

## Aboriginal Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, 27 March, 2018  
**Location:** E-Meeting

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**Membership**

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore - Chairperson  
Clr Cheyne  
Clr Levett  
Clr Kitchener  
Clr Proudfoot  
Mr Russ Pigg or nominee  
Ms Janet Atkins  
Ms Sylvia Timbery  
Ms Patricia Lester  
Ms Christine Finney  
Mr Shane Brown  
Ms Leonie Ebzery  
Ms Valda Corrigan (NPWS)  
Ms Leslie Halls  
Mr Noel Wellington  
Mr Paul McLeod  
Ms Janaya Hennessy  
Ms Morgan Blakeney  
Mr Charlie Ashby  
Nowra LALC – Sharlene Cruickshank  
Jerrinja LALC - Rebecca Woods  
Ulladulla LALC

Quorum – Five (5)

**Purpose**

- To advise Shoalhaven City Council on necessary issues relating to Aboriginal communities in the LGA.
- Promote and increase knowledge & understanding of Aboriginal society, history & culture in the LGA.
- Facilitate access and accessibility to services and facilities for Aboriginal people.
- Advise on the development and implementation of the Shoalhaven City Council Community Strategic Plan.
- Develop strong collaborative partnerships between Aboriginal communities and Shoalhaven City Council.
- Maintain strong links between Council and Aboriginal communities throughout the Shoalhaven to accomplish the relationships and outcomes required for genuine reconciliation.
- Foster and safeguard a spirit of mutual trust and respect which allows the AAC and Shoalhaven City Council to work together in their commitment towards intelligent, well informed decision making processes that are sensitive to all Aboriginal issues.
- Recognise, support & uphold past and present local cultural heritage and its place in future Council directions.
- Remain a meaningful 'place' for the communication of messages and information from Aboriginal community voices that identify local needs for services, facilities and activities.
- Support and promote significant celebrations and events within the Shoalhaven Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

## MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 12 February 2018  
**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 4.14pm

The following members were present:

Clr Nina Cheyne - Acting Chairperson  
Clr Mark Kitchener  
Clr John Levett  
Shane Brown  
Valda Corrigan - NPWS  
Sharlene Cruikshank – Nowra LALC  
Charlie Ashby  
Sylvia Timbery  
Leslie Halls  
Sue Cutmore – Chairperson – arrived 4.58pm

Others present:

Clr Amanda Findley  
Clr Patricia White  
Liliana Hutchinson – Social Infrastructure Planner  
Bonnie Hittman – Acting Senior Strategic Planner

### **A Minute Silence in Respect of Aboriginal Elders, Past and Present**

#### **Apologies / Leave of Absence**

An apology was received from Leonie Ebzery, Christine Finney, Janet Atkins.

#### **Confirmation of the Minutes**

**RESOLVED** (Leslie Halls / Clr Cheyne)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 06 November 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

#### **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**AA18.9 Additional Item - Defer Addendum Reports - Election of Chairperson - Action Plan**

Bonnie Hittman – Senior Acting Strategic Planner advised that considering the members present and the current Chairperson being absent it be suggested that the Addendum Reports Election of Chairperson and the Action Plan be deferred to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** (By Consent)

That the following matters be deferred to the next meeting:

- Election of Chairperson (AA18.7)
- Aboriginal Advisory Committee Action Plan (AA18.8)

CARRIED

**PRESENTATIONS****AA18.1 Berry District Park - Liliana Hutchinson****HPERM Ref: D18/3348**

Valda Corrigan arrived at the meeting 4.28pm

Liliana Hutchinson – Social Infrastructure Planner provided a handout of information to members in relation to the Berry District Park.

The following points were made:

- As indicated on the plan there are various sections allocated for different activities
- This is still in the concept stage and will shortly be presenting to the Berry Forum
- The Berry Community and the Rotary have been keen drivers for this project and the Rotary have raised significant funds towards the toddler area project
- Community Consultation has been extensive
- On 25 March 2018 at the park there will be a Children's consultation
- Council is waiting on results and a report in relation to the ecological studies
- This will be an accessible park with lift and change facilities
- Most of the equipment will be nature based with an emphasis on the use of natural materials and for this project Council will be moving away from the common rubber soft fall concept
- There will be a walking trail around the perimeter
- Council's priority is to recognise and acknowledge the cultural significance of the site.
- Lili is awaiting access to the Culture and Heritage report that RMS have commissioned for the site
- The Aboriginal Advisory Committee members were encouraged to offer suggestions direct to Liliana Hutchinson who can assist in making this a culturally significant site.

