Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, 22 February, 2021

Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

Time: 4.00pm

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Membership

- Chairperson

All Councillors

Chief Executive Officer or nominee

Ms Janet Atkins

Ms Sylvia Timbery

Ms Patricia Lester

Mr Shane Brown

Ms Leonie Ebzery

Mr Paul McLeod

Mr Charlie Ashby

Ms Nicole Moore

Ms Caryn Carpenter

Ms Sharlene Cruickshank

Ms Natalie Lloyd

Ms Valda Corrigan (NPWS)

Mr Jared Brown – Youth Representative

Ms Kalinda Wills - Youth Representative

Nowra LALC -

Jerrinja LALC – Alfred Wellington

Ulladulla LALC - Paul Keith

Quorum – Five (5) local Aboriginal community members

Purpose

To provide appropriate and considered advice to Council on all relevant issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the Shoalhaven LGA, and to influence Council's support & intent in achieving their objectives for the current Statement of Commitment 2010 (SoC) and the Shoalhaven City Council Community Strategic Plan 2023 (SCCSP).

Role of the Committee

- 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.



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STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

This Statement commits Shoalhaven City Council to continue building mutually respectful relationships with the Aboriginal Communities of the Shoalhaven.

Shoalhaven City Council values its culturally diverse communities and lifestyles and is deeply committed to working in partnership with Aboriginal people of the Shoalhaven. This Partnership will be based on mutual respect and equality to further employment, social, cultural and economic community development.

Shoalhaven City Council recognizes and acknowledges the history and treatment of Aboriginal people in Australia and supports the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation's vision and values.

Shoalhaven City Council recognises Aboriginal people's valuable contribution made in strengthening and enriching our communities and the heritage of all Australians.

Shoalhaven City Council Acknowledges and Recognises:

- Aboriginal people as the first people of Australia
- Past practices and policies that impacted on Aboriginal people's lives, cultures and society
- The customs and traditions of Aboriginal people and their spiritual relationship with the land
- The rights of Aboriginal people to live according to their own beliefs, values and customs, and
- The significant contribution made by Aboriginal people in the past, present and future.

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 appreciation of Aboriginal Cultural heritage and the needs of the Aboriginal communities
- Celebrate and support significant Aboriginal ceremonies and events, e.g. NAIDOC week, Sorry Day, Reconciliation Week and Survival Day
- To continue to fly the Aboriginal flag in places such as City Administrative Centre, Council Chambers, Reception room and in other prominent Council locations.



MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 7 December 2020

Location: Council Chambers, Nowra & Microsoft Teams

Time: 4.13pm

The following members were present:

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore - Chairperson

Ms Janet Atkins

Mr Paul McLeod

Mr Charlie Ashby - (Remotely)

Ms Nicole Moore

Ms Caryn Carpenter

Ms Valda Corrigan

Mr Jared Brown - (Remotely) - left at 6.11pm

Others present:

Jane Lewis - Director City Lifestyles

Colin Wood – Section Manager – Building and Compliance

Gordon Clark - Section Manager - Strategic Planning

Michael Paine - Senior Community Development Officer (COVID-19 Marshall)

Rose O'Sullivan - Heritage NSW

Emma Dortins – Heritage NSW

Sharon Bloxsome - Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital

Mohamed Nasr - Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Paul Keith - Ulladulla LALC and Alfred Wellington - Jerringa LALC.

A minute's silence in Respect of Aboriginal Elders, Past and Present.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 11 March 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED



Declarations of Interest

Nicole Moore – AA20.18 – Membership Appointment – significant non pecuniary interest declaration – Nicole is the CEO of Nowra LALC and Natalie Lloyd is her employee – will remain in the room and will take part in discussion and vote.

PRESENTATIONS

AA20.16 Presentation - Hospital Redevelopment

HPERM Ref: D20/520388

Representatives (Mohamed Nasr and Sharon Bloxsome) from the Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital provided a presentation on Hospital redevelopment, focusing on engagement with the local Aboriginal community.

It was requested that Mohamed and Sharon provide Council with a copy of the presentation to distribute to the Committee members.

AA20.17 Invitation - Rose O'Sullivan (Heritage NSW - Department of Premier and Cabinet) - Cullunghutti

HPERM Ref: D20/529175

Rose O'Sullivan – Archaeologist, Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Regulation – South, (Heritage NSW - Department of Premier and Cabinet) responded to members concerns regarding whether NPWS takes into account intangible/spiritual effects of damage to Cullunghutti.

The Committee held a discussion in relation to the cultural heritage and the harm to the mountain, the viewing platform and possible ways forward.

Clr Levett advised that he would investigate obtaining a copy of the DA and find out the conditions of consent.

Colin Wood advised that Compliance officers had assessed the site and the site owner has been issued a notice to cease and destroy the viewing platform and cease using cement on the land.

Rose advised a possible way forward to protect the land is to apply for the land to be gazetted as an Aboriginal place nomination. She noted that such application can be a slow process.

Nicole Moore recommended that the actions pertaining to Cullunghutti remain on the AAC Action table.

RECOMMENDATION (Sue-Anne Cutmore / Nicole Moore)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee recommend that Council works collaboratively with NPWS and private land owners towards a more wholistic management approach for Cullunghutti.

