

**Minutes of Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group
held at Ashfield Civic Centre on 8 February 2017**

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Members:

Geraldine Andrews	Chris Maclean
Erica Aronsten	Gisele Mesnage
Hawanatu Bangura	Joel Penson
Curtis Dickson	Marc Rerceretnam
Sara Graham	Lisa Smajlov
Paul Hurst	Sandra Triulzi
Kerrie Lorimer	Kate Wake
Iris Loudon	Ernest Yung

Other Attendees:

Erla Ronan	Inner West Council	Group Manager, Community Services and Culture
Gabrielle Rennard	Inner West Council	Manager, Community Services and Culture
Lynne George	Inner West Council	Manager, Community Development
Joshua Staines	Inner West Council	Community Development Worker, Aboriginal Programs
John Stamolis	LRAC	Local Representation Advisory Committee (LRAC)

Item 1. Welcome

Item 2. Acknowledgement of Country

Item 3. Apologies

Members: Cec Busby, Angharad Candlin, Annette Cairnduff and Emily Dash,
LRAC: Vera-Ann Hannaford
Council Staff: John Warburton, Deputy General Manager Community and Engagement

Item 4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

Item 5. Election of Chairperson

Recommendation:

The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group nominated to have a different member chair each of the six (6) proposed meetings. The following nominations were accepted for the first 3 meetings:-

Sandra Triulzi – as chairperson for 8 February meeting
Geraldine Andrews – meeting 2
Marc Rerceretnam – meeting 3

Item 6. Draft Terms of Reference – Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group**Recommendation:**

The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group adopted the Draft Terms of Reference with the following amendments:-

- That under (1) 'Scope' update the opening sentence to include:-
The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group acknowledges that its members reflect and represent a diverse range of individuals and groups within the community and embraces the lived experience, expertise and knowledge of members.
- To include a further point under (1) noting – 'matters affecting access and equity for all people across the Inner West is paramount'.
- That the Quorum be noted as 50% plus one of appointed members, being 12 members.

The Social Inclusion Reference Group adopted the following Proposed Meeting Schedule Dates 2017:

Wednesday 12 April
Wednesday 14 June
Wednesday 9 August
Wednesday 11 October
Wednesday 6 December

Consensus that venue for all meetings will be Ashfield Civic Centre with meetings to start at 6:30pm.

Item 7. Inner West Council – Vision and Priorities**Recommendation:**

The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group (SRG) noted consensus regarding support for Council's Statement of Vision and Priorities. The SRG members will seek to actively engage with the community consultation process for the development of the Inner West Community Strategic Plan.

Feedback regarding the Council's Statement of Vision and Priorities document included:-

- Noting that not all community members have access to the internet and face to face engagement is important.
- There was some discussion regarding the use and removal of words "Passionate" and "great" in the vision statement. Noting that such words are subjective and not able to be quantified.
- The group acknowledged that as the newly formed Inner West Council area we need to build on the history of the previous regions and create connections with and across the new LGA.

Recommendation:

That a snapshot of the Inner West community demographics be provided at the next Strategic Reference Group meeting.

Recommendation:

The Strategic Reference Group request an update on the process, timeframe and development of Council's new webpage, for the next meeting, acknowledging its importance for communication with community members.

Item 8. Inner West Council – Draft Inclusion Action Plan**Recommendation:**

The strategic reference group noted the report, presentation by staff and the invitation to provide feedback on the Inclusion Action Plan during the public exhibition period.

Item 9. Inner West Council – Forthcoming Events**Recommendation:**

The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group noted and acknowledged the diverse array of programs, events and initiatives that are being delivered by the Inner West Council.

The link to full details of events: <http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/art---events/whats-on>

Question on Notice: How will the Council be involved in the Invictus Games?

Item 10. Inner West Council – Overview of Organisational Structure

The Group Manager, Community Programs and Culture, Erla Ronan provided an overview of current staff structure and an opportunity for the reference group to ask questions or seek clarification.

The meeting concluded at 8.27pm.