

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 26 November 2018

Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 4.07pm

The following members were present:

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore – Chairperson
Clr Patricia White
Clr Nina Digiglio – arrived 4.19pm
Mr Charlie Ashby
Mr Noel Wellington
Ms Patricia Lester
Nowra LALC - Sharlene Cruickshank
Mr Paul McLeod
Member Ulladulla LALC - Paul Keith

Others Present:

Gordon Clark – Acting Director Planning Environment and Development
Margaret Simoes – Community Development Officer
Geoff Young – Environmental Officer
Catherine Campbell – Senior Community Development Officer
Bronwyn Coulston – Manager Arts and Culture
Kylie Rayner – Community Development

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Clr Kitchener, Clr Levett, Janet Atkins, Valda Corrigan, Alfred Wellington (Jerringa LALC) and Leonie Ebzery.

A Minute silence in Respect of Aboriginal Elders, Past and Present

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Noel Wellington / Paul McLeod)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 13 August 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

AA18.29 Presentation - Robyn Russell - One Track for All

HPERM Ref:
D18/248629

Clr Digiglio arrived 4.19pm during the presentation

Robyn Russell (Bushcare Representative), provided a PowerPoint Presentation in relation to One Track for All.

The track and artefacts on the track have deteriorated and Robyn as a Bushcare Representative would like to see the track restored and the wood sculptures rectified to their original form.

The Committee held a discussion in relation to One Track for All.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That:

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee support the consultation process for Robyn Russell making contact with the Ulladulla LALC for the One Track for All.
2. At the conclusion of the consultation, Paul Keith (Ulladulla LALC) will report back to the Committee.

CARRIED

AA18.30 Presentation - Unexpected Aboriginal Heritage Finds

HPERM Ref:
D18/402550

Geoff Young – Environmental Officer provided a presentation in relation to Council's process when undertaking works and unexpected heritage finds. During the Presentation the Committee held discussions in relation to various parts of the process.

REPORTS

AA18.31 Nominate Representative for the Shoalhaven Arts Board

HPERM Ref:
D18/322620

The Committee held a discussion in relation to who they wished to nominate.

A suggestion was made that a collective of up to 3 representatives be nominated, 1 with voting rights.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That (insert name) be nominated as the representative on the Shoalhaven Arts Board.

RESOLVED (Nowra LALC - Sharlene Cruickshank / Patricia Lester)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee recommends to the Shoalhaven Arts Board that up to 3 Representatives (including Paul McLeod) (1 with voting rights) be nominated as the representative/s on the Shoalhaven Arts Board.

CARRIED

AA18.32 Cook 2020 Anniversary - Shoalhaven Regional Gallery Response - Advice sought**HPERM Ref:
D18/333164**

Bronwyn Coulston addressed the Committee and sought feedback on what the Committee felt should be the focus of the event and also what impact this event may have on the Community.

The Committee held a discussion in relation to the potential impact. It was suggested that the Committee have a think about what they would like the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery to include for this event and come back to the Committee in early 2019.

Recommendation

1. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee are consulted and discuss this report at this meeting, and provide advice to Council on what is considered an appropriate response, if any, in relation to a potential exhibition at the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.
2. *Insert advice from Aboriginal Advisory Committee*

RESOLVED (By consent)

That:

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee are consulted and discuss this report at this meeting, and provide advice to Council on what is considered an appropriate response, if any, in relation to a potential exhibition at the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.
2. The Committee submit comments and thoughts on the focus and impact to the General Manager (Finance Corporate and Community Services) and a Report be submitted to the next meeting with a way forward for the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery.

CARRIED

AA18.33 Expressions of Interest for Aboriginal Advisory Committee Membership**HPERM Ref:
D18/344347**

The Committee held a discussion in relation to all applicants that submitted an expression of interest.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee

1. Endorse the appointment of Nicole Moore and Caryn Carpenter as members of the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Advisory Committee
2. Recommend their appointment as members of the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Advisory Committee to Council.

RECOMMENDATION (Paul McLeod / Patricia Lester)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Endorse the appointment of Nicole Moore and Caryn Carpenter as members of the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Advisory Committee
2. Recommend their appointment as members of the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Advisory Committee to Council.

CARRIED

AA18.34 Invitation to nominate a representative for the Business and Employment Development Committee

**HPERM Ref:
D18/348092**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee nominates [insert name] as its representative on the Business and Employment Development Committee.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee nominates Paul Keith as its representative on the Business and Employment Development Committee.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

AA18.35 Additional Item - Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country for Events

Patricia Lester advised the there isn't enough notice being provided to members of the community when asked to perform an Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country for a Council event.

The Committee asked that when Council is planning an event that advance notice is provided for the Welcome to Country. It was suggested that it be the first task undertaken when planning an event.

Below are extracts from the Statement of Commitment / Acknowledgement to Country:

Acknowledgement to Country:

- The committee recommended that Council when planning events or involved in supporting events that the Aboriginal community protocol of Welcome To Country is a valued and highly respected protocol to be incorporated in Council business processes. As stated in Council's Statement of Commitment, 'Shoalhaven City Council commits itself to:
 - Ensuring local Aboriginal involvement in events and celebrations of significance which respect the dignity and protocols of the local Aboriginal communities.
 - The ongoing development of strategies to improve and increase the level of participation of local Aboriginal people in the local government decision making processes.
 - Undertake holistic community planning to address wellbeing, employment and social economic or cultural disadvantage experienced by local Aboriginal people in the Shoalhaven.
 - Ensuring all Council staff and Councillors are exposed to ongoing education, and cultural training and development programs to increase knowledge, understanding

and respect of Aboriginal cultural heritage and the needs of the Aboriginal communities within the Shoalhaven.

- o Celebrate and support significant Aboriginal ceremonies and events (NAIDOC Week, Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and Survival Day).
- o Fly the Aboriginal flag in places such as the City Administrative Centre, Council Chambers, Reception room and in other prominent Council locations.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That in line with the Statement of Commitment, priority when planning Council events is to invite/organise the acknowledgement/welcome to Country.

CARRIED

AA18.36 Additional Item - Action Plan - Way Forward

Sue Cutmore advised that the Action Plan is in the final stages prior to adoption. Margaret Simoes has been working on the document and is seeking feedback from the Committee. The Action Plan will be sent out to the Committee for Comment and then the available members will meet on Monday 3 December 2018.

Following this meeting, a report will be submitted to the next Advisory Committee meeting in 2019 for the final adoption of the Action Plan.

AA18.37 Additional Item - Number of Meetings per year

Charlie Ashby raised a question in relation to the amount of meetings held per year and asked if the Committee can have extra meetings.

Staff advised that if the Committee wished to hold more meetings, this would come via a resolution and the Terms of Reference would need to be amended.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.21pm.

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore
CHAIRPERSON