

SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

to be held on Monday 8 February 2016
commencing at 4.00pm

City Administrative Centre
Bridge Road
NOWRA NSW 2541

1 February 2016

Dear Member

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to be held on **Monday 8 February 2016**, commencing at **4.00pm** in the City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra in the Jervis Bay Rooms 1 & 3 for consideration of the following business.

Yours faithfully

R D Pigg
General Manager

BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Apologies
2. A Minute Silence in Respect of Aboriginal Elders, Past and Present
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Report
Corporate and Community Services
6. Addendum Reports
7. General Business

MEMBERSHIP – Quorum (5)

Mayor, Clr Gash	Shane Brown	Sue-Anne Cutmore
Clr Findley - Chairperson	Tamarra Muller	Shondelle Bolt
All Councillors	Troy Lenihan	Noel Wellington
General Manager or nominee (Craig Milburn)	Lena Bloxsome	Patricia Lester
Sylvia Timbery	Leslie Halls	Leonie Ebzery
	Janet Atkins	Valda Corrigan - NPWS

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Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Purpose

- Advise Council on issues relating to the Aboriginal community.
- Act as a channel to advise Council of new issues affecting the Aboriginal community.
- Receive information on issues affecting the Aboriginal community and forward to Council.
- Provide a facilitation role.
- Advocate for the Aboriginal community.

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2015, IN THE JERVIS BAY MEETING ROOM, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 4.10PM

The following members were present:

Clr Findley– Chairperson
Clr Kitchener – left 5.00pm
Clr White – left 4.55pm
Janet Atkins
Leonie Ebzery
Sylvia Timbery
Patricia Lester
Valder Corrigan – National Parks and Wildlife Services

Others Present:

Margaret Simoes – Community Development Officer
Wayne Dedden – Corporate Connections International Pty Ltd

The Committee participated in a moment silence in respect for Wellington Family for their loss of a family member.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Leslie Halls, Troy Lenehan

The Committee participated in a minutes silence in respect of Aboriginal Elders, past and present.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 28th October 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED

PRESENTATION

2. Presentation

File 1209E

Wayne Dedden provided a progress report on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Workshop in relation the development of the Terms of Reference.

Some members attended the workshop held on 18th November. Wayne Dedden provided the initial draft to the attendees.

The next workshop will be for approximately 1-1/2 hours and will form an action plan in relation to the finalisation of the Terms of Reference. As part of this review it was suggested that the Committee initiate Co-Chairs.

The next workshop was suggested the week beginning 13th December (excluding 14th and 15th)

The Committee agreed that the Workshop would be scheduled for Monday 21st December 2015 at 9.00am and then hold the next Committee meeting in early February 2016.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that a second workshop be held on 21st December 2015 at 9.00am to finalise the Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

3. Progress Action Plan from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 3rd September 2015 File 1209E, 48473E, 51467E
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MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receives the information reported in the Progress Action Plan.

CARRIED

File No.	Date added to action table	Issue	Outcomes	September	November
35525E & 1209E	16/2/14	Wall/Walk/Hall of Fame – Project to include Walk of Fame (near northern entry to Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre) and Interpretive Garden and Mural (western entry to Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre).	Committee members to consider the concepts and provide comments and feedback to the Committee at the next meeting. Consultations to seek ideas from community members are progressing Clr Findley confirmed that there will be a budget bid to Council for the work which is separate from the AAC budget.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial discussion about design, further information/ design concepts to be received from Kay Murray. Matter still in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACDO has been consulting with AAC members, Elders and other community members to discuss the concepts of the Wall/Walk of Fame. This will be ongoing until a consultative group can be confirmed to progress with this project. <p><i>This project has been put on hold at this stage because of other projects happening this year. Discussions are continuing.</i></p>
48473E & 1209E	23/5/14	Art Centre Level 2 Space – What is the progress to showcase or display Aboriginal Servicemen and Women of the Shoalhaven	MOU to be signed and access determined for use of space from the 1/7/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confusion regarding the signing of the MOU. Margaret Simoes to follow up and circulate email to committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOU signed by Pat Lester, Troy Lenihan & Sue Cutmore. A plan for the use of the space at the Arts Centre will be developed as part of the TOR ACDO, Sylvia, Janet, Sue and Tania Morandini met in the room to discuss changes to the space for suitability of meetings. <p><i>Staff met with the Arts Centre Manager to discuss changes to the room including the removal of tables, disconnection of power to the tables. The Room has long Computer tables which will need to be removed. Staff have permission to remove the tables at a cost of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. A quote has been provided by an electrician for the disconnection of the wiring which is approximately \$600.</i></p>

