

# Social Inclusion Advisory Committee Meeting Record 24 October 2019



Location:	Central Coast Council Gosford Office Level 1 Committee Room, 49 Mann Street, Gosford	
Date:	24 October 2019	
Time	Started at: 4.02pm	Closed at: 5.54pm
Chair	Councillor Kyle MacGregor	
File Ref	F2019/00090	

## **Present:**

Councillor Chris Holstein (arrived 4.11pm, left 5.12pm), Councillor Kyle MacGregor, Colette Baron, Bert Cotte (arrived 4.15pm), Jackie Klarkowski, Joshua Maxwell, Glitta Supernova, Deb Tipper

## **Council Staff present:**

Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Kerrie Forrest – Section Manager Community Planning and Services, Belinda McRobie – Team Leader Community and Cultural Programs, Celia Pennycook – Social Planner, Kelly Drover – Advisory Group Support Officer

## **Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and Apologies**

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Apologies received: Councillor Jillian Hogan, Julie Vaughan – Director Connected Communities

Councillor MacGregor welcomed the Advisory Group and completed an Acknowledgement of Country.

## **Item 2 Disclosure of Interest**

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No disclosures were received.

## **Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record**

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The Advisory Group confirmed the Meeting Record from 22 August 2019.

The Advisory Group discussed the Action Log.

## **Item 4 Council Events Feedback**

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Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) discussed Councils' *Planning Accessible Events Guide and Checklist* and making our events inclusive.

The recent event 'Coastal Twist' organised by Naughty Noodle is a great example of keeping local events inclusive of all people.

Inclusivity also needs to consider the timing and venue of events, sign interpreter, large font on the website or brochures and whether events are in walking distance to public transport.

The Advisory Group discussed the need for a centralised calendar for event organisers and the community to be able to access with upcoming events. Staff are working with the Tourism and Town Centre Advisory Groups to develop this.

**Action:** The Social Inclusion Advisory Group to be kept informed of the progress of a centralised event calendar.

It was suggested that any document that has the Council logo on it, including event flyers/brochures should have a reference to Acknowledgement to Country. It was also suggested that a link could be provided on Council's website or in the Planning Accessible Events guide, with examples of Acknowledgement of Country that people can use at events. This could also be incorporated into Event permits.

The Advisory Group expressed an interest in having a standardised Acknowledgement of Country included in Council events and Council documents including the website and Council spaces (e.g. Laycock Street Theatre).

**Action:** Connected Communities staff to look at incorporating an Acknowledgement of Country statement on all Council event flyers/brochures and that a standardised Acknowledgement of Country to be included in the *Planning Accessible Events Guide and Checklist*.

Bert Cotte provided the Advisory Group with an update on the work that Westfield have been doing with 'quiet hour'.

## **Item 5                      Who makes up our community?**

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Celia Pennycook (Social Planner) ran the Advisory Group through <https://profile.id.com.au/central-coast-nsw>

**Action:** Advisory Group Support Officer to provide log in details to Advisory Group Members.

## **Item 6                      Confirm Future Meeting Dates**

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The agenda for the 12 December 2019 meeting to include the following items:

- Draft Social Inclusion Policy - 45 minutes
- Economic Disadvantage (particularly in northern part of LGA, impact on social participation, travel/transport barriers, gendered nature of work, opportunities for advocacy) – 45 minutes

The agenda for the February 2020 meeting to include the following items:

- Libraries and childcare centres (how these services can be utilised)
- Broader community education
- Feedback from Innovation and Futures Reference Group
- Rainbow Community (LGBTIQ+ inclusivity in everyday considerations)

## **Item 7                    General Business and Close**

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No general business was discussed.

The meeting closed at 5.54pm

**Next Meeting:            Thursday 12 December 2019**  
**4pm – 6pm**  
**Central Coast Council Wyong Office**  
**Level 2 Committee Room**