

AGENDA



INNER WEST COUNCIL

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

6 December 2017

6.30pm

Location: **Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield - Level 6**

RSVP: please RSVP to Gabrielle Rennard

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Item No: Item 5

Subject: **Summary of Recommendations from Previous Strategic Reference Group Meeting**

Prepared by: Gabrielle Rennard, Community Wellbeing Manager

SUMMARY

To advise the Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group of the status of the recommendations from the previous meetings.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information in the summary of recommendations be received and noted by the Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group.

Background

The first meeting of the Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group was held on 8 February 2017.

This report is being provided by way of keeping the reference group members informed and updated with regards to any recommendations arising from the meetings.

Financial Implications

Nil

Attachments

Status of Recommendations from Strategic Reference Group Meetings 2017

Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group

Date of Meetings	Items	Recommendations or Actions	Status
11 Oct 2017	Item 6 Potential opportunities for accessibility improvements to shopfronts sympathetic of heritage considerations	<p>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.</p> <p>Ms Hunt and Mr Reeves also held a question and answer opportunity for members.</p> <p>The meeting agreed and noted:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>Recommendations have been sent to Group Manager, Development Assessment and Regulatory Services</p>
	Item 7 Access and Inclusion Update	<p>The meeting agreed and noted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 trialed in a diversity of locations including 	<p>No further action required</p>

	<p>parcs 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.</p>	<p>Adopted Staff to continue trial of i-PUG and have agreed to undertake an evaluation</p>
	<p>3. The diversity of access and inclusion activities that are being delivered by the Inner West Council.</p>	
<p>Item 8 Inner West Council – LGBTIQ support and initiatives</p>	<p>The meeting agreed and noted</p>	
	<p>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.</p>	<p>No further action required</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>Adopted Council recently approved a community grant to Minus18 to host a Queer Youth Formal in 2018</p>
<p>Item 9 Other Business</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>SRG Members to provide information</p>
	<p>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</p>	<p>SRG Members to provide information</p>

interest in the Sydney Classic Bicycle Show.

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| <p>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)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - changeroom – suggested should incorporate a change table for adults - should not be a hob around the shower <p>Action – Erla will discuss issues raised with Group Manager, Aquatic Services for consideration.</p> | <p>Recommendations have been sent to Group Manager, Aquatic Services</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Recommendation has been sent to Group Manager, Library Services</p> |
| <p>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</p> | <p>No further action required</p> |

Item No: Item 6
Subject: Evaluation of Interim Strategic Reference Groups
Prepared by: Gabrielle Rennard – Community Wellbeing, Manager

SUMMARY

Following the amalgamation of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils, the new Inner West Council established eight interim Strategic Reference Groups (including the Social Inclusion Reference Group) who first met in February 2017, and whose term comes to an end in December 2017.

Following the return of the elected Council in September 2017, all Inner West Council Strategic Reference Groups are being evaluated. The evaluation is taking place in November / early December 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Young Leaders Reference Group participate in the evaluation of Council's interim Strategic Reference Groups through a group assessment at the Social Inclusion Reference Group meeting on 6 December 2017.
 2. That Social Inclusion Reference Group members participate the evaluation of Council's interim Strategic Reference Groups by completing an individual online survey.
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Background

Following amalgamation, the new Inner West Council dissolved committees of the former three Councils. As an interim measure, the Administrator established eight Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs), including the Social Inclusion Reference Group, who first met in February 2017, and whose term comes to an end in December 2017.

The purpose of the SRGs was to provide feedback, guidance and recommendations to Council on specific issues, including strategic planning and policy and contribute local knowledge regarding community impacts, emerging trends, opportunities and service gaps.

The SRGs form part of a broader Community Engagement Framework which was adopted by Council in June 2017. The SRGs are one form of engagement which ensures community input on higher level strategic issues across the Inner West.

A decision was made to review the interim SRGs following the return of the elected Council in September 2017. The evaluation will take place in November / early December 2017.

The evaluation of the interim SRGs will consider both process and outcomes. The results will be reported to Council at its December 2017 meeting and to SRG members.

