



Multicultural Advisory Committee

Thursday 15 July 2021

Online Sky and Zoom

Meeting summary

Meeting commenced at 6.45pm and concluded 8.20pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Osmond Chiu (OC)	Ingrid de Meyer (IDM) Convenor	
Rosanna Barbero (RB)	Olivia Wilson-Zarganis (OW-Z)	
Vi Pham (VP)		
Trina Supit (TS)		
Marc Rerceretnam (MC)		
Susan Kumagaya		
Wael Sabri		

2. Chairperson – OC

3. Acknowledgment of Country

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

4. Apologies

Ernest Yung and Giladesi Namokoyi

5. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

6. Quorum (minimum 4 members)

A quorum was achieved.

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

- Minutes for the 15 July 2021 meeting were noted
- All actions had been completed

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
<p>Item 1 National Youth Survey on racism</p>	<p>Mission Australia National Annual Youth survey for 2020 which captures key concerns for young people aged 15-19 years. https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/what-we-do/research-impact-policy-advocacy/youth-survey</p> <p>MAC members noted its concerning to see that the survey identifies racism and discrimination as the number 1 concern. And that this has risen by 15% in one year!</p> <p>The annual survey for 2021 is currently underway and closes in August.</p> <p>With COVID there are some local examples which have included people being racially profiled. (RB) noted an incident in the LGA where two young women walking on Victoria Road wearing Hijab were spat on and told to stop spreading the virus, with others suggesting the issues aren't so prevalent in IWLGA.</p>	<p>Discussion around this issue for young people living in the Inner West Local Government Area.</p> <p>The MAC advisory group recommended that the National Survey be circulated to all MAC members and local youth workers and networks.</p>	<p>IDM to circulate National Survey</p>

<p>Item 2 Anti-racism campaign</p>	<p>Newcastle Council and Inner West Council put forward a joint Motion that all Local Councils adopt the anti-racism campaign at the Local Government National General Assembly.</p> <p>The Motion was adopted</p> <p>Every Council therefore has adopted the campaign – a symbol of united voice. However, not all Councils have enacted the installation of signage which is an action as part of the resolution. COVID and the lockdown has also impacted on the work.</p> <p>(WS) Sydney Local Health District is keen to take up the signage including the General manager of Population Health. Schools’ government and private, TAFE and universities and also libraries were identified (highlight resources)</p> <p>Website: www.racismnotwelcome.com</p>	<p>MAC to further discuss holding a forum to bring together those that are wanting to eliminate racism and to develop a common strategy. (MR) also commented on holding a public meeting.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Item 3 Multicultural Communities the communication and roll out of COVID vaccines</p>	<p>Messaging still very confusing, and changing regularly, messages are then being translated which adds to further confusion for multicultural communities.</p> <p>(VP) Online registration for vaccine very difficult for some CCCI are working with Local Health district on this.</p>		<p>Council to continue to provide current information and relevant links from Council website to NSW Health</p>
<p>Item 4 Covid outbreak and the approach taken towards</p>	<p><u>South West Sydney</u></p>		

<p>communities in the Western Suburbs</p>	<p>Discussion on the messaging, different treatment of communities and language around community in South West Sydney by the government.</p> <p>COVID Health order message across to community. A lot of questions around what the health order actually means. Important info that has been missing including definitions.</p> <p>The Inner West Multicultural Network (IWMN) letter – in support of our communities in South West Sydney.</p>	<p>MAC unanimously endorsed and supported Inner West Multicultural Network letter which was sent to local MP Anthony Albanese Office in support of diverse communities in South West Sydney.</p> <p>MAC recommend that Inner West Council support the Inner West Multicultural Network (IWMN) letter – in support of multicultural communities in South West Sydney.</p>	<p>(IDM) to advise Inner West Council of recommendation from MAC that Inner West Council also support the Inner West Multicultural Network letter – in support of multicultural communities in South West Sydney.</p>
<p>Item 5 updates</p>	<p>No updates</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Item 6 General Business</p>	<p>(WS) raised the importance of reaching out to neighbours at this time, extend kindness during this extended lock down period.</p>	<p>The campaign idea was supported by MAC members.</p>	

	<p>(WS) Suggested Council could initiate a local campaign that encourages community to support each other (e.g. #Check on your neighbour)</p> <p>The campaign idea was supported by MAC members.</p>	<p>MAC recommend that IWC consider initiating and supporting local campaign such as #check on your neighbour.</p>	
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Next meeting

Thursday 9 September 2021 at 6.30pm TBC