



INNER WEST COUNCIL

Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC)

Thursday 1 August 2019

Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield 2131

Meeting summary

The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm

Present

Staff	Community members	Councillors
Ingrid de Meyer (IDM - Convenor)	Clara Kelleher (CK)	Clr Marghanita Da Cruz
Aniela Pepe (AP-Multicultural Projects Officer)	Marc Rerceretnam (MC)	
	Giladesi Namokoyi (GN)	
	Rosanna Barbero (RB)	
	Vi Pham (VP)	
	Ernest Yung (EY)	

Apologies

Chrisanthi Giotis; Tanja Angjelkoski; Osmond Chiu; Alexandra Misssiris; Susan Kumagaya

Disclosure of interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest.

Previous minutes

The minutes of the 2 May 2019 meeting were accepted by consensus.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendation/action	Council response
Item 1 Multicultural Statistics in the Inner West	AP presented a summary of research data and trends reflecting Inner West five ward areas including languages spoken, identity and place of birth. Profile ID data	The advisory committee: a) thanked Aniela for her presentation b) Suggested to expand the statistics as per below recommendation, and to include qualitative work including case studies which	

	<p>from the 2016 census was used.</p>	<p>will describe multicultural nuances and complexities.</p> <p>Recommendation 1: The Multicultural Advisory committee recommend that Multicultural statistics include all migration which therefore includes English speaking migration, and the culturally linguistically diverse populations. That Aboriginal community are acknowledged as traditional custodians and as first nation people in multicultural plans and reports.</p> <p>(Moved by MC and GN and Adopted by consensus)</p>	
<p>Item 2 Multicultural Frameworks/Strategy</p>	<p>Discussed multicultural frameworks and strategy to guide IWC. Cllr Marghanita Da Cruz suggested the City of Stirling Multicultural framework and declared interest regarding former family connections to the Stirling Council. Multicultural frameworks sit alongside the strategic plan and other key plans with a key focus on the multicultural communities.</p>	<p>Action: It was agreed that the MAC be sent a link to the City of Stirling Multicultural Framework, and that other frameworks be identified.</p>	
<p>Item 3 Multicultural Policy Implementation and updates</p>	<p>IWC Community-led Celebration Day (Multicultural Communities) Grants 2019 adopted in June with cultural celebrations/projects to be delivered</p> <p>1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020</p>	<p>AP presented the media release about the successful recipients of the grant. All successful recipients in attendance commented on their community celebrations.</p> <p>Action: that all community celebrations that are open to</p>	

		<p>public attending be posted on IWC website.</p> <p>Action: MAC standing agenda item to include how to increase multicultural communities' participation in IW LGA arts and sports</p>	
Item 4 Portuguese Precinct	<p>Council is honouring and celebrating the long-standing relationship between the Inner West community and the people of Portugal by naming a Portuguese precinct in Petersham.</p> <p>The Mayor is holding an event to celebrate the naming of the precinct in August</p>		
Item 5 Multicultural Policy and Strategy updates	<p>General discussion about the priorities for new position; Multicultural Projects Officer.</p> <p>AP-IWC staff participation in Refugee Camp in my neighbourhood in July 2019 as part of cultural awareness training. 15 staff attended.</p> <p>AP -IWC Community Language Aide framework is being reviewed and updated.</p>	<p>The committee welcomed and encouraged such initiatives.</p> <p>Action: Next MAC meeting provide an update on IWC Community Language Aide framework</p>	
Item 6 Multicultural Interagency	<p>The Inner West Multicultural Interagency (IWMI) and the Marrickville Multicultural Interagency (MMIA) have merged bringing approx. 80 agencies together that work in the multicultural space and sector. This will</p>	<p>Action: MAC eb provided with dates of Inner West Multicultural Interagency meetings</p>	

	strengthen existing work and activity		
Item 7 Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement Environment Plan (LEP)	<p>Local Strategic Planning Statement for the next 20 years has been drafted. MAC members noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the pressures on community and cultural spaces, and - how places such as Addison Road Community Centre and the Red Rattler are a few examples of important venues and spaces for the Inner West Community to come together and express themselves in a safe and welcoming environment. - MAC noted limited spaces and facilities for multicultural groups in the Inner West. 	Recommendation 2: That community and cultural spaces are maintained and enhanced to ensure that they are culturally safe, accessible and affordable in the Inner west community (Moved and adopted by consensus).	
Item 8 Other Business	The MAC committee received resignation of Christhani Giotis as she has now moved out of area.	Action: that an acknowledgement and thank you be sent to Chrisanthi for her contribution to the MAC on behalf of the committee.	
Item 9 Website comments	<p>MAC committee members commented that the IWC website was difficult to navigate and find information for English speaking people – raising concern for multicultural community members such as the grants page link was difficult to use.</p> <p>Representation of multicultural community through photographs/articles was also required some</p>	Action: IDM to raise/forward comment to website team of IWC.	

	additional work and improvement to ensure they reflect the community.		
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Next meeting: Thursday 7 November 2019 at 6.00pm at Ashfield Service Centre

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.