

MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Monday, 7 June 2021
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.04pm

The following members were present:

Mr Jared Brown - Chairperson
Clr Nina Digiglio (remotely)
Clr John Levett
Clr Joanna Gash
Clr Patricia White
Ms Janet Atkins
Ms Sylvia Timbery
Mr Shane Brown
Ms Caryn Carpenter
Ms Sharlene Cruickshank
Ms Natalie Lloyd (remotely)
Ms Nicole Moore - Nowra LALC
Mr Alfred Wellington - Jerrinja LALC
Mr Michael Paine – Manager – Community Connections - CEO Nominee

Others Present:

Mr Robert Domm – Director – City Futures
Ms Coralie Bell – Acting Manager – Media & Communications
Ms Carly McWalters – Team Leader – Community Capacity Building
Ms Kristy Mayhew – Tourism Marketing Specialist
Ms Kristy O’Sullivan -Strategic Planner (remotely)
Mr Ray Massie – Coast & Estuaries Officer (remotely)
Ms Cassandra Stokes – Project Manager, Coastal Waterways Bushfire Recovery

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Nil.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Sharlene Cruickshank / Janet Atkins)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Monday 22 February 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Alfred Wellington – CEO of Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council, declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to Item AA21.6 – Consideration of Membership – Ron Carberry and abstained from voting.

Natalie Lloyd - Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council, declared a Conflict of Interest in relation to Item AA21.6 – Consideration of Membership – Ron Carberry and abstained from voting.

PRESENTATIONS

AA21.10 Presentation - Clontarf Academy

**HPERM Ref:
D21/200852**

Staff and students from the Shoalhaven Clontarf Academy and the Vincentia Clontarf Academy made a presentation to the Committee about the work that they do.

- The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to equip them to participate more meaningfully in society.
- The first academy opened for 25 boys in 2000 and has now grown to approximately 10,500 boys in 139 schools in six states across Australia.
- Clontarf academies were established in 2019 at Shoalhaven and Vincentia High Schools. In 2021 there are 77 participants at Shoalhaven High and 102 participants at Vincentia High.
- The five learning areas the Academy focus on are:
 - Education
 - Leadership
 - Well-being
 - Employment
 - Sport
- Camps are held each term to reward those participants who have met the set criteria - for example good attendance rates, positive behaviour, completing school work so that the boys can earn their way to attend the camps.
- A main focus of the Academies is leadership where public speaking is encouraged and opportunities are provided for the boys to speak to different groups and different venues to build confidence in public speaking.

AA21.12 Bushfire Recovery Plan - Coastal Waterways

**HPERM Ref:
D21/231129**

Neal Albert – Alluvium, gave a presentation to the Committee outlining the South East Catchments and Waterways Bushfire Recovery Plan and the need to work with Local Aboriginal Land Councils in the affected areas as part of the development process.

It was agreed between the Committee and Alluvium that Alluvium would liaise with the CEOs of the LALCs when the Plan is being implemented.

REPORTS

AA21.6 Consideration of Membership - Ron Carberry

**HPERM Ref:
D21/74509**

Alfred Wellington – CEO of Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council, declared a Conflict of Interest – abstained from voting.

Natalie Lloyd - Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council, declared a Conflict of Interest – abstained from voting.

Nicole Moore noted that this application had been discussed at the Committee meeting held on 7 December 2020 and at that time it was deemed that the applicant did not meet the selection criteria and the application was not approved.

If this application is successful, the appointment of Ron Carberry would mean that the Terms of Reference will need to be amended to increase the Community Membership of the Committee to 14 members.

It was suggested to defer the consideration of the application until after the Terms of Reference workshop.

Recommendation

That:

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee consider recommending that Council appoints Ron Carberry as a community member on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee;
2. Subject to Part 1 being adopted, Council amend the Terms of Reference and increase the Community Membership to 14 members.

RESOLVED (Nicole Moore / Caryn Carpenter)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee defer the consideration of the appointment of Ron Carberry as a community member on the Aboriginal Advisory Committee until the Terms of Reference workshop where it could be discussed at that time.

CARRIED

AA21.7 Tourism Marketing Update

**HPERM Ref:
D21/136189**

Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager, presented the draft Visitor Guide. The Committee expressed concern at the operators included in that list and their authority to practise culture on country.

The Committee asked that Council note the lack of consultation with members of the Committee in the development of the list.

It was agreed that members of the Committee work together with the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group (STAG) on other tourism ideas members may have and provide feedback on future collaboration opportunities.

The Committee does not endorse the list of Indigenous tourism operators that has been included in the Draft Guide because the list could cause conflict with members of the Aboriginal communities who have more knowledge of country at these particular sites. The Committee asked that wording be included on the Guide to say “This is not an exhaustive list of Indigenous Operators” or “Some Indigenous Operators include” or something to that effect to make it clear that this is not a list fully endorsed by the Committee.

