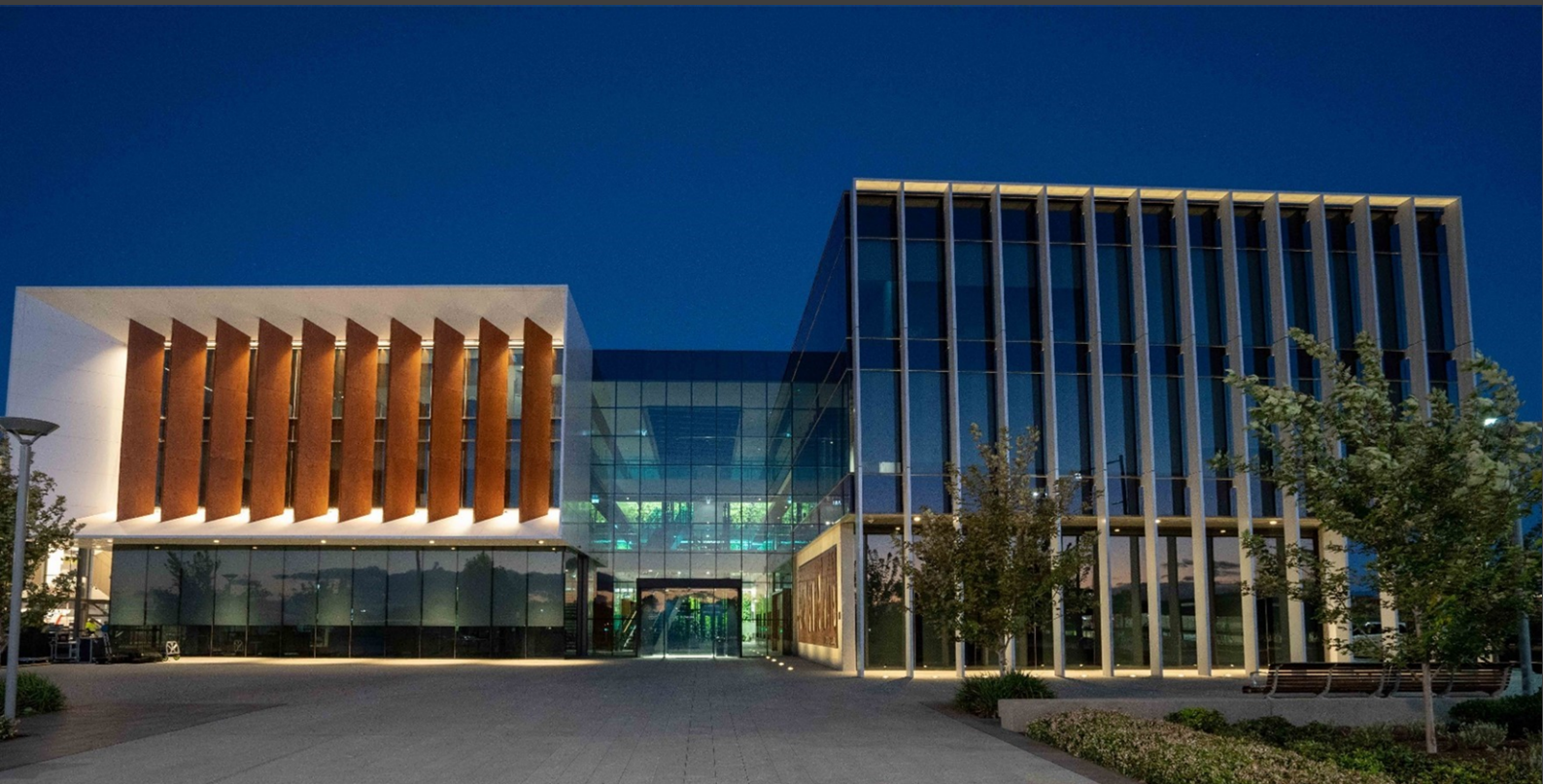


Minutes

Cohesive Communities Reference Group Meeting

Camden Council
Administration Centre
70 Central Avenue, Oran Park – Online

16 August, 2022



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MEETING COMMENCED AT 2.10PM

PRESENT

Cristian Soto Hernandez, Denise Tsoukalas – Kolevri, Ehsan Vossough, Eliza Tumpa Monica Rose, Nafiza Buksh, Rosemary Kariuki, Sana Al-Ahmar, Syed Samnan, Melody Chime, Val Moskvitch

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Camden Council's Lisa Grimson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Val Moskvitch delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Janice Low

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

No previous minutes circulated.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil / That the business arising be noted.

1. Appointment of the Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson

There was a recommendation from Rosemary that Cristian Soto Hernandez be appointed as Chairperson. Val Moskvitch nominated as Alternate Chairperson. The recommendation was carried unanimously by the Group, with all in favour.

Action Items:

Cristian Soto Hernandez appointed Chairperson

Val Moskvitch appointed Alternate Chairperson.

2. Introductions and welcome

As this was the first meeting for the newly appointed group. Members engaged in a meet and greet session

3. REPORT TITLE

Terms of Reference

The terms of Reference were presented to the Group and objectives to be incorporated into the TOR's were discussed.

Action Items:

Lisa will incorporate the objectives in draft TOR document and refer to Council for approval.

4. FORWARD MEETING PLAN

A forward meeting plan was presented at the meeting noting a Cohesive Communities Reference Group meeting on the third Thursday on each month. It was noted meetings will be in person at the Lakeside Room at Oran Park Library or virtual on the Teams platform, this will be advised one week prior to each meeting.

Action Items:

Lisa will update this accordingly and provided the updated version to the minutes.

5. FUTURE PROJECT AND ACTIVITY PLANNING

There was general discussion around potential projects and activities. This included discussing:

- Awareness raising campaigns including forums and information sessions about social inclusion and marginalised groups
- Initiatives for connecting with isolated residents
- Ongoing activities for community connections to celebrate diversity and socially connect including play groups, bbq's, community events and programs

There was a lengthy discussion around these points and a decision was made to focus on Social Inclusion week at this stage. It was agreed that a project scope and plan be developed for further group input.

Action Items:

Lisa will develop a Social Inclusion Week (November) project scope and action plan for group distribution prior to next meeting for feedback.

MEETING CLOSED AT 8PM.

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