

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Meeting held on Thursday, 05 March 2026

Attendance - Members

Members

Councillor Vera Dirou	Townsville City Council
Councillor Liam Mooney	Townsville City Council
Aaron Loveday	Unique Partnership
Maddie Bleakley	Unique Partnership (proxy)
Carmen Delany	Wellways, Suicide Prevention Northern Qld
Hasif Ahmad	Townsville Islamic Society
Jeremy Audas	Community Representative
Jonathan Hall	Guide Dogs Queensland
Julie Luke	Sailability Townsville
G Karl	Sailability Townsville (proxy)
Julie McTaggart	Community Representative
Kim Magee	Community Representative
Liam McMahan	Neuro-Affirmative Youth Groups
Lisa Paull/Vicki Trevanion	Townsville Region Committee on the Ageing Inc (TROCTA)
Taileah Watson	Yumba-Meta Ltd

Attendance - Others

Donna Jackson	Advisory Committee Meeting Facilitator / Principal Inclusive Communities
Chris Jensen	Senior Social Planner
Jules Antelmi	A/Coordinator Protocol & Events (attended by TEAMS)

Apologies and Leave of Absence

Apologies received

Johanna Kodoatie-Cahill	Townsville Multicultural Support Group (TMSG)
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Not in attendance

Alan Marlowe	Queensland Council for LGBTI Health
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Confirmation of Quorum

The Advisory Committee Meeting Facilitator confirmed quorum present.

Disclosure of Interests

Nil declarable conflicts of interest or prescribed conflicts of interest declared.

Matters reviewed and Advisory Committee's feedback/recommendations.

1. Correspondence

- a) **ICAC Resignation advice** - Anne English, resignation notification received due to change in circumstances and unable to fulfill member requirements. The Advisory Committee received resignation advice.

2. Presentations

- a) **Events for Everyone** - A/Coordinator Protocol & Events (Townsville City Council) presented information on planning Council delivered events. The Advisory Committee provided feedback on opportunities relating to the project.

3. Agenda Items

- a) **Census 2026** - Census Engagement Manager (CALD) for Bureau of Statistics presented information on the upcoming 2026 Census. The Advisory Committee provided feedback on opportunities relating to the project.
- b) **Migration, Integration, Inclusion** - The Advisory Committee members continued discussion on this topic of interest, including presentation of information from the smaller topic based ICAC Working Group.
- c) **Meeting structure and flow** - The Chair, Councillor Vera Dirou raised two items with the Advisory committee:
 - a. Publicity of the ICAC - Members supported ideas shared.
 - b. Meeting structure and flow - Members supported agenda/meeting flow and increase of meeting time to 2 hours (9am-11am).

4. Confirmation of Next Meeting

- a) The Advisory Committee noted the next meeting date - Thursday, 04 June 2026.
Agenda submissions closing date, 07 May 2026.

5. Close of Meeting

- a) The Chair, Councillor Vera Dirou, closed the meeting at 10.40 am.

Report approved by

Councillor Vera Dirou

Inclusive Communities Advisory Committee, Chairperson.

Copy of the Inclusive Communities Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes is available through the Chairperson Councillor Dirou, and posted on Councils webpage ([Inclusive Communities Advisory Committee - Townsville City Council](#)) once endorsed by the Advisory Committee members at their next meeting.