CARRIED

REPORTS

AA20.18 Membership Appointment

HPERM Ref: D20/519452

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

1. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) recommend that Council appoints Sharlene Cruickshank as a community member on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.



- 2. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee consider Natalie Lloyd as an option for membership to the Committee when the next vacant position becomes available.
- 3. That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee review the AAC Terms of Reference in December 2020 and its membership on the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION (Sue-Anne Cutmore / Janet Atkins)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) recommend that Council appoints Sharlene Cruickshank as a community member on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

AA20.19 Membership Resignation - Sue Cutmore / Election of Chairperson

HPERM Ref: D20/521633

Nicole Moore – significant non pecuniary interest declaration – Nicole is the CEO of Nowra LALC and Natalie Lloyd is her employee – will remain in the room and will take part in discussion and vote.

Sue Cutmore vacated the Chair.

Michael Paine – Senior Community Development Officer assumed the chair, addressed the meeting and called for nominations.

Note: Nicole Moore advised that she felt it was important to defer this item (Election of Chairperson) noting that 5 local Aboriginal Community members were present.

Michael Paine – Senior Community Development Officer called for nominations for an interim Chairperson to Chair the remainder of this meeting.

Caryn Carpenter nominated Nicole Moore as interim/acting chair for the remainder of this meeting.

Nicole Moore accepted the nomination.

Nicole Moore assumed the chair.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

- 1. Accept the resignation from Sue-Anne Cutmore and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the local Aboriginal Community.
- 2. Call for Expressions of Interest for the vacant community member position created by the resignation of Ms Cutmore.
- 3. Elect (insert name) as Chairperson for a 4-year period to December 2024.

RECOMMENDATION (Caryn Carpenter / Charlie Ashby)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee recommend that Council:

- Accept the resignation from Sue-Anne Cutmore and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the local Aboriginal Community.
- 2. Appoint Natalie Lloyd as a member to the Committee as recommended by the panel.
- 3. The election of Chairperson and review of the Terms of Reference be deferred when more members are available, and until such time that an interim chair will be elected at each meeting.



CARRIED

AA20.20 Update - Big Foot Adventures - DA Compliance

HPERM Ref: D20/252366

It was requested that this item remain open.

Note: be deferred to the next meeting.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the report be received for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the report be received for information.

CARRIED

AA20.21 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Status Action Report

HPERM Ref: D20/534366

Deferred to next meeting.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the February 2020 Status Report for information and remove CL20/134 from the action table as this is now completed.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the report regarding Status Action report be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED

Note: Jared Brown left the meeting.

Note: at 6.11pm the meeting lost quorum.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6.11pm.

Ms Sue-Anne Cutmore/Ms Nicole Moore CHAIRPERSON



AA21.1 Election of Chairperson

HPERM Ref: D20/561974

Department: Business Assurance & Risk

Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Reason for Report

To facilitate the election of Chairperson by the committee and recommend to Council.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee elect (insert name) as Chairperson for the period until the 2021 Local Government Elections.

Options

1. Adopt the recommendation.

<u>Implications</u>: Position of Chairperson will be filled and AAC will continue business as usual.

2. Adopt an alternate recommendation.

<u>Implications</u>: Should the committee opt not to elect a Chairperson for the Term and opt to elect an interim Chairperson the Committee may wish to review the Terms of Reference and the length of the Term of the Chairperson.

Background

At the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting of 7 December 2020, a report was submitted for the acknowledgement of the resignation of Sue-Anne Cutmore and Election of a new Chairperson for the Four (4) year term.

The Committee held a discussion, and it was raised that five (5) local Aboriginal Advisory Committee members were present, and it would be more suitable for the election of Chairperson to be conducted when more local members were able to be present.

The following recommendation was made to Council:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Accept the resignation from Sue-Anne Cutmore and thank her for her contribution and commitment to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and the local Aboriginal Community.
- 2. Appoint Natalie Lloyd as a member to the Committee as recommended by the panel.
- 3. The election of Chairperson and review of the Terms of Reference be deferred when more members are available, and until such time that an interim chair will be elected at each meeting.

It is intended that the Community Capacity Building Team will conduct an Induction/Workshop where members will review the Terms of Reference. Following the workshop, a separate report will be submitted regarding the outcome of the Terms of



Reference review. This workshop is proposed to occur before the second AAC meeting of 2021.

However, given the importance of the role of Chairperson of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee in providing advice and assisting Council in engagement with the Aboriginal Community outside of the formal meeting process, it is proposed that an appointment of chairperson be carried out as soon as possible, hence the recommendation of this report.

In accordance with the Terms of Reference of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, the Committee will appoint a Chairperson (to be reaffirmed by Council) on a 4-year period by a vote of members. However, the recommendation in this report is to appoint the next chairperson for the period to September 2021, which will allow for the Terms of Reference to be updated and adopted by the new Council elected in September 2021 and align the appointment with Council terms.

