

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – 26 July 2022

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting held via Teams webcast video link

on Tuesday 26 July 2022 commencing at 3.00pm

Present:

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

Shellharbour City Council
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Community Members:

Aunty Lindy Lawler
Ms June Lowe
Ms Jodi Edwards
Ms Toumanda Fohrman
Mr William Henry

Community Elder
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative

In Attendance:

Ms Bonnie Hittmann
Mr Shane Venables
Ms Kelly Stehr (part)
Ms Letitia Leckey (part)
Ms Sarah Townsend (part)
Ms Maiquilla Brown (part)
Ms Allison Bonaz (Minute Taker)

Manager Community Life
Aboriginal
Group Manager Human Resources
HR Project Officer
Arts and Cultural Development Officer
Team Leader Children and Youth Services
Corporate Meetings Officer

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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: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Cr Colin Gow

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Lou Stefanovski, Community Representatives Uncle Richard Davis and Michelle Toms and Group Manager Community Connections Kathryn Baget-Juleff.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 3 May 2022

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Colin Gow / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 May 2022 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

3.2 Extraordinary Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 14 June 2022

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Colin Gow / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the Minutes of the Extraordinary Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2022 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

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5. Presentations

5.1 Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan 2022-2026

Ms Stehr and Ms Leckey provided a presentation on changes to Shellharbour City Council's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Management Plan and related policies.

5.2 Shellharbour Rocks – March 2023

Ms Townend and Ms Brown provided a presentation on the four Shellharbour Rocks events to be held throughout the Local Government Area as follows:

- Albion Park – 8 October 2022 – A Country Blues Festival
- Shellharbour Village – 19 November 2022 – A Surf, Skate and Music Festival
- Oak Flats – 11 February 2023 – Street Performance and Arts Festival
- Reddall Reserve – 18 March 2023 – A First Nations Arts Festival

The March event is proposed to be an arts, music and movement festival, showcasing Aboriginal artists, performers and creative practitioners that may include: music, dance, performance, creative workshops, and food vendors.

6. Staff Reports and General Business

6.1 Aboriginal Employment

No report was provided.

6.2 Bass Point Interpretive Centre

A verbal report was provided by Bonnie Hittmann, Manager Community Life. The verbal report outlined that the Request for Quote for the development of the Business Case went unanswered. Council will now look at other ways to gauge a suitable service provider for the Business Case.

6.3 Projects/Assets Update

No report was provided.

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6.4 Co-naming of Shellharbour City Wards in Dharawal language

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Robert Petreski / Cr Colin Gow

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receive and note the Co-naming of Shellharbour City Wards in Dharawal language report.
2. Endorse, support and advise in the co-naming of the wards in Dharawal language.

CARRIED

6.5 Update on the naming of Gadhu Beach

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: June Lowe / Cr Robert Petreski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Update on the naming of Gadhu Beach report.

CARRIED

6.6 Reconciliation Action Plan update report

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: June Lowe / Cr Colin Gow

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

CARRIED

6.7 Closing the Gap – Stocktake of Partnership Agreement

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Colin Gow / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Closing the Gap – Stocktake of Partnership Agreement report.

CARRIED

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6.8 Uluru Statement from the Heart

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: June Lowe / Cr Colin Gow

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receive and note the Co-naming of Shellharbour City Wards in Dharawal language report.
2. Endorse the response be co-signed by the co-chair of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

7. Items for Information

Nil

8. General Business

That a morning tea be organised with new Chief Executive Officer, Michael Archer and the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to allow committee members to meet him.

9. Next Meeting

Date: 6 September 2022

Meeting closed at 4:10PM