

# **SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL**

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – Thursday, 22 June 2023

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**Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting  
held at Civic Centre Ground Floor Training Room  
on Thursday 22 June 2023 commencing at 3:30pm**

**Present:**

Mayor Chris Homer (Chair)  
Cr Colin Gow  
Cr Robert Petreski

Shellharbour City Council  
Shellharbour City Council  
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**Community Members:**

Aunty Lindy Lawler  
Richard Davis  
Jodi Edwards

Community Representative  
Community Representative  
Community Representative

**In Attendance:**

Bonnie Hittmann  
Maiquilla Brown  
Allison Bonaz (Minute Taker)

Acting Group Manager Community Connections  
Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer  
Corporate Meetings Officer

## **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 Councillor Lou Stefanovski and Community Representative, Iriaka Ross.

CARRIED

### **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.

CARRIED

### **4. Disclosures of Interest**

Community Representative, Jodi Edwards mentioned that she had an interest in Item 6.5 Public Artwork Installation - Burri Burri – Bronze Whale Sculpture, as she was part of the team who completed the sculpture.

The Committee determined that there was no conflict as the item was for information and that Jodi could provide direct details of the work undertaken.

### **5. Presentations**

Nil

## **6. Staff Reports and General Business**

### **6.1 Aboriginal Employment Update**

An update was provided on the progress of the targeted Librarian position by Council's Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Maiquilla Brown.

CARRIED

### **6.2 Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Update**

Acting Group Manager Community Connections, Bonnie Hittmann provided an update on the progress. There was much discussion about the length of time taken to get to the current stage how to push the project forward. Concern was also raised about budget for the project.

It was determined by the Committee to change the title of Standing Item 6.2 to Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Update.

A motion was put forward to the meeting to expedite the project.

That Council officers prepare a report outlining the timeline for the options for the Aboriginal Interpretive Centre locations.

Moved: Cr Robert Petreski Seconded: Richard Davis

CARRIED

### **6.3 Projects/Assets Update**

Acting Group Manager Community Connections, Bonnie Hittmann mentioned the need to bring the sub-committee together to look at a number of Culture and Heritage referral matters.

A meeting will be arranged with the relevant members in due course.

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## **6.4 Reconciliation Action Plan Update report**

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).

CARRIED

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

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

CARRIED

## **6.6 Aboriginal Community Events Update Report**

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Aboriginal Community Events Update Report.

CARRIED

## **7. General Business**

There was some discussion regarding the Reconciliation Walk and the number of schools attending. The Committee have asked for a report to be brought back with a review of the options for future Reconciliation Walks.

## **8. Items for Information**

Nil

## **9. Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 30 August 2023 at 3.30pm

**Meeting closed at 4:54PM**