

MINUTES

ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP



2.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017

PRESENT	
Paul Knight	Leanne Olive
Aunty Bev Armer	Cr Jill Merrin

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Chair	Tracey Kirk-Downey – Coordinator (Acting)
Rebecca Simon – Community Development Worker	Kristeen Sandercock – Minutes

1 WELCOME

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - NIL

4 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Lord Mayor Cr Gordon Bradbery, Sharralyn Robinson, Jade Kennedy, Sue Savage

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2017 – ACTIONS 9 & 10 NOW FINALISED.

6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
NIL

7 LAKE ILLAWARRA ESTUARY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LIEMC) – MEMBERSHIP

Kristy Blackburn distributed the latest update of 'The Development of a Coastal Management Program for Lake Illawarra' as at end of May 2017. A revised timeframe was brought to our attention (as per the handout).

Shellharbour City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee expressed a desire to attend the meetings and have nominated Jody Edwards to act as an observer. Leanne Olive is Wollongong City Council's representative. Aunty Bev will attend the next meeting of the LIEMC.

Consultation is very deliberate with the Aboriginal Community.

This Plan should be included in the DCP for West Dapto area.

The term of this Program will end with the Council elections in September, however, the Committee will go before the new Council requesting a new term so the LIEMC will continue on as is.

8 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN (RAP) FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Develop a RAP for Pre-schools, Day Cares etc.

Hold a 2 day Reconciliation Symposium to help/support each Centre to develop a RAP.

Encourage regular contact with Elders and Aboriginal people. Make them feel comfortable to "hang out" at their Centre and to develop an ongoing relationship with the children at the Centre.

RAP can help develop reconciliation with the children from an early age and this will flow through to their families.

Ensure the RAP is reported to the Board Members of the Centres each month so plans and ideas are looked at and ticked off as achieved.

Mentor and Guidance from the Aboriginal Reference Group in this area is greatly appreciated.

9 2017 NAIDOC WEEK GRANT APPLICATIONS (LIST ATTACHED)

6 Applications were received.

Family Fun Day is not being organised this year.

Aunty Bev Armer agreed to first 5 Applications on the list and the suggested amounts – the Reference Group concurred and accepted these amounts.

10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

- * Lily Pang will be at the IPAC on 2 June 2017 for Sharing Stories during National Reconciliation Week
- * The Elders Lunch with the Lord Mayor will be on Thursday 29 June 2017
- * Local Government Regional NAIDOC Awards Dinner on Saturday 22 July at the Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow
- * Tickets for the Dinner will go on sale shortly
- * Nominations for Awards are required. This year the form is easier with only 3 questions.
- * Suggestion was made for a Councillor's table at the dinner.
- * Performers are all local Artists

11 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

List to remain as is

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 1 Tenders will be offered for local Artists (if possible) for work at Hill 60. Chris will be mentoring artists for this work.
- 2 Lorraine Brown has reported seeing people fishing in Coomaditchie Lagoon.
Are there signs there stating "no fishing is allowed"? Follow up with Renee Campbell about having signs made for the area. If someone see people fishing, please report to Council.

The meeting concluded at 3.45pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 23 August 2017.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
11	List of names who are buried at the Cemetery (Garrawarra)	Jody	Ongoing
12	GB – Contact Renee Campbell to have some “no fishing” signs printed and installed at Coomaditchie Lagoon	Armando	

