



# **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**

**Thursday, 22 June 2023**

**Commencing at 3:30 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 9 May 2023**

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 May 2023 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

**4. Disclosures of Interest****5. Presentations****6. Staff Reports****6.1 Standing Item - Aboriginal Employment****6.2 Standing Item – Bass Point Interpretive Centre****6.3 Standing Item – Projects / Assets Update**

**6.4 Reconciliation Action Plan update report**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the development of the draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The final draft of the Reflect RAP has received provisional endorsement from Reconciliation Australia. The next steps in adoption and endorsement process include:

- Providing an update to the AAC
- Council adopting the Reflect RAP (proposed to go to Council at the meeting of 27 June)
- Reconciliation Australia endorsing the adopted RAP.

The draft Reflect RAP is attached to this report for review and endorsement by the AAC.

**Recommendation:**

**That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Reconciliation Action Plan update report.**

**That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorse the adoption of the draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).**

**Report prepared by:** Maiquilla Brown  
Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

**Responsible Manager:** Bonnie Hittmann  
Manager Community Life

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**Attachment**

1. Draft Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (Under Separate Cover)

**6.5 Public Artwork Installation – Burri Burri – Bronze Whale Sculpture**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Burri Burri sculpture at Reddall Reserve.

The newest public artwork in the Lake Illawarra Art Trail was installed during May 2023. The public artwork was commissioned by Shellharbour City Council and is located at Reddall Reserve, close to Kiyong Bay and Windang Island.

The artwork is titled Burri Burri, meaning humpback whale in local Dharawal language. The artwork features a bronze sculpture of Burri Burri, the whale, and features two large bronze coolamons, designed to be used as seats.

This piece of public art is based on Gang man gang, the local Dreaming story that tells of the creation of Windang Island and how the Cultural Custodians came to be in the Illawarra.

Burri Burri was developed in partnership between local women - Yuin and Dharawal educator Jodi Edwards, Gweagal and Dharawal artist Theresa Ardler and Dharawal artist Nicole Talbot, in collaboration with Sculptor Julie Squires.

**Recommendation:**

**That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note update on Public Artwork Installation - Burri Burri Bronze Whale Sculpture.**

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Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

**Responsible Manager:** Bonnie Hittmann  
Manager Community Life

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**6.6 Aboriginal Community Events Update Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on up-coming Aboriginal-focused community events, as well as provide a summary of events that have recently taken place.

Over the coming months Council will deliver a series of events that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and culture, including two key local events and a regional event. An update on these events is provided below.

**Event Summary - Reconciliation Flag Walk – Monday 29 May**

This year's Reconciliation Flag Walk took place on Monday 29 May at Warilla Surf Club and Reddall Reserve.

The Reconciliation Flag Walk was attended by just over 600 students, as well as teaching staff, community members and local service providers. The event was also supported by special guests including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders and community members, Councillors, Ministers, AAC members and representatives from Council's Executive Leadership Team.

The students got to participate in a drop-in drum circle before the walk commenced, which received positive feedback from students and teachers.

Council teams provided fun and engaging lunchtime activities including:

- Museum – nature painting
- Libraries - craft activities
- Youth Services - nature collage craft
- Children and Families – letter to an Elder activity
- Environmental – enviro kahoots (quizz)

This was the 14<sup>th</sup> year the event has taken place, and the event continues to grow with the largest attendance recorded.

Feedback from participants in a follow-up survey include:

- *"A great family and community gathering"*
- *"the whole event was a success this year."*

**NAIDOC Community Day – Monday 3 July**

This year's NAIDOC Community Day will be held on Monday 3 July and will be held at the Shellharbour Civic Centre. It is proposed that the event take place across the Civic Centre's outdoor spaces, commencing with a flag raising ceremony on the front lawns, and then extending out to the rear of the building to use the back lawn and allow families easy access to Yirran Muru – the Aboriginal Interpretive Play Space.

The event will include stall holders and free activities for the community as well as a free lunch.

This year's theme is 'For Our Elders' and aims to celebrate the role Elders have played and continue to play in our community. Staff welcome ideas from the committee on how this theme can be reflected in the NAIDOC Community Day event.

**Regional NAIDOC Awards – Saturday 29 July**

Planning for the Regional NAIDOC Awards event has been progressing. The event is confirmed to take place at the Pavilion in Kiama on Saturday 29 July 2023. Kiama is the host Council for the 2023 event and over the past several weeks, the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers from the four participating councils have been supporting the planning and coordination of the event.

Sponsorship applications closed in May and award nomination forms have now opened. Ticket sales are scheduled to open around mid-June allowing just over two months for the local community to submit nomination forms for the awards and purchase tickets to the event.

**Recommendation:**

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**7. General Business**

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To be determined