

**Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting  
of Shellharbour City Council held in the Ground Floor Training Room  
on Wednesday, 19 June 2024 commencing at 3:30 PM**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

Mayor Chris Homer (Chair)	Councillor
Cr Colin Gow	Councillor
Aunty Lindy Lawler	Community Representative
Jodi Edwards	Community Representative
Ann-Maree Fohrman	Community Representative

**In Attendance:**

Matt Sutherland	Executive Manager Community and Creative Services
Bonnie Hittmann	Manager Community Life
Maiquilla Brown	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Lisa Davey	Governance Manager
Cr John Davey	Councillor (Observer)
Allison Bonaz	Corporate Meetings Officer
Joseph Schwarzkopf	Team Leader Library Programs & Partnerships (Part)
Jesse Evans	Library Programs Officer (Part)

**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**

Cr Lou Stefanovski tendered a leave of absence at the Council Meeting on 28 May 2024. An apology was tendered on behalf of Community Representative, Uncle Richard Davis and Executive Director Community and Culture, Kate Jessep.

## **3 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 17 April 2024**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Gow / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the Minutes from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 April 2024 as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

### **3.2 Extraordinary Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 16 May 2024**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Cr Gow

That the Minutes from the Extraordinary Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2024 as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

## **4 Disclosures of Interest**

Nil

## **5 Presentations**

Team Leader Library Programs & Partnerships, Joseph Schwarzkopf provided a presentation on the 'draft' format for the new library website and sought agreement on the heading titles.

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Standing Item - Aboriginal Employment Update**

Library Programs Officer, Jesse Evans was introduced to the Committee. The Committee congratulated Jesse on his appointment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Aboriginal Employment Update report.

CARRIED

### **6.2 Standing Item - Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Update**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Cr Gow

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the update report on the Aboriginal Interpretive Centre.

CARRIED

### **6.3 Standing Item - Projects / Assets Update**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Cr Gow

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Projects / Assets Update.

CARRIED

### **6.4 Aboriginal Events Update**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That Council receive and note the Aboriginal Events Update.

CARRIED

### **6.5 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Update**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Jodi Edwards

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Update report.

CARRIED

## **6.6 Review of Aboriginal Cultural Policies Update**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Anne Marie Fohrman

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Review of the Aboriginal Cultural Policies Update report.

CARRIED

## **7 General Business**

Community Representative, Jodi Edwards thanked Council and the Committee Members for their commitment and assistance with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. She looks forward to the resumption of the Committee following the election.

The Mayor reiterated his thanks on behalf of Council for the Community Representatives and staff involved with the Committee.

## **8 Next Meeting**

To be determined

**Meeting Closed: 4:26pm**