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**1. Acknowledgement to Country**

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Land on which we are meeting and pays its respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

**2. Apologies / Leave of Absence****3. Confirmation of Minutes****3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 4 August 2020**

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 August 2020 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

**4. Disclosures of Interest****5. Staff Reports and General Business****5.1 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Recruitment Update (11542942)**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the recruitment of the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) position.

The AAC members were advised at the August meeting that recruitment was underway for the ACLO position. The position was re-advertised in July and interviews were held in August.

Following the interviews, Shane Venables has been appointed to the position and will commence with Council on Monday 12 October 2020.

**Recommendation:**

**The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the ACLO Recruitment Update report.**

**Report prepared by:** Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

**Responsible Manager:** Kathryn Baget-Juleff,  
Group Manager Community Connections

**Date of Meeting:** 6 October 2020

**5.2 Bass Point Reserve Conservation Management Plan Update (11542943)**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Bass Point Reserve Conservation Management Plan project.

An update on the project was provided to the AAC at the August meeting and it was recommended that further community consultation take place with the aim to have more participation and contribution from Traditional Owners.

Following that meeting, various efforts were made to contact community members whose details were provided to the project team. Some feedback on the CMP was provided, and others who were contacted did not provide any input.

Furthermore, an additional geomorphology study was conducted at the Reserve on 18 September 2020 to further review the geomorphology of the area, with a specific focus on Aboriginal heritage sites – invitations for that activity were sent out on 11 September 2020. That study was attended by:

- Dr Peter Mitchell and Elaine Lin on behalf of Virtus Heritage
- Kayla Williamson and Paul Cummins of Woronora Plateau Gundangara Elders Council

Two midden sites were identified as being mapped in a slightly wrong location in the AHIMS database and will be corrected.

Dr Mitchell has revised his original geomorphology report with the following:

- The Bass Point Reserve is very important regarding Aboriginal culture and heritage
- Weeds and fire management are presenting an issue that require careful management
- Recommendations to complete more accurate midden mapping for certain middens
- Recommendations for the establishment of a joint management agreement that will enable Aboriginal parties to get closer cooperation with Council, a better opportunity for grant funding, and present real opportunity for Aboriginal heritage tourism ventures and Council driven education programs.

The entire Bass Point CMP document draft, including the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage chapter, will be provided to Council late October and will be circulated for comment shortly afterwards.

For further information on CMP's, please refer to the Heritage Division's website <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/conservation/managementplan.htm>

Any further enquiries in relation to this matter can be directed to Ryan Stirling, Asset Officer (Acting), on 4221 6141.

**Recommendation:**

**The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Bass Point Reserve Conservation Management Plan Update report.**

**Report prepared by:** Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

**Responsible Manager:** Kathryn Baget-Juleff,  
Group Manager Community Connections

**Date of Meeting:** 6 October 2020

**5.3 NAIDOC Celebrations 2020 (11542944)**

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the Shellharbour NAIDOC celebrations for 2020.

AAC members would be aware that due to the impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the National NAIDOC Week 2020 celebrations have been postponed and will now be held from 8-15 November. Restrictions on public gatherings are still in place and mean we cannot hold our typical NAIDOC Community day event. In lieu of that event, Council is proposing to hold a free movie night at Greater Union Cinema during the week of NAIDOC for local Aboriginal community members. We are looking to screen the film *My Top End Wedding* along with another culturally relevant film the details of which are still being confirmed.

A further verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

**Recommendation:**

**The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the NAIDOC Celebrations 2020 report.**

**Report prepared by:** Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

**Responsible Manager:** Kathryn Baget-Juleff,  
Group Manager Community Connections

**Date of Meeting:** 6 October 2020

**5.4 Public Art Advisory Panel (11542945)**

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the establishment of the Public Art Advisory Panel (PAAP).

Shellharbour City Council is seeking expressions of interest from our community to be part of the Public Art Advisory Panel (PAAP). The Panel will assist in the facilitation of effective advocacy, support and planning of public art opportunities, that ultimately reflect the unique and diverse characteristics of the City.

The development of a PAAP was one of the actions of the recently endorsed Public Art Strategy. The PAAP will assist Council in the assessment and development of future public art commissions and programs. The panel will also be reflective of best public art practice, that will be of benefit to our community, customers and visitors.

Expression of Interest closes Friday 30 October 2020. Applications will be assessed on the merit of technical expertise.

Further information and the EOI form are located at:

<https://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/opportunities-artists>

Information on Council's Public Art Strategy can be found through Council's website at:

<https://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au/public-art-strategy>

**Recommendation:**

**The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Public Art Advisory Panel report.**

**Report prepared by:** Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

**Responsible Manager:** Kathryn Baget-Juleff,  
Group Manager Community Connections

**Date of Meeting:** 6 October 2020

**5.5 Stop Work at Reddall Reserve Play Facility, Lake Illawarra (11542946)**

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the current stop work conditions implemented at the Reddall Reserve play facility construction site at Lake Illawarra.

On 16 September 2020, whilst undertaking excavations on the Reddall Reserve play facility construction site, some shells and shell fragments were identified. The shells and shell fragments were identified by the independent Site Observer engaged by Council to supervise the excavation works. Council elected to engage an independent Site Observer in a cautious approach to the site excavations which is over and above the requirements set out in the NSW Government Office of Environment and Heritage's (OEH) *Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (Code of Practice).

The shells and fragments are considered to be an unexpected find in accordance with the Code of Practice and therefore construction work on the site has ceased whilst consultation takes place with the OEH.

Council staff have been in contact with the OEH and a site meeting was conducted on 22 September 2020 with Rose O'Sullivan and Emily McCarthy from OEH. It is highly likely that an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) will be required before works can recommence. Council staff will continue to work with the OEH to ensure that the site is protected whilst investigative works take place and to ensure that all legislative requirements continue to be complied with. OEH will provide further advice on the way forward.

Any further enquiries in relation to this matter can be directed to Anne Peden, Project Delivery Officer, on 4221 6226.

**Recommendation:**

**The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Stop Work at Reddall Reserve Play Facility report.**

**Report prepared by:** Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

**Responsible Manager:** Kathryn Baget-Juleff,  
Group Manager Community Connections

**Date of Meeting:** 6 October 2020

**6. Items for Information**

**7. Next Meeting**

8 December 2020