



Multicultural Advisory Committee

21 June 2023

Marrickville Library Upstairs Learning Rooms

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6.12pm and concluded 8.05pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Wa'el Sabri	Caroline McLeod	
Marc Rerceretnam	Sue Pym	
Dina Petrakis	Aniela Pepe	
Ernest Yung	Matt Balane	
Sarah-Jane Riley		
Osmond Chiu		
Rosanna Barbero		
Susan Kumagaya		
Vi Pham		

2. Chairperson

Osmond Chiu

3. Acknowledgment of Country

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

4. Apologies

Vasilis Maroulis, Yiana Roumeliotis, Amanda Cahill, Elena Gianni, Giladesi Namokoyi (Kween G)



5. Disclosures of Interest

Osmond Chiu disclosed that he has been appointed to the Reference group of the Multicultural Framework Review.

6. Quorum (minimum 8 members)

A quorum was achieved.

7. Endorse previous minutes:

Minutes for the 26 April 2023 meeting were endorsed

8. Report on previous meeting actions (if required)

Captured in agenda items.

Discussion items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Proposed action (if required)	Action owner*	Date for action to be finalised
Council website- Google translate options	Council staff provided response from the Engagement Team and demonstrated the improvements made to Your Say in response to MAC feedback. Additional options to promote inclusion discussed.	Investigate whether data on click rates on translated Council webpages available/possible. Recommend that Council considers developing a Multicultural Communications Strategy.	Council staff	Report back next meeting
Inner West Anti-Racism Strategy	Matt Balane provided an update. The Reference Group met for the second	Matt to provide report on project timeline before the next MAC meeting. The	Council staff	By next meeting

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	time. Matt currently developing the engagement plan.	timeline will not provide dates, but an overview of the steps that will be taken.		
Review of National Anti-Racism Framework Scoping Report	Chairperson led members through the community guide. Different elements of the community guide were discussed.	Include as a standing agenda item.	Council	Next meeting
Commonwealth Government's Multicultural Framework Review	Chairperson provided an update on the Review and advised that community consultation will commence in July 2023 and close in September 2023	<p>Provide MAC with IWMN submission to the Draft Terms of Reference</p> <p>Recommend that Council write a submission to the Review including that the Federal Government recognise March 21 as 'The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination' (not Harmony Day) and that local government be funded to undertake anti-racism and multicultural programs. (The</p>	<p>Council</p> <p>Council</p>	<p>Before next meeting</p> <p>Report back next meeting</p>

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		<p>submission may include other information, pending the nature of the Draft Framework)</p> <p>Council staff to ascertain whether a Council resolution is required to make a submission.</p>		
<p>Feedback from Customer experience Workshop - Local Democracy Groups - 14 June 2023</p>	<p>Wa'el and Vi attended and found it useful, enabling them to advocate for a more inclusive approach to customer service.</p>	<p>Noted</p>		
<p>Marrickville Town Hall Steering Committee</p>	<p>No update provided as representative gave an apology.</p>	<p>Noted</p>		
<p>Inner West Multicultural Network</p>	<p>30 people attended Network meeting: discussion included inclusive communications, the pervasiveness of modern slavery and support for post crisis DFV situations.</p>	<p>Noted</p>		

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General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent meeting hosted by Council on Vote Yes campaign was great (Wa'el), Concern about far-right groups targeting Council venues and events (Dina). Concern for emerging communities that need support (Vi). Concern for rising number asylum seekers with high needs in the Inner West LGA (Aniela). Concern about Indian communities who actively exclude and target people from lower caste and non-Hindu backgrounds (Marc). The Committee wished to thank and acknowledge Gabrielle Rennard's contribution and commitment to supporting the Inner West community over 24 years of service (Marc). 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>To be conveyed to Gabrielle</p>	<p>Council staff</p>	

*Person who is responsible for the action