**AA18.2 Seniors Festival 2018 - Helen Waterhouse****HPERM Ref:  
D18/23715**

Helen Waterhouse was unable to attend the meeting and asked Bonnie Hittmann – Acting Senior Strategic Planner – to provide some information to the committee on her behalf. Bonnie read the following info:

- The Seniors Festival week is April 4 – 13 . Seniors are 60 years and over.
- Shoalhaven City Council will launch the calendar of events for Seniors Week including “Backyard Tours” at the Seniors Festival launch on 21 March at 10am – 12pm.
- The Launch will be a 2 hour free event with a light morning tea. Members of the committee and Elders are welcome of the community to attend this morning. Members were asked to spread news of the event to others who may be interested in attending
- This event is capped 100 attendees.
- The backyard tours will run throughout the Shoalhaven From Ulladulla and Nowra and these too are free with 2 tours for each area.
- Please contact Helen Waterhouse on 4429 3128 to register your interest for both Events during this week and she will send further details when available.

**Action – Helen Waterhouse**

Send flyers to Aunty Jean Turner, Marge Chant, Pat Seymour (from Grand Pacific Health) and Cullunghutti – Action Helen

**REPORTS****AA18.4 Aboriginal Advisory Committee's 21st Anniversary****HPERM Ref:  
D17/430672**

The following suggestions were made in relation to possible ways to recognise this milestone.

- Suggested celebration before the formalities of the AAC meeting – before is preferred as the Elders may not want to be out late in the day in the colder month of May.
- Suggested catering with traditional food
- Invite past members and or speakers
- A report be submitted in relation to significant past achievements of the Committee
- Hold the Celebration in a significant space
- Commence the celebration at 2.00pm or 3.00pm prior to the meeting at 4.00pm
- A media Release should go out and arrange the Executive Strategy team to record the celebration
- Possible to have a powerpoint presentation on the past achievements.

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee members to phone or email Margaret Simoes (phone 44293440) by Mid March with suggestions.

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

That

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receives the report for information

2. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee discuss and consider any ideas to celebrate the 21st Anniversary milestone.
3. It is recommended that all past Aboriginal Committee members be invited to celebrate the milestone with the current Advisory Committee on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 the date of the next Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED** (By Consent)

That:

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receives the report for information
2. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee provide input to Margaret Simoes any ideas to celebrate the 21st Anniversary milestone.
3. It is recommended that all past Aboriginal Committee members be invited to celebrate the milestone with the current Advisory Committee on Monday 7 May 2018 the date of the next Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting.

CARRIED

**AA18.5 NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 2017**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/430054**

Sue Cutmore arrived 4.58pm

Clr Levett spoke to the report from the Conference.

It was mentioned that the work carried out in the Wiradjuri in a skilled work program could be put to use in the work and production of the Berry District Park.

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

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the report from Clr John Levett on the NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 2017 for information.

**RESOLVED** (By Consent)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the report from Clr John Levett on the NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 2017 for information.

CARRIED

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**AA18.10 Additional Item - Resignation - Christine Finney**

It was advised that Christine Finney has formally submitted her resignation from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

**RESOLVED** (By Consent)

That:

1. A letter be sent to Christine Finney acknowledging her contribution to the Aboriginal Advisory

Committee.

2. Council call for expressions of Interest to fill the vacancy on the Committee

CARRIED

**AA18.6 Bonnie Hittmann – Acting Senior Strategic Planner to facilitate a workshop to progress the Action Plan HPERM Ref: D18/8110**

Bonnie Hittman provided the following information in relation to the Action Plan:

- At the last meeting 3 options for a way forward were presented
- The Committee chose to follow the framework provided by Collaborate NSW
- It was intended to workshop the document
- Margaret Simoes will be bringing back the consultant to move forward with the Action plan and workshops as Bonnie will be resigning from Council.
- Margaret will help to coordinate the logistics and liaise with members and workshop

**AA18.11 Additional Item - Aboriginal Advisory Committee role in Developments**

Charlie Ashby asked the members and staff present about what type of role if any does the Aboriginal Advisory Committee play in terms of land development?

If development was proposed on Jerringa would the Aboriginal Advisory Committee or Council consult with their land council?

If there is a significance to a development how does the Aboriginal Advisory Committee play a role?

Valda Corrigan provided the following response:

- For any Development anywhere in NSW there is to be a cultural heritage assessment
- At this moment the Departments are working with the community to develop legislation around this
- There is a process which is to be followed and the community is involved in onsite assessments together with close consultation with local people who have history in that area

Clr Findley provided the following response:

- For any development, they have to ask first and go directly to the land council.
- There are legacy issues that are difficult to deal with
- Jerringa and Nowra LALC's have their own Strategic Plans
- There is a current NSW wide land claim over Crown Land
- Ongoing smaller land claims are getting processed which is held up by the survey of the land prior to the land either being released or developed

Valda advised that in other regions Council's have a Cultural Mapping Study where community values are recognised. Eurobodalla is one example and have worked with the community to create this study.

