

7.2.2 MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP EXTENSION REPORT

Responsible Manager:	Fee Harrison, Manager Community Strengthening
Responsible Director:	Russell Hopkins, Director Community Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorses a two-year extension for the following six existing Multicultural Advisory Committee members:**

Eman Armanous

Nira Rahman

Malinda Zhu

Amit Patel

Rajmohan Ramanathapillai

Philip Liberatore

- 2. Thanks Elisha Lee, as outgoing Multicultural Advisory Committee Member, for her time and valuable contribution over the past two years.**

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to recommend the extension of six existing members to the Multicultural Advisory Committee, as well as to thank the outgoing member for her contribution.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Inclusive Services

Community development and advocacy to support the Monash community.
Fostering an equitable, just and inclusive Monash.

Good Governance

Effectively communicate and engage with the community.

BACKGROUND

Council convenes and supports a range of Advisory Committees which provide expertise and advice, and share information on issues related to their particular areas of interest as outlined by their Terms of Reference.

This report relates to the membership of Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee, which aims to provide Council with advice on multicultural issues and on the implementation of Council's *Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025*.

The contribution of time, experience and expertise by many community members and community organisations through their membership on these Committees is valuable in ensuring that Council hears directly from representative stakeholders in relation to a range of issues.

DISCUSSION

Representatives on Council's Advisory Committees serve a term of two years, with an additional two-year period of possible extension. These members renewing their term for a further two-year period are:

- Eman Armanous
- Nira Rahman
- Malinda Zhu
- Amit Patel
- Rajmohan Ramanathapillai
- Philip Liberatore

Council would also like to thank outgoing member, Elisha Lee for her significant contribution to the Multicultural Advisory Committee as a community member over the past two years prior to her successful election as a Councillor.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report is in line with Council's *Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025*.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was not required.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Engagement with the community on matters of importance to them is a key responsibility of Local Government and Advisory Committees are one way of establishing formal mechanisms to share information and seek input and advice from the community.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The operation of Council's Advisory Committees ensures that many community members have the opportunity to engage with Council on matters of importance to them, consistent with the Charter of *Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* in relation to the right to take part in public life.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council reappoints the following six existing members for a two-year extension on the Multicultural Advisory Committee:

- Eman Armanous
- Nira Rahman
- Malinda Zhu
- Amit Patel
- Rajmohan Ramanathapillai
- Philip Liberatore

The outgoing member, Elisha Lee, has provided a valuable contribution during her time on the Multicultural Advisory Committee as a community member.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil