



Minutes Multicultural Committee

19 October 2022

Meeting details

Date of meeting Wednesday, 19 October 2022

Time 6.00 – 7.30pm

Venue Online

Chair/Facilitator Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

Minutes Lisa King

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as Traditional Custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region’s history.”

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
Susan Zhou	Community member
Baljit Singh	Community member
Albert Fatileh	Victoria Police
Cr Fiona Mitsinikos	Banyule City Council
Jo Wilson	Banyule City Council
Laura Mannix	Banyule City Council
Sherryn Prinzi	Banyule City Council

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Linda Liwewe	Community member
Naaz Fahmida	Community member
Ginger (Lan) Jiang	Community member
Samira Liban	Community member
Mandira Panday	Community member

Items

1. Introduction

Acknowledgement of traditional custodians
Diversity Statement

Due to reduced attendance, a quorum was not reached and therefore this meeting will not be recorded as an official committee meeting.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

No action arising.

3. Standing agenda items

Updates from LGBTIQ+ and Disability and Inclusion Committee

LGBTIQ+ Committee summary:

- Finding the Rainbow in the North Project identifies places in the community that are identified as safe for LGBTIQ+ communities. These locations are then mapped, and the map made available on Council's website
- Exploring a memorial to those lost to discrimination in the north

Disability Committee summary:

- Discussing and providing feedback on the Disability Inclusion Bill 2022 Exposure Draft
- Feasibility study into the establishment of an Inclusion Website for Banyule

Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee

An overview of the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee purpose and membership was outlined.

The Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee provides a formal mechanism for Council to consult and engage with key stakeholders, seek strategic advice, enable community participation in advocacy, partnership and strategic advice to assist with the development and implementation of Inclusive Banyule.

Action

Lisa King invites members of the Multicultural Committee to express interest in joining the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee. Please contact Lisa to discuss your interest.

Information sharing from committee members

Members of the Committee identified issues relevant to Banyule's multicultural community:

- Racism and discrimination
- The importance of understanding other cultures, bringing members of different communities, backgrounds, and faiths together to share and learn. Opportunities for cultural exchanges
- The use of social media to understand the political situation in home country.

Action

Lisa King to undertake an environmental scan to identify what is occurring locally to address racism and discrimination

Key Projects

Days of Significance and Fact Sheets

The dates for a number of religious and cultural days of significance change every year for example Chinese New Year, Ramadan and Eid.

- Chinese New Year is Jan 22nd 2023 – the date changes each year
- Lantern Festival February 5th 2023 – biggest festival in China
- Include the Orthodox and Coptic dates for Easter and Christmas

Website Accessibility

Discussion

Within the Cultural Diversity Tab of Banyule City Council's website, the following was identified to be added:

- A calendar which outlines what is happening each month, eg. cultural or religious days of significance, local events
- Details on how members of the community can get involved and participate in local events or opportunities
- Directory of multicultural community groups or organisations in the area

4. New business 7.00 – 7.15pm – Laura Mannix

2022 Census data presentation

As noted in Briefing Paper

5. Any other business 7.15 – 7.30pm – Cr Fiona Mitsinikos and Laura Mannix

Council Updates

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) - see Briefing Note

Action

Lisa King to send an email to ask for feedback from the broader committee

During the Council Meeting 26 September Cr Garotti raised a general business item expressing support for Iranian people in their pursuit for freedom, peace and human rights following the murder of 22-year-old Iranian woman, Mahsa Amini.

A weekly women's only swimming evening will commence from 21 October at Olympic Leisure Centre. Member of the committee are invited to promote the event with members of their community.

Member of the committee are invited to participate in the Urban Food Strategy consultation.

Opportunities for consultation include:

Community Survey <https://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/UrbanFood>

Community pop up sessions:

- Sunday 6 November 2022 09:00 am – 11:00 am, Eltham Farmers Market
- Sunday 6 November 2022 12:00 pm – 02:00 pm, Eco Festival, Petrie Park, Montmorency

6. Meeting close

Next meeting – 7 December 2022

The meeting will be held at:

1 Flintoff Street, Greensborough, Level 4, Griffin meeting room

Members are welcome to join online