



## Multicultural Advisory Committee

24 November 2022

Marrickville Library Upstairs Learning Rooms

### Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6pm and concluded 8:00pm

#### 1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Amanda Cahill	Michael Daly	Clr Marghanita Da Cruz
Dina Petrakis	Gabrielle Rennard	
Elena Gianni	Sue Pym	
Wael Sabri		
Giladesi Namokoyi (Kween G)		
Osmond Chiu		
Rosanna Barbero		
Susan Kumagaya		
Vasili Maroulis		
Yiana Roumeliotis		

#### 2. Acknowledgment of Country

Chair provided an Acknowledgment of Country.

#### 3. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies: Marc Rercerethnam, Ernest Yung, Vi Pham, Sarah-Jane Riley, Clr Pauline Lockie, Clr Mat Howard, Olivia Wilson-Zarganis, Ruth Callaghan

#### 4. Disclosures of Interest



No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

**5. Quorum** (minimum 8 members)

A quorum was achieved.

**Discussion items**

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
Previous Minutes	Committee endorsed previous Minutes		
Policy challenges	Adoption of policy challenges and their inclusion in MAC Terms of Reference noted (printed copies distributed)		
Anti-Racism Strategy	Strategy has been paused and Consultants no longer working on Strategy. Discussed Mayor and IWC General Manager attendance at the Inner West Multicultural Network (IWMN) at its extraordinary meeting on 15 November.	Dina to send notes from 15 November IWMN meeting to MAC.	Mayoral Minute is being prepared for December Council meeting.
Marrickville Town Hall	MAC representative unable to attend recent steering committee meeting. Importance of community venues hosting affordable activities to address loneliness discussed (especially older people from non-English speaking backgrounds).	Recommended staff ascertain whether multilingual notices regarding developments are issued.	
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	Council's plans to recognise the Day were outlined including storyholder and spoken word/ writing workshops leading up to a poetry/spoken word event at the Marrickville Pavillion. Approach will include internal and	Recommended that when IWMN establishes its working group, Council staff liaise with the group regarding activities associated with the International	

	external awareness campaigns and use of the Power of Conversations videos made in 2021. A coordinated communications campaign that includes both Council initiatives and the activities planned by other organisations and the Network would be beneficial. The IWMN will be establishing a working group to plan 21 March and discuss 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Al Grassby's 1973 multicultural speech.	Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.	
Commonwealth Multicultural Policy Review and National Anti-Racism Strategy	The framework and development of a National Anti-Racism Strategy discussed. Trend towards using simple/ plain language multilingual material discussed.	Recommended that Council considers making a submission to the Commonwealth Multicultural Policy review.	
Council Plans and grant approvals	Council's draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan and Cycling Strategy open for comment via links provided. Council grant allocations under Multicultural and Community Wellbeing categories shared.		
Inner West Multicultural Network	Discussed earlier in meeting		
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting day: Mark Rerceretnam is unable to attend on Thursdays and has requested alternative days be considered. Group discussed possibility of Wednesdays pending checking with members not present.</li> </ul>	Staff to check availability of members on Wednesdays, and if it suits amend meeting days to Wednesdays (on same weeks as dates already specified).	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New meeting venue: new Marrickville venue preferred to Ashfield meeting room</li> <li>• Rosanna Barbero requested an unnamed agenda item be added under Other Business to be discussed without Council staff present. Staff asked to leave the meeting; Clr. Da Cruz invited to stay. The three Council staff left meeting approx. 7.45pm and returned once meeting concluded at approx. 8pm.</li> </ul>		<p>Minutes incomplete as Council staff unable to record minutes when not present in meeting room.</p>
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## 6. Distribution of minutes and actions

Minutes were distributed to members, uploaded to the website and emailed to Councillors via the Governance team.

**Next meeting: 6-8pm Wednesday 22 February 2023**

**Venue: Marrickville Library Upstairs Learning Rooms 1.1 and 1.2, 313 Marrickville Road, Marrickville.**