

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – 22 November 2022

**Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting
held at Civic Centre Ground Floor Training Room
on Tuesday 22 November 2022 commencing at 12.06pm**

Present:

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| Mayor Chris Homer (Chair) | Shellharbour City Council |
| Cr Colin Gow | Shellharbour City Council |
| Cr Lou Stefanovski | Shellharbour City Council |

Community Members:

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| Aunty Lindy Lawler | Community Representative |
| Ms Basilia McGaw | Community Representative |
| Ms Toumanda Fohrman | Community Representative |

In Attendance:

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| Ms Bonnie Hittmann | Manager Community Life |
| Ms Kathryn Baget-Juleff | Group Manager Community Connections |
| Ms Katrina Owers | Civic Centre Activation Manager |
| Ms Prue Fogarty (part) | Children and Families Officer |
| Ms Lauren Peters (part) | Senior Community Planning Officer |
| Ms 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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Gow / Cr Stefanovski

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Robert Petreski, Community Representatives Michelle Toms, Jodi Edwards and Uncle Richard Davis.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 6 September 2022

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Gow / Ms Fohrman

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2022 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

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4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Child Friendly Action Plan

A change of order was agreed to with Children and Families Officer, Prue Fogarty presenting the Child Friendly Action Plan first.

The Committee would like to know if the diversity, including Aboriginality, of children participating in the community engagement could be determined as a percentage. The question was taken on notice.

5.2 Health and Wellbeing Action Plan

Senior Community Planning Officer, Lauren Peters presented the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan to the Committee.

The Committee raised mental health and access to health facilities generally across the LGA as a significant issue for First Nations community. It was agreed to approach Dr Ngiare Brown with an invitation to attend a Committee meeting in early 2023.

5.3 Interpretive Play Space Project Update

Civic Centre Activation Manager, Katrina Owers gave a quick update on the Interpretive Play Space Project to the Committee. The Committee visited the Play Space to see the progress.

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6. Staff Reports and General Business

6.1 Aboriginal Employment

A verbal report was provided by Manager Community Life, Bonnie Hittmann regarding the filling of the current vacancy for Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer. Interviews have been held and it is anticipated that the position will be filled before the end of the year.

6.2 Bass Point Interpretive Centre

A verbal report was provided by Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life. Council has engaged consultant Jeremy Wilshire from Barking Dog Consultants, to conduct the market research to inform the new business case. This will be a desk based analysis of existing Aboriginal of First Nations (national and international) cultural centres to learn what could be included and successful in the Shellharbour Aboriginal Interpretive Centre.

The Committee members were asked to advise Bonnie of any cultural centres they think should be reviewed as part of the market research.

The findings from the market research will be presented to the Committee early in the new year and then Council will seek to engage a First Nations community engagement consultant to co-facilitate community consultation for the business case.

6.3 Projects/Assets Update

There was no update provided.

7. General Business

Nil

8. Items for Information

Nil

9. Next Meeting

TBC

Meeting closed at 1:15PM