

## MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 22 February 2021  
**Location:** Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 4.11pm

The following members were present:

Clr Patricia White  
Clr Nina Digiglio  
Clr John Levett  
Charlie Ashby  
Sharlene Cruickshank  
Jared Brown  
Janet Atkins  
Nowra LALC - Nicole Moore – (remotely) left at 5.15pm

Others present:

Ray Massie  
Gordon Clark  
Michael Paine  
Colin Wood  
Kristy O'Sullivan

Charlie Ashby was nominated and elected as Interim Chairperson for the meeting until Item AA21.1 Election of Chairperson.

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

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Caryn Carpenter and Valda Corrigan.

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (Janet Atkins / Clr White)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 07 December 2020 be confirmed.

CARRIED

## Declarations of Interest

Nil

## REPORTS

### AA21.1 Election of Chairperson

HPERM Ref:  
D20/561974

Nominations were received for Charlie Ashby, Nicole Moore and Janet Atkins, who all declined.

A nomination was received for Jared Brown, who accepted the nomination.

### Recommendation

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

### RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee elect Jared Brown as Chairperson for the period until the 2021 Local Government Elections.

CARRIED

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

HPERM Ref:  
D21/59290

Gordon Clark (Manager, Strategic Planning) clarified that the list of proposed names has been brought to the Committee ensure that no potentially problematic names will be taken forward to the Geographic Naming Board (GNB). The endorsement of both the Committee and the Nowra LALC is required.

Kristy O'Sullivan (Strategic Planner) explained how the proposed names had been sourced, including a process of cross-referencing to establish correctness. An important stipulation is that the name should not sound too similar to existing names, to ensure clarity for emergency services.

The Committee raised no objections to the names on the list, but asked whether the timeframe would accommodate consultation with the community, whose broader knowledge would result in further names being proposed.

The need to follow the timeframe was stressed, as the name needs to be approved by the GNB and in place before people start moving to the area, within next 12 months.

Nicole Moore advised she is presenting the Council proposals to the Nowra LALC Board and will take suggestions from the community. Charlie Ashby will reach out to people in the community and feed back to Nicole.

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

That:

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**AA21.3 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Status Action Report**

**HPERM Ref:  
D21/11996**

Colin Wood (Manager, Building & Compliance) gave an update on AA20.11 Additional Item – Cullunghutti Plan of Management. He advised the viewing platform and its materials at the summit of the mountain have been removed. The land owner advised they will not use concrete again but will use shale and road base.

Jared Brown asked when the DA / consent runs out, and whether the owner would consider a more sympathetic use for the land. Colin Wood advised Rose O'Sullivan (NPWS) had been due to investigate this issue, but confirmed there is no end date to a Development Consent, and that it remains with the land, transferring between successors of title. Similarly, any issue of notices stays with the land. The Consent can be surrendered by any future owner.

Charlie Ashby expressed concern that the damage may still continue even though the platform structures have been removed, e.g. damage to tree root systems or rocks? Colin Wood advised Council retains the power to enforce compliance with noise, water and air pollution controls, and to require rectification of damage. Council can also advise the owner on culturally significant areas that should be avoided if the community can provide information about them.

The community would require legal access to the private property to obtain photographic evidence to ensure preservation.

Clr Levett noted that, as NPWS are custodians of Aboriginal heritage, Rose O'Sullivan could broker a meeting with the owner to discuss the importance of the land.

Gordon Clarke noted the property is, or was, on the market, and that the current owners may not wish to run Bigfoot for long.

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

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**AA21.4 Workshop Dates**

**HPERM Ref:  
D21/49575**

This item was not addressed.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.15pm.

Jared Brown  
CHAIRPERSON