

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 13 May 2019
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.03pm

The following members were present:

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore – Chairperson
Clr Nina Digiglio
Clr Patricia White
Mr Charlie Ashby
Ms Caryn Carpenter
Ms Sharlene Cruickshank – Nowra LALC
Ms Janet Atkins
Ms Nicole Moore
Mr Paul Keith – Ulladulla LALC
Mr Shane Brown

Others present:

Coralie Bell – Acting Recreation Community and Culture Manager
Catherine Campbell – Senior Community Development Officer
Bronwyn Coulston – Arts and Culture Manager

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Gash, Clr Findley, Clr Levett, Clr Kitchener and Patricia Lester.
Note: Clr Kitchener is on a leave of absence.

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

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Nowra LALC - Sharlene Cruickshank / Nicole Moore)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 11 February 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

AA19.11 Additional Item - Presentation - Spirit of the River

Dawn Hawkins representing Shoalhaven River Festival spoke to the Committee and provided information in relation to the upcoming festival and how the local Indigenous community can get involved.

The River Festival Committee would like to include the local Indigenous community and celebrate the connection that Aboriginal people have to the River with a "Spirit of the River Performance" on the water.

Information regarding the proposed format of the event and invitation to participate be extended to all Committee members by email will be distributed to members. Dawn advised they are seeking members interested in providing assistance and advice for the River Festival. Date for the event is set 26 October 2019.

AA19.12 Additional Item - Presentation - One Track For All - Ulladulla

Note: C/r White arrived at 4.14pm

Catherine Campbell presented a letter from Robyn Russell regarding One Track for All - Ulladulla. A copy of the Email from Robyn Russell will be circulated to members of the Committee.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Council staff report back to the committee with the background and historical information relating to the artwork and possibly a way forward.

CARRIED

REPORTS

AA19.8 2019-2021 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

HPERM Ref:
D19/16890

Catherine Campbell spoke to the Committee in relation to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Strategic Plan 2019-2021.

Committee members commented that that this has been in the works for 2 years and that they were pleased with the Document.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Endorse the Draft 2019-2021 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Strategic Plan;
2. Recommend to Council that the draft 2019-2021 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Strategic Plan

be endorsed to provide direction and action for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee from 2019 to 2021.

RECOMMENDATION (Nowra LALC - Sharlene Cruickshank / Ulladulla LALC - Paul Keith)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Endorse the Draft 2019-2021 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Strategic Plan;
2. Recommend to Council that the draft 2019-2021 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Strategic Plan be endorsed to provide direction and action for the Aboriginal Advisory Committee from 2019 to 2021.

CARRIED

AA19.9 Status Report - April 2019

**HPERM Ref:
D19/120132**

The Committee discussed the items on the Actions list attached to the Minutes

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the April 2019 Status report for information.

RESOLVED (Ulladulla LALC - Paul Keith / Clr White)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the April 2019 Status report for information.

CARRIED

**AA19.10 Shoalhaven Regional Gallery - Response to Cook 2020
Anniversary - Exhibition of Indigenous Culture**

**HPERM Ref:
D19/120957**

Bronwyn Coulston – Arts and Culture Manager addressed the Committee and advised that a Workshop was held on 12 April 2019, which was positive and well received.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee;

1. Receive the report for information;
2. Agree to the creation of a Working Group, comprising Committee members and interested members of the Aboriginal community, to consult with the Gallery on development of an Exhibition that celebrates the survival of Indigenous cultures and peoples post colonisation;
3. Nominate members to be on the working group as follows:
 - a. (insert members name / s)

RECOMMENDATION (By consent)

That:

1. Receive the report for information;
2. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee agree to the creation of a Working Group, comprising Committee members and interested members of the Aboriginal community, to consult with the Gallery on development of an Exhibition that celebrates the survival of Indigenous cultures and peoples post colonisation;

3. Information and an Expression of Interest be sent to the members of the AAC seeking nominations to be on the Working Group and to provide input into the exhibition;
4. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee emphasise to Council the importance of the Curator being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
5. Council consider funding the engagement of an Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer for the Cook 2020 Art Exhibition

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

AA19.13 Additional Item - Cullunghutti Damage and Vandalism

Charlie Ashby advised that after the last time this was raised he met with Council staff regarding the issue on Cullunghutti. Charlie raised concerns regarding the damage and vandalism that is taking place and advised that he will bring photo's to the next meeting.

AA19.14 Additional Item - Huskisson Church Site - Graves

Charlie Ashby expressed his concern regarding the matter that was reported to the last Council meeting which he attended.

Charlie received an email which he read parts of to the Committee raising significant concerns about the graves.

AA19.15 Additional item - National Sorry Day

Sharlene Cruickshank advised the Committee of the National Sorry Day Walk which is taking place on 24 May 2019 departing Moorhouse Park at 11am.

AA19.16 Additional Item - NAIDOC Awards - Link

The Committee discussed this matter in the Action Table and requested that the link be distributed to them.

AA19.17 Additional Item - Link - DPOP - Submission - Budget Bid - Cullunghutti

The Committee discussed this matter in the Action Table and requested information and background regarding the budget bid that went to Council and assistance with information to make a submission to the DPOP regarding the \$50,000 budget bid for a Plan of Management for Cullunghutti.

AA19.18 Additional item - Plaques Identifying Culturally Significant Locations - Design and costings

The Committee discussed this matter in the Action Table and advised that staff are seeking advice from the Committee in relation to what type of plaque and design they would like and assistance with providing locations of significance in the Shoalhaven.

A suggestion was that local Art and/or TAFE students could create the plaques as a cost effective way for this project.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the General Manager (Finance Corporate and Community Services) provide a report back to the Committee which includes:

1. Information on costings and options for designs of the plaques
2. Identifies culturally significant locations within the Shoalhaven LGA.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.47pm.

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore
CHAIRPERSON