

Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 8 May 2025 6pm

Meeting Room 1, Level 5, Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

Attendees: Naomi Bower (IWC), Josephine Touma (IWC), Councillor Vicki Clay (IWC), Emily Cascarino, Kat Farrugia, Sophie Groom, Rhiannon Hopley (remote), Anne-Marie McGinty, Kay Sönderlund, Melissa Vassallo.

Apologies: Vulindlela Mkwanzani, Tim Stackpool

Time	Items for discussion
6pm	<p>1. Introductions</p> <p>Members arrived and introduced themselves and shared their creative practice and/or motivation for joining the Group</p>
6.20pm	<p>2. Election of Chair</p> <p>Rhiannon Hopley self-nominated for the role of Chair and was seconded by Kat Farrugia. Rhiannon was uncontested and appointed to the role of Local Democracy Group Chair.</p>
6.30pm	<p>3. Presentation on Creative Programs by Josephine Touma, Executive Producer Creative Programs, Inner West Council</p> <p>Josephine presented on Council's Creative Programs, with highlights on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- GreenWay public artworks- Creative Toolbox Symposium <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Query on what is wanted from LDG members• Naomi spoke about the Group's role in providing feedback to Council on key initiatives. She noted the upcoming development of the new Cultural Strategy and background creative sector data work being undertaken• Policy challenges for the Group would be forthcoming in future meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group was shown the Inner West Have Your Say website and items that Council's engagement team were keen to hear back on <p>Josephine requested feedback on the Creative Toolbox Symposium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members were supportive of the program - There was a discussion regarding engagement of people unknown to Council, particularly young people, who could fall through the gaps - Motivation was seen as an important factor for attendance - The communications landscape was challenging and marketing needs to be targeted - The return to older forms of marketing such as postcards was discussed - It was noted the Inner West does hybrid activities that involve kids well - There was discussion on how useful it is for people to have a one stop shop for support and learning about Council and other regulations - The value of allowing people to do creative things without programs and funding eg. in public domain was noted. Josephine confirmed the Perfect Match program is continuing - It was noted that the combination of fun activities on the and professional development on the Symposium program worked well
	Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday 25 June, 6pm

Thursday 4 September, 6pm

Wednesday 12 November, 6pm
