

## **MINUTES OF MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024**

- Present: Indu Balachandran, Community Member  
Feilin Chan, Community Member  
Anthony Pang, Community Member  
Inga Rosenberg, Community Member  
Councillor, Barbara Ward (Chairperson)
- Staff Present: Director Community, Janice Bevan  
Community Development Officer, Leonie Endacott  
Manager Community Development, Danny Houseas  
Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy, Christopher M Jones  
Acting General Manager, David Marshall
- Others Present: The Mayor, Councillor Sam Ngai  
Multicultural NSW Regional Community Networks member, Michele Bell  
Manager, Multicultural Health Network, Cathy Butler
- Apologies: Dr Maria Amigo, Community Member  
Sunminder Bains, Community Member  
Hwa-Sur Hahn, Community Member  
Jingni Shen, Community Member  
Karthika Sivarajan, Community Member  
Councillor, Cedric Spencer (Deputy Chairperson)  
Councillor, Greg Taylor

*The Meeting commenced at 10:04 AM*

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interest was declared.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **NOTING OF MINUTES**

## **Minutes of Multicultural Advisory Committee**

File: S04141

Meeting held 21 November 2023

Minutes numbered MCAC04 to MCAC05

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Minutes numbered MCAC04 to MCAC05 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Health care interpreter service**

Presentation by Cathy Butler – Manager Multicultural Health Network, Northern Sydney Health District (attached).

- Overview of the translating services available through Northern Sydney Health with a focus on how people from non-English speaking backgrounds can access the services.
- Multicultural Health Network have a consumer advisory group who provide advice to NSW Health regarding the experiences of people from culturally and linguistically diverse groups, and provide feedback related to interpreting services and the provision of resources targeted to culturally and linguistically diverse people.
- The MCAC recommended that contact details be provided for distribution to members networks (below).

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#### **Opportunities for the MCAC to inform the State of Ku-ring-gai Report**

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Christopher Jones, Manager – Governance and Corporate Strategy, Ku-ring-gai Council

1. Overview of Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework
2. Report back to the Multicultural Advisory Committee on objectives, term achievements and actions in the Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program 2022 – 2026 and Operational Plan 2023 – 2024 relating to culturally and linguistically diverse communities (attached).
3. Identifying priority areas for the Multicultural Advisory Committee to provide input towards Council's future planning.

Feedback included:

1. Multicultural Advisory Committee are eager to contribute to the State of Ku-ring-gai Report.
2. A facilitated workshop should be scheduled for the Committee to provide feedback on the report, with appropriate background material distributed prior to the meeting.

**The Committee Recommends:**

That point 1 to 2 above be progressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Regional Community Networks (RCN's)**

**Overview of Multicultural NSW Regional Community Networks (RCN's)**

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Michele Bell, Multicultural NSW Regional Community Networks member.

- Overview of the Regional Community Networks (RCNs) who provide advice and guidance to Multicultural NSW and help make connections with communities in their regions ([Regional Engagement Program - Multicultural NSW](#)).
- Explore opportunities for the Committee to have input on issues relating to culturally and linguistically diverse communities in Northern Sydney through the Regional Community Network.
- Contact details provided for Michele Bell to the Multicultural Advisory Committee members, to encourage dialogue and provide feedback to the Regional Community Network (below).

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**NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government**

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Leonie Endacott, Community Development Officer – Community, Ku-ring-gai Council

Overview of current Social Cohesion grant opportunity available through the Premier's Department (closing date 29 Feb 2024, 5pm).

Feedback included:

- The Multicultural Advisory Committee supports Council submitting an application for a NSW Social Cohesion Grant for Local Government.
- Multicultural Advisory Committee members volunteered to work in conjunction with Council and other relevant community groups, to co-

design and co-produce a program of social cohesion activities related to the grant application.

Initial ideas presented by the Multicultural Advisory Committee include:

1. a festival showcasing our cultural and linguistic diversity,
  2. a multicultural art and/or film festival,
  3. the provision of community hub to showcase available services to the community.
- The Multicultural Advisory Committee recommends Council funds key elements of the program should the grant application be unsuccessful.

**The Committee Recommends:**

That points 1 and 4 above be progressed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Reporting on action items from MCAC meetings**

Cr Ward keen to ensure the Multicultural Advisory Committee is working on more strategic issues and be in a position to deliver tangible outcomes.

As such, the Committee recommends that action items be included in the minutes to ensure accountability of progress against actions.

Leonie Endacott to liaise with Governance to review the minutes template and include action items.

**Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting schedule**

A number of community members are unable to attend regular meetings on Tuesdays at 10am due to conflicting commitments.

The Committee recommended alternating meetings times, with two daytime and two evening meetings. Leonie Endacott to liaise with community members to determine the most suitable day of the week.

*The Meeting closed at 11:50 am*