Outlined below is the process that is followed for the Election of Office Bearers for Committees of the Council:

At the time on the agenda when the election of office bearers is listed, the following process will be followed:

- (1) The chairperson to step down from the chair (unless their position is not up for election). An appropriately Senior Officer of the Council or other official should assume the chair for the nomination process.
- (2) Individually, for each position the following is to take place:
 - a. Nominations are called for that position and are acknowledged by the chair
 - i. They may be received in writing prior to the meeting or provided verbally at the meeting
 - ii. The Officer conducting the election shall confirm acceptance of each nominee prior to his or her inclusion in the ballot.
 - b. If only one nomination is received, that person is declared as elected
 - c. If more than one nomination is received, the Committee will be asked to resolve whether the election is to take place by open voting (i.e. show of hands) or ordinary ballot (i.e. written votes recorded and provided in secret).
 - d. Where a large number of nominations are received, the Committee may elect to proceed by a preferential ballot, whereby ballots are consecutively taken and the nominee with the least number of votes is excluded from running after each ballot, until there are two preferred candidates remaining and a final ballot is undertaken and declared.
 - e. The nominee with the most ballots is declared as elected.
 - f. In the event of an equal number of ballots being cast for nominees, the position shall be determined by draw. The name drawn by the interim chairperson will be appointed to the position.

At the conclusion of the elections, the newly elected Chairperson shall reassume control of the meeting and proceed with other business.



AA21.2 Suburb Naming Options - Moss Vale Road Urban Release Areas

HPERM Ref: D21/59290

Department: Strategic Planning

Approver: Robert Domm, Director - City Futures

Attachments: 1. Extracts from Murni Dhungang Jirrar &

2. Extracts from Cullunghutti The Mountain and its People J.

Reason for Report

Provide an overview of a project to name a new suburb encompassing the Moss Vale Road North and South Urban Release Areas, and to seek feedback, and potentially 'in-principle' support if appropriate, on an initial shortlist of proposed names for this new suburb.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That:

- 1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) provide feedback on the proposed names for a new suburb encompassing the Moss Vale Road North and South Urban Release Areas.
- 2. Pending endorsement from the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), the AAC offer 'in-principle' support for the following proposed shortlisted names if appropriate: (delete as required):
 - a. Badagarang
 - b. Buru / Booroo
 - c. Calboonya
 - d. Gumbeengang / Janbeegang
- 3. If accepted by the AAC and Nowra LALC, the shortlist of proposed names be reported to an upcoming Council Ordinary Meeting to seek endorsement to proceed to public exhibition.

Options

- The Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) provide feedback on the proposed new suburb names and, pending endorsement from the Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), the AAC offer in-principle support for the following proposed shortlisted names if appropriate: (delete as required):
 - a) Badagarang
 - b) Buru / Booroo
 - c) Calboonya
 - d) Gumbeengang / Janbeegang

If accepted by the AAC and Nowra LALC, the shortlist of proposed names will be reported to Council to obtain endorsement to proceed to public exhibition.

<u>Implications</u>: This option will provide some initial guidance on the suitability (or otherwise) of the proposed shortlisted names, while also ensuring the Nowra LALC are provided with additional time to consider and endorse the potential names. This option



will also ensure that the Council has the opportunity to endorse the potential list of names prior to broader community consultation.

2. Receive this report for information and not offer support or feedback on the shortlisted names at this point.

<u>Implications</u>: This has the potential to delay the project by several months due to the trimonthly meeting schedule of the AAC. Delaying the project carries the risk of creating complications and confusion for future landowners within the URAs if new residential lots are finally registered prior to the formal gazettal of the new name.

3. Alternative recommendation as decided by the Committee.

<u>Implications</u>: The implications for an alternative recommendation are not known at this point.

Background

Council is currently working on the realisation of two major Urban Release Areas (URAs) in the Nowra-Bomaderry area along Moss Vale Road - currently known as the "Moss Vale Road South" and Moss Vale Road North" URAs (Figure 1).

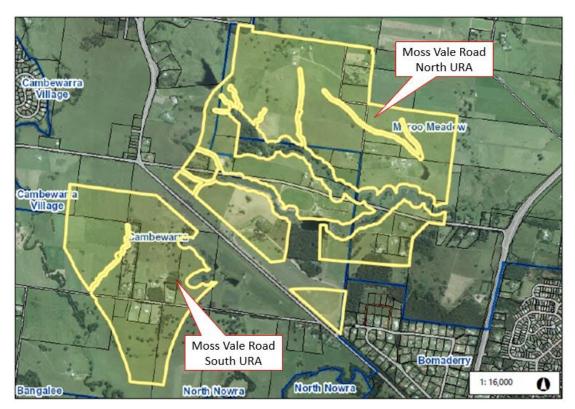


Figure 1: Location of the Moss Vale Road North and South URAs in relation to existing localities.

These two URAs are located across the current boundaries of both Cambewarra and Meroo Meadow localities. Because the release of the URAs will represent a significant new urban area in the Nowra-Bomaderry area (approximately 2,380+ homes), it is considered appropriate to give this broader new urban area a new suburb name to distinguish it from the surrounding areas of Cambewarra, Meroo Meadow and Bomaderry.



Overview of Naming Principles

The NSW Geographic Names Board (GNB) set the process for the naming of new places and suburbs. They apply a set of universal naming principles to ensure that places are assigned names that are unique to the local area, culturally appropriate, and easy to communicate.