					<p><i>A condition of the MOU is that the tenants must vacate the premises in the same condition as when they entered the MOU. It's been estimated that it will cost \$1000 to get the room fitted out.</i></p> <p><i>The Lease is until 30th August 2016 and staff have only just received the keys.</i></p>
1209E	12/12/14	Cullunghutti Area - Progress update on the Management Plan of Cullunghutti Area is needed.	Greg Tedder invited to present NP&WS map of the Cullunghutti area at the 3/9/15 meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community consultation has occurred around Shoalhaven Heads and responses have been received. • Meetings have occurred with key stake holders • Agreement that a Generic Plan of Management for the Cullunghutti area will be developed • Council, NPWS and AAC partnership over the designated land. • A report to the next AAC summarising the feedback from the community (issues with recreational purposes and use) • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of a Generic Community Land Plan of Management to be tabled at next AAC meeting for discussion. • A Special Meeting was held on Wednesday 28th October 2015 to discuss the Cullunghutti Community Consultation report • Michael Harben and Ben Stewart presented the Cullunghutti Community Consultation Report at the Special Meeting. • Recommendations from this meeting will be reported at the next Aboriginal Advisory Committee. <p><i>Following the site visit to Cullunghutti Mountain and Council Land on Sunday 17th November a request for the generic Plan of Management be tabled at the meeting. It was advised that this was the bare minimum of what a management plan will look like.</i></p> <p><i>Cullunghutti will be site specific.</i></p>
			Local Government Regional NAIDOC Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional NAIDOC Report to be presented at the next AAC meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret to present NAIDOC Awards report at next AAC meeting.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RECOMMENDED that in relation to the Art Centre Level 2 Space that Council to increase the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Budget by \$1000 to assist with the ongoing cost to implement the Memorandum of Understanding in the Arts Centre.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that:

- a) In relation to the Cullunghutti Land Community Consultation a summary of the submissions be tabled at the next meeting;
- b) The following staff be invited to the next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and provide information and updates on:
 - i) Plan of Management (Kelie Lowe)
 - ii) Delegated Authority (Craig Milburn)
 - iii) Land and Property (Ben Stewart)

CARRIED

Note: Clr White left the meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

4. Additional Item – Presentation – Reflecting on 2015 File 1209E

Margaret provided a presentation to the committee in relation to the achievements for 2015.

Pat and the Aboriginal Advisory Committee thanked Margaret for her efforts for 2015 and the organisation of the NAIDOC awards.

5. Additional Item – Membership Application – Christine Finney File 1209E

Staff advised that Christine Finney works at St Johns Catholic High School.

Margaret will clarify the terms of membership in relation to her representation.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RECOMMENDED that the membership application for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee from Christine Finney be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Additional Item – Appreciation – Cullunghutti Site Visit

File 51467E

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee thanked the Elders for sharing their knowledge and culture.

The site visit promoted the cultural significance of Cullunghutti to the Aboriginal people from La Perouse to the Victorian boarder and 100km westward, and beyond.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that:

- a) A Vote of thanks from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to Council, the Mayor, Clrs Findley, White and Kitchener for participating in the cultural exchange and site visit of Cullunghutti;
- b) The Aboriginal Advisory Committee acknowledge and thank National Parks and Wildlife Service and the drivers (Steve Walder, Noel Webster, Valda Corrigan) and Ranger services (Shane Brown).

CARRIED

7. Additional Item – Shoalhaven Signage – Towns and Villages

File 50141E

Coralie Bell - Tourism Manager is reviewing the town and villages signs in relation to the cultural elements and Aboriginal meaning.

The Committee were advised that the Tourism Department are currently working on the 2016 Tourism Guide to include an Acknowledgement to Country. Discussions were held to ensure the appropriate terms of Aboriginal content.

8. Additional Item – Non attending Members – Review of Membership

File 1209E

The Committee raised concerns about the members who are not and have not been attending the meetings.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that Council send letters to the members who have not attended meetings, requesting them to confirm if they still wish to remain as members.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.51pm.

Clr Findley
CHAIRPERSON

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2016

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1. **Progress Action Plan from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 23 November 2015** **File 1209E**
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SECTION MANAGER: Jane Lewis.

PURPOSE:

To inform the Aboriginal Advisory Committee on the progress of actions from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2015.

RECOMMENDED that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receives the Progress Action Plan from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 23 November 2015 for information.

OPTIONS

N/A

DETAILS

The below progress action report to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee with follow up actions from the previous Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held on 23 November 2015.

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		Entertainment Centre).	members are progressing Clr Findley confirmed that there will be a budget bid to Council for the work which is separate from the AAC budget.	ongoing until a consultative group can be confirmed to progress with this project.	
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					<p>December 2015).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaised with Arts Centre Manager, Bronwyn Coulson to confirm removal and/or storage of tables. Bronwyn will confirm arrangements with Properties (15 January 2016)
1209E	12/12/14	Cullunghutti Area - progress update on the Management Plan of Cullunghutti Area is needed.	Greg Tedder invited to present NP&WS map of the Cullunghutti area at the 3 rd September 2015 meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of a Generic Community Land Plan of Management to be tabled at next AAC meeting for discussion. • A Special Meeting was held on Wednesday 28th October 2015 to discuss the Cullunghutti Community Consultation report • Michael Harben and Ben Stewart presented the Cullunghutti Community Consultation Report at the Special Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the Consultation Submissions be tabled at the next AAC meeting on 8 February 2016. The following staff be invited to provide update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan of Management (Kellie Lowe) - Delegated Authority (Craig Milburn) - Land and Property (Ben Stewart)

			Local Government Regional NAIDOC Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Margaret to present NAIDOC Awards report at next AAC meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled at AAC meeting on 23rd November 2015. • Shellharbour City Council will be hosting the 2016 NAIDOC Awards.
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

As per recommendations from sections responsible for implementation of recommendations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Shoalhaven City Council values its culturally diverse communities and lifestyles and is deeply committed to building stronger collaborative working partnerships with local Aboriginal communities and to provide opportunities for genuine community engagement.

Craig Milburn
DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES