



AGENDA

COMMUNITY AND BELONGING STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group will be held via audiovisual link on

WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering matters included in this agenda.

Committee Members

Cr Kylie Ferguson (Chair)	Councillor
Cr Candy Bingham	Councillor
Cr Penny Philpott	Councillor
Cr Sarah Grattan	Councillor
Tamzin Lee	Community Representative, Arts, Culture & Youth
Simon Moriarty	Community Representative, Curl Curl Ward
Michelle Povah	Northern Beaches Child & Family Interagency
Julie Williams	Community Representative - Narrabeen Ward
Samuel Wilkins	Community Representative - Forest Ward, Youth, Arts & Culture
Maria-Elena Chidzey	Northern Beaches Multicultural Communities, Multi-Cultural
Cathy Hockey	Community Representative, Disability
Dan Giles	Easylink
Margaret Shonk	Community representative - Manly Ward, Mental Health
Justene Gordon	Burdekin Association
Evelyn Shervington	Community Representative with experience in volunteering, social services, charitable or, strategic marketing

Council Officer Contacts

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts & Culture
Claudia Brodtke	Governance Officer

Quorum

A majority of members including the Chair or one of the elected Councillors.

**Agenda for Community and Belonging
Strategic Reference Group Meeting
to be held on Wednesday 10 November 2021
via audiovisual link
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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NEXT MEETING

1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As a sign of respect, Northern Beaches Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and pays respect to Elders past and present.

2.0 APOLOGIES

All members are expected to attend the meetings or otherwise tender their apologies to the Chair and Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Members should disclose any "**pecuniary**" or "**non-pecuniary**" interests in matters included in the agenda. The [Northern Beaches Council Code of Conduct](#) (the Code) provides guidance on managing conflicts of interests.

A **pecuniary interest** is defined in Section 4 of the Code as:

A pecuniary interest is an interest that you have in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of appreciable financial gain or loss to you or a person referred to in clause 4.3.

A **non-pecuniary conflict of interest** is defined in Section 5 of the Code as:

A non-pecuniary conflict of interest exists where a reasonable and informed person would perceive that you could be influenced by a private interest when carrying out your official functions in relation to a matter.

If you required further information or guidance about disclosing an interest please contact Governance at councilmeetings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au.

4.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 MINUTES OF COMMUNITY AND BELONGING STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 11 AUGUST 2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group meeting held 11 August 2021, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

ITEM 5.1	ACTION LOG UPDATE - KYLIE WALSH - 5 MINS
REPORTING OFFICER	GOVERNANCE OFFICER
TRIM FILE REF	2021/602825
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To report the updates on action items of the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group.

MEETING DATE	ITEM NO.	REPORT	ACTION
11 August 2021	7.1	Future Use of Manly Town Hall	Provide an update on future planning for the use of Manly Town Hall
11 August 2021	7.2	Possibility of Roundabout Near Manly "Boy" Charlton Swimming Centre	Enquire with Council's Traffic team regarding the potential of installing a roundabout near the Manly Andrew "Boy" Charlton Swimming Centre

RECOMMENDATION

That the members of the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group receive and note the updates and outstanding items of the Action Log.

6.0 AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 6.1	SRG SUMMARY OF TERM - KYLIE WALSH - 10 MINS
REPORTING OFFICER	SENIOR ADVISOR - GOVERNANCE
TRIM FILE REF	2021/501942
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To provide the Strategic Reference Group (SRG) with a summary of its engagement inputs since the beginning of term and provide an update on next steps following the Local Government elections on 4 December 2021.

SUMMARY

The SRGs were adopted as part of Council's broader engagement framework in September 2017, with community and stakeholder representatives appointed to the SRGs in February 2018.

The purpose of the SRGs is to help inform Council's decision making on key projects and strategic direction.

In view of the forthcoming Local Government elections in December, this report seeks to summarise the contributions of the SRG and discuss highlights from their term.

RECOMMENDATION OF SENIOR ADVISOR - GOVERNANCE

That the Community and Belonging Strategic Reference Group note this report.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

The SRGs were established in November 2017 as part of Council's committee framework.

Each SRG is aligned to particular goals and outcomes of the Community Strategic Plan with the purpose of assisting Council in shaping plans, policies, and strategic outcomes by providing advice and feedback on projects aligned to each of the SRGs.



The Community and Belonging SRG considers matters within the 'Social' pillar of the CSP:

	Community Outcome		Goal		Strategy
Social	We aspire to care for everyone in the community, making sure that people feel safe, supported, included and have diverse opportunities for a rich cultural and social life	10	Our community is stimulated through a diverse range of cultural and creative activities and events	a	Support the arts and creative communities
				b	Expand cultural events and creative opportunities, including safe nightlife opportunities
				c	Provide more events and opportunities for young people to socialise
		11	Our community feels safe and supported	a	Promote social inclusion through neighbourhood programs and quality services
				b	Build stronger communities where neighbours know and support each other
				c	Promote health and wellbeing through fair access to information, health and support services
		12	Our community is friendly and supportive	a	Support community groups and facilitate volunteer opportunities
				b	Build an inclusive community and break down institutional and social barriers to enable all people, irrespective of age, gender and identity, to participate in community life
				c	Recognise and honour Aboriginal culture and heritage
				d	Value and celebrate our diverse heritage and cultural differences

Since April 2018, the Community and Belonging SRG has convened 14 times. Some SRG members may also have participated in other engagement activities run by Council and in SRG combination joint sessions.

