



Seniors Working Group

24 February 2022

MS Teams

6 – 8pm

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	Mary Ciantar Sue Pym Jon Atkins	Clr Matt Howard Clr Marghanita Da Cruz

2. Chairperson

1. Graham Bennet – Chair
2. Minutes – Mary Ciantar

3. Acknowledgment of Country

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



4. Apologies

Craig McMahon

Vera Anne Hannaford

Billy Cotsis – Team Leader Economic Development

5. Disclosures of Interest

None

6. Quorum (minimum 4 members)

Yes, six of the eight members were present

7. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions

Moved Graham, Seconded Michael

8. Business arising

Agenda items

1. Affordable Housing and Homelessness
2. Traffic, transport, and safety
3. Smoking in Built up areas
4. Healthy Ageing Team- overview and how programs are promoted
5. Festival update
6. Membership drive
7. Dates for next meetings – proposed early April, Late May, and late June – early August, Early October Early December 2022
8. General business

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
	<p>Presentation based on co-design interest in Action plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Hub • Financial Literacy • Public Transport infrastructure • Housing and financial security especially for women • Learning and Sharing knowledge as it overlaps with wellbeing, getting active 		
<p>1. Homelessness and Affordable Housing</p>	<p>Jon Atkins – Affordable Housing Policy Leader Overview of Affordable Housing, housing stress, supply gap, rental program , criteria, housing models and key initiatives.</p> <p>Housing is considered to be ‘affordable’ when households who rent or have a mortgage are able to meet these costs and still have sufficient income to pay for other basic needs such as food, clothing, transport, medical care, and education. Lower income households paying more than 30% of their income on rent or mortgage payments are considered to be in housing stress.</p> <p>One aspect of the affordable housing crisis involves the displacement of key workers employed in essential jobs and emergency service. The displacement of key workers due to high rents and property values has an adverse impact both on economic development and social diversity within local communities, including the Inner West</p> <p>Affordable housing - Inner West Council (nsw.gov.au)</p> <p>Sue Pym – Community Projects Officer, Community Wellbeing Overview of Homelessness spectrum , recent Street Count in LGA and regular patrols, outcomes and how data is captured, risk assessment, referral, services, protocols and policy, outreach programs and community education available/resources for residents and staff.</p>	<p>Send links to group about resident education when identifying a homeless person</p>	

	<p>Homelessness is a significant and growing issue in the Inner West community. Research indicates that a major contributing factor leading to the growth in homelessness is the lack of affordable and appropriate housing linked to support services where needed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newtown electorate 3rd highest homelessness rate in NSW; Summer Hill 4th highest. • IWC 2,215 persons estimated as being homeless • Increased rate of older persons homeless 2011-2016 (from 26/10,000 to 29/10,000) <p>Numbers seem small in LGA, but entrenched homelessness . Rough sleepers are only part of homeless story only.</p> <p>Street Side Medics/World Without walls video – see link below</p> <p>Homelessness - Inner West Council (nsw.gov.au)</p>		
<p>2. Traffic, transport, safety</p>	<p>Ken Welsh – Team Leader Transport, Planning and Traffic</p> <p>Q and A</p> <p>Food delivery drivers Enquiry Safe Work Australia with recommendations being implemented that do focus mainly on protecting the rider:</p> <p>Riders’ bags more visible now. Recommendations are industry based and police need to enforce. Important to collect data/monitor/education campaign/changes to legislation/industry based.</p> <p>e-bikes - travelling too fast. Councils Road Safety officer and Police – Operation VOLT –education campaign and enforcement.</p> <p>Freight goods and services and bicycle strategy. More routes suitable for off road need to be identified and innovative solutions welcome.</p>	<p>Send innovative ideas about alternative routes</p>	

	<p>PAMP and consultant currently reviewing engagement reports. Improving pedestrian safety and accessibility Your Say Inner West (nsw.gov.au).</p> <p>Rangers and Police enforcing on footpaths.</p> <p>Vehicle noise pollution - loud exhaust and hotted up vehicles Environment Protection Authority – Outlined specifics under the Noise Act such as lack of maintenance, deliberate tampering, or inappropriate use – can be fined.</p> <p>Council work with Police and EPA. Some of the compliance issues are having someone there at time to provide evidence such as taking down the number plate and following up.</p> <p>Initiate enforcement campaign.</p> <p>Station access upgrades - Lewisham seems neglected (51 steps). Ashfield railway sometimes out of order – maintenance: The Transport Accessibility Program is underway and it's a timeline is locked in. IWC regular contact with Transport for NSW. Their priorities are established across the State and since amalgamation IWC has had have had Croydon upgraded, St Peters is underway, and Stanmore is currently being designed.</p> <p>The Rapid Response Team Transport NSW – can go on a list and sometimes takes 4 days. State Govt Transport Access Program (TAP) . Petersham nearly finalised. IWC competing every other station across Sydney. Stanmore designed then Lewisham. Sydenham , Dulwich Hill, and Marrickville upgraded due to metro – should be fully accessible.</p> <p>Managed not to do property acquisition for the upgrades.</p>		
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	<p>Light rail Closure – IWC approached transport for NSW, and they got buses in quickly – parking/cover/accessibility worked on. Now a limited service – taken southeast Sydney trams to run a limited service. Buses for schools. Govt looking at temporary fix.</p> <p>40km limit - Dulwich Hill , Ashfield – strip shopping strips – speed limit reduced to 40</p> <p>Inner west at 40 campaign – brief to consultants – tender – study looking at all streets and every street we can impact , then state roads – high pedestrian traffic – asking for 30km limit. Much higher rate of accident at 40 than 30. Social and enviro considerations.</p> <p>Community Transport Have sent links, raised with Director to look at issues and advocacy that more council free local link transport as Community Transport costs preclusive.</p>		
3. Smoking in built up areas- shopping strips	<p>4. Billy Cotsis – Team Leader Economic Development</p> <p>Apology to meeting and carry over. Was tabled at Team Meeting.</p> <p>Other jurisdictions have implemented a no smoking policy</p>		
4.Seniors Festival 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival 		
5. Healthy Ageing Team- overview of how programs are promoted	<i>Presentation attached</i>	Add <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Accessibility • Carers 	
6. Membership drive	Two new interested members about to submit applications		
7. Meeting dates 2022	Dates for remainder 2022	Mary to send appointments	

	<p>Avoid School hols and Easter:</p> <p>7th April 26 May 23 June</p> <p>Review of LDG's as commitment was till June end 2022</p> <p>11 August 6 October 8 December.</p>		
<p>8. General Business</p>	<p>Dementia Alliance</p> <p>Looking for people with a lived experience to be part of an established working group, with a view to becoming an Alliance. Supported by Dementia Australia</p>		