

## MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 6 February 2017  
**Location:** Seven Mile Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 4.31pm

The following members were present:

Sue-Anne Cutmore – Chairperson  
Clr Cheyne  
Clr White  
Clr Kitchener  
Sylvia Timbery  
Janet Atkins  
Patricia Lester  
Noel Wellington  
Leonie Ebzery – left 5.06pm  
Shane Brown  
Valda Corrigan – NPWS  
Christine Finney

Others present:  
Margaret Simoes - Aboriginal Community Development Officer  
Ray Massie – Coast and Estuaries Officer

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apology was received from Leslie Halls

### Confirmation of the Minutes

#### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Thursday 24 November 2016 be confirmed.

#### **RESOLVED** (By consent)

That That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Thursday 24 November 2016 be confirmed, noting the following corrections:

- Spelling corrections:
  - Sylvia Timbery
  - Valda Corrigan

- Margaret Simoes
- AA16.2 – Aboriginal Committee – Resignation – Troy Lenihan
  - Part 3 – Note that a report is being submitted to the Shoalhaven Arts Board.

CARRIED

### Declarations of Interest

Nil

## REPORTS

### AA17.1 ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

HPERM REF:  
D17/13702

Item dealt with later in the meeting.

### AA17.2 Membership Requests - Natalie Lloyd and Les Bursill OAM

HPERM Ref:  
D17/14679

#### Recommendation

That:

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee accept the membership applications from:
  - a. Natalie Lloyd
  - b. Les Bursill OAM
2. That they be notified of their appointment and invited to all future meetings.

Note: Following the completion of the Agenda an additional three (3) nominations were received and dealt with in conjunction with this item.

The following applications were received and considered by the Committee:

1. Natalie Lloyd
2. Les Bursill
3. Charlie Ashby
4. Paul McLeod
5. William Smith

Note: Leonie Ebzery left the meeting at 5.06pm

Note: Valda Corrigan excused herself from the meeting at 5.06pm

#### Recommendation (Clr White / Patricia Lester)

Note: Council has received applications in excess of the adopted Terms of Reference, the following recommendations be made:

That:

1. The Terms of Reference be amended to change five (5) of the remaining positions for two (2) community positions and three (3) being for representatives of each Local Aboriginal Land Council's (LALC).

The application from Charlie Ashby be accepted and appointed.

CARRIED

**RESOLVED** (Clr White / Patricia Lester)

That:

1. Due to limited membership the following applications not be accepted:
  - a. William Smith
  - b. Les Bursill OAM
  - c. Natalie Lloyd
  - d. Paul McLeod
2. Council write to Jerrinja LALC asking if Natalie Lloyd will be their representative on the Committee.

CARRIED

Note: Paul McLeod's application is pending further advice and information.

Note: Anyone wishing to become a member of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee must complete the required application form.

The Committee discussed how they have a good working relationship with the community and it is time the bring the Youth on board and engage with them.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Note: Valda Corrigan returned to the meeting at 5.45pm

### **AA17.3 Public Attendance at Meetings**

The Committee discussed public attendance at meetings and deputations to the Committee. It was noted that the meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend, however cannot contribute or speak to the meeting without the permission of the Chair. It was also noted that if any member of the public wishes to address the meeting they must go through the formal process of contacting Council through the Governance Unit.

### **AA17.4 Advisory Action Plan and Five (5) Key Issues**

Valda addressed the meeting and the Committee discussed the importance of identifying the five (5) key issues for focus, going forward.

**Action:**

Members are to nominate and send key issues to Margaret Simoes by 10 March 2017. These will be collated and form a report to the next meeting for consideration and will identify the five (5) key issues for focus going forward.

### **AA17.5 Future Meeting Dates**

Note: It was requested that the next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee in April 2017 commence at 3.30pm to allow for any business arising from previous minutes.

Note: The Committee advised that Mondays are preferred days to hold Advisory Committee Meetings.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

That future meetings of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee be held on a Monday where possible..

CARRIED

### **AA17.6 Australia Day Awards**

Clr Cheyne advised the Committee that she had attended the recent Australia Day Awards and it was brought to her attention that no Aboriginal people were nominated for the awards. She also said that it would be good for the Shoalhaven to have a special day for Indigenous Awards. Margaret Simoes advised that we are involved in NAIDOC Awards.

Staff advised that the Awards are open to all members of the public from the Shoalhaven for the following categories:

3. Citizen Award
4. Young Citizen Award
5. Sports Award
6. Young/Junior Sports Award

It was requested that for future events the nominations for the Australia Day Awards are sent to all members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for distribution to the Aboriginal Community.

### **AA17.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Membership Renewal**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/13702**

It was noted that all members of the Committee were encouraged to renew their membership.

All current members wishing to remain a member of the Committee must complete the required form, if an application is not forthcoming their position will expire.

#### **Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

1. That current members express an interest to renew their membership on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee
2. That new expressions of interest for membership be promoted and advertised to the community

**RESOLVED** (Clr White / Clr Kitchener)

That:

1. Current members express an interest to renew their membership on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, for the next 12 months, being the first of a four year term under the Terms of Reference.

2. Should vacancies arise from resignations, expressions of interest for membership be promoted and advertised to the community.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.13pm.

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore  
CHAIRPERSON