



Minutes Multicultural Committee

25 May 2022

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Wednesday, 25 May 2022
Time	6.00 - 7.30pm
Venue	1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough Online
Chair/Facilitator	Cr Fiona Mitsinikos
Minutes	Lisa King

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

"Our meeting is being held on the Traditional Land of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and, on behalf of Banyule City Council, I wish to acknowledge them as the Traditional Custodians. I would also like to pay my respects to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders, past, present and emerging, and to acknowledge other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders joining us today."

Inclusive Banyule Statement

"Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community."

Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Jeyarajah (Raj) Ramanathan	Community member
Louisa Ong	Community member
Naaz Fahmida	Community member
Susan Zhou	Community member
Baljit Singh	Community member
Ginger (Lan) Jiang	Community member
Samira Liban	Community member
Mandira Panday	Community member
Ansum Sadik	Victoria Police
Suzanne Crenlin	Olympic Adult Education

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Linda Liwewe	Community member
Albert Fatileh	Victoria Police

Items

1. Introduction

Acknowledgement of traditional custodians
Diversity Statement

2. Standing Agenda Items

Data Report

The multicultural data report was tabled with members of the committee. The Community Impact team is currently undertaking research and developing data reports for 10 identified population groups.

The committee held a discussion around some specific issues they have identified within their communities. These comments have been noted and will be included in the Inclusive Banyule consultation and other relevant Council staff.

Inclusive Banyule

The presentation from the meeting is attached.

Inclusive Banyule will replace the previous Inclusion Access and Equity framework and will take intersectional approach. Inclusive Banyule will focus on equity, access, participation and human rights.

Consultation around the Inclusive Banyule will continue until 21 June 2022, this will test our thinking and priority setting to ensure the plan is representative.

3. Consultation Opportunities

The committee was only able to discuss two of the six proposed consultation questions due to time constraints. Member of the Committee are invited to complete the survey through Shaping Banyule which will be collecting the same information <https://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/INCLUSIVE>

The committee discussed what does inclusion mean to them and the six identified priorities. The details of this discussion will be added to other data collected as part of the consultation.

4. Council Updates

Vaccine mandates removed

All Council facilities, services and programs are now open, there are no vaccination requirements to access these.

The Women's Only Swim Night

The women's only swim night was held on 7 May 2022. The committee discussed how this event could be promoted in the community to raise the awareness and increase attendance for future events. Feedback from this discussion will be passed onto the Youth Services Team

5. General Business

Calendar of Significant Days

Action

Lisa King to develop a survey for Multicultural Community members to help prioritise which dates of religious and cultural significance will be acknowledged and celebrated at Council.

Refugee Week

Refugee Week runs from 19-25th June 2022. It aims to raise awareness of issues affecting refugees, promote harmony and togetherness and to celebrate refugees.

Council will host a public event on Wednesday 22 June starting at 7pm. This will include a guest speaker from Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, a participant from the Inclusive Employment Program, member of the Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group (TBC) and a performance from a local Somali-Australian spoken word poet.

A member of the committee nominated to speak to at the meeting and will be supported by Council.

Action

The committee suggested extending the invitation to members of state and federal members of government.

Meeting Structure

Hybrid meetings will continue going forward and members will have the choice to attend in person or online.

Members are invited to attend early if they wish to network with other members of the committee.

6. Close and date of next meeting

Wednesday 22 June

5.30 – 6.45pm – this meeting will start earlier to allow members of the multicultural committee to attend the Refugee Week event.