



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, 03 May 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 8 March 2022

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2022 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

4. Disclosure of Interest

5. Presentations

5.1 Libraries and Museum Recollect Program presented by Tamara Hynd, Museum Curator

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6. Reports

6.1 Standing Item - Aboriginal Employment

6.2 Standing Item – Bass Point Interpretive Centre

6.3 Standing Item – Projects / Assets Update

6.4. Shell Cove Interpretive Signage Update Report (11858131)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Shell Cove Interpretive signs and Aboriginal content.

At the 8 March AAC meeting the committee recommended;

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*
- 3. Further consultation with the AAC.*

Since the meeting, the Aboriginal interpretive sign 'skin' has been removed. Figure 1 displays the proposed location of the Aboriginal interpretive sign.

The location of the Welcome / Acknowledgement sign is yet to be determined. Council staff are meeting on site to scope the best location near the kids beach/town centre.

Council staff are conducting an audit on the wording of the other interpretive signs to ensure Aboriginal perspectives and history are acknowledged in particular on the fishing and surfing signs. Content will be updated and the AAC advised of changes.

Council aim to have the updated skins ordered for manufacture by late April.

Figure 1. Overview photo of existing and proposed locations of the Aboriginal interpretive sign



Figure 2. Proposed onsite location of the Aboriginal Interpretive sign



Recommendation:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee RECEIVE and NOTE the Shell Cove Interpretive Signage update report.

Report prepared by: Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

Date of Meeting: 3 May 2022

6.5 Reconciliation Schools Flag Walk Event (11858130)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Reconciliation Schools flag walk event.

The theme of this year's Reconciliation week is 'Be Brave Make Change'.



Location: Pelican View Reserve in the playground adjacent to Picnic Island, Reddall Reserve West, Lake Illawarra
Date: Monday, 30 May 2022
Start time: 9.30am assembly for a 10am start
Finish time: Approx. 1pm

Plans and preparations for the Reconciliation Flag Walk have commenced the proposed activities on the day include:

- Reconciliation flag walk on shared path
- Welcome smoking ceremony on entry into meeting (dance) circle
- Welcome to Country
- Civic ceremony
- Student and Elder Flag exchange
- Barbeque (sausage sizzle) and yarn up
- Music during BBQ and yarn up time.
- Koori games
- Cultural activities e.g. song, weaving, art
- Community engagement activities

Invitations have been sent to schools and to date 11 schools have confirmed their attendance. RSVPs close 29 April. The invitations are being finalised for AAC members, Elders, key Aboriginal Community members, and other dignitaries.

In previous events a member of the AAC has delivered a speech about Reconciliation. Council ask for a nomination from an AAC member to deliver this at this year's event.

Recommendation:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the Reconciliation Schools Flag Walk update report**
- 2. Nominate a representative of the Committee to deliver a reconciliation speech.**

Report prepared by: Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

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6.6 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Revisited Events Report (11858129)

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the delivery of the 2021 Local Government Regional NAIDOC awards ceremony and the NAIDOC revisited events that were held on 12 March 2022.

Local Government Regional NAIDOC awards

In celebration of NAIDOC Week 2021, Council hosted a revised edition of the Local Government Regional NAIDOC awards ceremony for Award winners, nominees, Elders and dignitaries from Shoalhaven, Wollongong, Kiama and Shellharbour City Councils. 90 people attended the awards to celebrate the achievements of local Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal community members.

Congratulations to the award winners:

<i>Aboriginal Community Volunteer of the Year</i>	<i>Richard Davis</i>
<i>Aboriginal Organisation or Project of the year (Under \$10k) – Gumaraa Aboriginal Worker of the Year</i>	<i>Margaret Sutherland</i>
<i>Aboriginal Organisation or Project of the year (Over \$10k)</i>	<i>Jane Ardler Centre (South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation)</i>
<i>Aboriginal Young Achiever of the Year</i>	<i>Maddie Piesley</i>
<i>Outstanding Contribution to Reconciliation</i>	<i>Southern Youth and Family Services and Noahs Inclusion Services</i>
<i>Aboriginal Female Elder of the Year</i>	<i>Aunty Pearl Brown</i>
<i>Aboriginal Male Elder of the Year</i>	<i>Uncle Bim (James) Stewart</i>

The attendees of the awards were treated to the premier screening of the 'Heal Country – 10 years of the Local Government Regional NAIDOC awards' short film. The film provided a reflection of the Regional NAIDOC awards, perspectives into the importance of Heal Country of local Elders and 2021 award winners and acknowledged the event sponsors and contribution they make to this event. Council would like to thank Beyond Empathy and everyone involved in the development of this touching film.

