

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 30 August 2023

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

Present:

Mayor Chris Homer (Chair)	Shellharbour City Council
Cr Colin Gow	Shellharbour City Council
Cr Robert Petreski	Shellharbour City Council

Community Members:

Uncle Richard Davis	Community Representative
Aunty Lindy Lawler	Community Representative
Basilia McGaw	Community Representative
James Mulholland	Community Representative

In Attendance:

Kate Jessep	Executive Director Community and Culture
Flora Lepouras	Executive Manager Corporate Governance and Risk
Bonnie Hittmann	Manager Community Life
Maiquilla Brown	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Allison Bonaz (Minute Taker)	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, Jodi Edwards.

CARRIED

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3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 22 June 2023

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 June 2023 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Cr Colin Gow Seconded: Uncle Richard Davis

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Responding to Deceased Marine Animals

Presentations were given by Council's Environment Team (Coastal Grants Officer, Lusiana Vulatha and Coastal Programs Coordinator, Leslie Reid) on responding to deceased marine animals and the Cultural Values Project.

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

Manager Community Life, Bonnie Hittmann provided a brief update on the progress.

CARRIED

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6.3 Projects/Assets Update

Nothing to report.

6.4 Reconciliation Action Plan Update report

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

CARRIED

6.5 Aboriginal Community Events Update Report

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

CARRIED

6.6 The Voice to Parliament Update Report

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Voice to Parliament Update Report and further that the Committee fully supports The Voice to Parliament and Council's previous correspondence to Parliament on this matter signed by the Mayor and Co-Chair, Uncle Richard Davis.

Moved: Cr Robert Petreski

Seconded: Uncle Richard Davis

CARRIED

7. General Business

Councillor Petreski asked the Committee to clarify and endorse the use of the Dharawal names for a Notice of Motion to the 5 September 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting.

This was agreed and supported by the Committee with further clarification to be provided to the Corporate Meetings Officer for inclusion in the Business Paper.

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8. Items for Information

Nil

9. Next Meeting

Thursday, 30 November 2023 at 3.30pm

Meeting closed at 4:40PM