

## 11.6. P&P - 24/07/2023 - LATE REPORT - Womens' Advisory Committee Minutes 11 July 2023

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### Reference

Min 23 –37 Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 February 2023

### Summary

The minutes for the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11 July 2023 are presented for Council's consideration.

### Commentary

The following matters were discussed at the meeting:

#### **Women's Advisory Committee Functioning and Terms of Reference**

In view of low attendance at recently scheduled meetings, committee members were asked to familiarise themselves with the Terms of Reference and to review and recommend their update, if needed.

Committee members were also asked to reflect on their views about the committee and bring these forward for discussion as to opportunities for improvement.

Those present reaffirmed their commitment and acknowledged that they would like to learn more about women's issues.

Absent members of the WAC will be contacted and requested to ratify their commitment to the Committee with discussion about the opportunities of improvement to be continued.

#### **Women's Issues in Lithgow LGA (Local Government Area)**

A brief discussion was facilitated on the the Status of Women Report Card (published by the Australian Government), and its relevance for women in the Lithgow LGA and how these issues might inform the work of the committee.

The group identified the absence of expert members on the Committee and discussed the possibility of inviting representatives from organisations working with women and school representatives. The Committee requested that Council consider the design of a status of women report card for Lithgow.

#### **Opportunities for Women in Lithgow**

The committee was provided with the NSW Government Women's Strategy to identify opportunities for actively encouraging the full and equal participation of Lithgow women and girls in economic and community life.

Targeted priorities of the Women's Strategy based on consultations with women across NSW are:

- Economic opportunity and advancement
- Health and wellbeing
- Participation and empowerment

Those present discussed using this framework to inform the work of the Committee.

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### **Policy Implications**

Nil

### **Financial Implications**

- Budget approved - N/A
- Cost centre - N/A
- Expended to date - N/A
- Future potential impact – N/A

### **Legal and Risk Management Implications**

Nil

### **Attachments**

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### **Recommendation**

THAT Council note the minutes of the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 July 2023.