



LGBTQ Working Group Meeting

Monday, 16 May 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	Matthew Balane (MattB – Project Officer – Convenor)	Deputy Mayor Jessica D’Arienzo (CJA)
Emmaly Langridge (EL)	Gabrielle Rennard (GR) – Community Wellbeing Manager	Clr Mat Howard (CMH)
Leslie Peters (LP)		
Michael Beckett (MB)		Visitors
Mieke van Wel (MVW)		Meredith Jones (MJ) – Sydney WorldPride
		Lisa Clearwater (LC) – Sydney WorldPride

2. Chairperson – Jody Toomey (JT)

3. Acknowledgment of Country

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

4. Apologies

Sean Landis (SL), Kitty Farrell (KF), Lara Sabbadin (LS), Stacy Warren (SW), Clr Pauline Lockie (CPL), Clr Liz Atkins (CLA)

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 February meeting were endorsed.
- All actions had been completed



8. Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
Item 1a WorldPride Program and Opportunities	Members of Sydney WorldPride were invited to the meeting to present the program and opportunities for engagement with the Inner West Community	MJ presented WorldPride overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To explore at how the event can be accessible to the broader community (i.e. transport). World Pride will coincide with Mardi Gras and the Human Rights Conference 	
Item 1b WorldPride Sub-committee	Council is committed to establishing a WorldPride Committee for the period of a year, tasked with working towards including Inner West Council venues and programs in Sydney WorldPride. Committee will consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Councillors: Deputy Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo (Chair), Cllr Pauline Lockie, Cllr Liz Atkins 2 representatives of the LGBTQ Working Group: Lara Sabbadin and Emmaly Langridge Relevant Council staff: Gabrielle Rennard, Josie Leeson 	The IW WorldPride Committee was formed and held their first meeting on Monday, 2 May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Terms of Reference and scope for the project Coordinated and submitted an EOI for creative funding through WorldPride and Create NSW to run a Queer Youth Prom Showcase in 2023. 	
Item 2 Pride Centre	A Council resolution was adopted to create a Pride Centre in the Inner West.	No updates available for this meeting	
Item 3a Community Strategic Plan	The following draft documents will be reported to Council on Tuesday 12, April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Community Strategic Plan – Our Inner West 2036 Draft Delivery Program 2022-2026, Operational Plan and Budget 2023-2023 (including draft Fees and Charges as a separate document) Draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032 Public exhibition will then take place until 15 May 	Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link to the draft plans was provided to WG for comments WG encouraged to respond with feedback by 15 May Draft Community Strategic Plan and Operational Plan and Budget 2022-2023 Your Say Inner West (nsw.gov.au)	



<p>Item 3b International Women's Day – Yarn Bombing Workshop</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Learn Yarn skills like knitting and crochet and contribute towards a yarn bombing experience celebrating our Inner West LGBTQ heritage.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Workshop has been completed and yarn crafts were placed outside the Newtown Town Hall on Sunday, 15 May. • The installation will remain in place until it starts showing signs of wear. 	
<p>Item 3c Fox's Lane Lanterns Project</p>	<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public launch of the art installation at Fox's Lane, Ashfield took place on 23 April 2022. • WG members and community are encouraged to view the lanterns 	
<p>Item 3d Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night</p>	<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"> • 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 be family friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TGD swim night was a success • Approximately 230 people attended • Dykes on Bikes came to show their support of the TGD community and join in the fun • A NOM was put forward on 10 May Council meeting to investigate the feasibility of future TGD swim nights and swim nights for other marginalised communities <p>Action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with Aquatics regarding the follow up survey for the event 	
<p>Item 3e LOVE Club Gathering – Grant application</p>	<p>The LOVE Club Gathering is a community activity for LGBTQ people who are 55 plus, their supporters and friends. The gathering aims to create a safe, respectful and welcoming space to share regular social time and activities.</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>A Club Grand submission was put forward to support a coordinator and program run by ACON for older members of the LGBTQ community.</p>	



<p>Item 3f Social Media – Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Website</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Website: www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/lgbtq Facebook: Inner West Council Facebook Inner West Rainbow Community Facebook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All WG members have now been invited to contribute news and events to the WG page <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JT, EL, & MVW to meet separately to plan the communication approach of the WG 	
<p>Item 4a LGBTQ Working Group meeting frequency</p>	<p>All WG members juggle large workloads as well as their commitment to this group and the community and WorldPride initiatives. In order to create additional time for work on projects, it has been suggested formal meetings take place bi-monthly so that project time is available in between.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate between face-to-face meetings and online meetings. Every second month to be an online meeting over a short duration (i.e. 45mins) 	
<p>Item 4b NSW Police Force LGBTIQ Stakeholder Meeting</p>	<p>JL attends the NSWPF LGBTIQ Stakeholder Meeting to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hear about the initiatives taking place within the Police that support the LGBTQ community • connect with other stakeholders and hear about their involvement with the Police and community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivered an update on IWC initiatives including CAMP commemorative signage, WorldPride, Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night and Queer Youth Prom. • Twenty10 confirmed their support of the work we’re doing with youth, especially the Queer Prom • Jenny Leong’s office reported lots of positive feedback from the community in relation to the Swim Night • Thanks to MB and JT for providing feedback on the NSWPF Sexuality, Gender Diversity and Intersex Strategy document. This has been communicated to the Police for their consideration • ACON are developing a NSW Health Centre that will be situated in the Inner West • City of Sydney are inviting people to comment on the draft LGBTIQA+ Cultural Place Strategy for Oxford Street – on exhibition until COB 24 May 2022 	

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		<p>Have your say on a LGBTIQ+ social and cultural place strategy for Oxford Street - City of Sydney (nsw.gov.au)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police are encouraging the reporting of suspected hate crimes to help identify and act on the issues. LGBTQ is the third most frequent after race and religion and they believe crime is under reported.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- All officers have been issued an online training package to check hate crime indicators- Public awareness package will go live in the next few weeks	
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