

**Minutes of Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group
held at Ashfield Civic Centre on 11 October 2017**

The meeting commenced at 6:36pm

Members:

Chairperson - Sara Graham	
Iris Loudon	Geraldine Andrews
Curtis Dickson	Sandra Triulzi
Ernest Yung	Kate Wake
Marc Rerceretnam	Gisele Mesnage

Note: Erica Aronsten resigned

Other Attendees:

Erla Ronan	Inner West Council	Group Manager Community Services & Culture
Gabrielle Rennard	Inner West Council	Community Wellbeing Manager
Kerry Hunt	Inner West Council	Building Certification Manager
Christopher Reeves	Inner West Council	Heritage Specialist

Item 1. Welcome

Sara Graham welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country

Sara Graham performed an Acknowledgement of Country.

Item 3. Apologies

Members: Emily Dash, Hawanatu Bangura, Cec Busby, Kerrie Lorimer

Item 4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

Item 5. Summary of Recommendations from previous Strategic Reference Group

The SRG members noted the summary update of recommendations from previous Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group meetings.

Item 6. Potential opportunities for accessibility improvements to shopfronts sympathetic of heritage considerations

Presentation – Kerry Hunt, Building Certification Manager and Christopher Reeves, Heritage Specialist provided a detailed presentation to the group outlining legislative requirements and

relevant building codes regarding accessibility to shopfronts and internal modifications whilst also being sympathetic of heritage considerations.

Ms Hunt and Mr Reeves also held a question and answer opportunity for members.

The meeting agreed and noted:-

1. The SRG are concerned with accessibility to shopfronts and recommend that Council ensure proper attention is given to ensure compliance through development applications, and issuing compliance certificates to ensure works comply.
2. The SRG recommend refresher training to Inner West Council staff regarding the Australian disability access standards and regulations.

Item 7. Inner West Council – Access and Inclusion update

The meeting agreed and noted:-

1. That Council's expression of interest for regular hall hire of Council venues for 2018 is open with applications being received until 23 October 2017 and will share this information with networks and the broader community.
2. To support the development of i-PUG (intergenerational pop up games) and suggested it be trialled in a diversity of locations including parks and public spaces across the inner west. The group also suggested an evaluation be undertaken and consideration be given to including a component of upskilling for seniors in the program.
3. The diversity of access and inclusion activities that are being delivered by the Inner West Council.

Item 8. Inner West Council – LGBTIQ support and initiatives

The meeting agreed and noted:-

1. Inner West Council's active support for Marriage Equality, including flying rainbow flags from its key buildings and hanging banners from key sites throughout the voting period for the national same-sex marriage postal survey.
2. The highlights from the Rainbow Roundtable discussion, including the SRG member support of hosting a prom for LGBTIQ young people in the inner west.

Item 9. Other Business

1. 'Cycling Without Age'

Marc Rerceretnam is a member of the Dulwich Hill Bicycle Club and interested in exploring the 'Cycling Without Age' program as initiated by Denmark. Whereby cyclists offer free bike rides to residents of nursing homes.

Action – SRG members email Gabrielle any further suggestions to forward to Marc regarding contacts in nursing homes, people and or staff who may be interested in the initiative.

2. Sydney Classic Bicycle Show

Marc Rerceretnam noted the Sydney Classic Bicycle Show (held Canterbury Velodrome) is a celebration of cycling and organisers are keen to expand the event more broadly to further engage the community includes penny farthing racing.

Action – SRG members email Gabrielle any further suggestions to forward to Marc regarding expanding community interest in the Sydney Classic Bicycle Show.

3. Ashfield Aquatic Centre Upgrade

Iris Loudon raised concerns regarding modifications to the Ashfield Aquatic Centre, notably with regard to the ramp going into the pool as the accessibility option. Suggested that a hoist should also be incorporated as a preferred and better option for people with mobility or accessibility issues (e.g. Ryde rehabilitation)

- changeroom – suggested should incorporate a changetable for adults
- should not be a hob around the shower

Action – Erla will discuss issues raised with Group Manager, Aquatic Services for consideration.

4. Street Libraries

Sandra Triulzi discussed the community benefits of Street Libraries and suggested that Inner West Council consider incorporating the idea across the local government area.

Action – Gabrielle to discuss concept with Group Manager Library Services for consideration.

5. Digital Gap Initiative

Gisele Mesnage noted the digital Gap Initiative – 14 November 2017 – talk by Disability Rights Lawyer, that members of the SRG are welcome to attend

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

The next Meeting is Wednesday 6 December 2017