



BUSINESS PAPER

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* of the below mentioned meeting.

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 08 March 2022

Commencing at 3:00 PM

**Shellharbour Civic Centre
Ground Floor Training Room**

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1. Acknowledgement to Country

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Dharawal Country and recognise their continued connection to the land we meet on today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region and extend our recognition to their descendants who continue to live on country.

2. Apologies / Leave of Absence

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1. Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 4 November 2021

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 November 2021 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

4. Disclosure of Interest

5. Presentations

5.1 Response to Recommendation from 6.9 General Business - Shell Cove Marina Official Opening Ceremony and Signage on 4 November 2021

A verbal report will be provided by Carey McIntyre, Chief Executive Officer.

5.2 Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Due Diligence Presentation

Presentation by Daniel Brilsky, Acting Group Manager Asset Strategy and Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 Aboriginal Employment (11829642)

A verbal report will be provided by Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer.

6.2 Bass Point Interpretive Centre (11829636)

A verbal report will be provided by Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer.

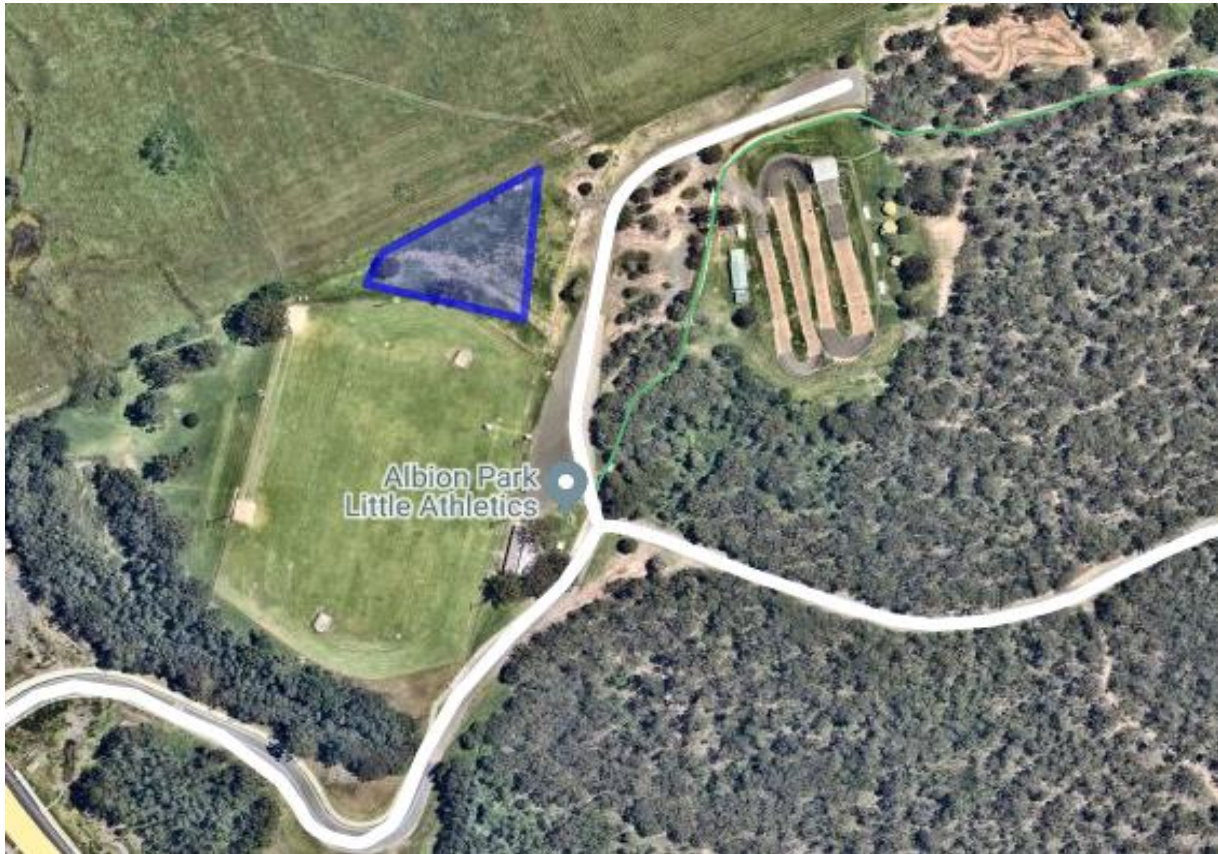
6.3 Process for the Proposed Naming of Shallows Beach

A verbal report will be provided by Marcello Chiodo, Group Manager Business Technology and Customer Services.

