

**Minutes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group Meeting
27 February 2017
Ashfield Civic Centre**

The meeting commenced at 6:35pm

Attendance

Members:

Janelle Scott
Therese (Tess) Heffernan
Phillip Butler
Alana Freeburn
Allan Barnes
John Staines
Robert (Bob) Webb
Rebekah Raymond
Ben Bowen
Pamela (Pam) Touma
Agnes Ware

IWC Staff:

Rebecca Carroll (IWC – Aboriginal Programs)
Deborah Lennis (IWC – Aboriginal Programs)
Joshua Staines (IWC – Aboriginal/ Youth Programs)
Erla Ronan (IWC – Group Manager Community Services & Culture)
John Warburton (IWC – Deputy GM Community & Engagement)
Glen Redmayne (IWC – Strategic Community Projects Officer – Access & Inclusion)
Julia Phillips (IWC – Community Development Worker – Seniors & Disability)

LRAC

Alex Lofts (LRAC – Ashfield)

Apologies

Members:

Peter Cross
Jessica Staines
Mary Daniel

IWC Staff:

Joe Banno – (Acting T/L Community Service – Leichhardt)

LRAC:

Frank Breen (LRAC – Leichhardt)
Vera-Ann Hannaford (LRAC – Leichhardt)

1. Welcome

Rebecca Carroll welcomed all Reference Group members and staff to the first meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Rebecca Carroll performed an Acknowledgement of Country in her capacity as group facilitator.

3. Introductions and Apologies

Each member including staff and LRAC went through and introduced themselves. Told a little about their 'Country' and why they were there.

4. Code of Conduct and Disclosures of Interest

Rebecca Carroll explained that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group ran in accordance with the Office of Local Government NSW Model Code of Conduct.

Conflicts of Interest – Pecuniary Interest –

Rebekah Raymond - works as the ERLGATSIF Co-ordinator in which Inner West Council is a part; she works out of the Leichhardt Service Centre currently.

Phillip Butler – is a Cultural educator and currently works for Inner West Council, mainly with Joshua Staines and Deborah Lennis.

5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group – Draft Terms of Reference**RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/01)****Moved: Janelle/ Seconded: John**

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group adopts the Draft Terms of Reference, noting that:
 - a) The first meeting of the Reference Group takes place at Ashfield Civic Centre and that subsequent meetings will take place at the Inner West Council Petersham Service Centre
 - b) Council staff will communicate with Reference Group members via email, and that the members can email all of the three Aboriginal staff or phone any one of the three Aboriginal staff.
 - c) The Reference Group chairperson will be nominated, and that Council staff will support and guide the chairperson during meetings.
 - d) Quorum will state that minimum of eight (8) members is required for the meeting to go ahead.
 - e) Reference Group members will advise any one of the Aboriginal Staff members one day in advance if they are unable to attend a meeting in order to achieve the meeting quorum. .

RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/02) – NOMINATION OF CHAIRPERSON**Moved: Phillip / Seconded: Alana**

1. Ben Bowen chairperson for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group

6. Inner West Council – Statement of Vision and Priorities**RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/03)****Unanimous**

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group note the Inner West Council Draft Statement of Vision and Priorities.
2. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group actively engages with the community consultation processes for the development of a Community Strategic Plan for the Inner West.

7. Inner West Council – Draft Inclusion Action Plan

Glen Redmayne and Julia Phillips from Inner West Council provided an update regarding the development Council's Draft Inclusion Action Plan. IWC Draft Inclusion Action Plan will be on public exhibition from the 1 March till the 30 March inclusive. Feedback can be directed to any of the Council's Inclusion Officers:

Glen Redmayne – Strategic Community Projects Officer – Access & Inclusion 9335 2074
glen.redmayne@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Julia Phillips – Community Development Worker – Seniors & Disability 9716 1819
julia.phillips@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Gabrielle Higgins – Community Development Officer – Aged, Disabilities & Social Inclusion 9367 9043
gabrielle.higgins@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/04)**Unanimous**

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group note this report, provide feedback on the Draft Inclusion Action Plan (IAP) during the public exhibition period and refer to it in addressing their work.

8. Other Business**a) Inner West Council Organisational Structure**

Erla Ronan highlighted the Inner West organisational structure

b) Jo Haylen (Member for Summer Hill) – Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mentoring Program

Alex Lofts informed the Reference Group about a mentoring program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who might want to get into politics. Contact details for Jo Haylen – Member Summer Hill 9572 5900 summerhill@parliament.nsw.gov.au

9. Naming of the new Marrickville Library and Community Spaces Site**RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/05)****Moved: Tess/Robert**

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group support the proposal to name the new Marrickville Library and community spaces site '*Patyegarang*' Place and that this proposed name will be presented to the March 2017 LRAC meeting.

Next Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group Meeting (4 April 2017, Petersham Service Centre)**The meeting concluded at 8:10pm**