A brief summary of the GNB's key criteria for new place names are as follows:

- The use of traditional Aboriginal names is encouraged.
- The use of local plant and animal species, and landscape and cultural features, is preferred.
- Family names are generally not favoured.

Process

The standard process for naming new places is as follows:

- 1. Early liaison with the relevant LALC to gauge interest and determine a range of potential names that reflect the local area.
- 2. Early testing of initial names with GNB (for duplication, suitability, pronunciation, etc.) to narrow down to a shortlist.
- 3. Consultation with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to seek endorsement of 2-3 shortlisted names.
- 4. Report to Council Ordinary Meeting for formal endorsement of 2-3 potential names for public exhibition.
- 5. Broader community consultation to determine public preference for potential name (minimum 28-day public exhibition).
- 6. Outcome of public exhibition to be reported to Council Ordinary Meeting seeking formal nomination of name and submission to the GNB.
- 7. Consideration of the proposed name by the GNB. If supported, GNB undertake mandatory one-month public notification period.
- 8. If no objections are received during the notification period, the GNB publish the new name in the Government Gazette.
- 9. If, however, objections are received by the GNB during the notification period, the process extended (timeframes determined on a case-by-case basis).

Consultation with Nowra LALC

Council has consulted with the Nowra LALC about this project on several occasions over the past 12 months. Early discussions with the LALC CEO (past and current) and some LALC members indicated a willingness to participate in project.

Council staff formally presented the matter to the LALC Board Meeting on 24 August 2020. Feedback received the following day confirmed the LALC's involvement and requested that Council staff provide some preliminary options to the Board for consideration.

Research was then undertaken by Council staff who consulted a broad range of resources to compile a list of possible names that satisfied GNB's universal naming principles. A number of local and online resources were consulted as part of this process, resulting in a long-list of twelve (12) names that was provided to the LALC in November 2020 for review/comment. Further engagement with both the LALC and the GNB has resulted in this list being refined to a potential four (4) names, some with variable spelling. These names, and their meanings and resource origin, are provided in Table 1 below.



Table 1: Potential shortlisted names for the Moss Vale Road North and South URAs

Suggested Name	Meaning	Re	esource Origin
Badagarang	Eastern Grey Kangaroo (Dharawal Totem)		Dharawal Online Dictionary (partnership between University of NSW and Centre of Indigenous Technology, Innovation & Environmental Sustainability (CITIES) https://dharug.dalang.com.au/language/dictionary) Les Bursill: Aboriginal Words of the Dharawal People (www.lesbursill.com)
Buru / Booroo	Eastern Grey Kangaroo	1.	Dharawal Online Dictionary (see above)
	(alternative name – see above. Dharawal Totem)	2.	Murni Dhungang Jirrar: Living in the Illawarra (book written by Sue Wesson – refer to extract in Appendix 1)
		3.	Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines 1770-1900 (research paper compiled by Michael K. Organ, University of Wollongong –
			https://ro.uow.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1 117&context=asdpapers)
Calboonya	Superb Lyrebird	1.	Murni Dhungang Jirrar: Living in the Illawarra
	(Dharawal Totem)		(book written by Sue Wesson – see above)
		2.	Illawarra and South Coast Aborigines 1770-1900 (research paper by Michael K. Organ – see above)
Gumbeengang / Janbeegang	Traditional name for Cambewarra Mountain	1.	Cullunghutti: The Mountain and its People (refer to extract in Attachment 2)

Potential Names - Discussion

It is noted that the Eastern Grey Kangaroo and Superb Lyrebird are not species that are necessarily unique to Shoalhaven or the subject land. However, it is understood from the literature noted in Table 1 that these animals have importance to the traditional custodians of the land, being totems of the Dharawal people. As the emblem for Nowra, the Lyrebird also has significance for the local community and its name is associated with many local businesses and community facilities in the area.

Feedback from the LALC Board has raised questions around the validity of the traditional name for Cambewarra Mountain ('Gumbeengang / Janbeegang'), with this information being sourced from *Cullunghutti: The Mountain and its People* (refer to extract in Attachment 2). Feedback on this suggested name is welcomed.

There have also been some initial suggestions to include the Dharawal word for Illawarra Flame Tree due to its prevalence along the Cambewarra Escarpment and surrounding area. However, the traditional name for this tree remains unknown at this point. Feedback on the traditional name for this tree, if known, is also welcomed.

At the time of writing, the LALC are yet to provide advice on their formal support (or otherwise) to the proposed shortlist. Council will only proceed with further consideration of



these names with the full support of the LALC and AAC, and the matter is intended to be reported to an upcoming Council Ordinary only after the LALC have offered their 'in-principle' support for 2-3 names.

Council Staff welcome any feedback and will remove any names if they are deemed incorrect or inappropriate.

Community Engagement

Council has been collaborating with the LALC on this project since early 2020. Broader community consultation will occur following the AAC and Council's endorsement of the shortlisted names via Council's 28-day public exhibition period. As noted, the GNB will also publicly notify the proposed name as a separate process following Council's consultation period and formal nomination of the preferred name.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications at this point. However, the gazettal of the new suburb name will require changes to information held in Council's Geographic Information Systems and with the NSW Land Registry Services.

