



## Young Leaders Working Group 5 August 2024

Level 5, Meeting Room 1, Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd Ashfield

### Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6pm and concluded 7:45pm

#### 1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Diana Hutas	Kate Dingle	
Marla Glasdam	Ellen Alkon	
Adhvay Moudgalya		

2. **Chairperson:** Kate Dingle

3. **Acknowledgment of Country:** Kate Dingle

4. **Apologies:** Barbara Hutas

5. **Disclosures of Interest:** Nil

6. **Quorum:** Not achieved. The quorum is currently 4 as there are only 7 active members and 8 have left since July 2023

7. **Confirmation of Minutes and Actions:** Previous minutes were approved.

### Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendations / actions	Council's response
<b>Sporting Ground Lighting Project</b>	<p>Heather Palmisani (Parks Engagement Officer) introduced the Sporting Grounds floodlighting trial, which is proposing to extend the floodlighting hours until 9pm seven days a week at nominated council sporting grounds during Winter months (1 July – 31 August 2024). Heather provided overview of current floodlights use on Council sporting grounds, explained why Council is trialling this change and considerations for trial. Heather advised there is a public survey on Council's YourSay Inner West Page <a href="#">Sports ground lighting trial   Your Say Inner West (nsw.gov.au)</a> and encouraged the group to spread the word about this project and provide feedback.</p>	<p>Recommendations from YLWG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consider turning off the lights on the weekend evenings as people have the whole day to utilise the parks (vs during the week when at school/work)</li> <li>○ Lock the public toilets in the evenings, for safety of the community as instances where dangerous materials found on bathroom floor</li> <li>○ Skate parks having lights on is a good thing</li> </ul>	
<b>The 'Game Changers' Project</b>	<p>Ellen shared information from 'All Together Now' about a co-design project with and for young people to address the problem of far-right extremism in online gaming spaces. Flyers were distributed to members. Information can be found here <a href="#">Game Changers - All Together Now</a></p>		
<b>Recap of previous discussion on Mental Health /</b>	<p>Kate advised the group's suggestions from last meeting were shared with the Community Wellbeing team. Kate shared upcoming planned events for Mental Health Month for in the Inner West LGA.</p>	<p>YLWG suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More people would attend Halloween event if held on day other than 31 Oct as many</li> </ul>	

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<b>Mental Health Month</b>	Discussion around the Headspace/Ashfield Halloween event.	<p>people like to go trick or treating on Halloween night. Event should target younger audience, provide more food options and variety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members would like to get involved in planning the event again</li> <li>○ Continue the Parent and Teen Mental Health Workshop in Ashfield, it had a larger than expected turnout last year</li> <li>○ Other ideas to mark Mental Health month include Puppy Dog Yoga, Fluffy Cow Yoga, combine with a visit to an Animal Shelter</li> </ul>	
<b>Ageism and Intergenerational activities and outcomes</b>	<p>Kate presented topic of ageism, and intergenerational activities in the Inner West LGA. Showed the group a few videos which challenged stereotypes. Held a discussion about young people's experience of ageism and the stereotypes that exist, and the different experiences across and within generations. Discussion around limited volunteering opportunities for young people, Kate mentioned an organisation led by young people doing volunteer activities differently 'Youth4Difference'</p> <p><a href="http://youth4difference.org">http://youth4difference.org</a></p>	<p>Recommendations from YLWG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Would like Council to arrange intergenerational activities, e.g. visit an aged care home</li> <li>○ Interest in volunteering, making a difference helps you feel better, improves self</li> </ul>	

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<p><b>End of Term Recap and Communications</b></p>	<p>Kate explained next steps and recruitment for the LDGs will begin shortly after the new Council meets on 22 October. Current members can apply.</p> <p>Discussion around what Council can do to improve engagement with young people.</p>	<p>Recommendations from YLWG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Make the LDG application process much easier</li> <li>○ Improve way Council advertises programs and services. Often don't know what's going on, make posters visible.</li> <li>○ Improve IWC Instagram to make it more engaging, attract interest, appeal to young people. Improve website.</li> <li>○ Young Leaders "take over" IWC Instagram once a month, for example.</li> <li>○ Provide more school holiday activities,</li> <li>○ Strathfield council is a good example, e.g. sports, volunteer opportunities</li> </ul>	