

**Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting  
of Shellharbour City Council held in the Ground Floor Training Room  
on Thursday, 23 April 2026 commencing at 4:00 PM**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

Cr Kellie Marsh (Chair)	Councillor
Cr Robert Petreski	Councillor (online)
Aunty Lindy Lawler	Community Representative
Jodi Edwards	Community Representative
Anne-Maree Fohrman	Community Representative
Suzanne Clapham	Community Representative

**In Attendance:**

Claire Killeen	Executive Director Community and Culture (Acting)
Bonnie Hittmann	Executive Manager Community and Creative Services (Acting)
Lauren Peters	Team Leader Community Planning
Michelle Toms	Aboriginal Cultural Advisor
Lisa Davey	Governance Manager
Allison Bonaz	Corporate Meetings Officer (Minute Taker)

**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**

An apology was tendered on behalf of Mayor Chris Homer and Cr Lou Stefanovski.

## **3 Confirmation of Minutes**

Committee Recommendation: Suzi Clapham / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the minutes from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meetings held on 11 February 2026 be received and noted.

CARRIED

## **4 Disclosures of Interest**

Nil

## **5 Presentations**

Nil

## **6 Reports**

### **6.1 Aboriginal Employment Update (Standing Item)**

The following questions were asked by the Committee and taken on notice:

- Was an Aboriginal person on the panel for the positions?
- Can the Committee receive an update on Council's Aboriginal Employment Policy, specifically what the target is and how it is reported?

Committee Recommendation: Suzi Clapham / Jodi Edwards

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

CARRIED

### **6.2 Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Update (Standing Item)**

Committee Recommendation: Jodi Edwards / Aunty Lindy Lawler

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

CARRIED

### **6.3 Reconciliation School Flag Walk Event Update**

Committee Recommendation: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Anne-Maree Fohrman

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the report.

CARRIED

#### **6.4 Naming Reserve 143 in Albion Park and the creek using Dharawal language - update**

Committee Recommendation: Suzi Clapham / Anne-Maree Fohrman

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee approve the recommendation to:

1. Submit the naming of Reserve 143 and creek at Albion Park 'Thampa Reserve' to the NSW Geographical Names Board for their consideration.
2. That, if approved by the NSW Geographical Names Board, that a sign be erected explaining the name.

CARRIED

#### **6.5 Aboriginal Interpretive Signage Walk**

Committee Recommendation: Anne-Maree Fohrman / Suzi Clapham

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the 'Aboriginal Interpretive Signage Walk' report.

CARRIED

### **7 General Business**

Investigate the inclusion of Elders from the Aboriginal Lands Council on the Heritage and Culture Sub-committee.

### **8 Next Meeting**

11 June 2026 – 4:00pm

### **9 Meeting Closed**

4:48pm