

MIN NO **MINUTES OF THE LOCAL INDIGENOUS, MULTICULTURAL AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF ASHFIELD COUNCIL, HELD ON LEVEL 6, CIVIC CENTRE, 260 LIVERPOOL ROAD, ASHFIELD ON MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2011, COMMENCING AT 6:30 PM.**

PRESENT Councillor Rerceretnam in the Chair, Morrie Jenkins, Angela Lee, Lou Bachiella, Anna Kerr, Susie Schio, Paddy Gibson, Barry Wright, Dong Dong Yang, Eugene Zheng Tao, Gerard Howard (Manager Community Services, Ashfield Council), Cathy Gao (Community Harmony Worker, Ashfield Council)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY

"Let us acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the members and elders of the local Aboriginal community have been custodians for many centuries, and on which Aboriginal people have performed age old ceremonies. We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region."

APOLOGIES Raymond Arraj, Maria Cheng(CASS)

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were made.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: Rercertnam/Schio

The minutes of the Local Indigenous, Multicultural Ethnic and Ethnic Affairs Committee Meeting held on 17th August 2011 be confirmed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Income Management Program

RECOMMENDATION: Rercertnam/Schio

That a report regarding the Income Management program be provided to Council including the possibility of it being expanded beyond Bankstown and the likely impact if it is introduced in Ashfield.

That the report also include comment on the likely impact on local small business if the scheme is introduced in Ashfield.

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STAFF REPORTS

UPDATE ON MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE LOCAL INDIGENOUS,
MULTICULTURAL AND ETHNIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. Gerard
Howard - Manager Community Services. Report Submitted.

(23/11/11)

Community - Ethnic issues

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LMC 14.1 Attached

RECOMMENDATION

Kerr/Schio

- 1/5 That the Metro MRC be represented on Council's Local Indigenous, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Committee.**
- 2/5 That early in 2012, Council and the Metro MRC work together to identify local service needs, including ways to fund a weekly English Conversation program in the Ashfield Civic Centre.**
- 3/5 That Council note the needs being identified through the Settlement Grants Program operating in Ashfield.**
- 4/5 That Council look at ways to extend the role of the Community Harmony Worker to a five day per week position.**
- 5/5 That Council acknowledge the success of the Ashfield English Conversation program and the contribution made by the Volunteers.**

GENERAL BUSINESS

Lunar New Year

RECOMMENDATION

Schio/Kerr

That Council allocate additional hours, equivalent to two working days, to assist with Lunar New Year shopfront celebrations in Ashfield.

Membership

RECOMMENDATION

Recertnam/Kerr

That Mr Dong Dong Yang, representing the Ashfield Chinese Business Association, be nominated to join the Local Indigenous, Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Committee.

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PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 8.30PM

Chairperson of meeting of Local Indigenous, Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Committee
when the Minutes were confirmed

Chairperson

Date