Phil Crawford from Beyond Empathy will be providing a final copy of the film to Council. This will be housed on Council's website for the community to access. The final copy will also be distributed to Wollongong, Shoalhaven and Kiama Councils.

Wollongong Council will host the Regional NAIDOC awards for 2022 and members of the AAC will be provided with updates at future meetings.

NAIDOC Revisited

The NAIDOC Revisited event aimed to bring community together for a belated NAIDOC celebration. Over 200 people attended the day that included a Welcome to Country from Uncle Gee, Cultural dance performance by Gumaraa, Civic Welcome from Mayor Homer, Information and activity stalls from local service providers, weaving workshop, BBQ lunch, Elders area and live performances from Local Aboriginal singer song writers Kyarna Rose and Aodahn.

The day was a great success and we look forward to starting our planning for the NAIDOC community day.

Recommendation:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Revisited event report.

Report prepared by: Shane Venables, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Responsible Manager: Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life

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6.7 Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program - Implementation Group (11858128)

The purpose of this report is to provide the AAC with information in regards to a call for an AAC nominee for the Lake Illawarra Coastal management program (CMP) – implementation group.

Information attached in letter below.

Recommendation:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

- 1. Receive and note the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program – Implementation group report.**
- 2. Nominate an Aboriginal Advisory Committee representative for the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program – Implementation group.**


Report prepared by: Jessica Faustini,
Environmental Project Officer - Lake Illawarra,
Wollongong City Council

Date of Meeting: 3 May 2022

Attachments:

1. Invitation to participate letter

Attachment 1 - Invitation to participate letter



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Dear Chairperson,

Invitation to participate on the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group

Wollongong City Council and Shellharbour City Council have both recently endorsed the Terms of Reference for the Lake Illawarra CMP Implementation Group (the Group). The Group oversees and, where needed, provides advice on the implementation of actions within the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program (CMP). This group replaces the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee (active from 2016 to 2021), whose focus was the development of the CMP.

The Group is being formed to assist Councils in meeting the requirements of the NSW Coastal Management Framework, specifically Stage 5, "Implement, monitor, evaluate and report", which includes the following tasks:

- implementing actions in the published coastal management program (CMP) through the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) framework and land use planning system
- implementing actions in partnership with adjoining councils and public authorities where relevant
- implementing an effective monitoring, evaluation and reporting (MER) program
- monitoring indicators, trigger points and thresholds
- amending, reviewing and updating the CMP
- reporting to stakeholders and the community on progress and outcomes through the IP&R framework.

The Group is a platform for relationship-building between Councils, the community and other lake managers including the NSW Government. All group members share a goal to maintain and improve Lake Illawarra's ecological, social, and economic value, now and into the future.

The Group will be made up of an Executive Membership and a Community Membership. The Executive membership shall consist of:

- Three (3) Councillors from each of the two Councils
- Senior Council Staff Representatives from the Lake Illawarra CMP Project Management Team
- One (1) nominated representative from the Asset Management Working Group; and

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- Representatives from each of the following Government agencies:
 - Department of Planning and Environment (DPE)
 - Environment, Energy and Science
 - Planning
 - Crown Lands
 - National Parks and Wildlife Services (where required)
 - Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
 - Government Property NSW
 - Transport for NSW
 - South East Local Land Services
 - Sydney Water
 - Illawarra Local Aboriginal Lands Council

The Community Membership shall consist of:

- Two (2) community members from each LGA
- One (1) Aboriginal community representative from each LGA – one nominated by the Shellharbour City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee, and one nominated by the Wollongong City Council Aboriginal Reference Group
- One (1) independent scientific advisor

Input and involvement from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee is vital to ensure the success of implementation of actions in the CMP, therefore you are invited to select a representative to participate as a community member of the Group. Community members serve as an important link to their community and assist Councils to communicate with the broader community by collaboratively sharing information received at meetings on the progress of CMP implementation.

The Group has been established and will operate in accordance with the [Terms of Reference](#). Members will be invited to attend at least four meetings annually to progress the work involved in implementing actions in the Lake Illawarra CMP. The term of the Group is 12 months, after which a review will take place.

Council would like to invite you to nominate a representative to be a member of this Group. It would be appreciated if you could advise us of your nomination by 10th May 2022.

Please contact me should you require further information

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7. Items for Information

8. General Business

9. Next Meeting

Date: 12 July 2022