

SHELLHARBOUR CITY COUNCIL

Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting – 3 August 2021

Note: These recommendations are subject to adoption at
Councils next Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 31 August 2021

Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting held via Teams webcast video link

on Tuesday 3 August 2021 commencing at 3.01pm

Present:

Mayor, Marianne Saliba (Chairperson)	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Moira Hamilton	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council
Cr Robert Petreski	Councillor, Shellharbour City Council

Community Members:

Aunty Lindy Lawler	Community Elder
Mr Richard Davis	Community Representative
Ms Jodi Edwards	Community Representative

In Attendance:

Ms Kathryn Baget-Juleff	Group Manager Community Connections
Ms Bonnie Hittmann	Manager Community Life
Mr Shane Venables	Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Mr Jamie Dawson (part)	Manager Community Engagement and Activation
Ms Carmelina Nunnari (part)	Acting Arts and Cultural Development Officer
Ms Katrina Owers (part)	Civic Centre Activation Manager
Ms Christine Matesic	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 Community Representatives, June Lowe, Barry Bird and Iriaka Ross.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Petreski / Davis

That the apologies as tendered be accepted.

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3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting 4 May 2021

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Petreski / Davis

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held on 4 May 2021 as circulated be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED

4. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

Ms Edwards joined the meeting at 3:12pm.

5. Presentations

5.1 Public Art – Lake Illawarra Art Trail

Presenters – Jamie Dawson and Carmelina Nunnari
Shellharbour City Council

A detailed power point was presented on the Lake Illawarra Art Trail. As Council investigates the new commission the committee were asked to provide feedback, suggestions and comments. New artworks commissioned should fit in with the established curatorial themes, scale and appropriateness of the site. Currently the trail includes 8 sculptures with the new commission being this year.

Indigenous artists will be actively sought and the committee supported the framework to target a local artist with a focus on local stories and heritage.

Mr Dawson and Ms Nunnari left the meeting.

6. Staff Reports and General Business

6.1 NAIDOC Events update (11705341)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Edwards / Petreski

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the NAIDOC events update report.

CARRIED

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6.2 Aboriginal Interpretative Play Space (11705342)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Edwards / Lawler

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Aboriginal Interpretative Play Space report.

CARRIED

6.3 Windang Island Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Update (11705338)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Edwards / Petreski

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Windang Island Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment update report.

CARRIED

6.4 Acknowledgement of Country for Council's communications and facilities (11705340)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Lawler / Hamilton

That:

1. the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Acknowledgement of Country for Council's communications and facilities report;
2. the Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorse the proposed wording for a written Acknowledgement or provide advice for alternate wording; and
3. the recommended wording for a written Acknowledgement be added into the Cultural Protocols upon their endorsement by the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Dharawal Country and recognises their continued connection to the land.

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6.5 Reconciliation Schools Flag Walk (11705339)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Edwards / Lawler

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the Reconciliation Schools Flag Walk report.

CARRIED

6.6 Use of Traditional Place names as part of Council's postal address (11705343)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Edwards / Davis

The Aboriginal Advisory Committee:

1. receive and note Use of Traditional place names as part of Council's postal address; and
2. endorse the use of Dharawal Country as the Traditional Place name to be included on Councils postal address.

CARRIED

6.7 Verbal Report – Bass Point Interpretive Centre

An update was provided by the Manager Community Life with a further update to be provided to the Aboriginal Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Davis / Edwards

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal report on the Bass Point Interpretive Centre provided by the Manager Community Life.

CARRIED

6.8 Verbal Report – Employment Update

An update was provided by the Manager Community Life. A report will be provided to a future meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee.

The Mayor requested that this continue to be a standing item on the Agenda.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Davis / Edwards

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal update on Employment provided by the Council's Human Resources team.

CARRIED

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7. Items for Information

8. Next Meeting

5 October 2021

Meeting closed at 4:19pm