

## MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, 3 March 2026  
**Location:** Osprey & Orchid Training Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 5:09 PM

The following members were present:

Ms Natalie Lloyd (Remotely)  
Mayor Patricia White  
Cr Gillian Boyd (Remotely)  
Uncle Paul McLeod  
Cr Jemma Tribe (Remotely)  
Cr Debbie Killian  
Ms Sharlene Cruickshank  
Mr Charlie Ashby (Remotely)  
Mr Allen Bloxsome  
Uncle Sonny Sims - Nowra LALC

Others present:

Mr Andrew Constance - Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Lauren Buckingham – Manager Customer and Community Services (Acting Chairperson)  
Mr Colin Moore – Aboriginal Communities Partner  
Ms Katie Buckman – Director City Performance (Remotely)  
Ms Jessica Richardson – Lead Vibrant Communities  
Mr Alexander Aronsson - Floodplain & Stormwater Coordinator  
Ms Jenna Anderson – Governance Coordinator  
Mrs Krystal Krizanovic – Governance Officer (minute taker)

**Note:** The chairperson declined to chair the meeting as she was attending remotely, and no community members volunteered to act as Chair. Ms Lauren Buckingham – Manager Customer and Community Services assumed the role of chair for the meeting.

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from:

Ms Caryn Carpenter  
Aunty Margaret Simoes – Shoalhaven High School  
Ms Cleone Wellington – Waminda  
Ms Karen Tronier - Ulladulla LALC

### Confirmation of the Minutes

**RESOLVED** (Sharlene Cruickshank / Allen Bloxsome)

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held on Tuesday 04 November 2025 be confirmed.  
CARRIED

### Declaration of Interests

Nil

## REPORTS

### AA26.1 Action Table Report - March 2026

HPERM Ref:  
D26/69037

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

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3. Continue to support and pursue.
  - a. AA24.12 - Provide a Report Back - Status Update on Comberton Grange Rd Comberton - Road Closure.
4. The nomination of two members of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to be representatives on the reconciliation action plans Yarning Group.
  - a. Mr Allen Bloxsome - Representative
  - b. Mr Charlie Ashby - Representative
  - c. Uncle Paul McLeod - Substitute Representative

CARRIED

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### **AA26.2 Additional Item - Lower Shoalhaven River & St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans**

Lower Shoalhaven River & St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Studies and Plans  
Presenter: Alexander Aronsson, Floodplain & Stormwater Coordinator

Alexander's team has completed the draft Lower Shoalhaven River and St Georges Basin Floodplain Risk Management Plans.

All draft documents are currently on public exhibition, and Council is seeking community feedback on the recommendations within each plan.

The studies aim to reduce flood risk to properties and assets on both public and private land and to improve preparedness and response for future flooding events in the study areas.

Alexander has provided a copy of the presentation for the committee to review.

### **AA26.3 Additional Item - Jerry Bailey Burial Ground Project Update**

Phase One commenced late last year and focused on informing the most affected stakeholders, including descendants, landholders, residents, and Aboriginal communities with connections to the site. Broader stakeholders were also engaged.

#### **Phase One Completion:**

1. Included support from Aboriginal stakeholder Aunty Julie Moore from Koorimunication, who attended a meeting and presented to the group.
2. Proactive resolutions assisted with consultation activities, particularly with homeowners and residents of Hay Avenue.
3. Council is now progressing from Phase One to Phase Two, with strong support to ensure a positive project outcome. Learnings from Phase One have been consolidated to guide the next stage.

Phase Two will involve establishing a Steering Committee to ensure careful and culturally appropriate engagement. This includes speaking with the right representatives, particularly local Elders.

#### **Next Steps:**

1. Invitations will be issued to Elders to participate in the Steering Committee.
2. Ongoing engagement will also include the Mayor, CEO, and community members to ensure the project continues steadily and respectfully.
3. The focus remains on progressing the project thoughtfully to achieve the best possible outcome for the Jerry Bailey Burial Ground.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 6:33 pm.

Ms Lauren Buckingham – Manager Customer and Community Services  
ACTING CHAIRPERSON