

# **SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL**

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – 8 March 2022

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**Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption  
at Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 5 April 2022**

## **Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting held via Teams webcast video link on Tuesday 8 March 2022 commencing at 3.00pm**

### **Present:**

Cr Lou Stefanovski  
Cr Robert Petreski

Shellharbour City Council  
Shellharbour City Council

### **Community Members:**

Aunty Lindy Lawler  
Mr Richard Davis  
Ms June Lowe  
Ms Jodi Edwards  
Ms Toumanda Fohrman  
Ms Basilia McGaw  
Mr William Henry

Community Elder  
Community Elder  
Community Representative  
Community Representative  
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### **In Attendance:**

Ms Kathryn Baget-Juleff  
Ms Bonnie Hittmann  
Mr Shane Venables  
Mr Marcello Chiodo (part)

Ms Margie Kirkness (part)  
Mr Jamie Dawson (part)

Ms Terri Rowe (part)  
Ms Allison Bonaz (Minutes Taker)

Group Manager Community Connections  
Manager Community Life  
Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer  
Group Manager Business Technology and  
Customer Services  
Manager Libraries and Museum  
Manager Community Engagement and  
Activation  
Community Partnerships Officer  
Council Services Administration Officer

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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**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Petreski / Aunty Lindy Lawler\_

An apology was tendered on behalf of Mayor Chris Homer, Community Representative Iriaka Ross, Chief Executive Officer Carey McIntyre and Acting Group Manager Asset Strategy Daniel Brilsky.

## **3. Confirmation of Minutes**

### **3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 4 November 2021**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Petreski / Aunty Lindy Lawler

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.

CARRIED

## **4. Disclosures of Interest**

Nil

## **5. Presentations**

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

Mr Venables and Ms Baget-Juleff spoke to the signage in the CEO's absence and said that the matter of the official opening would be carried over to the next meeting.

There was some discussion regarding the signage and a motion was made by Cr Stefanovski to remove the sign immediately, find an alternate location and consult the AAC.

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Updating the references to “the first surfers” and “the first fisherman”, discounting cultural knowledge

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Robert Petreski / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorse:

1. The immediate removal of the sign ‘skin’;
2. The investigation of two signs being located at the wading pool and boat ramp;  
and
3. Further consultation with the AAC.

CARRIED

## **5.2 Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Due Diligence Presentation**

Mr Venables spoke to the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Due Diligence being held over to the next meeting.

## **6. Staff Reports and General Business**

### **6.1 Aboriginal Employment (11829642)**

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Robert Petreski / Jodi Edwards

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the verbal report on Aboriginal Employment.

CARRIED

### **6.2 Bass Point Interpretive Centre (11829636)**

A verbal report was provided by Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Robert Petreski / Jodi Edwards

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the verbal report on Aboriginal Employment.

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### **6.3 Process for the Proposed Naming of Shallows Beach**

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

Jodi Edwards put forward a motion to name the southern split of South Shellharbour Beach Gadhu Beach instead of Shallows Beach.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Lou Stefanovski / Cr Robert Petreski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorse the naming of the southern split of South Shellharbour Beach to be called Gadhu Beach.

That Mr Chiodo report the outcome back to the committee.

CARRIED

### **6.4 Projects/Assets Update (11829638)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Richard Davis

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the Projects/Assets Update report.

CARRIED

### **6.5 Rutledge Collection Preliminary Cultural Heritage Assessment (11829643)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Cr Lou Stefanovski

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.

CARRIED

### **6.6 Airport Business Park Road Naming (11829640)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Tourmanda Fohrman/ Cr Robert Petreski

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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.

CARRIED

## **6.7 Illawarra Interagency Report (11829644)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Tourmanda Fohrman/ Cr Robert Petreski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the Illawarra Interagency Report.

CARRIED

## **6.8 Reconciliation Flag Walk Event (11829641)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Cr Lou Stefanovski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the Reconciliation Flag Walk Event Report.

CARRIED

## **6.9 Aboriginal Advisory Committee resignation and recruitment (11829639)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Cr Robert Petreski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the Aboriginal Advisory Committee resignation and recruitment Report.

That an acknowledgement and thank you be sent to Barry Bird for his service to the Shellharbour community as part of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Council.

CARRIED

## **6.10 Suburb entry signage project update (11829637)**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Tourmanda Fohrman/ Jodi Edwards

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.

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CARRIED

## **7. Items for Information**

### **7.1 Public Art and Events update**

A verbal report was provided by Jamie Dawson, Manager Community Engagement and Activation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Cr Lou Stefanovski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the verbal update on Public Art and Events.

## **8. General Business**

NAIDOC Revisited is this weekend. Please RSVP if you are going to attend the closed awards and film launch.

Naming of the meeting rooms at the Depot at Oak Flats will be done similarly to the Civic Centre. Shane Venables to send out the suggested named for the Committee.

Congratulations to Jodi Edwards who was selected today as Shellharbour's Woman of the Year.

Tourmanda Fohrman is seeking assistance to encourage participation from suitable Aboriginal youth (12 to 25 years old) for the Youth Council. Ms Hittmann to contact Miss Fohrman and the Youth Council to explore opportunities to increase Aboriginal youth engagement.

The General Business Items were agreed to by the Committee.

## **9. Next Meeting**

3 May 2022

**Meeting closed at 4:56PM**