

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 12 August, 2025
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.30pm

Addendum Agenda

Notices of Motion / Questions on Notice

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HPERM Ref: D25/350248

Submitted by: Cllr Bob Proudfoot

Attachments: 1. Letter - Department of Communities and Justice - Keeping Kin Connected - Fee Waiver Request [↓](#)

Purpose / Summary

The following Notice of Motion, of which due notice has been given, is submitted for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

That Shoalhaven City Council support the annual cultural event, Keeping Kin Connected, for all Aboriginal Children in and out of Home Care, in the Shoalhaven on 9 October 2025 as part of the annual NAIDOC celebrations, by way of a fee waiver applicable to Nowra Showground.

Background

This is an annual community focused initiative, which would be placed in financial jeopardy without the usual support via a fee waiver from Shoalhaven City Council.

Culturally appropriate activities are so important to our young aboriginal kids and they so richly deserve our support.

CEO Note

An application was formally received on 30 July 2025 (initial letter to CEO was in June 2025), and assessed in accordance with Council's [Fee Waivers, Subsidies and Support Policy](#). The applicant was advised that it was deemed ineligible for the following reasons:

- The event is not open to the community.
- No evidence has been provided that the applicant (Department of Communities and Justice) is a registered charity or incorporated not for profit organisation.
- No evidence has been provided that an approach has been made by the hirer to State or Federal government agencies' to seek funding support.

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Communities
& Justice

Illawarra Shoalhaven District
Department of Communities and Justice
2 Lawrence Avenue, Nowra NSW 2541

Date: June 27, 2025

Dear Mr. James Ruprai,

Re: Nowra Showground and Pavilion – Fee waived

My name is Belinda Campbell, I am an Aboriginal Cultural Support Caseworker at Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) based in Nowra. I have been provided with your contact details by Bob Proudfoot as to whom I need to liaise with.

Each year DCJ host an annual cultural event Keeping Kin Connected for all Aboriginal children in Out of Home Care (OOHC) in the Shoalhaven. This year's event will be held on the 9th of October 2025.

The day is initially held as part of NAIDOC celebrations to provide Aboriginal children an opportunity to connect with other Aboriginal children living in care, many of whom are kin.

One of the key priorities until this time has been to provide an opportunity for Aboriginal children living in non-Aboriginal care arrangements, to connect with their culture and the local Aboriginal community. The primary focus has always been on providing culturally appropriate activities.

To help make this event accessible and inclusive for all, we are respectfully requesting a waiver of the hire fee of the Pavilion and the field of the Nowra Showground at a cost of \$697.00. As a community focused initiative with a limited budget, a fee waiver would significantly support our ability to offer this event.

We truly value the partnership we have with Shoalhaven City Council, and we would be happy to provide any additional information needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to the opportunity to making this event a success for the Aboriginal children and young people in Out of Home Care.

Sincerely,
Belinda Campbell

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