

**MINUTES** 

## People Strategic Reference Group

Date: Wednesday 13 September 2023

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers / Boardroom (Shire Hall) and via MS Teams

Members	Present	Apology
Councillor Suzy Brandstater (Chair)	~	
Councillor Beverley Spearpoint (Deputy Chair) - online	~	
Caroline Argent, Director Customer and Corporate Services	~	
Michelle Sheehan, Manager Community Services		~
Matt Gould, Mayor		
Greg Duffy - online	~	
Lisa Richardson		~
Hugh Gent - online	~	
Kazan Brown - online	~	
Elizabeth Gunter	~	
James Johnson	~	
Edward Stunnell	~	
Michael O'Shaw		~
Karen Fist - online	~	

Guests	Present	Apology
Vickie Tierney – Community Projects Officer (Minute Taker)	✓	

Ite	em	Кеу	Agreed
		Speaker (s)	Actions/Recommendations
1.	Acknowledgement of country	Chair	Nil
2.	Attendance and apologies	Chair	Noted
	As noted above		
3.	Disclosure of interests	Chair	Nil
4.	Confirmation of previous minutes	Chair	Elizabeth moved Edward seconded
5.	Reports, minutes or Actions from previous meetings	Chair	RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

AD	OVISORY GROUP	MATTERS REFERRED TO SRG		Write to State/Federal Government Ministers to
٧a	uth	Nil		advocate for better service
	digenous Culture &	Nil		delivery for home support,
	eritage	NII		allied health and transport
Dis	sability Access &	Write to State/Federal		for seniors in the Northern
Inc	clusion	Government Ministers		Villages of Wollondilly.
		to advocate for better		
		service delivery for		
		home support, allied		
		health and transport for		
		seniors in the Northern		
		Villages of Wollondilly.		
	Presentations		Chair	Nil
•	Projects of Interest		Chair	
.1	Domestic Violence Cou	uncil initiated project – DV Safe		
	ne Box			
5				ACTION: MS to request
	Update on success of p	program provided		Council staff return the full
	Bin is now full of phon	es		box and order a new phone
	Staff to post box off to			box to continue the program
	•	ed having a new box and carry		
		mes seconded the motion		
	Carried by committee	members		
.2	Workshop future proje	ects, programs or initiatives		
lriv	en by the SRG Membe	ers		
	Discussion was had on	future projects and initiatives,		
	with a reference to are	eas identified as priorities for the		
	committee such as sup	oporting access to transport,		ACTION: Council teams to
		cess to arts and culture activities		consider
		transport opportunities for		funding/sponsorship
		of Picton to access events such as		opportunities for shuttle bus
				services to run at large scale
	•	at options for Council to		C C
	support due to the lac			events.
	People SRG moved a n	notion for Council to investigate		
	funding/sponsorship for	or shuttle bus services for key		
	council events such as	Illuminate, Australia Day &		
	Festival of Steam.			
	Action List		All	
·.	Action List Homelessness Sleep O	ut	All	
8. 8.1	Homelessness Sleep O	<b>ut</b> til next People SRG Meeting	All	ACTION: MS to include in nev agenda
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<ul> <li>People SRG moved a motion to invite Stephen Gardiner, Manager Sustainable Growth to the next People SRG to discuss Affordable Housing and give committee better understanding of the planning system to support advocating for affordable housing and homelessness supports such as refuges.</li> </ul>	ACTION: MS to invite Manager Sustainable Growth to next People SRG.
Greg Duffy, Community Links:	
<ul> <li>Greg suggested to invite Caroline Doherty from Argyle Housing to an upcoming SRG.</li> <li>Questions were raised in relation to the storage of furniture for people who have something to give away to someone who is homeless. Vickie and Greg spoke about the organisation 'Giveit' and suggested an invite to an upcoming SRG.</li> </ul>	ACTION: MS to look at arranging future presentations from Argyle Housing & Giveit.
Edward raised questions in relation to Illuminate	
Question: Can local groups utilize these events to advertise their community service groups?	
Answer: Yes, Community Organisations are invited to become a stallholder.	
Question: Does Council advertise local community services at their Council stand?	
Answer: During Illuminate the Council Stall is utilised to provide Council Information in relation to upcoming community service activities, Library, Environment and Tourism. If a resident were to ask for more information about local service provision, staff would take their details and ensure follow up with the most appropriate staff to support them to connect with the right organisations.	
Question: What extent does Council liaise with local business who might be impacted during the event.	
Answer: Council is obligated to send notifications to all local businesses. Businesses are encouraged to stay open for longer hours and participate in lighting up their business as part of the activities during Illuminate. If a local business closes during Illuminate, that is the decision of the business.	
9. General Business	
Cr Suzy Brandstater-	
<ul> <li>Cr Brandstater informed the People SRG that she and Cr Judy Hannan had put forward a Notion of</li> </ul>	

	Motion Looking at animal shelters and asking	
	Council to investigate the feasibility of	
	reintroducing the volunteer program.	
	<ul> <li>Discussion from People SRG members were</li> </ul>	
	supportive of the motion and suggested things to	
	consider would be: vocational opportunities to	
	work at the animal shelter, consideration of Work	
	Health and Safety Laws and policies and the age	
	and size of the current facility need to be	
	considered	
Hug	h Gent shared some observations of this recent visit	
-	he new Blacktown animal care facility-	ACTION: Information to be
		shared with local animal
	<ul> <li>It is a brand-new state of the art facility</li> </ul>	shelter.
	- The facility can support homeless people with dogs	
	with the support of community group, Hawksbury	
	help hound	
	- Hugh Gent is the chair of the organisation, Royal	
	NSW Canine Council Health & Welfare Charity.	
	<ul> <li>Hugh would be happy to share this information</li> </ul>	
	with the animal care facility for anyone	
	surrendering at the local pound	
Kaza	an Brown raised concerns about female period	
	erty in Wollondilly-	
		ACTION: Council staff to
-	Blue Mountains Council provides free sanitary	investigate the provision of
	products in Council facilities and public toilets.	free sanitary products in
	Vickie shared that Council support the charity 'Share	Council facilities to address
	the Dignity' each year. This supplies period and	
	hygiene products to a charity to distribute.	female period poverty.
	People SRG moved a motion to ask Council to	- MS to speak to Waste &
	investigate the provision of free sanitary products in	Environment to seek
	Council facilities.	
Kaz	an Brown reflected on the mass held in Yerranderie-	funding for a sustainable
ΝdΖ	an brown renected on the mass held in terranderie-	solution & update SRG at the next meeting
	It was a community effort and deserves recognition to	
	everyone involved.	
	The mayor drove priests from Wollongong to	
	Yerranderie	
-	It was lovely and a pleasure to part of the mass.	