



LGBTQ Local Democracy Group Meeting Minutes

Thursday 12 June 2025

Inner West Pride Centre, 1A Bedford St, Newtown

Meeting commenced at 6:45pm and concluded at 7:53pm.

Attendees

Community members	Council officers	Councillors
Dean Adams (DA)	Finn O'Keefe (FOK - Convenor)	
Erin Spencer (ES)	Sarah Taylor (ST - Co- convenor)	
Ev Synnott (ES)		
Francesca Variale (FV)		

Chairperson

Dean Adams

Acknowledgement of Country

Welcomed members to the meeting and provided an Acknowledgment of Country.



Apologies and membership changes

Apologies from Chad Barnier, Beth Firipis, Astrophel Gates, Jess Gifkins, Jody Toomey, Veronik Verkest.

Disclosures of conflicts of interest

None reported.

Endorse previous meeting minutes

Discussion Items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Agenda item outcome/action (as required)
Item 1 Updates on questions/matters arising from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retail space next door to the Pride Centre discussed. The space has commercial café fittings in place so may reopen for this purpose. Council is open to receiving community feedback about other potential uses.• Council annual grants program discussed. Applications closed on 6 June. Grants information was circulated to community contacts, Rainbow Giving was invited to list grant opportunities on its national database. LGBTQ+ LDG members were invited to submit an EOI to be part of grants assessments process and a group member has been selected to be community representative on the assessment panel.	LGBTQ+ projects funded in CW grant round to be reported back at next meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LDG members have been invited to online information session on feedback workshop on the Our Fairer Future Project. 	
Item 2 Appointment of chair	DA appointed Chair.	
Item 3 Policy Questions – review and focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of policy questions to help guide group deliberations over the coming Council term: <i>How can we foster opportunities for allyship, visibility and pride within the Inner West? How can we increase the visibility of the Pride Centre as a community venue?</i> Continued discussion on Council grants and ways to support LGBTQ+ participation. LDG to review successful applications when they are announced. Council is investigating possible locations and cost of installing "trans solidarity crossing or steps" in response to a community proposal. Group expressed interest in interacting with other LDG's. Continued discussion on ways Council and LDG could increase awareness and support existing promotion of Pride Centre community venue activities supporting Twenty10 and Council channels 	<p>Suggestion that LGBTQ+ specific grant be considered for annual grants program (FOK/ST to feedback)</p> <p>Review previous successful grants and find out how many were from LGBTQ+ organisations and groups. (FOK/ST/All)</p> <p>Obtain information on other LDG activities / policy questions so group can identify potential opportunities for collaboration (FOK/ST)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus of next meeting discussed, with members deciding on 'Allyship' and Feel the Love event, which provides opportunities to foster Allyship, Visibility and Pride. Group suggested representative from Twenty10 as a possible speaker to discuss allyship and Pride Centre community venue program. 	Invite representative from Twenty10 to next meeting. (FOK, ST)
Item 4 Feel the Love Evaluation	Deferred to the next meeting.	
Item 5 Previous & Upcoming Events	Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night - 11 April <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback will be shared at the next meeting. Pride Month - June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pride Fest: Queer Bites - A Celebration of Local Queer Stories at Marrickville Pavilion - Saturday 14 June Queer Screen x Inner West Council: Free Pride Film Screenings & Market at Leichhardt Town Hall - Sunday 22 June Rainbow Family Tales at Dulwich Hill Library - Saturday, 28 June 2025 	
Other business	None.	

Next meeting

Wednesday 10 September 2025