



Seniors Working Group

28 April 2022

MS Teams and Face to Face Ashfield Civic Centre - Meeting Rm1, Level 5

6 – 7.30pm

Minutes

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Present 1. Graham Bennet – Chair 2. Angelo Arulanandam 3. Michael Carney 4. Shraddha Banthia 5. Con Karais 6. Yash Sodhi 7. Craig McMahon 8. Vera Anne Hannaford.	Mary Ciantar Kathrine Spina	

2. Chairperson

1. Craig McMahon – Chair
2. Minutes – Mary Ciantar.



3. Acknowledgment of Country

The Convenor provided an Acknowledgment of Country.
Craig agreed to stand in as Chair as Graham was present via Teams

4. Apologies

None.

5. Disclosures of Interest

None

6. Quorum (minimum 4 members)

Yes

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

Moved Craig, Seconded Graham

8. Business arising

1. Smoking in built up areas – discussion

a. State Govt agenda and rules

2. General business

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
1. Road Safety	Operation Volt Senior Constable ROBERT PRIDE - Surry Hills Highway Patrol - City East Sector Traffic & Highway Patrol Command		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at ebikes – strategy has two phases - education and enforcement • Partners Fair work and Transport for NSW with monthly meetings • Many infringements and warnings issued • Large focus on King Street Newtown and Marrickville Rd, Marrickville • Delivery drivers – international students. NSW Police have spoken to Universities • Flyers developed and accessed via links below. <p>E-bikes and petrol-powered bicycles - Bicycle riders - Staying safe - NSW Centre for Road Safety (20+) Facebook</p> <p>Kathrine Spina – IWC Road Safety officer</p> <p>Road safety - Inner West Council (nsw.gov.au)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 pavement stencils – Look out before you step out • Bus Shelter and bin campaigns • Media promo • Newsletters • Children at risk campaign • Workshops with seniors groups such as Stepping On • Speed radars. <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liability issues • Lack of registration and regulation greatly impacts • NSW Police have written to companies • Just more traffic on footpaths overall • Last meeting discussed Inner West 40km campaign • Awareness and prevention campaigns are useful for drivers and road users as speed is behavioural issue • Some actions by council respond to emergencies including fatalities such as new traffic signals 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talks at schools to children useful as young people are more and more on their devices • Can report infringements or request Police talks via local police station – Police Area Commands (PACs) are in Newtown and Marrickville • Council reps attend regular meetings with NSW Police • There is a road safety curricula in schools now, Also Youth resource centres a good avenue 		
<p>2. Smoking in built up areas</p>	<p>Graham led discussion proposing Inner West Council should ban smoking in commercial and built up areas within the LGA. Discussion papers in Melbourne and other Councils have done some work such as Nth Sydney and in Western Australia.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p>Craig outlined the NSW State Govt agenda and rules that includes that the 4 Meter rule already exists and described a long list of venues this applies to.</p> <p>4-metre-law.pdf (nsw.gov.au)</p> <p>Smoke-free commercial outdoor dining laws - Tobacco and smoking (nsw.gov.au)</p> <p>Economic development team feedback to discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NSW Government is mainly responsible for regulating smoking in public spaces. • Note that a few other Councils have introduced Smoke Free Zones in particular cases. Any such decision would require community consultation, and funds to resource the project. It cost North Sydney over \$20,000 just to implement project and this amount does not include resourcing the consultation component, of which only 557 people responded to the consultation. • Business Chambers were contacted about the idea to make shopping strips Smoke Free. 	<p>Graham to send paper for review</p> <p>Consider improved signage</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Business Chambers have advised there is no issue around smoking on shopping strips in the LGA, and do not support this idea. • Smoking is banned in and around at any outdoor dining area in the LGA. • Complaints about smoking in public spaces should be lodged with NSW Health. To make a complaint about smoking, call the Tobacco Information Line on 1800 357 412. • Does not consider it feasible to examine this matter further at this stage. 		
<p>3. Update Healthy Ageing</p>	<p>a. Volunteer Inner West – a group formed by IWC with several other services on board, with an aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make it easier to volunteer and find opportunities creating a hub in the inner west; addressing barriers; promoting the benefits; building resilience; identifying major opportunities; responding to govt and community needs and capacity to respond to future disruptions ie emergencies and pandemic, create pathways and support agencies like SES, red Cross • Social Cohesion grant is being applied for with proposed activities – some services no dedicated staff to respond so to build systems and software for volunteer management, working with centre for volunteering, create linkages, increasing pathways to volunteer as some examples. <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty in getting volunteers through COVID with service gaps in hospitals; staff needing additional training; policies reviewed; equipment as some examples <p>b. Seniors Festival evaluation and priorities for 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 events • Free access pool and gyms • Still collating evaluations • Paper copies important as Culture Count survey was accessed via a QR code 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overwhelmingly positive feedback to date and a great variety of events • Equally high numbers reporting they heard about the events via word of mouth, email, hard copy booklet and website • Internal stakeholders facilitated many events for 2022 as well as other organisations. Some events were virtual • Venue capacity was increased after a series of smaller events planned • Methodology and what to deliver should be examined in 2023 with hosting so many events larger events had some risks • Most booked to capacity, but as events are free, some people don't turn up • Once evaluation completed will be circulated for review to the group with discussion about future seniors festivals. 		
4. Membership drive	Two new members interviewed by the Chair and Convenor and two additional residents interested. Council advised to hold off recruitment until the review of the LDG's undertaken, given new Council. Review of LDG's as commitment was till June end 2022		
5. General Business	<p>a. Back Up Chair</p> <p>A call for nominations to back up chair – Craig was nominated by Vera – Ann and no other nominations. Everyone agreed and Craig accepted the role as Back Up Chair.</p>		
6. Meeting dates 2022	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>16 June, 2022 Ashfield 6-8pm</p>	Mary to send appointment	