

MINUTES OF MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024

- Present: Dr Maria Amigo, Community Member
Indu Balachandran, Community Member
Feilin Chan, Community Member
Hwa-Sur Hahn, Community Member
Anthony Pang, Community Member
Inga Rosenberg, Community Member
Councillor, Barbara Ward (Chairperson)
- Staff Present: Community and Business Engagement Coordinator, Will Adames
Community Development Officer, Leonie Endacott
Manager Community Development, Danny Houseas
Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy, Christopher M Jones
Acting Director Community, Virginia Leafe
General Manager, David Marshall
Manager Visitor Experience and Events, Melanie Morson
- Others Present:
- Apologies: Sunminder Bains, Community Member
Director Community, Janice Bevan
Karthika Sivarajan, Community Member
Councillor, Cedric Spencer (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor, Greg Taylor

The Meeting commenced at 6:00PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Role of Council education sessions – Leonie Endacott.**
Feedback from sessions included:
 - Culturally and linguistically diverse community members have limited understanding of the role Council plays and the services it offers to residents.
 - Consideration should be given by Council to providing email news in key languages and having language specific mailing lists.

- Translated documents should be provided on Council webpage in key languages to disseminate information effectively.
- **Dementia information talks & Dementia Friendly Communities Project – Leonie Endacott.**
 - Previous dementia information sessions translated into Korean and Hindi.
 - Upcoming dementia information session translated into Mandarin.
 - Upcoming dementia resource booklet will be available in Simplified Chinese and Korean, in both print and online versions.
 - Difficulty engaging culturally and linguistically diverse residents (as above).
- **Minutes template – Leonie Endacott.**
 - New template in progress in conjunction with other relevant committee facilitators.
- **NSW Social Cohesion Grants for Local Government update – Leonie Endacott.**
 - Application was unsuccessful.
 - Cr Ward has put a Notice of Motion before the upcoming Council meeting to fund two elements of the grant application – the Multicultural Inclusion Plan and a Multicultural Festival.
 - The Multicultural Advisory Committee supports the Multicultural Inclusion Plan and Multicultural Festival.
 - Members agreed to work with Council staff to co-design and co-produce a Multicultural Festival and provide feedback on a Multicultural Inclusion Plan.

NOTING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Multicultural Advisory Committee

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Meeting held 6 February 2024

Minutes numbered MCAC05 to MCAC06

RECOMMENDATION:

That Minutes numbered MCAC05 to MCAC06 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Facilitated workshop - State of Ku-ring-gai Report

Facilitated by:

- Christopher M Jones, Manager Governance and Corporate Strategy
- Will Adames, Community and Business Engagement Coordinator
- Chris Jones provided a brief overview on relevant Council planning documents.
- A facilitated activity was conducted to determine which themes members considered most important, both currently and as future focus areas for the

Council over the next decade. Members ranked the top three themes that make Ku-ring-gai an attractive place to live now and identified areas for the Council to focus on in the future.

- Facilitated conversation on how Council can best engage our Multicultural communities, and how members of the Multicultural Advisory Committee can assist Council in ensuring these communities have adequate opportunity to provide input into the State of Ku-ring-gai Report.

Suggestions from the members included:

1. Council should focus on each community independently by providing translated materials in areas where those communities gather, shop, or dine.
2. Consider leveraging or organising cultural events and providing traditional foods to engage individual communities.
3. Mayor's Newsletter – investigate how to increase multicultural audience from this valuable source of information.

The Committee Recommends:

That point 1 to 3 above be progressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Multicultural Inclusion Plan

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Danny Houseas, Manager Community Development

- Members were provided an extract of the Action Plan from Council's draft Multicultural Inclusion Plan.
- Overview provided of the Multicultural Inclusion Plan and the seven goals of the plan (Leadership, Strategy, Communications, Workforce and Development, Programs and Events, Service Delivery, Engagement and Participation).
- Feedback on the Action Plan requested from the Multicultural Advisory Committee, via email.

The Committee Recommends:

That the Multicultural Inclusion Plan be developed and implemented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Refugee Week Celebration

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Leonie Endacott, Community Development Officer

- Council, in conjunction with Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Multicultural Network, are hosting a Refugee Week Celebration at Gordon Baptist Church, Tue 18th June 2024 12pm-3pm.
- All Multicultural Advisory Committee members are invited.

Suggestions from members included:

A request for more information on refugees in Ku-ring-gai and avenues for the Multicultural Advisory Committee to support refugees in our area.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 6:52PM