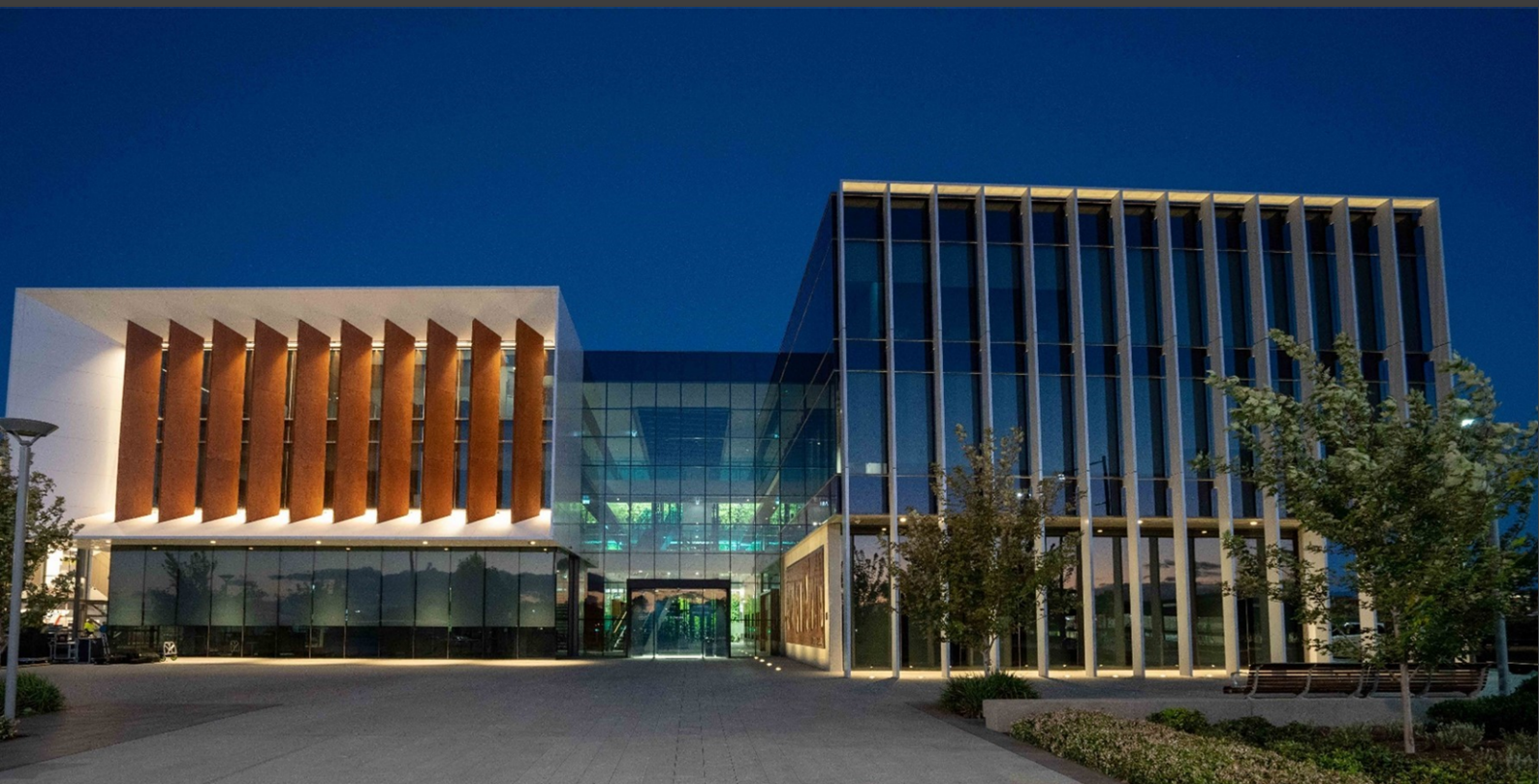


# Minutes

## Cohesive Communities Reference Group Meeting

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

January 17, 2023



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## **MEETING COMMENCED AT 6:30PM**

### **PRESENT**

Nafiza Buksh, Syed Samnan, Melody Chime, Val Moskvitch

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Camden Council's Lisa Grimson, Aaron Galway, Stephanie Georgy

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Val Moskvitch delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

### **APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCES**

Cristian Sotohernandez, Ehsan Vossough

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Previous minutes circulated.

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil / That the business arising be noted.

#### **1. Introductions and welcome**

Aaron & Stephanie introduced to the Cohesive group.

#### **2. FUTURE PROJECT AND ACTIVITY PLANNING**

There was general discussion around planning future projects and activities based on the social inclusion and cultural diversity in the Camden LGA.

- Multicultural March & Harmony Week. Discussion of the Multicultural March program for 2023. Provided the Draft Project Plan.
- Camden Cultures Concert & Dinner Friday 17 March 2023 – Julia Reserve Community Centre.
- Harmony Day BBQ – Tuesday 21 March 2023 – Dawson Damer Park Oran Park.

#### **Camden Cultures Concert & Dinner**

There was a lengthy discussion around the Community Projects for Multicultural March 2023. Discussion on the proposed concert & agreed that the Cohesives will provide contact details for proposed performs for the Cultures Concert. Information was provided that the dinner will be catered by the Camden Civic Centre. The bookings for the event will be allowed a maximum of 4 tickets per email and the person booking the event is to be a Camden residents. The need for an internal MC from the Cohesive group.

## **Harmony Day BBQ**

Discussed the Harmony Day BBQ which was initially planned for 23 March 2023. Consideration was made to move the date 21 March 2023 due to Ramadan starting on 22 March. Val advised he will contact the Lions Club to organise the BBQ and provide costings for the event.

## **Action Items:**

Agreed the cohesive group will send through potential performers for the event. A deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> February to ensure we can allocate performers. Agreed on cohesives and council supporting the guests attending to wear traditional/cultural attire. Cohesive group supported the possibility to have a best dressed prize.

Group agreed on moving the BBQ date to best accommodate the Muslim community to feel included due to Ramadan starting on 22 March. Agreed on chicken and vegetarian options to accommodate dietary requirements.

## **Social Inclusion Week**

Group discussed initiatives to promote Social Inclusion and the activities that have been organized.

## **Action Items**

Lisa to send Social Inclusion Week link, flyers and Askaway video link to group for promotion and participation

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8PM.**