

Status of Women Advisory Group Meeting Record 13 February 2019



Location:	Wyong Administration Building Level 2 Committee Room 2 Hely Street, Wyong
Date:	13 February 2019
Time	Started at: 10.23am Closed at: 12:07pm
Chair	Julie Vaughan – Director Connected Communities
File Ref	F2017/00176

Present

Councillor Chris Holstein, Councillor Doug Vincent, Christine Arnaldi, Margot Castles, Danielle Habib, Sally Jope, Sharon Walsh, Julie Vaughan – Director Connected Communities

Council Staff present:

Glenn Cannard – Unit Manager Community Partnerships, Aliesha Carreno – Community Development Worker, Zoie Magann – Advisory Group Support Officer

Item 1 Apologies

Councillor Jillian Hogan, Councillor Lisa Matthews, Councillor Jilly, Pilon, Sharryn Brownlee, Danielle Captain-Webb, Miranda Cashin, Courtney Jones, Belinda Kimpton

The Chairperson, Julie Vaughan, undertook an Acknowledgement of Country.

Action: Staff to check in with Danielle Captain-Webb about her availability to attend future meetings due to the importance of having an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander representative on the Advisory Group in accordance with Section C of the Terms of Reference.

Item 2 Disclosures of Interest

Sally Jope has a less-than significant pecuniary interest as a member of the Board of Directors for the Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre (CCCWHC). CCCWHC was nominated by Danielle Habib as a potential recipient of funds collected for donation as part of Council Staff's Casual Friday fundraising for charities.

Item 3 Confirmation of Previous Meeting Record

The Advisory Group reviewed the Meeting Record from 14 November 2018.

The Advisory Group reviewed the Action Log.

Item 4 Signage Strategy Feedback

Janine Crawford (Team Leader Marketing and Brand) provided the Advisory Group with a presentation on the draft Signage Strategy that is currently being developed by Council staff. The Advisory Group provided some feedback on the Strategy. Some comments were as follows:

- any images used on signage should be carefully considered as to not exclude any social groups
- images portraying people playing sports shouldn't just show males – could use group photos, or non-gender specific images such as a piece of equipment rather than a person
- consultation with Aboriginal community should take place

Item 5 Budget Update

Aliesha Carreno (Community Development Worker) provided the Advisory Group with an update on the budget allocated to SOWAG. It was noted there is \$16,707 remaining in the budget. The costs for the five Advisory Group members to attend the ALGWA Conference (as per Action 31) are yet to be debited from the budget, however there will still be a significant amount of funds left after this.

Item 6 Revision of Priorities

The Advisory Group noted the importance of using remaining budget funds for meaningful purchases and that future priorities would guide this.

Action: An informal meeting to be organised to discuss priorities for the group (attendance not compulsory). Julie Vaughan to talk with Councillor Lisa Matthews about potential dates – Zoie Magann to send out a notice once the date is decided.

Action: Invite Belinda McRobie (Social Planner) to the priorities discussion meeting for input.

Item 7 General Business and Close

Glenn Cannard (Unit Manager Community Partnerships) handed out a draft report completed by the Community Partnerships Unit titled 'Gender Indicators – Central Coast LGA' to the Advisory Group.

Action: Advisory Group members to forward any feedback on the report to Glenn Cannard or Aliesha Carreno.

Aliesha Carreno (Community Development Worker) talked about what is happening both internally and externally with regards to International Women's Day (IWD), which is 8 March 2019.

Internally: Funds raised from Council Staff's Casual Friday donations to be donated to two local charities focused on women. The charities are yet to be decided and staff are in the process of reviewing options.

Externally: Communications piece to advertise IWD events taking place on the Central Coast.

Danielle Habib suggested Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre (CCCWHC) as one of the potential recipients of the Casual Friday donations. It was noted that Sally Jope has connections with CCCWHC as a member of the Board of Directors (included in Disclosures).

Action: Aliesha Carreno to email Advisory Group members inviting suggestions for appropriate charities to donate the Casual Friday donations to. Advisory Group members should indicate their reason for nominating chosen charity when submitting. Aliesha advised nominations would need to be in by 18 February 2019 to be reviewed in time.

Action: Sally Jope to forward IWD Calendar of Events to Aliesha Carreno for including in the external communications piece.

The Advisory Group discussed hosting an event for IWD on 8 March 2019 with the below suggested details.

- When: 5pm – 7pm Friday 8 March 2019
- Where: Wyong Function Room (Council Administration Building)
- What: networking event with drinks/canapes and guest speakers
- Who: invite only – 50 guests (eg. representatives from local women's groups, State and Federal members, Councillors, Business Chamber members, media entities, Australia Day Awards recipients, women featured in top 20 of Express Advocate's Top 100 Most Influential People 2018)

Concerns were noted about the limited time available to plan such an event, and that a planning session would need to be held to refine details.

Action: An informal meeting to be held 11am – 12pm in Wyong on Wednesday 20 February to plan for an IWD event to be hosted by SOWAG on 8 March 2019.

Danielle Habib advised that the Central Coast White Ribbon Committee will be potentially changing their name.

The meeting closed at 12.07pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday 10 April 2019**
 10am – 12pm
 Central Coast Council Wyong Office
 Level 2 Committee Room