Evaluation

The evaluation of Council's interim SRGs will involve:

- SRG members
- SRG facilitators Social Inclusion Reference Group 6 December 2017
- Council's Governance Team
- Relevant Council Group Managers, Deputy General Managers and the General Manager
- Council staff who prepare papers for SRGs
- Other Council staff where appropriate.

SRG members will be asked to participate in the evaluation process through a group assessment as part of a formal SRG meeting based on the following discussion questions: ·

- What aspects of the SRG have worked well?
- What has not worked so well?
- To what extent did the SRG achieve its purpose as outlined in the Terms of Reference?
- What is SRG's most significant piece of work? Why?
- Thinking about options for the future, what are your thoughts on how the SRGs could evolve? Are there other models Council could consider?
- Apart from SRGs, what else should Council focus on to increase satisfaction with community engagement and achieve a strong community voice in decision making?

SRG members were also asked to participate in an individual online survey for completion by Sunday 26 November 2017.

Conclusion

The evaluation of Council's interim SRGs will consider both process and outcomes. The results will be reported to Council at its December 2017 meeting and to SRG members.

Item No: Item 7
Subject: Community Strategic Plan Update
Prepared by: Gabrielle Rennard – Community Wellbeing, Manager

SUMMARY

Council has consulted and engaged with the community, including Council's Strategic Reference Groups, throughout 2017 to develop a Community Strategic Plan for the Inner West.

This report provides an update on the development of the plan, including timeframes and the proposed principles that will underpin the Inner West Community Strategic Plan. The report recommends that a presentation outlining the draft strategic directions for the Inner West Community Strategic Plan be provided to the Social Inclusion Reference Group members at the Reference Group meeting on 6 December 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Social Inclusion 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 the Social Inclusion Reference Group members at the Reference Group meeting on 6 December 2017.
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Background

Council is currently developing a Community Strategic Plan for the future of the Inner West.

Council has consulted and engaged with the community, including Council's Strategic Reference Groups, throughout 2017 to develop the plan.

The Community Strategic Plan is a long term plan that sits above all Council's other plans and policies. It takes into account the issues and pressures affecting the community, and the level of resources available to deliver the plan.

The Community Strategic Plan will:

- Identify the community's main priorities
- Provide a vision and plan for the whole community
- Set goals for the future
- Outline strategies and actions to achieve these goals
- Inform long term planning.

The Community Strategic Plan addresses four key questions for the community:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be in 10 years' time?
- How will we get there?
- How will we know we've arrived?

Community Strategic Plan Draft Principles

“Creative, Caring and Just”

These principles act as a foundation for all decision making, actions taken and management of resources.

Creativity

The creativity of the Inner West is expressed in many ways and its energy is felt by everyone who lives in or visits the area.

The Inner West is a thriving ecology where all forms of creativity can flourish – the artistic and cultural, technological and economic – and the quality of place is uniquely derived from our heritage, social and cultural contexts and natural environment.

Creativity is fundamental to our identity. Our creativity is:

- Experimental, original and independent, celebrating the unconventional and encouraging new ways of doing things
- Borne of diverse communities with distinct points of view, producing unexpected and ever changing expressions of culture
- Experienced in our unique neighbourhoods and rich street life, making it an urban playground for visitors and residents
- A wealth of art spaces, festivals and events fostering visual arts, live music, performance and emerging arts practices, creative enterprises and cultural products
- Embedded in community life as an essential part of wellbeing, social justice and sustainability
- Drives local innovation, industries and connections that nurture local solutions to the complexities of urban living.

Caring

Caring about each other and also caring about environmental sustainability and the impact of the decisions we make for future generations.

Sustainability, in this context, is about “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” (Bruntland Report for the World Commission on Environment and Development, 1992).

We care about the impact we make and the legacy we leave and this drives our decision making and way we work.

Decision making processes should effectively integrate both long and short-term economic, environmental, social and equity considerations

- Where there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation
- The global dimension of environmental impacts of actions and policies should be recognised and considered
- The need to develop a strong, growing and diversified economy which can enhance the capacity for environmental protection should be recognised
- The need to maintain and enhance international competitiveness in an environmentally sound manner should be recognised by Social Inclusion Reference Group 6 December 2017

- Cost effective and flexible policy instruments should be adopted, such as improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms
- Decisions and actions should provide for broad community involvement on issues which affect them.

