

LGBTQ Working Group 17 July 2023

Ashfield Service Centre, Level 5

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6pm and concluded 8pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Chris Matthews Darby (he/him)	Scott Mullen	Clr. Liz Atkins (they/them)
Erin Spencer (they/them)	Mark Jones (he/him/his)	Clr. Mat Howard
Michael Beckett (he/ him)	Sue Pym (she/her)	
Dean Adams (they/ them)		
Stacy Warren (she/her)		
Ohni Blu (they/ them)		
Ev Synnott (they/ them)		
Lara Sabbadin (she/ her)		
Beth Firipis (she/her)		

2. **Chairperson:** Ev Synnott

3. **Acknowledgment of Country**

4. **Apologies:** Jae Condon (he/him); Clr Jessica D'Arienzo

5. **Disclosures of Interest:** No conflict of interest disclosed



- 6. **Quorum:** A quorum was achieved (min.7 members)
- 7. **Endorse previous meeting minutes:** Endorsed
- 8. **Report on previous meeting actions (if required):** Incorporated as agenda items

Discussion items

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Pride Centre update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabrielle Rennard’s resignation was shared: her contribution to the community over 24 years was acknowledged. Gabrielle was thanked for her commitment, passion, advocacy and dedication to the LGBTQ community and the Pride Centre. • Role of Pride Centre subcommittee now complete; updates and input will now be provided directly through LGBTQ Working group. • Lara, Ohni and staff thanked for contribution to Pride Centre, including the development of the Vision statement that will be referenced in EOI • Two successful Open Days conducted- over 30 attendees- captured good information re community needs. • EOI to go out to market 18 August for 6 weeks for operation and management 	<p>Committee’s appreciation to be conveyed to Gabrielle</p> <p>Pride Centre to be included as standing item on LGBTQ Working Group Agenda (first agenda item)</p> <p>Vision statement to be shared with committee; any edits by members to be sent to Lara</p>	<p>Sue</p> <p>Sue</p> <p>Mark to share</p>	

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	<p>of Pride Centre. Could be single organisation or consortium. Service Level Agreement will be developed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal and external works planned. Aiming for successful organisation taking possession May 2024 List of NFP organisations on EOI distribution list to be shared with group to make any suggested additions 	<p>For noting</p> <p>Mark to email list. Any additions to list to be sent to Scott.</p>	<p>Scott Mullen</p> <p>Scott Mullen</p>	
Disturbances/safety Pride Square and King St Newtown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This has become a core concern. People feel unsafe on Friday/Saturday nights in Newtown- deterring people going out on those nights. Ideas to de-escalate discussed include activation; engaging with Police; endorsed safety stickers; Rainbow Rights Coalition; liaising with City of Sydney (do they have rainbow group?) 	Place on agenda for discussion next meeting	Sue	
Library programs and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence from young person uncomfortable about rainbow stickers on YA and adult fiction (concerned about reading them in public areas where they don't feel safe to do so). Ideas discussed included stickers to/ 	Add to next agenda	Sue	

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	<p>masking tape; slipcovers; updating stickers with progress pride flag stickers</p>			
Mardi Gras related events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mardi Gras will be screened in Camperdown Memorial Park – Council’s events team to deliver • Chrissy Cotter Gallery: 1-11 Feb Pride Inner West exhibition; other LGBTQ themed content may be exhibited during Feb - to be confirmed • Storytime program featuring diverse stories and presenters to coincide with Mardi Gras (to complement libraries ongoing program). • Council staff met with Sydney Mardi Gras as they are interested in possibility of offering events in Inner West. Concern expressed by committee about pool party idea. Events need to be free or very low cost • Feel the Love: possible budget for some form of Feel the Love event to be explored 	<p>Staff will provide details closer to event</p> <p>Councils Living Arts team to advise details closer to event</p> <p>Library program will be shared closer to event</p> <p>Previous Feel the Love program/budget to be researched and discussed at next meeting</p>		
Stepping On program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information shared re free falls prevention program for LGBTQ+ seniors at Ashfield Aquatic Centre 	For noting		

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General business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gender Centre is moving into space at rear of Marrickville Library	For noting		

Next meeting: 18 September 2023, 6pm-8pm