 1d Terms of Reference	The WG TOR are reviewed annually to ensure their relevance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT agreed to remain Chair (supported by the WG members) • WG agreed to continue meeting monthly on the third Monday of the month • WG agreed to review the draft TOR drafted by Council before the next meeting for adoption 	



Item 1e Libraries for Young People Survey	IWC Library services are wanting feedback on improving the library programs and services on offer for your people in the Inner West. Young people aged between 12-24 are asked to respond by 14 March 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG to advise community through social media Enhancing library services for young people Your Say Inner West (nsw.gov.au) 	
Item 1f Citizen of the Year Awards/Amy Large Volunteer Awards	Nominations for the 2022 Citizen of the Year and Amy Large Volunteer awards are open. Nominations close of 27 March 2022 with the ceremony being held at Ashfield Town Hall on 20 May 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG to advise community through social media Community awards - Inner West Council (nsw.gov.au) 	
Item 1g Greenway Community Forum	Applications are open for the community members to join the GreenWay community forum. Applications close 27 Feb 2022.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email sent to WG members GreenWay Community Forum - Inner West Council (nsw.gov.au) 	
Item 1h Access and Inclusion Review	A review of accessibility and inclusion in Local Democracy Groups and resulted in a brief Inclusive Operations Guide. This outlines Council's commitment to access and inclusion and details the relevant existing processes and procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the guide has been provided to WG members for comments 	
Item 1i Interagency membership	Council officer's attend several external interagency meetings relating to LGBTQ matters in the Inner West.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WG would like to be updated on anything the comes from these meetings that is relevant to the group's agenda 	
Item 2 Pride Centre	A Council resolution was adopted to create a Pride Centre in the Inner West.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update was available for this meeting 	
Item 3a Community Strategic Plan/Action Plan	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing CSP is being reviewed considering input provided by LDG members, the community, the Councillors, and staff • A draft, along with 4 Year Delivery Program and resourcing documents will go to Council on 12 April for endorsement to go on public exhibition • The WG will be able to review the document on exhibition and provide feedback one last time 	
Item 3b Queer Prom – Youth Week	IWC has funded a Queer Prom to be held during Youth Week on 8 April 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WG has created a sub-committee to deliver the event. Details are: Friday, 8 February 2022 	



		Marrickville Town Hall 7pm – 11pm https://iwqueerprom.eventbrite.com.au	
Item 3c International Women's Day	IWC is funding workshops for International Women's Day to be delivered from March to November 2022. The WG put forward a workshop for the LGBTQ community and allies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn Yarn skills like knitting and crochet and contribute towards a yarn bombing experience celebrating our Inner West LGBTQ heritage: What's on - Inner West Council (nsw.gov.au) 	
Item 3d Fox's Lane Lanterns Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three local artists, Selina Springett, Jayanto Tan and Alessandro Berini working in conjunction with 20 community organisations to create a permanent installation as part of the Fox's Lane urban renewal project in Ashfield The LGBTQ Working Group submitted ideas to create a lantern artwork representing the community 	Public Launch Details When: Saturday, 23 April 2022 Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm Where: Fox's Lane, Ashfield Link to further information	
Item 3e Seniors Festival Mental Health Virtual Workshop	A LGBTQ Wellbeing Workshop has been organised for the Seniors Festival 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An online session designed to provide information and motivation to those attending For LGBTQ community feeling exhausted, isolated, lonely, worries, unsupported or stigmatized 	LGBTQ Wellbeing Workshop When: Tuesday, 29 March 2022 Time: 10:00am to 11:00am Where: Online Link to further information	
Item 3f Sydney WorldPride 2023	Sydney WorldPride 2023 will take place from 17 February to 5 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sydney WorldPride members have been invited to attend the next WG meeting to investigate ways we can support the events and contribute to the program in the Inner West 	
Item 3g Social Media – Facebook, YouTube, Website	Inner West LGBTQ events are promoted on Council's Website and social media pages. The WG also post news and events on the Inner West Rainbow Community page.	Website: www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/lgbtq Facebook: Inner West Council Facebook Inner West Rainbow Community Facebook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All WG members have now been invited to contribute news and events to the WG page 	
Item 4a Mardi Gras – Flags and Rainbow banners at Marrickville Library	The Rainbow pole covers at the Marrickville library were damaged on Saturday, 19 February.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council officers investigated the damage to the pole covers and organised for them to be repaired and replaced urgently. The banners were back in place on Monday, 21 February 	



<p>Item 4b Feel the Love Flag Raising/CAMP signage</p>	<p>Council raised the Progress Pride flag for the first time at the Balmain, Ashfield, Marrickville, Petersham at Newtown Town Halls as well as Summer Hill Lackey Street Piazza on Wednesday, 16 February 2022.</p> <p>In addition, the signage installed outside the Balmain Town Hall commemorating 50 years since the inception of CAMP was unveiled.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the Peter de Waal and his peers for all that has been done through CAMP and the many groups that were created since. • Thanks to the Library History team for creating the signage and installation. • Thanks to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors and community who attended the event. • A page has been set up on Council's website with Peter de Waal's speech and photographs of the signage. 	
<p>Item 4c R U OK? Mural</p>	<p>A Stronger Together event and unveiling of a mural was planned as a collaboration between R U OK? and IWC for Inner West Fest on Friday, 18 March at Peace Reserve, Newtown</p>	<p>The event has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. We look forward to collaborating with R U OK? to deliver a program supporting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait LGBTQ community in the future.</p> <p>Stronger Together R U OK?</p>	