Risk Implications

There is no risk in the AAC providing 'in-principle' support (or otherwise) to the shortlisted names at this point, as these options will only be pursued with the support of the LALC Board. Following this process, the broader public will also have the opportunity to make a submission and provide feedback during the Council's 28-day public exhibition period.

There is a risk that, should the process be unduly delayed, the early stages of the Moss Vale Road South URA will be released prior to the gazettal of the new suburb name, which may create confusion and uncertainty for new landowners and residents moving into the area as address changes would be required.



Attachment 1 – Extracts from Murni Dhungang Jirrar: Living in the Illawarra



Murni Dhungang Jirrar Living in the Illawarra

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Warning

Some food and medicine plants are dangerous, and the author and publisher accept no responsibility for any mishaps arising from the use of plants mentioned herein.



Eastern Grey Kangaroo



Part used

bone, skin, flesh, pelt, tail sinews, teeth, raw hide

Seasonal Availabilty

all year

Broad Landscape Zone coastal plain, plateau

Uses/Notes

fish spear, food, canoe binding, rugs, cloaks, hair ornaments, necklace, art subject

The flesh of the kangaroo is prized throughout Australia and the Dharawal were no exception (Barrallier 1802). Other parts of the animal were used as well. The bone was made into barbs for fish spears (Bradley 1786-92), the front teeth were used as hair ornaments (Bradley ibid.) and the tail sinew and raw hide used to bind the ends of bark canoes (Peck 1925: 93-6) as well to sew kangaroo and possum skin rugs. The skins made highly valued rugs, one rug being equal in value to a whole set of weapons (three types of spears, shields and woomera) (Hewitt 1904). The teeth were also made into necklaces, the most elaborate found to date consisting of 326 teeth in three rows (Cohen 1993). Kangaroos have been depicted in pigment and engraving art in the Illawarra as the wholw animal. (Therin 2002)



Narawan Williams



Superb Lyrebird

Dharawal Name Calboonya

Gundangurra Name

Jakular

Scientific Name

Menura novaehollandiae

Broad Landscape Zone



Part used

Seasonal Availabilty all year

Broad Landscape Zone escarpment, coastal plain, plateau

Uses/Notes

traditional story

The lyrebird is sacred to the Timbery family. He is known as a mountain bird. He was evil or nasty to his wives and the family of his wife chased him to the mountains and over the cliff's edge where he remained. (Timbery 2003) Totem animal of the Cammaray Dharawal of Botany Bay (Peck 1933: 197-8). The lyrebird is the totem of the D'harawal people and even today is a symbol of peace and conciliation' (Bodling n.d.).

Two traditional Dharawal stories are associated with the lyrebird, 'The lyrebird' (Langloh Parker 1930) and 'The lyrebird and the kookaburra' which tells the story of a Shoalhaven man whose totem was the lyrebird. He challenged all the other birds that the lyrebird could imitate and excel in their songs. The only bird whose call the lyrebird could not accurately imitate was the kookaburra (Peck 1925: 110-6).



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Cullunghutti: A Documentary History (1770s-1920s)

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Glimpses of Daily Life

The documentary record has only limited information that gives an insight into the day to day lives of Aboriginal people in the Shoalhaven. The material in the previous section provides some sense of the range of living places in the region. This section includes glimpses into the continuation of traditional knowledge in the area and a brief discussion of involvement in missionary activities in the region. It concludes with material showing the engagement of Aboriginal people with the economy of the south coast.

Buthring and Language

Buthring was an Aboriginal man from the Shoalhaven who was stated to be a "native of Coolangatta". Unfortunately nothing else is known of him other than some brief stories, mainly of the 'little hairy man' of Cambewarra Mountain (included in a previous section), and lists of words in language that Alexander Campbell recorded from him in 1899, 1900 and 1902. Alexander Campbell was a newspaper proprietor with an interest in local history and was the parliamentary member for the Illawarra from 1891 until his death in 1903. 597

In his 1899 notes Campbell stated that Buthring gave the place name for Coolangatta as *Jellumbagang* and that when, "Asked why it had been named Coolangatta, he said that designation had reference to blackfellow corroberees that used to take place there." ⁵⁹⁸ It would appear from this statement that Buthring understood *Coolangatta* to be a version of the name of the mountain that related to its ceremonial or spiritual significance. In notes from 1900 Campbell stated that Buthring gave the name *Djullubugong* as the "Native name of Coolangatta where Dr. Hay's residence now is." ⁵⁹⁹ These are very similar names and may be the same word transcribed differently by Campbell on each occasion. If so it is possible that the name *Jellumbagang* or *Djullubugong* refers to a specific part of the mountain rather than the whole mountain. ⁶⁰⁰

Campbell stated that Buthring said of the locality name *Wandandian* that it was given to that place because of "... two old Aboriginal women who used to go there stripping wattle bark in the olden times. Of the bark, or the inner part or lining of it they made things for use. The name of the place – Wandandian – he said referred to those two old women." ⁶⁰¹