Social Justice

Social justice refers to equity, participation, access and rights.

Equity – there should be fairness in decision making, and prioritising and allocation of resources, particularly for those in need. Everyone should have a fair opportunity to participate in the future of the community. The planning process should take particular care to involve and protect the interests of people in vulnerable circumstances.

Access – all people should have fair access to services, resources and opportunities to improve their quality of life. Participation – everyone should have the maximum opportunity to genuinely participate in decisions which affect their lives.

Rights – equal rights should be established and promoted, with opportunities provided for people from diverse linguistic, cultural and religious backgrounds to participate in community life.

In creating our Inner West this means:

- Ensuring that a broad range of community members has input into decision making
- Specifically consulting with those groups whose voices are often not heard in community discussions
- Testing the objectives and strategies in the plan against the principles by checking whether they are fair, if they exclude anyone from participating in the community's future and if anyone would be disadvantaged by the decisions.

Timeline / Next Steps

- October 2017 – new Council engaged on Community Strategic Plan and engagement results
- Late 2017 – service providers / community partners engaged
- Early 2018 – Councillor briefing on Draft Community Strategic Plan
- April 2018 – final Draft Community Strategic Plan to Council to recommend public exhibition
- By 30 June 2018 – following public exhibition, report to Council for endorsement.

Conclusion

Following from extensive community consultation and engagement throughout 2017, Council has developed draft principles that will underpin the Inner West Community Strategic Plan and five draft strategic directions. It is anticipated that the Community Strategic Plan will be finalised and endorsed by Council by 30 June 2018.

Item No: Item 8
Subject: Recreation Needs Study
Prepared by: Gabrielle Rennard – Community Wellbeing, Manager

SUMMARY

Inner West Council is undertaking a Recreation Needs Study. The study will research the current and future recreation needs of the Inner West Local Government Area. Council is currently consulting with the community to find out what is working well, what needs improving, and what's required for the future. Everyone in the community is invited to participate in the study by providing input and feedback.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Social Inclusion Reference Group notes the opportunities for the broader community to participate in the development of Inner West Council Recreation Needs Study and promote these opportunities to their networks and neighbourhood.
 2. That the Social Inclusion Reference Group participate in the development of the Recreation Needs Study at the Reference Group meeting on 6 December 2017 by providing ideas, input and feedback using the Social Pinpoint interactive community map.
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Background

Inner West Council is researching the current and future recreation needs of the Inner West Local Government Area.

Council is currently consulting with the community to find out what is working well, what needs improving, and what's required for the future.

This study will inform the development of Council policies and strategies to address existing and future needs.

Council defines recreation across a broad spectrum, ranging from unstructured activities like picnics, walking the dog and playing in parks to organised sport and everything in between. The spectrum considers the following activities:

- Passive
- Active
- Personal fitness
- Social sport
- Organised sport
- Elite sport.

Community Consultation

The community can participate in the development of the Recreation Needs Study by:

- Completing an online survey
- Providing ideas, input and feedback using a Social Pinpoint interactive community map
- Posting a picture / photo and comment on Instagram
- Taking part in a pop-up engagement at various locations across the Inner West.

Further information, including access to the online survey, Social Pinpoint interactive community map and the details / locations of pop-up engagements can be accessed online at Your Say Inner West: www.yoursayinnerwest.com.au/recreation-needs-study-myurbanplaygroundinnerwest

Input and feedback will be accepted until 22 December 2017.

Following community consultation, a draft Recreation Needs Study will be publicly exhibited in mid-2018 and the community will be invited to provide further feedback.

Financial Implications

The Recreation Needs Study is supported through the Inner West Council Operational Plan and Budget 2017/18.

Conclusion

The Inner West Council Recreation Needs Study will examine the current needs, future needs, and what is required to meet these for the Inner West Local Government Area. Community consultation is currently underway to find out what is working well, what needs improving, and what's required for the future. Everyone in the community is invited to participate in the study by providing input and feedback.