

ITEM 10 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TANIA BROWN - WORLD PRIDE 2023

Councillor Tania Brown has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“Noting that WorldPride 2023 will be held in Sydney from 17 February to 5 March 2023, the first time it will be held in the Southern Hemisphere, and is to incorporate the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, I formally move that –

- 1 Council investigate entering a Wollongong Float in the Pride March to be held on 5 March 2023 in conjunction with local LGBTQIA+ organisations and community groups.
- 2 A briefing be arranged addressing any financial or feasibility implications.”

Background provided by Councillor Tania Brown:

WorldPride is a global LGBTQIA+ festival that has been staged since 2000, with cities competing to host the event.

Previous WorldPride celebrations include New York in 2019 marking 50 years since the Stonewall uprising, and Copenhagen in 2021 celebrating both WorldPride and the EuroGames.

Sydney was chosen by InterPride members to be the host of WorldPride in 2023, marking the first time a city in the southern hemisphere had been chosen.

Sydney WorldPride will incorporate all the beloved [Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras](#) events, plus a broad festival offering across arts, sport, theatre, concerts, parties, First Nations programming and a human rights conference.

The theme is Gather. Dream. Amplify.

In August 2020 Wollongong City Council adopted a Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Policy which reinforces our ongoing commitment and leadership in creating a city where diversity is valued, and where all residents feel they belong.

A tangible demonstration of this commitment would be our participation in WorldPride 2023.