

AGENDA



INNER WEST COUNCIL

SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

9 August 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 6

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

Prepared by: Gabrielle Rennard, Group Manager Community Programs and Services

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	Status
8-Feb-17	Item 5 - Election of Chairperson	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	Adopted
	Item 6 - Draft Terms of Reference – Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group	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.	Adopted Adopted Adopted
	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:-	Adopted

- Noting that not all community members have access to the internet and face to face engagement is important.

Feedback noted and will be incorporated as part of the CSP engagement Council's Statement of Vision and Priorities adopted by Council 28 March 2017

- 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.

Feedback noted and Vision to be considered as part of the CSP engagement Council's Statement of Vision and Priorities adopted by Council 28 March 2017

- 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.

Feedback noted and will be incorporated as part of the CSP engagement Council's Statement of Vision and Priorities adopted by Council 28 March 2017

Recommendation

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

Adopted Presentation provided 12 April 2017 SRG 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.

Adopted Presentation provided 14 June 2017 SRG meeting

	Item 8 - Inner West Council – Draft Inclusion Action Plan	<p>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.</p>	<p>Adopted</p>
	Item 9 - Inner West Council – Forthcoming Events	<p>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.</p> <p>The link to full details of events: http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/art--events/whats-on</p> <p>Question on Notice: How will the Council be involved in the Invictus Games?</p>	<p>Adopted</p>
<p>12-Apr-17</p>	<p>The April meeting did not have a quorum present so the meeting did not proceed.</p>	<p>Gabrielle Rennard provided a demographic overview of the Inner West Local Government out of interest to those in attendance. The group provided the feedback for consideration of Inner West Council with regard to the Inner West Community Strategic Plan</p>	
<p>14-Jun-17</p>	<p>Item 7 - Inner West Council – socially inclusive programs, partnerships and initiatives update</p>	<p>The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the diverse array of socially inclusive programs, partnerships and initiatives that are being delivered by the Inner West Council. - the recent adoption of the Inner West Council Homelessness Policy and determined to contribute wherever possible to assisting with the development of strategies to address the issue of homelessness in extreme weather events. Members suggested that church halls may have potential to be utilised. The SRG further noted that the issue of homelessness is broader than rough sleeping; and that there is a growing concern particularly for the number of homeless elderly women. - the information provided regarding the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout 2017 and are aware of contacting Redfern All Blacks to discuss any potential volunteer opportunities with the event. 	<p>Adopted</p>

Item 8 - Community Strategic Plan	<p>That the Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group note:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the process for development of the Community Strategic Plan and determine how members would like to participate in the process. 	<p>Feedback noted and will be incorporated as part of the CSP engagement</p>
Item 9 - Other Business	<p>The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group support the recommendation from John Williams a local resident and former member of the Leichhardt Heritage Committee.</p> <p>That Inner West Council consider installing a memorial for Peter Bonsall-Boone (Bon) who passed away in May 2017. Bon and his partner Peter de Waal were Balmain residents, partners for 50 years and true pioneers and fighters for equality who were present at the dawn of Mardi Gras in 1978. Bon and Peter were undertook brave and tireless work which has undoubtedly made life better for LGBTQI people who come after them.</p>	<p>Adopted Concept to be presented to the LGBTIQ Working party and Councils Leadership Team for consideration</p>
	<p>The Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group nominated Sara Graham to be the chairperson for the 9 August meeting.</p>	<p>Adopted</p>

Item No: Item 7

Subject: Inner West Council – socially inclusive programs, partnerships and initiatives update

Prepared by: Gabrielle Rennard – Group Manager Community Programs and Services

SUMMARY

The Inner West Council is delivering a diverse range of socially inclusive programs, partnerships and initiatives broadly across the local government area for the benefit of the broader community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Social Inclusion Strategic Reference Group note:-

1. the diverse array of socially inclusive programs, partnerships and initiatives that is being delivered by the Inner West Council.
 2. that the Rainbow Roundtable is to be held Tuesday 29 August 2017 at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre. That members share this information with their networks and encourage interested community members to book attendance.
 3. consider ways in which the SRG members may be able to engage with the various initiatives noted in this report
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Background

Council delivers, supports and facilitates a diversity of initiatives to support, celebrate, engage and build capacity in the broader community. These initiatives engage and /or target the broad diversity of the inner west community and are delivered across a spectrum of locations and often in partnership or collaboration with a vast array of community members, partners, schools, business or organisations.

The community can access the comprehensive calendar of activities via the 'What's On' page on Councils website at <http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/art--events/whats-on>. The website provides further detail on each activity, bookings if required, undertake searches on types of activities or one can search for a specific program or event. Over the ensuing twelve months Council staff will be reviewing the range and suite of programs, activities and events currently being offered by the former three merged Councils to determine the priority activities for the newly created Inner West Council.