Breadth of Content

Goal 10 - Our community is stimulated through a diverse range of cultural and creative activities and events	Goal 11 - Our community feels safe and supported	Goal 12 - Our community is friendly and supportive
Arts & Creativity Strategy	Community Safety Plan	Community Centres Strategy
Glen Street Theatre Feasibility Study	Better Together: Social Sustainability Strategy	Australia Day Awards
Street Performance Policy	COVID-19 Community Care Package	Volunteering Policy
'Be Connected' Digital Literacy Initiative, Library Services	Disability Inclusion Action Plan	Children's Services - Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan
Arts & Creativity Grants Program	Inclusive Business Awards	Community Services Hub Models
	Community Development Grants Program	Big Ideas Forum
Broader Strategic Input		
Local Strategic Planning Statement	Open Space and Recreation	Local Environment Plan
	Northern Beaches Resilience Strategy	

Key Highlights

Through the term of the SRG, a number of key strategies have been shaped and informed through the expertise and advice provided by SRG members. In particular, the Better Together, Social Sustainability Strategy was discussed extensively at a number of meetings, including an extended SRG, with the input received invaluable to ensuring that the draft Strategy considered all views of the community.

Other Strategies drafted and adopted by Council over the past 4 years that were discussed by the SRG include the Arts and Creativity Strategy, the Community Centres Strategy, the Children's Services Strategy, and the Community Safety Plan.

Another area that SRG members have significantly contributed to is the review and amendment of the Community Development and Arts and Creativity Grants Programs. Members of the SRG also volunteered many hours on the selection panels of the Grants Program and the Australia Day Citizen Awards.

Over the past 18 months the SRG has also contributed towards the community care package, developed in response to COVID-19. This package included Quick Response Grants for community organisations that are supporting our community during the pandemic.

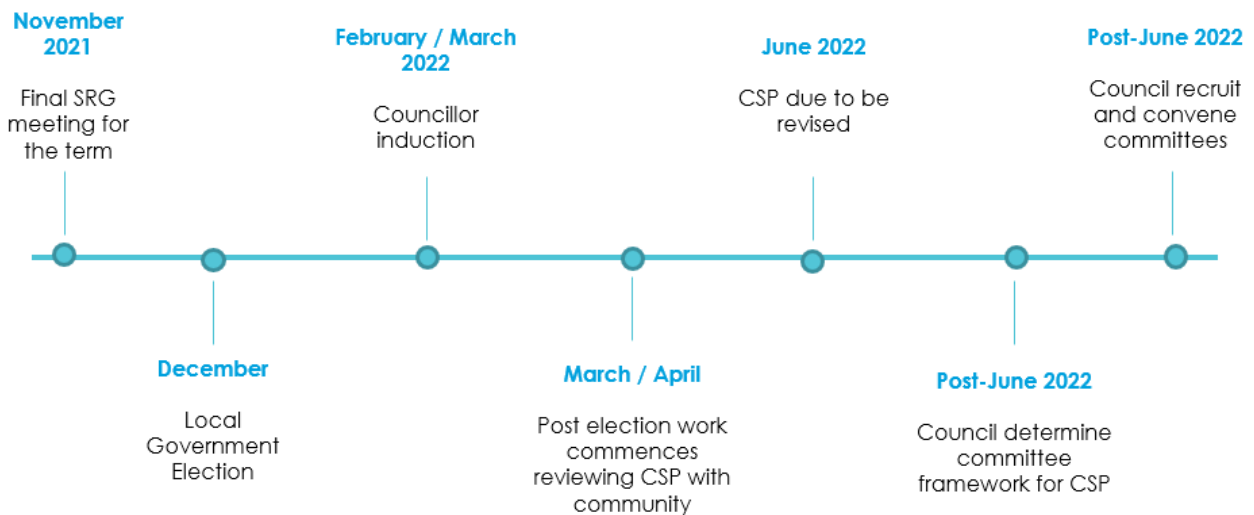
NEXT STEPS

The Local Government Election will be held on 4 December 2021. This was postponed due to COVID-19.

Following the election, the elected council will undertake an extensive induction process.

The CSP will be reviewed during the 2021/22 financial year, with reviewed priorities reported to Council in June 2022. As part of this process, the elected council will determine their committee framework. Feedback provided during the SRG Review will help Council determine this.

An indicative timeline:



ITEM 6.2	LIBRARY STRATEGY WORKSHOP - MICHAEL SPIKMANS - 45 MINS
REPORTING OFFICER	DIGITAL SERVICES MANAGER
TRIM FILE REF	2021/725512
ATTACHMENTS	NIL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To seek strategic input for the Library Strategy currently being developed.

BACKGROUND

Council is developing a five-year Library Strategy to guide decision making and ensure library services continue to be enhanced in line with community needs and expectations.

The Library currently provides the following benefits to the community:

- free access to library collections in many formats, including eBooks and eAudio
- access to library equipment, including printers and scanners
- access to library spaces, including meeting rooms
- reference and information services, including database and online tutorials
- free access to and assistance with technology, including Wi-Fi and internet computers
- special collections including makerspace and book club kits
- a Home Library Service which delivers to those who are unable to come into the library
- early literacy and cross-generational programs and events for learning and entertainment
- preservation of and access to local history information, images and ephemera
- free access to and assistance with family history research
- opportunities to volunteer.

Library highlights for the past year are included at **Appendix A**.

Trends we are witnessing in our own community and around the world demonstrate an increasing role for public libraries as the cornerstone of community hubs where they:

- offer opportunities for social inclusion, particularly as our population ages and as single person households increase

- provide assistance with digital inclusion and enablement as government and other agencies continue to shift access to information and services online
- provide a third space, separate from work and home, for connection through learning, socialising, studying and events. How our community wants to use this third space is constantly evolving, for example, more people are now seeking alternative workspaces.

RECOMMENDATION OF DIGITAL SERVICES MANAGER

That the Strategic Reference Group provides strategic input for the Library Strategy.

APPENDIX A

The value of your library Highlights 2020 - 2021

