

Minutes of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Reference Group Meeting**4 April 2017****Level 3, Function Room, Petersham Administration Building**

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Attendance**Members:**

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

IWC Staff:

Rebecca Carroll (IWC – Aboriginal Programs)
Deborah Lennis (IWC – Aboriginal Programs/CALD)
Joshua Staines (IWC – Aboriginal/Youth Programs/Family and Children Programs)
Gabrielle Rennard (IWC – Acting Group Manager Community Services & Culture)

Apologies**Members:**

Pamela Touma
John Staines
Peter Cross
Mary Daniel

1. Welcome

Ben Bowen welcomed everybody to the meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Allan Barnes performed an Acknowledgement of Country

3. Introductions and Apologies

Apologies noted.
Members and staff introduced themselves.

4. Code of Conduct and Disclosures of Interest

Conflicts of Interest – Pecuniary Interest –

Rebekah Raymond – works as the ERLGATSIF Co-ordinator and IWC is a member of ERLGATSIF; currently she works out of the Leichhardt Service Centre.

Phillip Butler – is a Cultural educator and he undertakes subcontract work for IWC, mainly with Joshua and Deborah.

Jessica Staines – Sister of Joshua Staines, Inner West Council employee.

5. Summary of Recommendations from previous Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Reference Group meetings was received and noted.

Moved: Janelle/Bob

6. Inner West Council Community Strategic Plan Consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group**RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/06)**

Moved: Alana/Tess

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group note the process for development of the Community Strategic Plan CSP.
2. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group determined to provide input at today's meeting on two of the priority areas being Sustainability and Environment and Social Vitality, Creativity, Quality of Life. A copy of the feedback will be provided to members and Council staff.
3. That SRG members will continue to participate in the CSP consultation and engagement process.

7. Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum (ERLGATSIF)

Moved: Janelle/Phil

RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/07)

1. That Inner West Council contribute as a member Council to the ERLGATSIF to the value of \$9,500 per annum for the 2017 – 2018 and 2018 – 2019 financial years.
2. Inner West Council contribute to the strategic planning, Terms of Reference and Action Plan as they relate to the ERLGATSIF.

8. Other Business –

- a) Reconciliation Week: Deborah has organised bus to leave Leichhardt for community members to attend the May 26 event at Bondi Pavilion;
- b) NAIDOC Week: Tess advised that Ashfield Police will apply for a grant to do a NAIDOC event and they hope to partner with IWC. IWC Council staff advised that there will be an office NAIDOC trivia, Koori Kids Disco and Marrickville Library bush tucker/didge/illustrator event. Promotional material will be forwarded closer to NAIDOC Week;
- c) Cooks River Alliance: Rebecca highlighted the 'Culture and Country' event that is being planned for 16 June 2017. This is a partnership with Cooks River Alliance;
- d) Heritage Movie Night: Deborah promoted the movie night to be held at Leichhardt Town Hall on 13 May 2017. Two Aboriginal films are being shown - Babakiueria and Black Panther Woman;
- e) Youth Week: Joshua advised the Group that this week is Youth Week and numerous events are being held across the LGA, further information can be found on council's website.

Next Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Reference Group Meeting (6 June 2017, Petersham Service Centre)

The meeting concluded at 8:42pm