

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – 2 March 2021

Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at
Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 16 March 2021

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held in the Ground Floor Training Room, Shellharbour Civic Centre on Tuesday 2 March 2021 commencing at 3.05pm

Present:

Mayor, Marianne Saliba (Chairperson)	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Moira Hamilton	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Robert Petreski	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council

Community Members:

Aunty Lindy Lawler	Community Elder
Ms Iriaka Ross	Community Representative

In Attendance:

Ms Bonnie Hittmann	Manager Community Life
Mr Shane Venables	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Ms Bronwyn Anderson (part)	Bush Regeneration Leading Hand
Ms Prue Fogarty (part)	Children and Families Officer
Ms Christine Matesic	Corporate Meetings Officer

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

An apology was tendered on behalf of Community Representatives Richard Davis, Barry Bird, June Lowe, Jodi Edwards and Kayla Williamson.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ross / Hamilton

That the apologies as tendered be accepted.

CARRIED

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3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 8 December 2020

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Petreski

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2020 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Cultural Management Project Idea

Presented by Bronwyn Anderson
Bush Regeneration Leading Hand, Shellharbour City Council

Ms Anderson provided a presentation on the Cultural Management Project and spoke on the renewal of Traditional fire management, particularly pointing out fire prone areas.

The committee welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with Council in working together to source funding and investigate use of cultural fire management practices and workshops. Committee members are encouraged to provide the details of local Aboriginal fire management practitioners.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Lawler

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation on Cultural Management Project Idea provided by Bronwyn Anderson.

CARRIED

Ms Anderson left the meeting.

6. Staff Reports and General Business

6.1 Development of process and request from for naming of parks and other facilities after individual Aboriginal people (11620684)

The committee supported this item be deferred and provided to a future meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

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6.2 Aboriginal Interpretive Signage Walk update (11620685)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Hamilton / Ross

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Aboriginal Interpretive Signage Walk update report.

CARRIED

6.3 ‘Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Protocols’ and ‘Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country Protocol’ update report (11620686)

The committee supported this item be deferred and provided to a future meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

6.4 Notice of Motion - Inclusion of Aboriginal Place Names on Shellharbour City Entrance Signage (11620687)

The committee supported this item be deferred and provided to a future meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

6.5 Regional NAIDOC Awards Update (11620688)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Petreski / Ross

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the NAIDOC regional awards update report.

CARRIED

6.6 Reconciliation Flag Walk Event Update (11620689)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Lawler / Hamilton

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Reconciliation Flag Walk event update report.

CARRIED

6.7 Upcoming Council Event – Intergenerational Aboriginal activities – Youth Week and Seniors Week (11620690)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Ross / Petreski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the ‘Upcoming Council Event – Intergenerational Aboriginal activities - Youth Week and Seniors Week’ report.

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6.8 Aboriginal cultural heritage content for Shell Cove Wayfinding signage (11620691)

The committee supported this item be deferred and provided to a future meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

6.9 Boat Ramp replacement works, Reddall Reserve, Lake Illawarra update report (11620692)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Petreski / Hamilton

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Boat Ramp replacement update report.

CARRIED

7. Items for Information

7.1 Community Facility Needs Study

Ms Hittmann informed the committee that Council are working in conjunction with the University of Technology Sydney on delivering a Community Facilities Needs Study and Strategy. Council is about to embark on stakeholder consultation workshops, including targeted consultation with the Aboriginal community. For more information on this project, please visit Council's Let's Chat page.

7.2 Child Friendly Acknowledgement to Country

Mrs Fogarty informed the committee of a Child Friendly Acknowledgement of Country initiative for children. The initiative will improve existing and future children's programs to develop early learning that is socially and culturally inclusive.

The objective of the Child Friendly Acknowledgement is to equip staff and teachers with a set of resources such as song, actions and simplified words that will help children understand the significance and meaning of an acknowledgement. The resources that are developed will be implemented in daily programs or routines and will become a standard across Shellharbour.

Once the concept is formalised a more detailed report will be provided to a future meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. As part of the consultation process Mrs Fogarty is seeking advice from the committee.

The Items for Information were formally NOTED by the committee.

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8. Next Meeting

4 May 2021

Meeting closed at 4:01pm