## Community and Belonging SRG CHARTER

Established: November 2017

#### Term:

Councillors: Appointment for 2 Years or until the election care taker period commences.

Community and Stakeholder Representatives: Appointment for 4 years including one year following council election.

**Function**: This Reference Group will consider goals and strategies contained within the Social Pillar; Community and Belonging (10-12) of the Community Strategic Plan. Items presented to the group during the term may include Art & Culture, Community Services, Target groups (youth, seniors, CALD) etc. The Group's clear focus will be on assisting strategic decision-making by Council.

#### Quorum and Voting

- The quorum for each meeting will be one half plus Chair or one of the elected Councillors.
- If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes within the commencement time of the meeting, the meeting shall become an informal meeting with no recommendations or decisions made.
- Strategic Reference Group meetings should have the intention of reaching consensus when endorsing items and recommendations.

#### Meetings:

- The Strategic Reference Groups are to meet quarterly (four (4) times) throughout the year with the possibility of two (2) extraordinary meetings which may be called by the Chair with a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice.
- The schedule of meeting dates and venues will be provided to the members in an agenda at least 7 days prior to the meeting

#### Reporting Procedures:

Minutes of meetings to be reported to Council

**Ex Officio Advisors**: Officers of Government and Statutory Corporations or other advisors as required.

Lead Council Officers: Executive Manager Community, Arts & Culture.

Business Units: Community, Arts & Culture.

#### Composition/Membership

The Chair is the Mayor or his nominated delegate. The following Council members will be appointed:

Mayor and up to 3 Councillors

The group will consist of up to twelve (12) members of the following Northern Beaches organisations, individuals and community groups:

- 7 representatives of organisations or individuals with expertise and experience in one or more of the following areas:
  - Arts and Culture organisation or group
  - Youth and Children organisation or group
  - Health and Mental Health association or group
  - Seniors association or group
  - Indigenous culture organisation or group
  - Disability association or group
  - Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)
  - Homelessness and Housing organisation or group
- 5 Community members or group representatives interested in representing a broad range of strategic views in this topic across the Northern Beaches including one youth representative (under 24) or delegate from Councils Youth Advisory Group (\* Ideally one member per ward).

#### Notes:

- All other Councillors are invited to attend and observe however the meeting is not open to the public.
- The group should include a balance of location, gender and area of expertise.

## Community Strategic Plan: Social Goals and Strategies

### Community and Belonging

## Goal 10 - Our community is stimulated through a diverse range of cultural and creative activities and events

Strategies:

- 10a. Support the arts and creative communities
- 10b. Expand cultural events and creative opportunities, including safe nightlife opportunities
- 10c. Provide more events and opportunities for young people to socialise.

# Goal 12 - Our community is friendly and supportive

12a. Support community groups and facilitate volunteer opportunities 12b. 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.

#### Goal 11 - Our community feels safe and supported Strategies:

- 11a. Promote social inclusion through neighbourhood programs and quality services
- 11b. Build stronger communities where neighbours know and support
- 11c. Promote health and wellbeing through fair access to information, health and support services