

**Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting  
of Shellharbour City Council held in the Ground Floor Training Room  
on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 commencing at 4:00 PM**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Matt Sutherland	Executive Manager Community and Creative Services
Bonnie Hittmann	Community Development Manager
Lauren Peters	Team Leader Community Planning
Mathew Rawson	Growth Planning Manager (part)
Sheree Gillen	Capital Works and Design Manager (Online)
Paul Gallina	Senior Project Delivery Officer (Online)
Jacob Lia	Strategic Planner (Online)
Rylee Goodman	Governance Officer (Minute Taker)
Evelyn Ivinson	Manager State Rehoming – DPIE (part)
Summer Senes	Senior Planner – DPIE (part)
Connor Burke	Planning Officer – DPIE (part)

## **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 Uncle Richard Davis, Community Representative.

## **3 Confirmation of Minutes**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Stefanovski / Anne-Maree Fohrman

That the minutes from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meetings held on 8 October 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

## **4 Disclosures of Interest**

Nil

## **5 Presentations**

### **5.1 Presentation from NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPIE)**

DPIE - Manager State Rehoming, Evelyn Ivinson, Senior Planner, Summer Senes and Planning Officer, Connor Burke provided a presentation to the Committee regarding plans for an Aboriginal Stakeholder Workshop. The Committee provided advice on the necessary Aboriginal stakeholders to invite.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from Planning Officers of NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and provide input and share knowledge to inform the consultation activity.

CARRIED

Note: At 4.38pm Matt Rawson, Evelyn Ivinson, Summer Senes and Connor Burke left the meeting.

## **6 Reports**

Mayor Homer requested the Committee to receive and note items 6.1 and 6.2 collectively which was agreed to by the Committee.

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

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Petreski / Cr Stefanovski

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the update on items 6.1 Aboriginal Employment Update and 6.2 Aboriginal Interpretive Centre Update.

CARRIED

### **6.3 2026 NAIDOC Community Day - Consideration for Change of Event Location**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Jodi Edwards / Aunty Lindy Lawler

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note this report and that the 2026 NAIDOC Community Day event be held at the Shellharbour City Stadium in Croom.

CARRIED

Note: At 4.56pm Suzanne Clapham left the meeting.

## **7 General Business**

### **Update on Bass Point Tourist Road Project**

Note: At 5.01pm Suzanne Clapham re-joined the meeting online.

Council's Projects Team gave a verbal update on the Bass Pint Tourist Road Improvements Project. The Committee requested that an Aboriginal Site Officer be appointed to the project as the Bass Point Reserve is a site of Aboriginal Significance.

**Action:** Council staff investigate establishing a position of Site Officer for the Bass Point Project. Staff to provide a response at a future meeting.

Note: At 5.17pm Sheree Gillen, Paul Gallina and Jacob Lia left the meeting.

**8 Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.

**Meeting Closed: 5.21pm.**