

MINUTES OF MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2023

- Present:** The Mayor, Councillor J Pettett (Chairperson)
Councillor, C Spencer (Deputy Chairperson) (Wahroonga Ward)
Dr Maria Amigo, Community Member
Sunminder Bains, Community Member
Indu Balachandran, Community Member
Young Byun, Community Member
Feilin Chan, Community Member
Hwa-Sur Hahn, Community Member
Anthony Pang, Community Member
Inga Rosenberg, Community Member
Karthika Sivarajan, Community Member
Jingni Shen, Community Member
- Staff Present:** Director Community, Janice Bevan
Manager Community Development, Danny Houseas
Community Development Officer, Leonie Endacott
- Others Present:** Councillor, G Taylor (Comenarra Ward)
- Apologies:** Councillor, A Taylor (Roseville Ward)
Councillor, K Wheatley (Wahroonga Ward)

The Meeting commenced at 6.00PM

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interest was declared.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

NOTING OF MINUTES

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Governance Information

File: S04141

Melinda Aitkenhead, Senior Governance Officer, Ku-ring-gai Council spoke to the Committee on policies and procedures related to Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest and Terms of Reference.

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Priorities and Future Directions

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A demographic overview was provided by Danny Houseas , Manager Community Development.

Feedback from Committee members on suggested actions by Ku-ring-gai Council that may increase cultural inclusion included:

- Provision of more cultural events e.g. Diwali, Moon Festival, Day of the Dead, to increase cross cultural understanding and acceptance and provide opportunities for young people to hear their ancestral language in settings other than the home.
- Council to promote Ku-ring-gai's cultural diversity and leverage the skills and knowledge of our culturally and linguistically diverse population.
- Provide information to migrant groups to educate them on the Australian political system and foster understanding of the different levels of government and functions of government departments.
- Provide a CALD specific Services Directory on Council's website, to include resources available to both immigrants and temporary visa holders.
- Council to create and share video stories of diverse members of the community, (celebrating their linguistic diversity, their accomplishments and challenges they have faced), to foster breadth in 'belonging' to the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee circulate a contact list amongst members for the purpose of internal consultation regarding matters pertaining to the Multicultural Advisory Committee.

MCAC2 **Future meeting agenda items and dates**

File: S04141

RECOMMENDATION:

The annual meeting schedule below to be circulated following the meeting.
Future meeting dates for 2023:

Tuesday 23rd May 2023
Tuesday 22nd August 2023
Tuesday 21st November 2023

All 10am - Council Chambers

OTHER BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 7.45pm.