



## Multicultural Advisory Committee

23 August 2023

Marrickville Library Upstairs Learning Rooms

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### Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6pm and concluded 8pm

#### 1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Susan Kumagaya	Caroline McLeod	Clr. Justine Langford
Giladesi Namokoyi (Kween G)	Sue Pym	Clr. Pauline Lockie
Tuong-Vi Pham	Matt Balane	
Amanda Cahill		
Dr Marc Rercerethnam		
Rosanna Barbero		
Ernest Yung		

#### 2. Acting Chairperson: Giladesi Namokoyi (Kween G)



**3. Acknowledgment of Country**

**4. Apologies:** Osmond Chiu, Vasili Maroulis, Dina Petrakis, Wael Sabri

**5. Disclosures of Interest:** None

**6. Quorum:** No quorum achieved as only 7 members attended (Quorum of minimum 8 specified in TOR). No actions or resolutions recorded due to lack of Quorum.

**7. Endorse previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of 21 June meeting endorsed

**8. Report on previous meeting actions (if required):**  
Captured in agenda items

**Discussion items**

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Inner West Anti-Racism Strategy Update	Matt advised the Committee that he has resigned to accept a new position with NAPCAN. His contribution, support and knowledge in relation to family and domestic violence, the Gender Equity Strategy and the Anti-Racism Strategy was recognised by the Committee. Matt presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining project stages. Simon Watts will attend next meeting to provide update.			
Caste discrimination	Dr Marc Rercerethnam introduced Dr Haroon Kasim as guest presenter to discuss caste discrimination. Dr Kasim provided an informative presentation			

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	<p>about the origins and implications of caste discrimination and the way it prevails after people migrate to Australia. Dr Kasim wants to see increased recognition that this form of discrimination occurs in Australia and is addressed. Appropriate motion regarding this issue will be discussed at next meeting.</p>			
Commonwealth Multicultural Framework Review	<p>Submissions now open, closing 29 September and open to individuals and organisations to comment. Council will be making a submission and will include the MAC feedback recorded in June meeting minutes regarding recognition of March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and that local government be funded to undertake anti-racism and multicultural programs.</p>			
Multicultural communications	<p>New Marketing, Media and Communications Coordinator will be invited to next meeting to discuss Council's multicultural communication. Communications around the Little Vietnam naming and uncertainty regarding next steps was discussed.</p>			
Marrickville Town Hall Steering Committee	<p>Increased diversity of events/performances seems to be occurring at the venue.</p>			
Inner West Multicultural Network update	<p>Addi Rd is hosting a Big Q and A panel event regarding the Referendum and has received a multicultural communications award. An update re</p>			



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	the time to get events approved/uploaded on What's On will be provided at next meeting.			
General business	Caroline provided an update regarding the recruitment that is taking place in the Community Wellbeing Team; and advised that the Committee will be advised once the maternity leave replacement for Aniela is finalised and announced.			

Next meeting: 25 October 2023, 6-8pm.