

MINUTES OF MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

- Present: Councillor, C Spencer (Deputy Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Dr Maria Amigo, Community Member
Hwa-Sur Hahn, Community Member
Anthony Pang, Community Member
Karthika Sivarajan, Community Member
Councillor, G Taylor (Comenarra Ward)
- Staff Present: Acting General Manager, David Marshall
Acting Director Community, Virginia Leafe
Manager Community Development, Danny Houseas
Community Development Officer, Leonie Endacott
Sustainability Program Leader, Dr Jennifer Scott
- Others Present: Mayor, Councillor S Ngai (Roseville Ward)
- Apologies: Councillor, B Ward (Chairperson) (Gordon Ward)
Director Community, Janice Bevan
Indu Balachandran
Feilin Chan
Inga Rosenberg

The Meeting commenced at 6.15PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

NOTING OF MINUTES

Minutes of Multicultural Advisory Committee

File: S04141

Meeting held 23 May 2023
Minutes numbered MCAC02 to MCAC03

RECOMMENDATION:

That Minutes numbered MCAC02 to MCAC03 circulated to Councillors were taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GENERAL BUSINESS

MCAC12

Ku-ring-gai Climate Wise Communities

File: S04141

Facilitated discussion by Dr Jennifer Scott Sustainability Team Leader – Climate Wise Communities program, website and proposed updates for upcoming Climate Wise Communities 2.0

Feedback included:

1. *Survey*– Potential for Council to conduct a survey on residents to determine public awareness of project.
2. *Translations* – Members suggested that translations of the Climate Wise Communities website be available in key community languages e.g. Chinese and Korean.
3. *Public notifications* – Members recommend that notifications of evacuation areas be made available, if possible, through the Climate Wise Communities website.
4. *Public Awareness* – Members recommend a public awareness campaign be conducted to raise the profile of Climate Wise Communities, as knowledge of the program amongst committee members and potentially the culturally and linguistically diverse community is low.

The Committee Recommends:

That point 1 to 4 above be progressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MCAC13

Community Engagement Project

File: S04141

Presentation of Council's recent "Welcome to Ku-ring-gai Council" project. (PowerPoint presentation attached).

Feedback included:

1. Council incorporate some information in the "Welcome to Ku-ring-gai Council" presentation on how to find relevant community groups that may be of interest to new immigrants.
2. Council incorporate more detail in the presentation on specific items – how to seek advice on dogs, noise complaints, tree pruning and maintenance requirements, and information relating to waste services and recycling requirements.
3. Council investigate the possibility of providing an example of a culturally and linguistically diverse group or person that has

worked successfully with Council to the benefit of newly arrived residents.

4. Council utilise advertising spaces on bus stops more as recent immigrants use public transport frequently.

The Committee Recommends:
That point 1 to 4 above be progressed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MCAC04 **First Nations History and Culture**
File: S04141

Council awaiting further advice from the Aboriginal Land Council on local Aboriginal history, cultural awareness and community engagement.

Item deferred.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Mayoral and Councillor Committee Memberships**

1. Councillor committee memberships have been allocated for the upcoming year. Cr Ward will act as Chairperson of the Multicultural Advisory Committee. Cr Spencer will continue as Deputy Chairperson of the Multicultural Advisory Committee.
 2. Cr Ngai has been elected Mayor for the period September 2023 to September 2024.
 3. Cr Kay has been elected as Deputy Mayor the period September 2023 to September 2024.
 4. David Marshall has been appointed Acting General Manager whilst recruitment for a new General Manager is conducted.
- Ku-ring-gai Dementia Alliance secured a grant (Disability Advocacy Futures Program 2023/2024) that will enable activities and education targeted to culturally and linguistically diverse residents.
 - The Sunflower Program was launched in Ku-ring-gai in July 2023. This program can be utilised by residents who have family visiting from overseas with limited English.
 - Hangul Day Celebration. Hwa-Sur Hahn cordially extended an invitation to all members to attend the celebration of Hangul Day.

The Meeting closed at 7:25pm