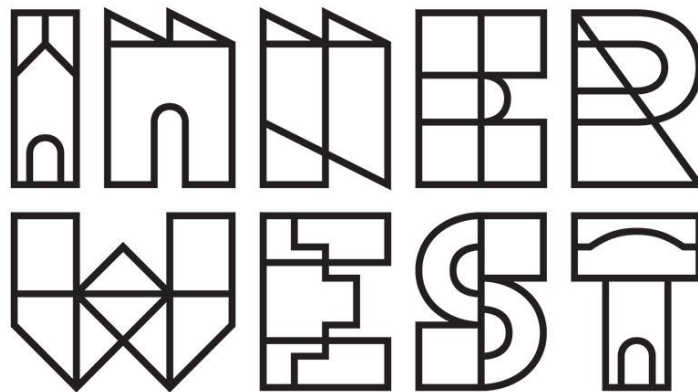


SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA 1

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COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2023

6.30pm

Location Ashfield Service Centre, 260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield

MEETING AGENDA – PRECIS SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

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Item No: C0423(1) Item 39
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: WAR MEMORIALS IN THE INNER WEST
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

1. That Council work with the Returned & Services League of Australia to compile a complete list of soldiers who died in the First World War from local communities in the Inner West.
 2. That Council receive a report on how the full list of fallen soldiers can be properly commemorated at war memorial sites.
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Background

The War Memorial at Loyalty Square in Balmain is famous as the first War memorial in Australia to have been established by community fundraising. Unfortunately, not all of the soldiers from the Balmain community who died in the First World War are listed at that memorial.

There may also be other war memorials across the Inner West at which the list of fallen soldiers is not complete.

There is a role for Council to work with the Returned & Services League of Australia and other relevant organisations to investigate and compile complete lists of fallen soldiers and to seek to establish an appropriate commemoration of all soldiers who died.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

Item No: C0423(1) Item 40
Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE: CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM ON THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART
From: The Mayor, Councillor Darcy Byrne

MOTION

- 1. That Council write to the Walking Together trainers and the Sydney Alliance to thank them for their collaboration in training 1100 citizens to be advocates for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.**
 - 2. That Council write to all the participants who registered for and completed to the training to thank them for their involvement and encourage them to support further**
 - 3. That Council convene a follow up workshop for all participants who have completed the train the trainer (second workshop) to plan for how they will use the knowledge and skills they have acquired to build awareness of the Uluru Statement and the upcoming referendum in civic society organisations.**
 - 4. That Council write to all councils across Australia updating them about the success of the *Walking Together* training and encouraging them to undertake similar civic education training themselves in the lead up to the Referendum.**
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Background

In September last year Council resolved to undertake a civic education program to build awareness of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the upcoming referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Islander Voice to Parliament.

Following this, Council partnered with the Sydney Alliance and the *Walking Together* program, which had been facilitated previously through Youth of the Streets, by trainers Jacqui Parker and Nicole Laupepato, to undertake a series of training workshops.

More than 1400 people have volunteered for the training since Council opened registrations and 1100 citizens have been trained as at March 2023.

The training program has attracted interest from Councils and civic society organisations across Australia. 41 Mayors have put their names to a public statement committing themselves to support civic education on the issue in their communities.

Training was delivered over 18 sessions from December 2022 to March 2023. Evaluation of the training demonstrated very high levels of satisfaction:

- 90% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that: *The Walking Together training has reinforced my intention to volunteer to speak with people about the Uluru Statement from the Heart*
- 90% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that: *The Walking Together training has been a positive experience and I'd recommend it to anyone else considering taking part.*

Comments from participants in the evaluations included:

Comment 1:

“This has been one of the most well organised, easy to access, rewarding and inspiring workshops I have attended. It was so moving, the facilitators personalise the experience into a very moving and powerful experience. At the same time, it is so practical. I can't believe they have been doing this for 4 and a half years. They bring their all to it. And the Inner West Council is commendable. What a role model for the country.”

Comment 2:

“As an Aboriginal person facing cultural lean in the lead up to the referendum I gained the confidence to practise formulating short statements that packed a punch without triggering personal story, trauma and negative feelings of futility, anger and hopelessness. I felt supported by the non-Aboriginal Australians who sat and welcomed me at their table, sharing the why. This training has helped me shine a light on the positive and imagine the transformations necessary to walk together, world together and work together for a Reconciled community through constitutional reform.”

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.