



# INNER WEST COUNCIL

## Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC)

Thursday 7 February 2019 Meeting

Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield 2131

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### Minutes

Meeting started at 6.45 pm following joint presentations on;

*Our Place Inner West* presented by Barbara Becker, Senior Engagement Specialist; and  
*Social and Cultural Planning Framework and Wellbeing Study*, presented by Simon Watts, Social and Cultural Planning Manager.

#### Present

- Ingrid de Meyer (IDM - Convenor), Osmond Chiu (OC – Chair), Rosanna Barbero (RB), Ernest Yung (EY), Christhani Giotis (GS), Clara Kelleher (CK), Susan Kumagaya (SK), and Trina Supit (TS).

#### Apologies

- Marc Rerceretnam, Vi Pham, Giladesi Namokoyi, Alexandra Missiris, Tanja Angjelkoski and Seyda Avci.

#### Welcome and Introductions

- OC welcomed everyone and provided an Acknowledgement of Country
- All members provided summaries of their involvement, past and present, in the multicultural and social justice areas and outlined their reasons for being part of MAC.

**Disclosure of Interest** (Any conflicts of interest need to be disclosed in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct)

- There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest.

#### Minutes from inaugural 29 November 2018 meeting

- It was noted that the date of the minutes referred to November 2019 and that this be changed to November 2018.
- The Minutes of the 29 November were adopted by consensus.



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## Queries Arising from the Joint Session

### *Our Place Inner West*

The following issues were raised:

- The translations on the postcard/flyer are poorly written (e.g. the Greek translations say “Fill on the form”).
- There is no mention or information about the link to the website that language translation will be available. Once online it’s all in English.
- There needs to be an opportunity for CALD community members to write down their comments on a card and not have to go online (CALD community face a number of challenges and one is the digital divide).

### ***Social and Cultural Planning Framework and Wellbeing Study***

- Question was raised in terms of the statistics about Access to support. *“Between a quarter and a third of the Inner West residents would not be able to access support when they need it”*

This seems very high a real concern if this statistic correct? Can this be checked please?

### **Adopting Draft Terms of Reference**

- Copies of draft terms of reference previously circulated were discussed.
- Under purpose statement the following was added “ **Provide advice on efforts to combat racism and discrimination and promote greater understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism**”
- The TOR was adopted moved by Rosanna Barbero and seconded by Chrisanthi Giotis, and adopted by consensus.

### **Multicultural Policy Implementation and updates**

- **Community-led Celebration Day (Multicultural Communities) Grants Guidelines 2019**

The guidelines were discussed and the financial support to plan and deliver celebrations of national cultures or national days of cultural significance in local communities across the inner west.

The grants are available in 2019 for celebrations for the following communities: Chinese, Cypriot, Greek, Indian, Italian, Lebanese, Maltese, Nepalese, Portuguese and Vietnamese between April and December. The guidelines are on currently on public exhibition.

The committee acknowledged the opportunity for communities to celebrate and noted that in cultures there are and will be different ways to express and or celebrate this.

There was discussion about bringing all cultures together to celebrate multiculturalism.

**Recommendation 1:** *The advisory committee recommend that the small grants be expanded to include a \$5,000 grant for a multicultural event/celebration which would be inclusive for all communities.* **Moved** Chrisanthi Giotis/ **seconded** Rosanna Barbero and recommended by consensus.



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There was discussion on existing multicultural programs and services, and the Inner West census statistics.

The Marrickville Multicultural interagency (MMIA) was also discussed. Advisory group members keen to attend the next interagency meeting.

*Actions: Ingrid to;*

- 1. draft information on current multicultural programs and activities of Council.*
- 2. to invite the advisory committee members to the next multicultural interagency meeting*
- 3. prepare statistics for advisory committee on CALD population.*

**Moved** Trina Supit /and **seconded** Chrisanthi Giotis and endorsed by consensus.

## **Multicultural Policy Implementation (cont.)**

- IDM provided a summary of Council's report regarding the Multicultural Policy from the Council 5 February 2019 meeting. There were a number of resolutions/actions.
- Council endorsed that the multicultural worker role will be full time.

Discussion from the committee about the resolutions and the committee agreed that they would like to consider the items in future meetings (*Action; IDM to circulate copies to the advisory committee.*)

## **Upcoming Multicultural dates**

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is on the 21 March which has been renamed Harmony day.

**Recommendation 2:** *That the 21 March be promoted and celebrated as International Day for the Elimination of Racism and Discrimination as per the United Nations declaration.*

*That IWC raise awareness about the anti-racism declaration, and where it has come from on social media.*

**(Moved** by OC/ and adopted by consensus).

## **Potential Future Topics**

### • **Plans for 2019 Meetings**

Agenda to potentially include the following topics –

- Multicultural policy implementation topics (*Action: IDM to forward the Council Actions and resolutions identified in 5 February 2019 Council report) from Multicultural Policy item.*
- Agenda items for next meetings (*Action : all Advisory Committee members to advise of any proposed agenda items for 2 May 2019 meeting by 18 April – to provide item name and a short summary of the items/topic .*

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.



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## ACTIONS ARISING

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Convenor to work on drafting current multicultural programs and activities of council, and the census data for the area. This work to be completed by the incoming worker.	IDM	Census data by 2 May 2019
Convenor to invite advisory committee group members to the next Multicultural Interagency meeting.	IDM	20 February 2019
Convenor to forward Multicultural Policy report	IDM	20 February 2019
All advisory group members to forward any agenda items to IDM by 18/4	All	18 April 2019

