

MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2026(01)

23 MARCH 2026

REPORT

COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Pye Augustine (Chairperson); Councillors Jacob Madsen (Deputy Chairperson), David Martin and Jim Madden (Observer)

COUNCILLOR'S APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marnie Doyle and Councillor Andrew Antonioli

OFFICERS' ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer (Sonia Cooper), General Manager Environment and Sustainability (Kaye Cavanagh), Manager, Marketing and Promotions (Carly Gregory) and Community and Sport Manager (Melissa Dower)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Councillor Pye Augustine (Chairperson) delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NO. 2025(04) OF 28 OCTOBER 2025**

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Multicultural Advisory Committee held on 28 October 2025 be confirmed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

At this stage of the meeting the members agreed to consider Item 3 prior to Item 2.

3. *****EXTERNAL BOARD/WORKING GROUP**

Verbal report from Community and Sport Manager.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the equivalent arrangements for Toowoomba Regional Council where the Advisory Committee has external members. The committee discussed the inclusion of external members from public sectors and the community on council's advisory committee.

Councillor Jim Madden (Observer) arrived at the meeting at 2.37 pm.

*****RECOMMENDATION**

- A. That the verbal report on an external board/working group be noted.**
- B. That the terms of reference for the Multicultural Advisory Committee be updated to allow external representatives to join and that the membership of the committee include up to five (5) external members on a fixed term basis.**
- C. That an expression of interest be drafted that incorporates criteria for membership of the committee.**

2. **MULTICULTURAL/UNITY FESTIVAL EVENTS**

Verbal report from Manager, Marketing and Promotions.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the proposal for a council supported multicultural event in the multicultural month of August within the Nicholas Street Precinct.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal report on a Multicultural/Unity Festival Event be noted.

Councillor David Martin left the meeting at 3.01 pm.

When Councillor David Martin left the meeting, it was noted that there was a loss of quorum with only two members remaining.

Item 4 was discussed but no recommendation made.

4. WASTE COLLECTION AND CONTAMINATION IN CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES

Verbal report from General Manager, Environment and Sustainability.

DISCUSSION

The committee discussed the contamination rates of waste in recycle bins and garden organics bins in culturally diverse communities in Ipswich, and how to improve on communication to better educate residents of these communities to lower the contamination rate.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be advised.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION (within the purpose and scope of the committee)

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS AND FORMAL MATTERS

The meeting commenced at 2.32 pm.

The meeting closed at 3.14 pm.

*** Amended Council Ordinary Meeting of 30 April 2026