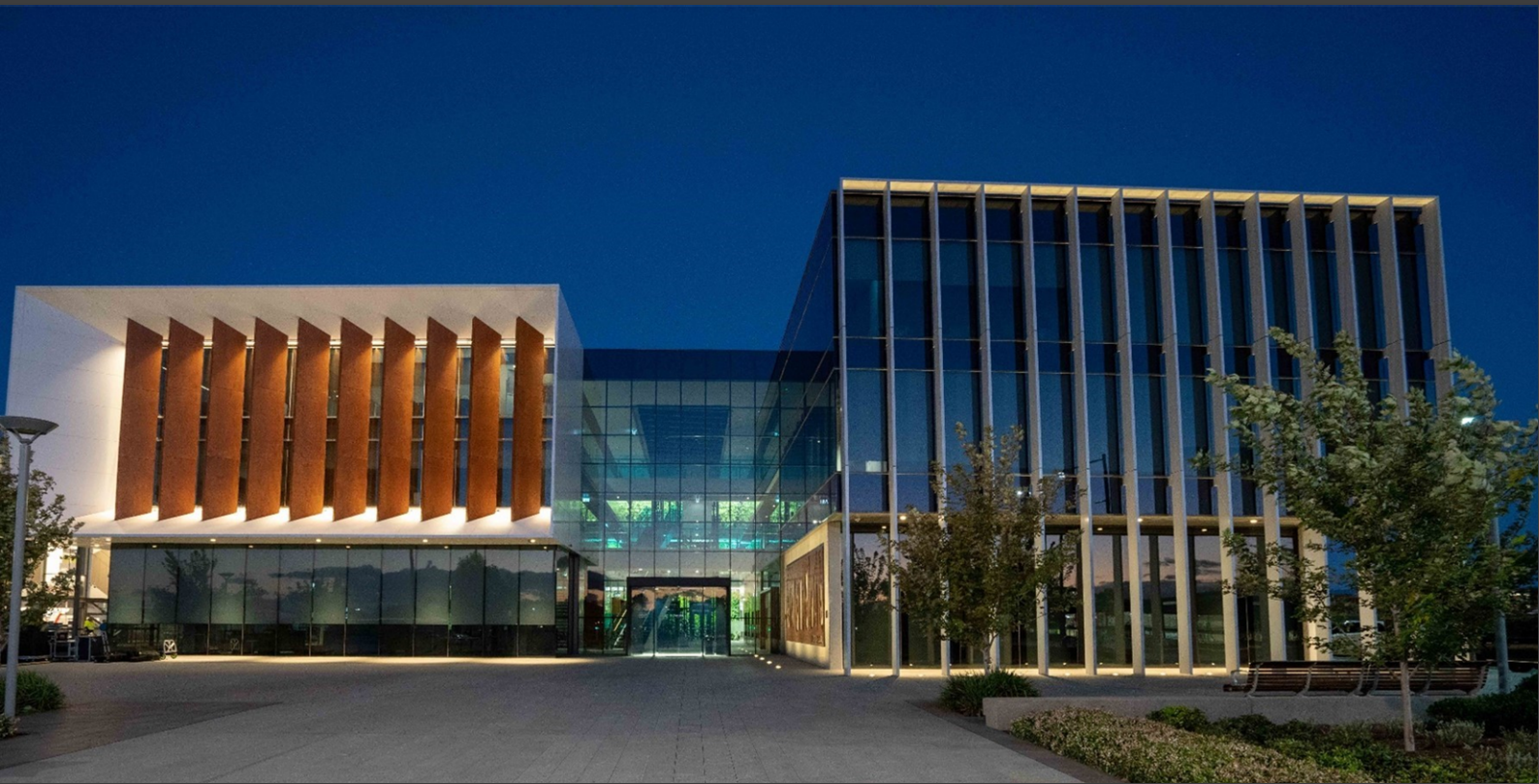


# Minutes

Cohesive Communities Reference Group  
Meeting  
Camden Council  
Administration Centre  
70 Central Avenue, Oran Park

August 15, 2023



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

### **PRESENT**

Val Moskvitch, Syed Samnan, Sana Al-Ahmar, Rosemary Kariuki-Fyfe, Nafiza Buksh (online), Ehsan Vossough (online)

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Camden Council's Huss Dehaine and Stephanie Georgy

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Val Moskvitch delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

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

Denise Tsoukalas-Kolevri, Melody Chime, Cristian Soto Hernandez, Eliza Tumpa, Cr Usha Dommaraju

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Previous minutes circulated.

### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil / That the business arising be noted.

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

Nil

#### **2. Code of Conduct Training**

A reminder was issued to all members that Code of Conduct training will need to be completed. Those who are yet to complete the training will be scheduled in for a future date.

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

The discussion continued around planning future projects and activities based on the social inclusion and cultural diversity in the Camden LGA.

Social Inclusion Week (18/11 – 26/11) – The Group agreed that an event should be delivered during Social Inclusion Week and have agreed to send through their individual ideas for the group to ensure they can deliver an activity for the community.

## **Action Items:**

Each member from the reference group will share their ideas for a Social Inclusion week event/ events following the meeting and the group to decide on what to be held to suit our community.

## **Community BBQ's**

There was a discussion regarding the upcoming Community BBQ at Burrell Road Park – Spring Farm.

Discussed how the evening will operate, roles and responsibilities, confirmed attendees and the outcome the group is aiming to achieve.

The group agreed that it is important they connect with the community and showcase the work this reference group is doing.

## **Action Items**

Volunteers to attend on the day and support the delivery of the community BBQ.  
Promote the work of the Cohesive Communities Reference Group to try and attract more volunteers

## **Round table community meeting**

The group discussed the importance of supporting the diverse communities living in Camden. The group agreed that they all should be in attendance to advocate for community needs.

Discussed date, time and location, and the group have been given a flyer to share with community organisations/ networks

## **Action Items**

All those wanting to attend to RSVP for the event by September 07  
Members from the reference group to share this meeting invitation with the sector.

## **Passion Pieces**

There was a discussion around altering the model of the group and potentially categorising the reference group into 3 areas to work to individuals strengths and help increase group participation.

The group had a mixed response and could not come to a final decision.

## **Action Items**

This will be an ongoing discussion and the group will continue to think about best practice on how they'd like this group to operate.

Group to discuss with missing members and propose suggestions at next meeting.

## **General Business**

Group discussed activities that have been run in the past and the success of these. The group reflected on how crucial their roles are and the importance of promoting this within the community.

The group agreed hybrid component will be successful moving forward.

Next meeting on 19 September

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8PM.**