Buthring also stated that there was a traditional fighting ground near Broughton Village,

Buthring says, that one of the main battle-fields the blacks used in the olden times was "The Little Mountain", or "Dicky Wood's Meadow", beside the creek, on the east side of Broughton Village. He said the different tribes from all directions used to fight there – mostly about women matters. "Lots" of blacks were killed there in battle, and buried here or there about. 602

The table on the following page gives a list of the language names for specific places that were recorded from Buthring. 603





European Place Name Berry	Language Name from Buthring Yerrowalong or Illawong	Stated that <i>Yerrowalong</i> applied to the township area, Buthring " appeared to
3erry	Yerrowalong or Illawong	township area, Buthring " appeared to
		define Hospital Hill, or ridge, as a kind of boundary between "Yerrowalong" and "Illaroong"" ⁶⁰⁵ At a later date Buthring gives <i>Illawong</i> for the township, this may be the same word recorded differently by Campbell on the two occasions.
Black Head	Buggung	
Bomaderry	Bummaderra	
Broughton Creek	Illaroong	Campbell stated that Buthring appeared to have been using it in reference to the, " eastern branch of the stream, all the way up toward Broughton Village and the Fox Ground." 606
Broughton Creek	Bullajarra	Cambell stated that Buthing applied it to the area above the Junction. No further
C	Combanasa	description of area was given.
Cambewarra Mountain	Gumbeengang or Jangbeegang	Buthring's account says that the people who lived in that area were traditionally called by this name as well as the location. He described the people as small in stature.
Coolangatta (part thereof)	Djullubugong	This name is stated to be specific to the area "where Dr Hay's residence now is" Note that Coolangatta is itself a European version of a local language name.
Crooked River (Gerringong)	Oorajang	
Eastern Creek	Noorreen	From Sand Junction to Foxground
Greenwell Point	Jerrijer	
lervis Bay	Coorumbun	
Kiama	Kyarneae	
Mount Pleasant	Bungoongard	
Nowra Hill	Crumbene	
Numba	Numba	The meaning is given as Tea Tree.
Seven Mile (Shoalhaven) Beach	Murrowri or Murrowree	
Shoalhaven River	Burray or Burral	
Shoalhaven River near	Dhooroong-Jamban Yam	In 1902 Campbell recorded that Buthring
Bomaderry Creek		gave the name of the specific part of the Shoalhaven River near Bomaderry Creek as Dhooroong-Jamban Yam. Unfortunately Campbell could not understand his explanation of this specific name.
Woodhill	Jerrula or Gallungumbola	Jerrula recorded in 1900, Gallungumbola in

Cullunghutti: A Documentary History (1770s-1920s)





AA21.3 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Status Action Report

HPERM Ref: D21/11996

Department: Community Connections

Approver: Jane Lewis, Director - City Lifestyles

Attachments: 1. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Action Plan Update - 8 February 2021 4

Reason for Report

To update the Aboriginal Advisory Committee on progress made against actions and resolutions that have been passed at previous meetings of the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That:

- 1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the updated December 2020 Status report for information.
- 2. The following action be noted as completed and removed from the Action table.
 - a. AA18.23 Uluru Statement from the Heart
 - b. AA20.11 Additional Item Cullunghutti Plan of Management Invite Rose O'Sullivan (DPIE) Compliance concerns report request.

Options

1. Adopt the recommendation as printed.

<u>Implications</u>: The Aboriginal Advisory Committee is kept updated about progress towards the completion of identified actions.

2. Request additional information.

<u>Implications</u>: Members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be provided additional information as requested and available.

Background

Progress towards the completion of actions and resolutions that have been made at previous meetings of the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Advisory Committee are detailed in Attachment 1.

Community Engagement

It is important the members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee are kept informed about progress towards the completion of actions and projects that have been the subject of discussion at meetings of the Committee. This report provides a structured approach to facilitate this information exchange.



Meeting Date: 23/06/2020 Item No: CL20.134 Officer: Simoes, Margaret Completed:

Uluru Statement from the Heart - Adopt LG NSW 2018 Conference. Policy - recognition /Acknowledgement - Notify AAC/Prime Minister Notes:

RESOLVED (By consent) Ordinary Meeting 23/06/2020

Notice of Motion - Uluru Statement from the Heart Adopt LGNSW 2018 Conference Policy - Recognition / Acknowledgement - Notify AAC /Prime Minister

That Council adopt the Local Government NSW Albury 2018 Conference policy on the Statement from the Heart as follows:

- 1. Recognise that the Uluru Statement as reprinted in part 6 is a clear expression of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' vision toward Makarrata and reconciliation.
- 2. Acknowledge the challenges in the Uluru Statement and call on our national parliament to rise to these challenges and to establish a First Nations voice to Parliament.
- 3. Notify the Aboriginal Advisory Committee of this resolution and ask the Committee to assist Council in supporting a way forward in the cultural development.
- 4. Write to the Prime Minister of Australia and to the Minister for Indigenous Australians the Hon. Ken Wyatt AM MP informing them of council's resolution.
- It be noted that:

The 'Uluru Statement from the Heart' was developed through wide consultation with First Nations peoples across Australia. The Statement not only outlines the history and pain of dispossession but also outlines the desired outcomes for the future - "a future for our children based on justice and self-determination". Our non-indigenous community have now had extensive education and discussion on Constitutional Reform and have given every indication that it is time to formalise the general feeling of the wider community.

