
MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2016, IN THE JERVIS BAY MEETING ROOM, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 4.09 PM

The following members were present:

Clr Findley – Chairperson
Clr White
Sylvia Timbery
Christine Finney
Leslie Halls
Janet Atkins
Noel Wellington
Leonie Ebzery
Valder Corrigan – National Parks and Wildlife Services

Others Present:

Margaret Simoes – Aboriginal Community Development Officer
Ray Massie – Coast and Estuaries Officer

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Clr Gash, Clr Kitchener, Shondelle Bolt, Sue-Anne Cutmore

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

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION:

Moved: By consensus

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 23 November 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

2. Progress Action Plan from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Held on 23 November 2015 File 1209E

MOTION:

Moved: By consensus

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

File No.	Date added to action table	Issue	January 2016	Comments
35525E & 1209E	16/2/14	<p>Wall/Walk/Hall of Fame</p> <p>–</p> <p>Project to include Walk of Fame (near northern entry to Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre) and Interpretive Garden and mural (western entry to Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre).</p>	<p>ACDO to identify key community members and Advisory Committee members to meet and discuss concepts prior to next Advisory Committee meeting.</p>	<p>Margaret Simoes noted the importance of getting the Aboriginal perspective and asked if any members would like to be part of a working group to start to progress the project.</p> <p>Noel Wellington suggested encouraging input from Elders.</p> <p>Christine Finney and Noel expressed an interest in the working group.</p> <p>Action: The Aboriginal Community Development Officer to prepare a “Wall/Walk/Hall of Fame” expression of interest, including information on any restrictions, for further discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>Clr White spoke about the original plans for the project, and referred to the proposed Archer Memorial statue, noting that the Committee may need to consider this in its plans.</p>
48473E & 1209E	23/5/14	<p>Art Centre Level 2 Space – what is the progress to showcase or display Aboriginal Servicemen and Women of the Shoalhaven</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •D15/347356 Adopted at Council meeting held 24 November 2015 That in relation to the Art Centre Level 2 Space that Council increase the Aboriginal Advisory Committee 	<p>Margaret provided an update and advised that the Art Centre Level 2 Space is expected to be available for use on 11 February 2016.</p>

			<p>Budget by \$1000 to assist with the ongoing cost to implement the Memorandum of Understanding in the Arts Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACDO has liaised with Bomaderry Maintenance Workshop for storage of tables with Paul French, Manager Supply Chain (8 December 2015). <p>Liaised with Arts Centre Manager, Bronwyn Coulson to confirm removal and/or storage of tables. Bronwyn will confirm arrangements with Properties (15 January 2016)</p>	
1209E	12/12/14	Cullunghutti Area - progress update on the Management Plan of Cullunghutti Area is needed.	<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 provided update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan of Management (Kellie Lowe) 	The Committee discussed the recommendation from the Committee meeting held on 23 November 2015. Refer to Item 2 and the resolution below.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delegated Authority (Craig Milburn) Land and Property (Ben Stewart) 	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled at AAC meeting on 23rd November 2015. • Shellharbour City Council will be hosting the 2016 NAIDOC Awards. 	<p>Margaret provided an update. The first meeting occurred two weeks ago. A venue is being considered and a report will be provided for the next Committee meeting.</p>

GENERAL BUSINESS

3. Additional Item – Cullunghutti Area - Progress update on the Management Plan File 52425E

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that Council report back to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee at the meeting scheduled for 9 May 2016 on the budget status of funding for Cullunghutti Management Plan and the roles and responsibilities for managing the project.

CARRIED

4. Additional Item – Governance Training for Committee Members File 1209E

Margaret advised that she has investigated the availability of governance training for the committee and consulted Aboriginal Affairs and the Local Government and Shires Association.

The Committee discussed why the training is being considered, including the importance of understanding the role, functions and responsibilities of the Committee.

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RECOMMENDED that:

- a) The Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorse the Aboriginal Community Development Officer to further investigate and provide information on governance training for the committee members.
- b) Council provide governance training to interested members of the community and the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

5. Additional Item – Terms of Reference File 1209E

Margaret tabled the final draft Terms of Reference for members' information and consideration.

The Committee was asked to consider the Terms of Reference and provide feedback to Margaret by close of business 18 February 2016. Once the feedback has been collated a report will be prepared for the Strategy and Assets Committee meeting.

MOTION: Moved: By Consensus

RESOLVED that:

- a) The final draft Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be circulated to members for their consideration.

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- b) Committee members to provide feedback on the draft Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to the Aboriginal Community Development Officer by close of business Friday 19 February 2016.

CARRIED

6. Additional Item – Inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships 2016
File 42405E
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Margaret tabled the event brief for the Inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships 2016.

The Championships, hosted by Wreck Bay Football Club will be held from 3 to 5 November 2016 at the South Nowra Sporting Complex. Other stakeholders include Football NSW and Football Federation Australia associations.

A Gala Dinner will be held on 5 November 2016.

7. Additional Item – In Memory Exhibition
File 2696E
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Margaret provided an update on the exhibition honouring Shoalhaven's Aboriginal servicemen and women.

Interest continues to grow with the Exhibition being permanently displayed in the Nowra RSL Sub-Branch Hall in Nowra. Images have not yet been provided as consent is still being sought.

Keith Payne VC will officially unveil and dedicate the exhibition next Wednesday, 17 February 2016 from 10am.

It is being considered whether an educational resource (book) should be developed.

The Exhibition has been recognised nationally by the Australian War Memorial (AWM) and the Australian National University. Margaret was invited by AWM to assist in the development of a National Exhibition recognising Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Servicemen which will be launched in September 2017. Shoalhaven City Council has been acknowledged for its initiative.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.29 pm.

Clr Findley
CHAIRPERSON