Rainbow Roundtable

Earlier this year Council staff and the LGBTIQ Working Party (formerly the Leichhardt LGBTIQ Committee) planned and hosted the Feel the Love event at Petersham Town Hall to celebrate the beginning of Mardi Gras. The working party have subsequently planned a consultation with LGBTIQ communities to follow on from previous consultations held by former Marrickville Council. These consultations with LGBTIQ communities were held in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

The Rainbow Roundtable is an opportunity to bring the LGBTIQ communities together to discuss key themes arising from a recent survey of LGBTIQ service providers; and to prepare an action plan for input into Council's future planning processes.

The Rainbow Roundtable supports Council's commitment to promote inclusion, provide social hubs, meeting places and community events, and support diverse, multicultural communities and wellbeing (Priority 3 - Social Vitality, Creativity, Quality of Life - Inner West Council Draft Statement of Vision and Priorities).

The Rainbow Roundtable consultation revisits the issues raised in previous years and follows up on key themes arising from a survey sent to service providers earlier this year. It is anticipated that around 100 people will attend the event. The event will be facilitated by Jordan Raskopoulos as MC. It is anticipated that Jordan's celebrity status will attract attendees.

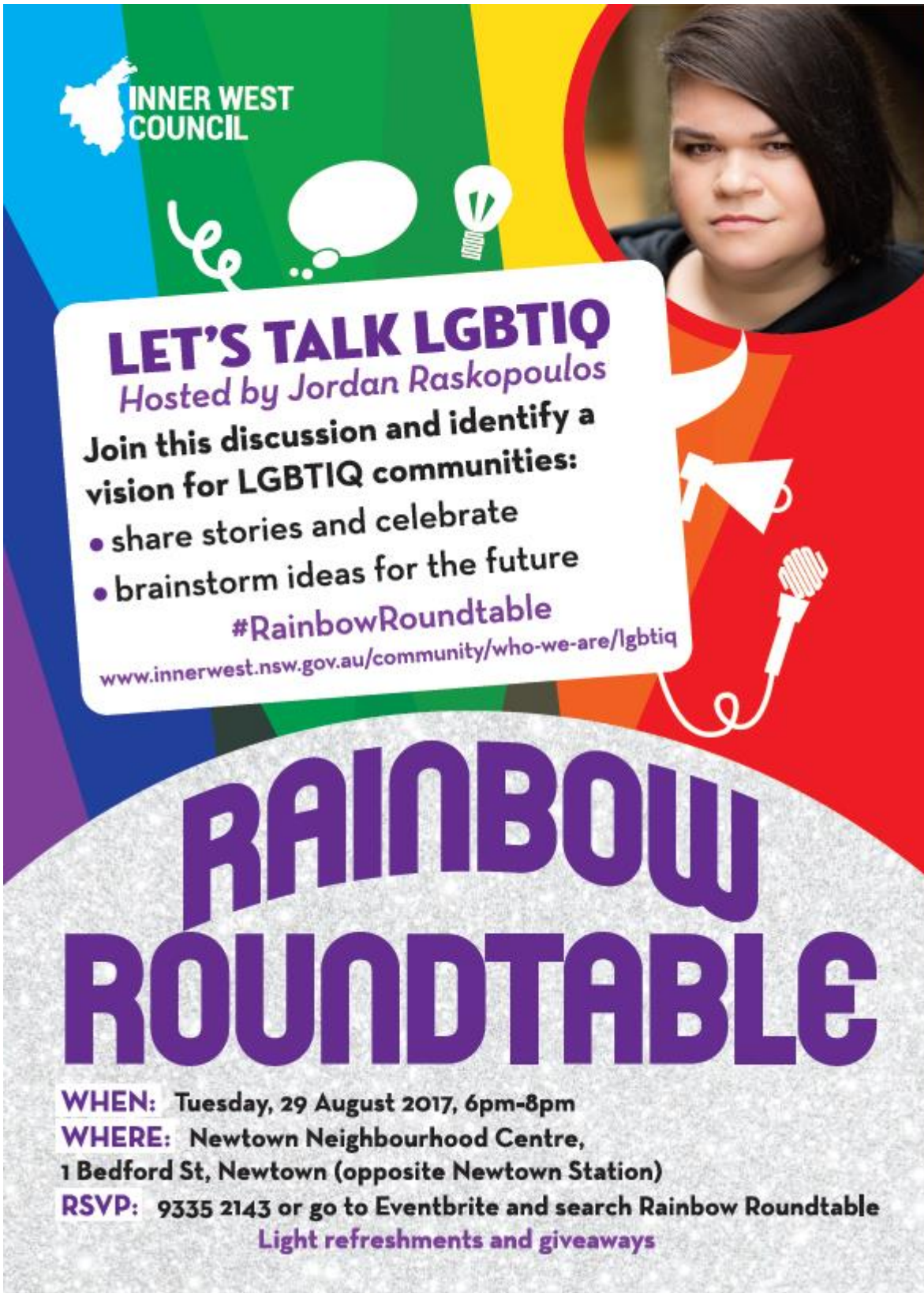
Following a welcome by Jordan, the participants will break into four groups – each with a facilitator and scribes, to discuss:

- bullying/harassment/homophobia
- access to services
- social isolation and
- mental/physical health.

Participants will have 15 minutes on each topic before moving on to the next one.

EVENT DETAILS

Tuesday 29 August 2017
Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
6.00pm – 8.00pm



INNER WEST COUNCIL

LET'S TALK LGBTIQ
Hosted by Jordan Raskopoulos

Join this discussion and identify a vision for LGBTIQ communities:

- share stories and celebrate
- brainstorm ideas for the future

#RainbowRoundtable
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/community/who-we-are/lgbtiq

RAINBOW ROUNDTABLE

WHEN: Tuesday, 29 August 2017, 6pm-8pm
WHERE: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre,
1 Bedford St, Newtown (opposite Newtown Station)
RSVP: 9335 2143 or go to Eventbrite and search Rainbow Roundtable
Light refreshments and giveaways

First Peoples Disability Network (FPDN) - <http://fpdn.org.au/>

Inner West Council is actively connecting with the First Peoples Disability Network Australia (FPDN). This is a national organisation representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (Australia's First Peoples) living with disability, their families and communities. The organisation is governed by First Peoples with lived experience of disability. FPDN was established informally in 2010 and registered in 2014 as a public company limited by guarantee.

FPDN's vision is a just and inclusive society, in which First Peoples living with disability are respected and valued for their culture, history and contribution to contemporary life, and in which their human rights are recognised, respected, protected and fulfilled. FPDN is a member of the Disabled People's Organisations Australia (DPO) alliance. FPDN won the Improving Advocacy and Rights Promotion Award at the 2014 National Disability Awards.

FPDN proactively engage with communities around Australia and advocate for the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability in Australia and internationally. The organisation follows the human rights framework established by the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, to which Australia is a signatory, and the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

First Peoples with disability and their families are amongst the most seriously disadvantaged and disempowered members of the Australian community. FPDN give voice to their needs and concerns and share their narratives of lived experience. The organisation works for the recognition, respect, protection and fulfilment of the human rights of First Peoples with disability and their families.

FPDN work within a social model of disability, in which 'disability' is understood to be the result of barriers to equal participation in the social and physical environment. These barriers can and must be dismantled. The social model stands in contrast to a medical model of disability, which focuses on diagnosis.

FPDN contributes on policy and programs at state, territory and federal levels. FPDN shares knowledge and information with governments, and advocates for community control and community leadership. The organisation works to ensure that the advocacy work is genuinely informed by the lived experiences of First Peoples with disability. FPDN is proud to stand with other First Nations organisations on issues of national importance and proud to be part of [The Redfern Statement](#) Group and the [Change the Record Campaign](#). FPDN is also one of four member organisations of the [Disabled People's Organisations Australia \(DPO\)](#).

White Ribbon Day Program

Inner West Council has allocated \$18,000 funding on an annual basis for four years (2017/18 - 2020/21) to continue to support White Ribbon Day initiatives and partnerships between Inner West Council, local community organisation's and Police Local Area Commands to present White Ribbon Day events.

Council will work in partnership with the four Police Local Area Commands of Leichhardt, Marrickville, Ashfield and Newtown as well as the two local Domestic Violence Liaison Committees to create a program to promote a 16 Days of Activism Against Violence campaign between Friday 17 November to Saturday 26 November 2017.

Council will oversee the 16 Days of Activism Against Violence campaign with awareness of the cause being raised at:

Police Events
Existing Council programs
Sporting groups
School Groups
Social Media Alerts
Competitions

National Child Protection Week 2017

National Child Protection Week is from 3-9 September 2017.

Council has been approached to host a small event together with NAPCAN and the Sydney Secondary College to:

- Announce the NAPCAN NSW Play Your Part Award Winner
- Highlight local Love Bites initiatives
- Highlight Inner West Respectful Relationships Project
- Host a morning tea
- Local young people / students to participate / speak – highlighting the importance of young people having a voice

The event details are yet to be confirmed with the suggested date being Thursday, 7 September. A number of dignitaries will be invited and include:

- The Children's Advocate (Andrew Johnson) – to present the NAPCAN NSW Play Your Part Award
- Gladys Berejiklian (NSW Premier)
- Prue Goward (Minister for Family and Community Services, Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault)
- Richard Pearson (Inner West Council Administrator)
- Anthony Albanese (Local Federal Member)
- Jamie Parker (Local State Member)

Financial Implications

All of the activities, programs and partnerships outlined above are being delivered by the Inner West Council through 2017/18 Operational Plans and Budget.

Conclusion

The Inner West Council is committed to continuing to provide the broad community of the inner west with a diverse suite of initiatives, meaningful partnerships and programs that reflect the interests, needs and celebrate cultural diversity.

Attachments

Nil