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MINUTES

COMMUNITY AND BELONGING STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

held in the Guringai Room, Dee Why on

WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2019

**Minutes of the Community and Belonging
Strategic Reference Group
held on Wednesday 30 October 2019
in the Guringai Room, Dee Why
Commencing at 6:04pm**

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members

Cr Kylie Ferguson (Chair)	
Cr Penny Philpott	
Cr Sarah Grattan	
Tamzin Lee	Community Representative, Arts, Culture & Youth
Michelle Povah	Northern Beaches Child & Family Interagency
Diane Robbins	Lifeline Representative
Vacant	
Samuel Wilkins	Community Representative - Forest Ward, Youth, Arts & Culture
Maria-Elena Chidzey	Community Northern Beaches Inc. (CNB), Multi-Cultural
Cathy Hockey	Community Representative, Disability
Vacant	
Margaret Shonk	Community representative - Manly Ward, Mental Health
Vacant	

Council Officer Contacts

Rob van den Blink	Manager, Youth & Community Development
Katie Kirwan	Governance Officer
Caroline Psaltis	Manager, Community Centres3
Josephine Bennett	Manager, Arts & Culture
Will Wrathall	Team Leader, Community Development
Renee Coull	Principal Planner
Kelsey Lewis	Manager, Social Planning Services
Leanne Martin	Community Safety Coordinator

Note: Cr Ferguson gave an acknowledgement of Country.

1.0 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Bingham, Roslyn Marsh, Simon Moriarty and Kylie Walshe.

Resignations have been received from Susan Watson, Lorrie Morgan and Jennifer Wharton. These vacancies will be recruited.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary conflicts of interest.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY AND BELONGING STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 28 AUGUST 2019

DECISION

D Robins / S Wilkins

That the Minutes of the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group meeting held 28 August 2019, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

4.1 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING – ROB VAN DEN BLINK

Rob van den Blink provided the following updates on the actions from the last meeting:

5.2 Bring the Arts & Creative Strategy Action Plan to the October Meeting.

Update: Agenda item for this meeting.

5.4 Michelle Povah to provide link to website that provides data relating to disadvantaged housing.

Update: Sent to Kylie Walshe.

5.4 Governance to send PowerPoints and future presentations as A4.

Update: Done

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS JUDGING PANEL – KELSEY LEWIS

DISCUSSION

Kelsey Lewis, Manager Social Planning & Services provided members with a brief overview of the Australia Day Awards and Community Service Award. K Lewis briefly discussed the nomination categories and process and advised that Council are seeking three members of the SRG to volunteer to participate in the judging panel.

K Lewis advised that it will involve reviewing approximately 30 to 40 applications and the judging panel will be convened on:

Thursday 28 November 2019
4:30pm – 7:30pm
Civic Centre at Dee Why.

DECISION

The following members of the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group nominated to be part of the Australia Day Awards and Community Service Awards judging panel:

1. Tamzin Lee
2. Michelle Povah
3. Cathy Hockey

6.2 COMMUNITY, ARTS & CULTURE GRANTS PROGRAM - WILL WRATHALL

DISCUSSION

Will Wrathall, Team Leader Community Development gave members a brief overview of the Community, Arts & Culture Grants Program ('the Program') noting its alignment to the Goals of the Community Strategic Plan (CSP). The Program commenced in June 2018 with the supporting policy and guidelines adopted by Council in June 2019.

W Wrathall presented members with suggested changes to the 2020/21 program.

Cr Philpott noted that the Program did not specifically include theatre groups or performing arts. W Wrathall noted that these applicants can be assessed as part of the Arts and Culture application area.

He also noted that there is no specific application area for environmental applications and we are advocating internally, with relevant business units, regarding their interest and/or capacity in setting up an environmental grants stream.

6.3 CONNECTED THROUGH CREATIVITY 2029 - DRAFT ARTS AND CREATIVITY STRATEGY & DRAFT CULTURAL POLICY UPDATE - JOSEPHINE BENNETT

DISCUSSION

Josephine Bennett, Manager Arts & Culture briefed members on the Draft Arts and Creativity

Strategy ('the Strategy') and the Draft Cultural Policy ('the Policy'), highlighting the following points:

- The Strategy is Council's plan and vision for the arts and creativity on the Northern Beaches for the next 10 years
- The Strategy was adopted by on 22 October 2019
- The Policy was created in response to feedback received during the public exhibition of the Strategy and the Policy is currently on public exhibition until 24 November 2019 with final adoption anticipated at the December Council Meeting.
- Cultural planning is using evidence and data to map cultural infrastructure (eg galleries and performance space) and interests (eg programs or activities), to plan for and fill cultural gaps
- The Arts and Culture team have started initial cultural mapping and will be working with other groups to complete more comprehensive mapping next year.

J Bennett gave a brief summary of the submissions received for the Strategy during the exhibition period, noting that over 100 comments were received. The Policy can be viewed on Council's [Your Say](#).