6.4 Projects/Assets Update (11829638)**Croome Road Sporting Complex Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Assessment for proposed dog park.**

Council has engaged Austral Archaeology to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) on a portion of land in the Croome Road Sporting Complex to inform considerations for a proposed dog park. As part of the consultation phase, they have asked Council to provide advice on names of Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and / or places. Council has provided Austral with the names of AAC members, Illawarra Aboriginal Lands Council, Traditional Custodian Groups and Aboriginal Community Organisations.

AAC members will be contacted and invited to register for the engagement phase of this ACHA. Further information will be provided on registration.

**Dawes Park Amenities renewal.**

On 14 February, AAC members were sent an email advising of works planned for the Dawes Park amenities renewal project and outlining due diligence steps undertaken. As triggered in Councils new Aboriginal and Culture Heritage due diligence process.

The project involves the demolition of the existing amenities building and construction of a new building. Paths will also be constructed to connect the building to the playground and a path network on Junction Road.

Period for comment closes 28 February. Further updates to the project will be provided by email to the AAC.

Figure 1: Proposed work general arrangement



Report prepared by: Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann

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6.5 Rutledge Collection Preliminary Cultural Heritage Assessment (11829643)

The purpose of this report is to seek support from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) to engage consultants to undertake a preliminary cultural heritage assessment of the Rutledge Collection.

Shellharbour City Museum is custodian of the Rutledge Collection, comprising approximately 30,000 lithic artefacts including scrapers, flakes, points, cores, hammer stones, axes, grinding stones, and accompanying archaeological site research studies and maps. Whilst Council is the legal custodian of the Collection, the moral custodian of the Collection is the local Aboriginal People.

The Collection was acquired in 2014 when the Museum Curator and Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer deemed acquisition was in the best interest of the care and preservation of the Collection. A report was submitted to the AAC 18 July 2017 which recommended:

- 1. The AAC endorse the transfer of Aboriginal cultural heritage material from Tongarra Museum to City Museum.*
- 2. Representatives of the AAC perform a site visit to Tongarra Museum prior to the transfer of material to review Aboriginal cultural heritage collections and exhibition content for City Museum.*

The report was carried unanimously.

To date, the Collection has not been professionally assessed or evaluated. We seek support from the AAC to undertake a preliminary cultural heritage assessment of the Rutledge Collection which we believe has the potential to significantly contribute to the known archaeological record for the Illawarra and surrounding regions, and to the documented knowledge of local Aboriginal culture. The support of the AAC is key to pursuing opportunities for funding to engage a qualified consultant to undertake this project.

Lithic artefacts in the Collection are predominantly from the Illawarra Region, Dharawal Country, the Water NSW catchment area near the Illawarra Escarpment, Dharawal Country, and the Shoalhaven Region, Dharawal Country and Yuin Nation. The lithic Collection has the potential to significantly contribute to the known archaeological record for the Illawarra and surrounding regions.

Documents in the Collection include archaeological site recordings and morphology, superimpositions and sketches of sites, engravings and rock art, and maps detailing the location of those sites. This Collection has the potential to significantly contribute to the documented knowledge of local Aboriginal culture.

A preliminary assessment of the lithic collection would be undertaken by a consultant on site at the Civic Centre where the objects are currently housed. The consultant

would work closely with Shellharbour City Council's Museum Curator and Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer. As part of the assessment, and following Aboriginal Cultural Protocols and requirements, an Aboriginal Site Officer would be present throughout the assessment process. The documentation component of the Collection is digitised and can be accessed by consultants off-site.