**RESOLVED** (By Consent)

That:

1. Planning and Development Staff ( Director Planning Environment & Development/ Strategic Planning Manager/Development Services Manager) be invited to attend the August Committee

meeting to explain the DA process in relation to any cultural or indigenous significance;

2. Assets and Works Staff (Director Paul Keech or nominee) be invited to attend the November Committee meeting to explain the process in relation to what happens when Council does find cultural significance during maintenance and construction and how Council moves forward;
3. Following parts 1 and 2 above, the Manager Business and Property or nominee be invited to attend a meeting of the committee to provide an update in relation to the Crown Lands Transfer.

CARRIED

#### **AA18.12 Additional Item - 10th Anniversary of the Prime Minister's Apology**

The Committee acknowledged that tomorrow 13 February 2018 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Prime Minister's Apology.

### **ADDENDUM REPORTS**

#### **AA18.7 Election of Chairperson**

**HPERM Ref: D18/3103**

Note: This matter was deferred. See AA18.9.

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

That:

1. (Insert Name) be appointed as Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for 2018.
2. (Insert Name) be appointed as Co-Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for 2018.

#### **AA18.8 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Action Plan**

**HPERM Ref:  
D18/14307**

Note: This matter was deferred. See AA18.9.

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

That

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receives the Progress Action Plan report
2. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee discuss and consider any further actions from the Progress Action Plan report.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.30pm.

Clr Cheyne  
CHAIRPERSON



## **AA18.13 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards**

**HPERM Ref:** D18/73939

**Group:** Finance Corporate & Community Services Group

**Section:** Recreation Community & Culture

### **Purpose / Summary**

To request the Aboriginal Advisory Committee support and endorse an increase in the financial contribution to the 2018 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards.

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

That

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee financially contribute an additional \$1,000 each year in addition to the budgeted contribution of \$2000 to support the 2018 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards effective from Financial Year 2018/19 onwards.

### **Options**

1. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee financially contribute an additional \$1,000 on top of the budgeted contribution of \$2000 to support the 2018 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards

Implications: Shoalhaven City Council will receive recognition and acknowledgement for supporting this significant event in partnership with Wollongong City Council, Shellharbour City Council and Kiama Municipal Council.

2. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee not financially contribute the requested amount and consider other alternative options to support the Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards.

Implications: That Shoalhaven City Council will not have the recognition and acknowledgement as an integral partner in this annual event.

## Background

### NAIDOC Week - 8 July to 15 July 2018

Theme: *Because of her, we can!* The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards will be hosted by Kiama Municipal Council on Saturday 28 July 2018 at the Kiama Pavilion.

The Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards is an opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding contributions that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and organisations make to their communities.

The 2018 NAIDOC Week theme: *Because of her, we can!* will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made – and continue to make - to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation. As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

The Regional NAIDOC Awards is the only event of its kind and serves a very important role in promoting regional cooperation, strengthens partnerships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, local councils and other organisations and businesses. It is a significant contributor to the social capital that helps bind our collective interests and provides a prestigious platform that has become the 'premier event' for the partner local government areas, Wollongong City Council, Shellharbour City Council, Kiama Municipal Council and Shoalhaven City Council.

The NAIDOC awards are made possible with the support of our partner councils, corporate leaders, government agencies, non-government organisations and individuals. The host Council is tasked with raising the necessary financial sponsorship for the event. The NAIDOC Committee source funds from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for Indigenous Advancement Strategy funds, and NSW Aboriginal Affairs.

Each year the respective partner councils contribute financially to the event. In the past seven years, Shoalhaven City Council has contributed \$2,000 each year, which comes from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee's budget. Council's contribution of \$2,000 has been allocated for the 2018 Regional NAIDOC Awards event. Initially the funding was reflective of the need of the event, however due to the event's popularity the attendance has increased making an increase in contribution necessary. All partner Council's have been asked to consider increasing their contribution towards this much valued and celebratory event.

It is being recommended that the Aboriginal Advisory Committee support and endorse an additional \$1,000 to increase Council's contribution to \$3,000.

## Community Engagement

Community members, Elders, agencies, corporate businesses, local and high profile Aboriginal entertainers invited to participate in the planning and presentation of the event. Council representatives invited as special guests to present awards from each partner Council.

**Policy Implications**

Community Strategic Plan Shoalhaven 2023

People – Strategies: 1.1.1 Support activities, events and festivals where communities in the Shoalhaven can gather and celebrate.

**Financial Implications**

The extra \$1,000 can be funded from within the Aboriginal Advisory Committee budget to support the 2018 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards in addition to the existing \$2000 allocated in the Aboriginal Advisory Committee budget.

It is proposed that this level of contribution totalling \$3000 should become the annual amount contributed by Shoalhaven city Council and take effect from financial year 2018/19 onwards.