6.4 DRAFT COMMUNITY CENTRES STRATEGY AND DRAFT COMMUNITY CENTRES POLICY - CAROLINE PSALTIS

DISCUSSION

Caroline Psaltis, Manager Community Centres presented the draft Community Centre Strategy ('the Strategy'), and briefly discussed the genesis of the Strategy highlighting the following key points:

- Public exhibition of the Strategy was formally adopted by Council at its 22 October 2019 meeting.
- Council have 37 centres in its portfolio
- Accessibility and flexibility of space were the two recurring themes identified in the engagement process

Members discussed the various centres in the portfolio and the suitability of these venues for particular events. S Wilkins noted that he would like to see multi-use spaces being advertised as being 'suitable as performance space' where applicable. He also noted that the Manly Youth Centre should be highlighted as this is such a significant space due to the fact, that in the past, it was utilised by many emerging and notable musicians in the area.

The Dee Why Master Plan recognises the need for community space in the Dee Why town centre, but there is no definite plan in the short term. The PCYC has definitely met the need for much needed indoor sport and youth space, but the community rooms don't necessarily meet the needs of community groups, including Seniors and community support groups. Community Centre space is needed in the main, central area of Dee Why.

M Chidzey noted that there is such an emphasis on 'bigger is better' when discussing community space but in reality, there are many community groups who only require a small space.

The Strategy can be viewed on Council's [Your Say](#) page. Submission close on 1 December 2019.

6.5 DRAFT LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT - TOWARDS 2040 - RENEE COULL

DISCUSSION

Renee Coull, Principal Planner gave a brief overview of *Towards 2040, Draft Local Strategic Planning Statement* ('LSPS'), noting that this is Council's first strategic planning statement and it will be used to guide land-use planning for the next 20 years. She discussed the development of the LSPS, highlighting the following milestones:

- Engagement: who were consulted and how
- Key community insights that were identified
- How the LSPS related to Council's other strategic plans and frameworks
- Current demographics and estimated future growth
- Key planning challenges: protection of our natural assets, affordable housing, transport limitations, and the disparity between skills and jobs
- Council's structure plan and 20 year vision
- Implementation

S Wilkins noted that he would like to see the timeframe for the development of a night time/twilight economy brought forward.

At the 22 October 2019 Council Meeting, the LSPS was endorsed for public exhibition and will be open for submissions until 10 November 2019.

The LSPS and all supporting documentation can be viewed on Council's [Your Say](#) page.

6.6 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN – LEANNE MARTIN

DISCUSSION

Leanne Martin, Community Safety Coordinator provided members with a brief overview of the development of the Community Safety Plan ('the Plan') and discussed the desired outcomes of the Plan:

- The Plan aims to provide a strategic direction for safety related issues across the LGA and provide a focus for the Community Safety Committee
- Identify partnerships with internal and external stakeholders, government and businesses
- Traditionally the community rely on the police for community safety but the reality is that the issues that lead to crime are a community issue and as such, should be addressed by the community as a whole.

L Martin discussed the recent Community Safety Survey findings and members discussed the following issues:

- The normalisation of a drinking culture as well as the issue of secondary supply
- Feedback from youth consultation is that they do not feel safe in Manly due to the

intoxication of people

- Young people do not seek assistance due to fear of reprimand
- Domestic and family violence: Alcohol related domestic violence is the highest in the North West Police region
- There has been an increase in young people being the perpetrator of family violence in the home
- Differences between homelessness and rough sleeping
- The need for young people to have a safe public space

M Povah noted that the [Safe Spaces](#) grant is now open for application.

Members queried where the Northern Beaches levels of homelessness rates in the whole of the Sydney area. L Martin advised that the Premier is planning a street count in February.

There was discussion around the safety of young people and the shortage of safe public areas for them to socialise. It was noted that young people are often moved on from areas such as parks and other relatively safe areas by the police, and as a consequence move on to areas that are less safe.

L Martin discussed how the Plan will be framed and advised that it will have an action plan to support it. This will be a plan of practical actions that will actually be carried out.

Members briefly discussed suicide prevention and queried what action was being taken in relation to prevention and the safeguarding of children affected by this. Rob van den Blink, Manager Youth & Community Development noted that there is a lot of work being undertaken in this area. Members requested an update on this topic at the next meeting.

L Martin welcomed any feedback on the [Survey](#) which will be open on Council's website until 3 November.

ACTION

Members requested an update on Council's suicide prevention plan.

6.7 COMMUNITY AND BELONGING SRG DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE 2020 - REPORT FOR NOTING

DISCUSSION

Members noted the draft 2020 meeting schedule.

7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

DISCUSSION

1. Members required fewer items on future agendas to allow for thorough discussion of topics.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
6.6	Add an update on suicide prevention to the February SRG agenda.	K Walshe	February 2020
7.0	Members requested fewer agenda items to allow for more discussion.	K Walshe	February 2020

The meeting concluded at 8:03pm

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 8 pages numbered 1 to 8 of the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Wednesday 30 October 2019 and confirmed on Wednesday 12 February 2020.