A preliminary cultural heritage assessment of the Rutledge Collection will:

- Provide an audit of the material;
- Identify the research potential and significance of the Collection;
- Ensure that future actions taken in regards to the Collection comply with relevant legislative frameworks, including the National Parks and Wildlife Service Act 1974;
- Provide a basis from which the AAC and Council can determine clear, culturally appropriate directions to ensure best practice outcomes for the Collection going forward;
- Inform a Plan of Management for the collection.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the Rutledge Collection Preliminary Cultural Heritage Assessment Report;**
- 2. Endorse the recommendation to engage consultants to undertake a preliminary cultural heritage assessment of the Rutledge Collection.**

Report Prepared By: Tamara Hynd, Museum Curator

Responsible Manager: Margie Kirkness, Manager Libraries & Museum

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6.6 Airport Business Park Road Naming (11829640)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Airport Business Park road naming.

At the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting of 4 November 2021 AAC, in regards to the Airport Business Park Road Naming Report, the Committee recommended:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the Airport Business Park Naming Report; and*
- 2. Provide recommendations for suitable Dharawal language words to be used as road names for the Shellharbour Airport Business Park by close of business 19 November 2021; and*
- 3. Note this will be reported to the next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee for determination by the committee.*

In response to recommendation 2, an email was sent on 18 November to AAC members requesting proposed Dharawal language names for Airport roads.

The following names were provided by Jodi Edwards:

- Warranganj (Boomerang); and
- Gawundhana (Flying Fox).

After review of the names, Council propose Gawundhana Street to be a road name in the Airport Business Park.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee

- 1. Receive and note the Airport Business Park Road Naming report.**
- 2. Endorse the use of the road name Gawundhana Street in the Airport Business Park.**

Report Prepared By: Nathan McColl, Manager Projects

Date of Meeting: 8 March 2022

6.7 Illawarra Interagency Report (11829644)

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the upcoming 2022 Illawarra Interagency meetings that focus on a First Nations theme.

The Illawarra Interagency is a network of local community organisations, facilitated by Shellharbour and Kiama Councils and open to anyone with an interest in supporting the wellbeing of people who live or work in the Illawarra region. Meetings are held bimonthly, bringing a variety of community service agencies together to allow opportunities to network, learn, build partnerships and take action.

The overarching theme for the year “Reconnect” and aims to focus on building stronger understandings and relationships between service providers in the community sector, including Aboriginal and universal service providers.

A meeting was held in January with Co-Chairs of the Aboriginal Community Based Working group Aunty June Lowe and Scott Morgan and Illawarra Interagency conveners Terri Rowe and Louise Croker from Shellharbour and Kiama Councils, to determine the agenda of the first meeting. It was decided this meeting will have a panel session with the aim to re-visit Aboriginal culture, allowing questions by community organisations in order to gain a better understanding and respect of Indigenous Australians, the meaning of reconciliation, and to explore ways to further learn from each other.

The Illawarra Interagency invite members of the AAC and associates to attend or contribute suggestions for the agenda of these upcoming meetings to be themed on First Nations culture.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Illawarra Interagency Report.

Report Prepared By: Terri Rowe, Community Partnerships Officer

Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

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6.8 Reconciliation Flag Walk Event (11829641)

The purpose of this report is to update the Aboriginal Advisory Committee on the planning for the 2022 Reconciliation Flag Walk event.

Proposed Reconciliation Flag Walk 2022

Date: Monday 30 May 2022
Time: TBC
Location start: Reddall Reserve East, Reddall Parade Lake Illawarra
Finish and Ceremony: Pelican View Reserve, Reddall Parade Lake Illawarra

Reconciliation Australia are yet to announce the theme for this year.

Further updates will be provided by email and at the AAC meeting on 3 May.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the 2022 Reconciliation Flag Walk Event report.

Report Prepared By: Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life
Date of Meeting: 8 March 2022

6.9 Aboriginal Advisory Committee resignation and recruitment (11829639)

The purpose of this report is to advise the Aboriginal Advisory Committee of the resignation of committee member Barry Bird and to advise that Council will invite applications to fill any vacant positions on the committee.

