

LGBTQ+ Working Group 19 February 2024

Ashfield Service Centre, Level 5

Minutes

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Guests
Michael Beckett (he/him)	Mark Jones (he/him/his)	Councillor Liz Atkins
Beth Firipis (she/her)	Sue Pym (she/her)	
Lara Sabbadin (she/ her)		
Ev Synnott (they/ them)		

2. **Chairperson:** Michael Beckett chaired as Ev Synnott attended online

3. **Acknowledgment of Country**

4. **Apologies:** Erin Spencer (they/them); Ohni Blu (they/ them); Dean Adams (they/ them)

5. **Disclosures of Interest:** No conflict of interest disclosed at meeting commencement, however Councillor Liz Atkins disclosed affiliation with Pride in Protest during the agenda item regarding the Newtown Police LGBTQIA+ Community Safety Meeting.

6. **Quorum:** A quorum was **not achieved** (min.7 members)

7. **Endorse previous meeting minutes:** deferred.

8. Report on previous meeting actions (if required): Incorporated as agenda items

Discussion items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Proposed action (if required)	Action owner*	Date for action to be finalised
Ohni's resignation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohni has emailed the Working Group and staff on 19 February advising of resignation from the Group due to increased study commitments and associated placement hours. Ohni was thanked for the positive contribution they have made to the Working Group over a long period. Ohni's valuable input to the Pride Centre subcommittee and other Council initiatives was acknowledged. 			
Pride Centre update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coloured cubes at Pride Square being well maintained (graffiti removed) and beacon soon to be cleaned New artwork at Art Seat Dog statue will be returning Lease and service level agreement being progressed Termite issues being addressed. 			
Mardi Gras 2024- Feel the Love event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event on Saturday 10 February 2024 at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (NNC) went very well. 267 registrations 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark shared the very positive survey feedback (#35 responses) • Thanks to Mark and Kate who coordinated the event; the participating organisations including Dykes on Bikes., Fambo, Rainbow Families, Drag performers, DJ's, Council's BBQ team and NNC for hosting. 			
Drag Story time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted by protesters, including filming people who attended. However, library staff and Police worked well to manage risk. Rainbow Families met with Library staff. • Event proceeded without families being aware. • In Victoria Rainbow Angels offer training for community members- could be explored? 	Put on agenda for discussion at next meeting		
Inaugural Newtown Police LGBTQIA+ Community Safety Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held 6 February at Marrickville Pavillion despite Pride in Protest demonstrators disrupting parts of the meeting. • Approx 25 community members attended. 			
August meeting date change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of August meeting will be changed from 19 August to 5 August to fall within the local democracy group meeting period for current term of Council. Same 		Sue	

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	time (6- 8pm), same meeting room (Level 5, Ashfield Service Centre)			

Next meeting: Monday 15 April 6-8pm