



LGBTQ+ Working Group 18 September 2023

Ashfield Service Centre, Level 5

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6pm and concluded 8pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Steven Bothwell (he/him)	Ruth Callaghan	Clr. Liz Atkins (they/them)
Beth Firipis (she/her)	Mark Jones (he/him/his)	
Michael Beckett (he/ him)	Sue Pym (she/her)	
Dean Adams (they/ them)	Jeong Baldwin	
Stacy Warren (she/her)		
Ohni Blu (they/ them)		
Ev Synnott (they/ them)		
Lara Sabbadin (she/ her)		

2. **Chairperson:** Ev Synnott

3. **Acknowledgment of Country**

4. **Apologies:** Clr Jessica D'Arienzo; Chris Matthews Darby (he/him); Cass Best (they/them); Dusty Hartland; Scott Mullen

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

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Proposed action (if required)	Action owner*	Date for action to be finalised
Pride Centre update	Ruth Callaghan provided update including the positive information session held at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre; EOI process that's underway; and the significant capital works underway. Positive feedback regarding the process to date including working group representatives helping via the development of the Vision Statement.	Resend EOI information to Working Group Committee would like Council to consider whether they can have a role on the assessment panel if this is possible	Sue Staff will investigate governance and process considerations	19 Sept Feedback next meeting
Sydney Mardi Gras	Deferred to next meeting as Dusty unable to attend	Send Dusty invite to November meeting	Mark	
Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Event	Joeong Baldwin from Council's Annette Kellerman Aquatics Centre outlined the planning for the event, including steps being taken to ensure it's a fun, safe and welcoming event, including the registration process and family friendly security.	More advertising needed including on Council website so the link can be easily shared.	Jeong	
Mardi Gras related events	Sue outlined some of the proposed Mardi Gras events being planned, including live screening of Mardi Gras at Camperdown	Sub-committee proposed to assist with Feel the Love	Sue and Mark	Before next meeting

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	Memorial Rest Park; Feel the Love; drag and rainbow story time; author talk or panel discussion; Mardi Gras themed exercise classes; rainbow wrapping Marrickville Library poles; lighting poles in Camperdown Park; Pride Progress Flag raising; Polly's dance event and float.	planning. To include Steven; Beth; Dean; Michael and Ohni		
Disturbances/safety Pride Square and King St Newtown	Scott Mullen and Mark Jones met Police to discuss they are keen to work with the community to address issues. No CCTV proposed for the Pride Centre. Committee interested in any data re hate crime incidents. Council is developing a Community Safety Plan that will include this issue (Committee keen to provide input). Newtown Neighbourhood Centre keen to help activate the Pride Square area once works completed.	Committee asked if we could determine if Police have a Queer person at the Station for receiving report re LGBTQ+ incidents. Committee requested a meeting with Hate Crime Unit and a standing item on agendas for LGBTQ safety in Newtown	Mark Mark and Sue	Next meeting Next meeting
Rainbow stickers on books	Confirmed that libraries continuing rainbow stickers on books and potentially changing to Pride Progress flag stickers in future if suppliers can provide,	Follow up if libraries responded to initial request re this matter	Mark	
Facebook Group	No feedback to date from the administrator of Rainbow Facebook event	Ev to follow up	Ev	

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Abundance trans cooking workshop	Possible addition of this to 2024 Seniors festival program	Mark to explore	Mark	
NNC	NNC exploring potential social support group for LGBTQ+ Seniors	Mark networking	Mark	

Next meeting: Monday 20 November 2023