



# MINUTES

## **COMMUNITY & BELONGING STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP**

held in the Councillors Room, Manly on

**WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018**

**Minutes of the Community & Belonging  
Strategic Reference Group  
held on Wednesday 5 December 2018  
in the Councillors Room, Manly  
Commencing at 6:06pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Cr Candy Bingham (Chair)	
Cr Penny Philpott	
Cr Kylie Ferguson	
Cr Sarah Grattan	
Tamzin Lee	Community representative, arts, culture & youth
Roslyn Marsh	Avalon Preservation Association, arts & culture
Simon Moriarty	Community representative, Curl Curl Ward
Michelle Povah	Northern Beaches Child & Family Interagency
Diane Robbins	Lifeline
Samuel Wilkins	Community representative - Forest Ward, youth, arts & culture
Maria-Elena Chidzey	Community Northern Beaches Inc. (CNB), multi-cultural
Cathy Hockey	Community representative, disability
Lorrie Morgan	Community representative - Pittwater Ward, arts & culture
Margaret Shonk	Community representative - Manly Ward, mental health

**Council Officer Contacts**

Kylie Walshe	Executive Manager Community, Arts & Culture
Caroline Psaltis	Manager Community Centres
Robert van den Blink	Manager Social Planning & Community Development
Jessica Donkin	Systems & Program Support Officer
Renee Coull	Principal Planner
Annie Laing	Governance Officer

*NOTE: Cr Bingham acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which the meeting gathered, and paid respect to Elders past and present.*

## **1.0 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Susan Watson and Jennifer Wharton.

## **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 & BELONGING STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD 22 AUGUST 2018**

That the Minutes of the Community & Belonging Strategic Reference Group meeting held 22 August 2018 are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

*R Marsh / M Chidzey*

## **4.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING**

**ACTION:** K Walshe to investigate if there is a higher quality map of the Coast Walk.

## **5.0 AGENDA ITEMS**

### **5.1 NORTHERN BEACHES LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Renee Coull addressed the member on this item, the presentation was distributed in the Agenda. The following points were discussed:

- Over the next three years Council will be developing a new planning framework which will include a Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) and a single Local Environmental Plan (LEP) for the Northern Beaches.
- The Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) will establish a 20 year vision and priorities for the Northern Beaches which will 'give effect' (deliver) the Greater Sydney Commission's [North District Plan](#) and will also link to the [Shape 2028 Northern Beaches Community Strategic Plan 2018 - 2028](#).
- The LSPS will then feed into the Local Environment Plan (LEP) which will include planning controls to guide development.
- The North District Plan includes a number of themes including infrastructure, liveability, productivity and sustainability. The LSPS must be consistent with the North District Plan.

- Council is working closely with State Government agencies.
- Technical studies are being undertaken to establish baseline data to inform strategic planning.
- Both the Northern District Plan and the LSPS are not static documents, they will be updated over time and feed into one another.

The group were advised that an extraordinary SRG meeting will be held during February 2019 (date to be confirmed) with consultants to enable members to be involved in the creation of the Northern Beaches LSPS.

## 5.2 SOCIAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK

### DISCUSSION

Rob van den Blink addressed the meeting on this item. The presentation can be found in the Presentation Booklet. Key themes, which affect most demographic groups, may include, but are not limited to; social cohesion and inclusion, mental health, suicide prevention, livable, connected and supported communities. This element of the Social Planning Framework would be informed by rigorous and in-depth research to further identify issues and interrelationships that may affect particular demographic groups.

The Social Planning Framework is also envisaged to deliver a future series of discrete plans that will address any issues identified under the Social Plan which are impacting any specific demographic groups (e.g. youth, seniors, people with disability, multicultural).

The exact format for the Social Planning Framework is yet to be decided and will be determined on the basis of initial research as well as advice from the SRG.

There are three key drivers for this project:

1. The need to respond to the community's vision of creating a more connected community as per the Community Strategic Plan (CSP)
2. The need to create a strong evidence base that can support prioritisation and decision-making at a strategic level
3. The need for a consistent approach and shared reference that can facilitate collaboration, conversations, and partnerships with the community, service providers, and key stakeholders

The members discussed the three key questions around the project:

1. What research should Council consider?
  - Other areas that have done a framework before and done it successfully
  - people with disability, including autism
  - social isolation.
2. What are some examples of successful case studies?
  - City of Sydney
  - Manly and Warringah Councils had Youth Strategies and Pittwater Council had a Discussion Paper, these should still be considered

- UNICEF Children's Report for the United Nations which contains insight into disadvantage youth.

3. What should be included / excluded (scope)?

- The Community Grants Program is very beneficial. Timelines could be improved to give a full financial year for expenditure, along with further community education
- Co-ordinate networks if you have similar organisations or community groups.

### **5.3 COMMUNITY CENTRE STRATEGY**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Caroline Psaltis addressed the meeting on this item. The presentation can be found in the Presentation Booklet.

Members discussed the following:

- The current Community Centres Policy is not completely outdated and could possibly be worked.
- Priority access criteria is very important although difficult to determine.
- Branding and marketing campaign is extremely important, there needs to be a one stop shop for users of community centres to communicate and connect.
- Signage makes community centres more accessible, recognisable and desirable.
- A more user friendly Community Centre Directory on Councils website would make it more accessible to hirers.
- Uniformed accessibility to equipment.
- Looked into other areas that can be used, potential to negotiate and integrate with other spaces.
- More clarity when referencing the word 'accessible', needs to encompass being both physically and equitably accessible.
- Clarity on bookings process, recognising historical bookings while understanding the need for equity of access.

### **5.4 2018 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SRG / KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2019**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Councillor Bingham acknowledged the groups many contributions throughout 2018 on various Council projects.

## 5.5 COMMUNITY AND BELONGING STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2019

### DISCUSSION

The 2019 Community and Belonging SRG meeting schedule is as follows:

Meeting	Meeting Date	Location
Community and Belonging	20 February	Councillors Room, Manly
Community and Belonging	22 May	Councillors Room, Manly
Community and Belonging	21 August	Councillors Room, Manly
Community and Belonging	30 October	Councillors Room, Manly

## 6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

**ACTION:** Grants Funding Process to be an agenda item at the 20 February SRG meeting.

**ACTION:** Live Music to be an agenda item at the 20 February SRG meeting.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
4.0	K Walshe to investigate if there is a higher quality map of the Coast Walk.	K Walshe	20/02/2019
6.0	Grants Funding Process to be an agenda item at the 20 February SRG meeting.	Governance	20/02/2019
6.0	Live Music to be an agenda item at the 20 February SRG meeting.	Governance	20/02/2019

*The meeting concluded at 8:04pm.*

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 6 pages numbered 1 to 6 of the Community & Belonging Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2018.