On 18 January 2022, Council received notification from Barry Bird of his resignation from the committee. This creates one general vacancy in addition to the current Male Elder vacancy. Council have advertised the vacancies on 10 and 17 February in the Illawarra Mercury Councils community update and promoted via the Illawarra Aboriginal Community Based Working Group email distribution list. Expressions of interest closed 25 February.

The AAC will be provided with a further update at the 8 March meeting.

Council would like to formally thank Barry for his time and contributions to the AAC over the years he was a member.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the AAC resignation and recruitment report.

Report Prepared By: Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

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6.10 Suburb entry signage project update (11829637)

The purpose of this report is to provide the Aboriginal Advisory Committee with an update on the suburb entry signage project.

Aboriginal place names

Council is seeking to include Aboriginal place names on Shellharbour City Entrance Signage.

An email was distributed to AAC members on 24 August 2021 advising the committee of the replacement of 20 suburb entry signs across the city. Members of the AAC were asked to provide a list of words and advice on other community members to engage with.

Engagement included members of the AAC, traditional custodian groups and knowledge language holders. In response to the engagement, Table 1 displays the proposed names for inclusion on the 20 replacement suburb entry signs.

Table 1 – Suburbs including their Aboriginal place name

| Sign number | Suburb | Aboriginal Place Name | Location |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Albion Park Rail | Guuna (Koona) | Princes Hwy |
| 5 | Albion Park | Elouri | Tongarra Rd |
| 6 | Albion Park | Goongar/Elouri | Terry St |
| 7 | Albion Park | Goongar/Elouri | Terry St |
| 8 | Albion Park/Croom | Thampa | Ashburton Drive |
| 9 and 10 | Albion Park Rail/Albion Park | Thampa | Tongarra Rd |
| 11 | Croom/Albion Park Rail | Thampa | Croome Rd |
| 17 | Blackbutt/Flinders | Wonwin | Pioneer Dr |
| 19 | Blackbutt/Flinders | Wonwin | Wattle Rd |
| 22 and 23 | Shellharbour/Shell Cove | Wonwin | Shellharbour Rd |

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| 24 and 26 | Flinders/Shellharbour | Wonwin | Wattle Rd |
| 29 and 30 | Barrack Heights/Shellharbour | Wonwin | Shellharbour Rd |
| 32 | Barrack Point/Barrack Heights | Berrick | Barrack Ave |
| 33 and 34 | Barrack Heights/ Warilla | Wonwin/Wahrilla | Shellharbour Rd |
| 36 and 37 | Lake Illawarra/ Warilla | Jubborsay / Wahrilla | Shellharbour Rd |
| 38 | Mount Warrigal/Lake Illawarra | Warrigal - / Jubborsay | Reddall Pde |
| 39 and 40 | Warilla/Barrack Heights | Wahrilla | Lake Entrance Rd |
| 42 | Mount Warrigal/Oak Flats | Warrigal / Dharawal Country | Reddall Pde |
| 43 | Mount Warrigal | Warrigal | Lake Entrance Rd |
| 44 | Shellharbour City Entrance | Dharawal Country | Lake Entrance Rd |

Suburb entry signage artwork

Since the 5 October presentation in regards to item 5.3 *Suburb Entry Signage Project*, voting closed on the four options for the design for the renewal of 20 of the 47 suburb entry signs across the City.

The Aboriginal themed design was voted as the preferred signage option. An Artist Brief calling for an Aboriginal artist to design the artwork for the sign was advertised.

Six Aboriginal Artists submitted an Expression of Interest. The selection panel included Council's Arts and Cultural Development Officer, Project Delivery Officer and the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer. Jasmin Sarin was the artist selected to be appointed to produce the artwork for the suburb entry signs. Jasmin's artwork has been submitted to the Project Delivery Officer ready for the manufacture phase of the project.

Recommendation

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the Suburb Entry Signage Project Update report.**
- 2. Endorse the language names provided to be used on Suburb Entry signs.**

Report Prepared By: Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

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7. Items for Information

7.1 Public Art and Events update

A verbal update will be provided by Jamie Dawson, Manager Community Engagement and Activation.

8. General Business

9. Next Meeting

Date: 3 May 2022