

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – 3 May 2022

**Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption
at Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 17 May 2022**

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting held via Teams webcast video link on Tuesday 3 May 2022 commencing at 3.00pm

Present:

Mayor Chris Homer
Cr Colin Gow

Shellharbour City Council
Shellharbour City Council

Community Members:

Aunty Lindy Lawler
Mr Richard Davis
Ms June Lowe (online)
Ms Toumanda Fohrman
Ms Basilia McGaw (online)
Ms June Lowe (online)

Community Elder
Community Elder
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative
Community Representative

In Attendance:

Ms Bonnie Hittmann
Ms Tamara Hynd (part)
Ms Toni Lindwall (part)
Ms Sharne Colefax (part)
Ms Katrina Owers (part)
Ms Allison Bonaz (Minutes Taker)

Manager Community Life
Museum Curator
Team Leader Communications & Engagement
Group Manager Organisational Performance
Civic Centre Activation Manager
Council Services Administration 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: Richard Davis / Cr Colin Gow

An apology was tendered on behalf of Councillor Lou Stefanovski, Councillor Robert Petreski, Community Representative William Henry, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Shane Venables, Group Manager Human Resources Kelly Stehr and Acting Group Manager Asset Strategy Daniel Brilsky.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 8 March 2022

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Richard Davis / Cr Colin Gow

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2022 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

5. Presentations

5.1 Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) documents on public exhibition

Ms Lindwall and Ms Colefax spoke about the Integrated Planning and Reporting documents that include:

- the draft Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032
- the draft Resourcing Strategy 2022 -2032
- the draft combined Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023 (including draft Fees and Charges 2022-2023)
- the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement 2022-2042

The Committee were shown where to access the documents and how to make a submission and were asked to share these amongst their networks to encourage broad community review and feedback.

Submissions close on 25 May 2022.

5.2 Shellharbour City Museum's new online platform Discover Shellharbour

Ms Hynd provided a presentation on Shellharbour City Museum's new online platform expected to be implemented at the end of May.

Discover Shellharbour will replace the Museum's existing in-house database, provide an online searchable platform for all Museum collection items, and provide opportunities for community contribution and engagement.

The database will include First Nations cultural heritage objects and content that has been approved for public viewing by the AAC. The Museum welcomes AAC and relevant stakeholder contributions to the database, and will seek approval from the AAC for additional cultural heritage objects and First Nations content to be made publicly available on the database in the future.

5.3 Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Due Diligence Presentation

With Mr Venables being an apology this was held over. Ms Hittmann asked the Committee if they would like an Extraordinary meeting called in three weeks to have this presentation. The Committee agreed.

This meeting has been scheduled for 24 May 2022 at 3.30pm as a 'hybrid' meeting in the Ground Floor Training Room.

6. Staff Reports and General Business

6.1 Aboriginal Employment

No report was supplied due to Ms Stehr and Mr Venables not in attendance.

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 will be released this week and we are encouraging Aboriginal consultants with the relevant expertise to apply.

6.3 Projects/Assets Update

No report was supplied due to Mr Venables not in attendance.

6.4 Shell Cove Interpretive Signage Update Report (11858131)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Cr Colin Gow

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receive and note the Shell Cove Interpretive Signage Update Report;
2. Endorse the recommendation to have the whole text content of signs written in both English and Dharawal languages where possible.
3. Endorse the inclusion of QR codes on signs for the community to hear the Dharawal language where possible.

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6.5 Reconciliation Schools Flag Walk Event (11858130)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Cr Colin Gow / Richard Davis

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receive and note the Reconciliation Schools Flag Walk Event Report;
2. Ask Jodi Edwards to accompany Toumanda Fohrman as representatives of the Committee to deliver a reconciliation speech at the Reconciliation Schools Flag Walk Event.

CARRIED

6.6 Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Revisited Events Report (11858129)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Aunty Lindy Lawler / Toumanda Fohrman

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Revisited Events Report.

CARRIED

6.7 Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program - Implementation Group (11858128)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Richard Davis / Cr Colin Gow

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. Receive and note the Lake Illawarra Coastal Management Program – Implementation Group Report;
2. Ask Jodi Edwards if she would like to represent the Committee on this Group and come back to the Committee for an alternate if Ms Edwards declines.

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7. Items for Information

Nil

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8. General Business

Toumanda Fohrman is seeking assistance to encourage participation from suitable Aboriginal youth (12 to 25 years old) for the Youth Council. Nominations close 13 May 2022.

9. Next Meeting

There was some discussion around 12 July being close to NAIDOC events and school holidays it was decided to push the meeting back two weeks to the 26 July.

Date: 26 July 2022

Meeting closed at 4:20PM