



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, 28 February 2023

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 22 November 2022**

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2022 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

4. Disclosures of Interest**5. Presentations****5.1 Bass Point Reserve – Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Assessment**

Presentation by Projects and OzArk.

5.2 Draft Reddall Reserve Plan of Management

Presentation by Leanne Stevens, Planning Contractor.

5.3 Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Market Research Findings

Presentation by Jeremy Wilshire, Barking Dog Consultants.

6. Staff Reports**6.1 Standing Item - Aboriginal Employment**

A verbal report will be provided.

6.2 Standing Item – Bass Point Interpretive Centre**6.3 Standing Item – Projects / Assets Update****6.4 Reconciliation Action Plan update report (12012701)**

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

As the Committee have been informed, Council is in the process of developing a Reflect RAP for the organisation and the community. The Reflect RAP is about 'scoping capacity for reconciliation' (Reconciliation Australia) and is essentially an internal auditing process to determine what we need to do to build the foundations for our Reconciliation journey.

The audit process is prescribed by Reconciliation Australia, and a Reflect RAP must follow their approved formula. The Reflect RAP typically undergoes several review cycles with Reconciliation Australia before it will receive their endorsement and approval to go to our own Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Council for adoption.

Council's Reflect RAP is at its final stage of review with Reconciliation Australia and we anticipate it will be ready for the Committee's review before the next scheduled meeting on 18 April 2023.

Recommendation:

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

Report prepared by: Bonnie Hittmann - Manager Community Life

Responsible Manager: Kathryn Baget-Juleff - Group Manager Community Connections

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6.5 Aboriginal Community Events update report (12012973)

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the up-coming Aboriginal focused community events.

Council delivers a series of events that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and culture - an update on these events is provided below.

Shellharbour Rocks the Lake – Saturday 18 March

Shellharbour Rocks is an event series designed to activate each of the town centres.

Shellharbour Rocks the Lake will showcase Aboriginal artists, performers and creatives on Saturday 18 March 2023.

Performer line-up includes: Dhawaral songwriter Aodhan, Yuin hip-hop artist Prodikal-1 and singer-songwriter Matt Walker, Meanjin-based award-winning artist Tia Gostelow and Perth indie-rockers South Summit.

The event will also include creative workshops, live interviews, art, storytelling, markets, food stalls (including Mirritya Mundy), cooking demonstrations and more.

Reconciliation Flag Walk – Monday 29 May

This year's Reconciliation Flag Walk will be held on Monday 29 May and is proposed to be at Reddall Reserve. Invitations will be sent out when further details are confirmed.

This year's theme is 'Be a Voice for Generations' and aims to encourage all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. Staff welcome ideas from the Committee on how this theme can be reflected in the Flag Walk event.

NAIDOC Community Day – Monday 3 July

This year's NAIDOC Community Day will be held on Monday 3 July and is proposed to be held at the Civic Centre however is proposing to be relocated to the rear of the building to integrate better with 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.

Recommendation:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Aboriginal Community Events update report.

Report prepared by: Bonnie Hittmann - Manager Community Life

Responsible Manager: Kathryn Baget-Juleff - Group Manager Community Connections

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6.6 From the Heart Campaign report (12013005)

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the From the Heart Campaign and what actions Council will take to support the Yes Campaign.

Last year, with the support and endorsement of the committee, Council signed up as a signatory and support to the Uluru Statement From the Heart. The Statement is a movement to advocate for the establishment of a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.

This year, the Federal Government intend to hold a referendum inviting the public to vote either in support of or against the First Nations Voice to Parliament however no further formal details have been announced.

In anticipation of the referendum, the From the Heart Campaign is encouraging supporting councils to take action in promoting for a yes vote. In response to this request, Council has done the following:

- Run a social media campaign educating the community about the campaign and advocating for the yes vote
- Made a media release inviting traditional media to cover and follow the story, including radio interviews
- Installed pop up promotional material at libraries and community centres across the city, advocating for the yes vote and providing QR codes direct to the From the Heart Campaign website
- Delivered a community BBQ at the Civic Centre to have information available to the community and to start conversations around the campaign.

The committee will be kept informed of any further actions taken by Council in support of this campaign.

Recommendation:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the From the Heart Campaign report.

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Responsible Manager: Kathryn Baget-Juleff - Group Manager Community Connections

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