6. It is noted that the Uluru Statement from the Heart is as follows:

Letter to The Hon Scott Morrison MP. 23 July 2020 from Stephen Dunshea, CEO Council Reference: 40237E (D20/317998)

The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians 23 July 2020 from Stephen Dunshea, CEO

Council Reference: 40237E (D20/326884)

Response: The Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians. 20

October 2020.

Council Reference: 40237E

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"We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

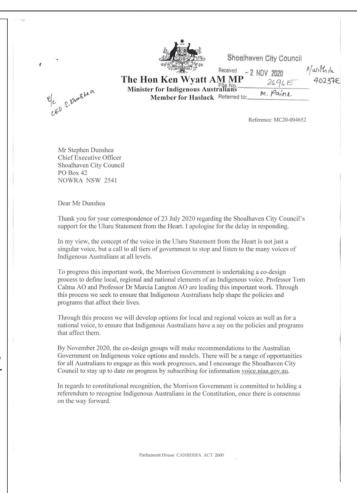
How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are aliened from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.



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We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truthtelling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future."

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We will not pre-engs the endoonse of a process to determine a question to be put to the Australian people. Only eight out of 44 part referends have been successful and it is important to the mode of the part of the part of the part of the process of the part of the part

The Hon KIN WYATT AM MP Minister for Indigenous Australia

8/2/21

Action: Indigenous Voice consultation.

In 2018, a parliamentary committee chaired by both sides of politics looked at the Uluru Statement from the Heart and next steps. They recommended starting a process to co-design the detail of an Indigenous Voice. **Indigenous Voice** Website - https://voice.niaa.gov.au/

Find out more about the proposals and have your say.

It is proposed this action is completed and removed from the action table.

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Meeting Date: 11/02/2019 Item No: AA19.6	Officer: Simoes, Margaret Completed:		
Title: Additional Item - Plaques - Cultural Significance Telling Shoal	aven Stories - Action Plan - smoking ceremonies		
Clr Digiglio suggested that Plaques be placed around the Shoalhaven at sites of Cultural significance telling the story of the area and the Indigenous people. RESOLVED (By consent) That: 1. The matter relating to the Plaques for Indigenous Shoalhaven Stories be added to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Action Plan	Notes: Margaret suggested that Committee members send in locations that may be culturally significant, so that Council can work towards recognising them as such by way of plaques, commemorative signs etc. The Committee identified areas of Sussex Inlet (Berrara), Manyana and Jerry Bailey Cemetery at Shoalhaven Heads as possible locations for the signs. 11/6/20: Margaret to work with Ron Carberry to review the current interpretative		
 Staff provide a report to the Committee on costings in relation to the design and installation of a Plaque at places in the Shoalhaven identifying locations where smoking ceremonies have taken place. CARRIED 	signage installed at Greenwell Point and Shoalhaven River to review the information and update as advised by Ron and other members of the community 30/9/20: ACDO liaising with Ron Carberry regarding the Greenwell Point signage and agreed on the wording. Signage is being designed. • Draft design sent to Ron Carberry for community consultation. 16/12/20: Proposed new signage sent to Jerrinja LALC for consultation. • Alfred Wellington, CEO to provide feedback in January 2021.		

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Meeting Date: 13/05/2019	Item No: AA19.17	Officer:	Simoes, Margaret	Completed:	
Title: Additional Item - Link - DPOP - S	Submission - Budget Bid - Cullur	<mark>nghutti</mark>			
		Notes:			
Title: Additional Item - Link - DPOP - Submission - Budget Bid - Cullung 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.		The Abori requested Council a regarding File 1209 Shaun Cla Manager Shaun Sh	d information and background assistance with information by the \$50,000 budget bid for Eltem No. AA19.17. ay, Team Supervisor, Come Building & Compliance. Stated that they would valuate about how we might be presentative from Heritagen be followed up as an acts with the AAC. Included the service of the s	Simoes (ACDO) discussed this matter in the Action Table and und regarding the budget bid that went to ation to make a submission to the DPOP or a Plan of Management for Cullunghutti. Inpliance (represented Colin Wood, Section use the chance to meet with the Advisory se able to support the Plan of Management. e NSW to also attend the meeting. Ition for discussion as part of the online on the Agenda for 4 May at 4pm via online	

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Meeting Date:13/05/2019Item No:AA19.18Officer:Simoes, MargaretCompleted:

Title: 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 Manage (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
- Identifies culturally significant locations within the Shoalhaven LGA.

Notes:

28/04/2020 2:30:16 PM - Margaret Simoes

Report tabled at the AAC meeting held on 17 February. MS presented sample designs of signage currently installed throughout the Shoalhaven. (See attached above AA20.2) and possible costings. The Committee identified areas of Sussex Inlet (Berrara), Manyana and Jerry Bailey Cemetery at Shoalhaven Heads as possible locations for the signs. ACDO to investigate the locations.