The Committee does not endorse the content of the Visitor Guide on the basis that a member

cannot endorse on behalf of others and have requested that a cultural disclaimer be included on the Visitor Guide. This will be workshopped via email with the Tourism team and AAC members.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receive the tourism marketing update for information and note the draft content to be included in the 2022 Visitor Guide.
2. Provide the following feedback to the Tourism Advisory Group
 - a. > to be included in the meeting after discussion <

RESOLVED (Sharlene Cruickshank / Sylvia Timbery)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receive the tourism marketing update for information and note the draft content to be included in the 2022 Visitor Guide.
2. Provide feedback on the tourism marketing update to the Tourism Advisory Group following further consultation with the broader community.
3. Be consulted in advance for future guides involving cultural tourism activities.
4. Request Council to work with the CEOs of the Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the AAC on the cultural disclaimer wording to be included on the Visitor Guide.

CARRIED

AA21.9 Update - Suburb Naming Options - Moss Vale Road Urban Release Areas

**HPERM Ref:
D21/167668**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

Receive this report for information.

RESOLVED (Sharlene Cruickshank / Jerrinja LALC - Alfred Wellington)

That the Committee receive the Suburb Naming Options - Moss Vale Road Urban Release Areas report for information.

CARRIED

AA21.11 Aboriginal Signage - One Track for All - Ulladulla

**HPERM Ref:
D21/216705**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee note that that the resurfacing of the One Track For All project is about to commence and that the existing timber Indigenous signage will remain in place until the matter can be determined by a resolution of Council directly or as a matter of Council Policy.

RESOLVED (Caryn Carpenter / Natalie Lloyd)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee

1. Note that that the resurfacing of the One Track For All project is about to commence and that the existing timber Indigenous signage will remain in place until the matter can be determined by a resolution of Council directly or as a matter of Council Policy.
2. Be consulted along with the Ulladulla LALC and Uncle Noel Butler on the planned works.

CARRIED

AA21.8 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Status Action Report**HPERM Ref:
D21/154720**

In relation to item AA19.18 - Plaques Identifying Culturally Significant Locations – Design and Costings:

- It was noted that there are culturally significant locations in the Shoalhaven where no interpretive signage exists or has been placed.
- Michael Paine Manager – Community Connections advised that plaques are to be placed at sites of cultural significance telling the story of the area and the Indigenous people and that the sign for the Greenwell Point reserve is currently being reviewed by Jerrinja LALC.
- A Question on Notice was raised, asking whether a budget bid has been made for the Plan of Management for Council owned land at Cullunghutti for 2021-2022.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That:

1. The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive the updated May 2021 Status Report for Information.
2. The following action be noted as completed and removed from the Action table:
 - a. AA20.19 Membership - Resignation - Sue-Anne Cutmore - Appointment - Natalie Lloyd - Application consideration - Ron Carberry
 - b. AA21.3 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Status Action Report - Remove AA18.23 & AA20.11
 - c. AA21.1 Election of Chairperson - Jared Brown
 - d. AA20.18 Aboriginal Advisory Committee - Membership - Appointment - Sharlene Cruickshank

RESOLVED (Natalie Lloyd / Sharlene Cruickshank)

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3. That AA19.6 Plaques – Cultural Significance Telling Shoalhaven Stories – Smoking Ceremonies merge with AA19.18 Plaques Identifying Culturally Significant Locations – Design and Costings and adopt the wording of the Resolution of AA19.18.

CARRIED

AA21.13 Cullunghutti - Plan of Management

RECOMMENDATION (Natalie Lloyd / Sharlene Cruickshank)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee request Council to submit the budget bid for the plan of management for Council owned land at Cullunghutti if it is not already included in the budget.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

AA21.4 Workshop Dates

HPERM Ref:
D21/49575

- Discussion took place to identify potential dates to hold a Workshop to Review the Terms of Reference.
- Michael Paine to email options out to Committee members. Tentatively set for Wednesday, 30 June from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

AA21.14 Rescission Motion - Huskisson Church

Nicole Moore provided the meeting with an update on the resolution at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 May 2021 to go ahead with the shallow scraping at the Former Anglican Church site at Huskisson and that a Rescission Motion was received on this Item.

RESOLVED (Nicole Moore / Sharlene Cruickshank)

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Implore that Council consider the Rescission Motion on the shallow scraping at the Former Anglican Church site at Huskisson.
2. Wholeheartedly support the Rescission Motion in respect of DE21.43 – Update – Planning Proposal PP050 – Former Anglican Church, Huskisson – Ground Penetrating Radar Survey.

CARRIED

AA21.5 Presentation - National Indigenous Australians Agency - Tyrone Taylor

HPERM Ref:
D21/27614

An update was provided to the Committee on Monday 3 May 2021 regarding whole-of-government coordination of Policy Development, Program Design, and service delivery for Aboriginal Australians, especially for the Shoalhaven.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5:55pm.

Jared Brown
CHAIRPERSON