

Minutes of Young Leaders Reference Group Meeting
27 November 2017
Inner West Council – Petersham Service Centre

The meeting commenced at 6:35pm

Attendance (Members)

1. Aiden Macreadie (Chairperson)
2. Alan Huynh
3. Alexander Macdonald
4. Annika Broadbent
5. Antoinette El-Alam
6. Georgia Cooper
7. Katherine Guan
8. Lisa Huynh
9. Sandra El-Alam
10. Taliesin Heyman-Griffiths
11. Yvette Quinn

Attendance (Other Attendees)

1. Joe Banno, Inner West Council (Minute Taker)
2. Matthew Balane, Inner West Council

Apologies

1. Annika Rees

1. Welcome

Aiden Macreadie welcomed Reference Group members and staff to the Young Leaders Reference Group meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Aiden performed an Acknowledgement of Country in his capacity as meeting chairperson.

3. Disclosures of Interest

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

4. Status of Recommendations from Previous Reference Group Meetings

RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/17)

1. That the information regarding the status of recommendations from the previous meetings of the Young Leaders Reference Group be received and noted by the Young Leaders Reference Group.

5. Recreation Needs Study**RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/18)**

1. That the Young Leaders Reference Group notes the opportunities for children and young people to participate in the development of Inner West Council Recreation Needs Study and promote these opportunities to their networks of friends, family and peers.
2. That the Young Leaders Reference Group participate in the development of the Recreation Needs Study at the Reference Group meeting on 27 November 2017 by providing ideas, input and feedback using the Social Pinpoint interactive community map.
3. That Council engage with relevant local service providers to ensure that disadvantaged and disengaged groups are consulted in the development of the Recreation Needs Study.

6. Community Strategic Plan Update**RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/19)**

1. That the Young Leaders Reference Group receive and note the report providing an update on the development of the Inner West Community Strategic Plan.
2. That a presentation outlining the draft strategic directions for the Inner West Community Strategic Plan be provided to Young Leaders Reference Group members at the Young Leaders Reference Group meeting on 27 November 2017.

7. Evaluation of Interim Strategic Reference Groups**RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/20)**

1. That all Young Leaders Reference Group members participate the evaluation of Council's interim Strategic Reference Groups by completing an individual online survey.
2. That the Young Leaders Reference Group participate in the evaluation of Council's interim Strategic Reference Groups through a group assessment at the Young Leaders Reference Group meeting on 27 November 2017.
3. That the Strategic Reference Group evaluation discussion questions be included on the Young Leaders Reference Group Facebook page for further input and discussion.

8. Other Business – Inner West Council Youth Services Update**8.1 Citizen of the Year Awards and Australia Day Celebrations**

Nominations are now open for Council's Citizen of the Year Awards.

The awards recognise local people who have provided outstanding service to the local community. There are three award categories – Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

The awards will be announced at Council's Australia Day event at Enmore Park on 26 January 2018. The event will also feature local live entertainment and a fireworks display.

Nominations are made via Council's website and close 5pm Friday 8 December 2017.

8.2 Pics in the Park – Summer Outdoor Movie Program

Pics in the Park is Council's free summer outdoor movie program that takes place in Leichhardt and Balmain from January to March.

A number of Young Leaders Reference Group members are currently working with Council's Youth Services Team to develop the program.

8.3 Summer 2018 School Holiday Program

Council's upcoming Summer 2018 School Holiday Program will include a range of free and low cost activities and outings for young people aged 12 - 18 years (including 'after dark' activities on Friday nights), providing social, recreational, cultural and educational engagement opportunities for local young people.

A number of Young Leaders Reference Group members are currently working with Council's Youth Services Team to develop an activity as part of Council's School Holiday Program.

8.4 Camperdown Memorial Rest Park

Council has been advised through Police and local residents that young people have been engaging in illegal, dangerous and violent behaviours at Camperdown Memorial Rest Park after hours / at night (particularly from Thursdays to Sunday). These behaviours include underage consumption of alcohol and fighting / brawling. It has been reported that the young people engaging in these behaviours are from all over Sydney.

Council is working with the Police and the local resident action group to ensure the park remains a safe and enjoyable place for people of all ages.

Feedback is currently being sought with regard to the engagement of young people in diversional activities as well as the need to inform young people need to keep safe in local parks.

Ideas / input from the Young Leaders Reference Group will be sought via the Young Leaders Reference Group Facebook page.

9. Other Business – Thank You

Joe Banno and Matthew Balane thanked all Young Leaders Reference Group members for their participation in the Reference Group throughout 2017.

The meeting concluded at 8:35pm.