23/11/2020 3:08:58 PM - Margaret Simoes

ACDO working with Ron Carberry, Bushcare to assist in identifying places of cultural significance for possible installation of interpretative signage.

Action: Ongoing investigations of sites and liaison with Council Aboriginal staff. Discussions continuing for Jerry Bailey Cemetery.

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Meeting Date: 17/02/2020	Item No: AA20.8	Officer:	Simoes, Margaret	Completed:	
Title: Additional Item - Terms of Refer	<mark>ence - Review - Workshop - Sta</mark>	atement of (Commitment - Include in Agenda		
The current terms of reference and area is needed formed part of discussions at held on Thursday 13 February. The terms of reference are to be discurrent meeting. It was agreed that Statement of Codisplayed at the beginning of the busine Terms of Reference.	a workshop of the Committee ssed and reviewed at the next mmitment wording should be	Online dis Nicole Mo sessions issues ide - understa - provide - overviev - due to C - how the the AAC Review Commitm - First onl Coralie, S Action: A Inductio New mo Identify	20 2:44:04 PM - Margaret Simoes scussion between Coralie Bell, Sue Core, AAC member. It was agreed that be planned in collaboration with Coulentified by the members. anding the roll and functions of the coand induction session for the new me of how Council staff work with commodVID-19 how E-meetings can be he members can continue to work throuprocesses for committee Terms of Relent. Susan, Ryan and Margaret. AC to discuss at 7 December meeting training to be organised for 2021. Sembership recommended. Teview process for AAC Terms of Releferred to 8 February 2021 meeting over the content of the commended of th	at informal Aboriginal member incil staff to address some of the simulated embers mittees lid ligh urgent matters as identified by deference and Statement of liay 4 May at 4pm. Facilitated by ling.	

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Meeting Date: 26/11/2019	Item No: AA19.25	Officer:	Simoes, Margaret		Completed:
Title: Additional Item - Cullunghutti - P AAC meeting	lan of Management - Investigat	i <mark>on - Track</mark>	Damage / Land clearing -	Bigfoot Cor	mpliance - PED staff / NPWS - next
RESOLVED (CIr Digiglio / CIr Levett)	MIN19.866	Notes:			
That Council		17/02/20	20: Compliance staff attend	ded the Abo	original Advisory Committee.
 Staff from Planning Environment and Development and NPWS be invited to the next meeting to provide information on the maintenance of the land, and clarification on Bigfoot and its approval to operate on the whole track to the summit. Staff investigate and provide information on the clearing that has been done and if it's on private land 			D20/76146 7/12/20: Undate (AA20:17)		
CARRIED					

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Meeting E	Date: 24/03/2020	Item No:	ΔΔ20 11	Officer:	Claire Andriske	Completed:
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Title: A	Additional Item - Cullunghutti Pla	in of Manag	jement - Invite Rose	O'Sullivan (DPIE) - Compliance concerns report	request
RESOLVE	ED (Clr Proudfoot / Clr Levett)		MIN20.206	Notes:		
That:				Action: 7/	03/20: Invite Rose O'Sullivan (OEH)	to attend AAC meeting.
Council staff invite Rose O'Sullivan – Archaeologist (DPIE) or Representative to provide available times for the Committee to			Rose confirmed availability to attend a AAC meeting.			
secur	e an Extra Ordinary meeting wi	th her in att	endance.	24/11/20: Rose O'Sullivan confirmed availability to attend 7 December 2020 AAC		
2. A further update on compliance concerns raised by the Committee to be brought to the next meeting.			meeting with Emma Dortins, Heritage NSW.			
FOR:	OR: CIr Findley, CIr Gash, CIr Wells, CIr White, CIr Digiglio, CIr Alldrick, CIr Levett, CIr Pakes, CIr Watson, CIr Kitchener and CIr Proudfoot			07/12/20: December	Rose O'Sullivan attended and prese - 2020.	nted at the AAC meeting on &
AGAINST	AGAINST: Clr Guile		It is prope	osed this action is completed and	removed from the action table.	
CARRIED				on protou and		

Meet	ting Date: 24/03/2020	Item No: AA20.6	Officer: Clay, Shaun	Completed:		
Title:	Title: Additional Item - Cullunghutti - Big Foot Adventures DA Compliance - Regular updates to Aboriginal Advisory Committee					
RES	OLVED* (Clr Wells / Clr Guile)	MIN20.218	Notes:			
That:			Action: a representative from Building & Compliance to attend meeting on 7/12/20 to update committee on the issues of DA Compliance for Big Foot Adventures.			
	The Director of Planning, Environme compliance review of BigFoot Adven	·				
2. The Director of Planning, Environment and Development provide regular updates to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee on the compliance of BigFoot Adventures on Cullunghutti Mountain with its DA.			Action: Regular updates to Aboriginal Adviso Compliance.	ry Committee by Building &		
	A further invitation be extended to He Planning, Industry and Environment (9				

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to attend an extra ordinary meeting of the committee to discuss the protection of Cullunghutti and other significant cultural sites.	
CARRIED	

Note:

At the time of drafting this report the Actions from December 2020 Meeting have not been generated from the January 2021 Ordinary Meeting. These will be reported to the next AAC Meeting.

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