

MINUTES

ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP

2.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017



PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Cr. Gordon Bradbery	Aunty Bev Armer
Leanne Olive	Sharralyn Robinson

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Chair	Annie Edgar – Admin Support Officer (Minutes)

- 1 WELCOME - Chair
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Chair
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NIL
- 4 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of: Cr Jill Merrin, Sue Savage and Jody Clark.
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2016
Minutes confirmed.
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
 - Name of Park at Wongawilli - “Karreuaira (Garreu Aira) Morton Bay Fig.
 - Name of Reserve at Farmborough Heights – Lisa Burke to contact Paul Knight at Land Council - their next meeting is on 22 March 2017.
- 7 DAPTO TOWN CENTRE UPDATE – Sally Anderson & Rebecca Jardim

A document is being prepared in draft form on the necessary improvements to the Dapto Town Centre for the next 10 years and will go on public exhibition from the 6 March 2017. There will be updates that can be achieved immediately and others will be medium to long term. The document will be looking at facilities, infrastructure, shade and seating. The public space needs to be more pedestrian friendly. There needs to be good balances between traffic flow and significant improvement for pedestrians.

Dapto Square is a very hot space facing west, with no bubblers or shade. Toilet facilities do need to be upgraded. There is a desire to incorporate in the design process a celebration of the unique areas in Dapto like Mullet Creek, the Escarpment, the people and the heritage of Dapto.

The document will be on public exhibition for 4 weeks until 3 April 2017. A kiosk will be set up at Dapto Mall on Saturday 18 March between 9.00am – 1.00pm and there will be poster size plans available for the public. We will also be engaging with four local schools. Dapto has a large older and a large younger population. As the West Dapto area gets built up the Dapto infrastructure will have even more pressure on it into the future.

This plan also sets up future actions and suggested actions for the future.

Please see the link: <http://haveyoursaywollongong.com.au/help-shape-the-vision-for-daptos-future>

Please supply any feedback to Armando.

8 BOTANICAL GARDENS UPDATE – Martha Tyndall

The draft plans for the Wollongong Botanic Garden including Gleniffer Brae were sent to the Aboriginal Reference Group after this meeting for comment. Council wanted to consult with the Aboriginal Reference Group to see if they are aware of any special cultural significance between the local Aboriginal Community and the Wollongong Botanic Garden, and the land now occupied by Gleniffer Brae? Council wants to ensure that in developing Council's plans for the Botanic Garden, including the Gleniffer Brae manor house, that these matters of cultural significance can be considered and incorporated. Please contact Martha Tyndall on 4227 7549 or 0408 273 520 or mtyndall@wollongong.nsw.gov.au or Joel Thompson, Council's Heritage Officer on 4227 7111 by 22 March 2017.

It was also suggested that Martha contact Jade Kennedy at the Land Council and Sharralyn will check Land Council records.

To provide information to Reference Group members as soon as possible a letter plus two attachments have been sent out to the Aboriginal Reference Group members late February 2017.

9 PROPOSAL TO NAME PUBLIC PARK / VIEWING PLATFORM AT HILL 60

The suggestion of a park or viewing platform at Hill 60 to be dedicated to Rex Connor was not something the Aboriginal Reference Group and community would like to see happen and suggested another site in Port Kembla would be more appropriate.

Wongawilli Park name - it was suggested to use an Aboriginal name for Morton Bay Fig "Karrevaira". Aunty Bev checked with Carol Speechley and the correct spelling is as follows – "Karreuaira (Garreu Aira) Morton Bay Fig.

Farmborough Heights Reserve – a suggestion to take it to the Land Council and contact Paul Knight, the next meeting is on 22 March.

Lisa Burke requested contact details for Carol Speechley as the email address she has is no longer current on the contact list for Aboriginal Reference.

10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER UPDATE

- NAIDOC dinner has been booked at the Fraternity Club with the target of between 400 to 450 people.
- Elder's lunch at the Towri Building – will make sure dates are checked this year so that it does not clash with other NAIDOC events as much as possible.
- IPAC stories with the children will happen again this year.
- The merger between Shellharbour and Wollongong Councils is officially off so we can move forward.
- Nominations for NAIDOC Awards need to go out earlier so people have time to get their nominations in.
- NAIDOC Week grants are now open.
- Local History story competition – Aunty Bev knows of someone who may need a scribe - Jody will follow up.

12 GENERAL BUSINESS

Council's Community Development Worker Children and Family Services is planning to work with the early childhood and children's services sector on developing their Reconciliation Action Plans for their services and it is intended that a two day workshop will form part of this process.

Uncle Richard has been given space at the Bellambi Surf Club so that he can establish community services relevant for the Aboriginal community in Bellambi there .

Attached for your information:

Flyer - Aboriginal Community Consultation Day for Communities for Children Funding

Draft Statewide Threat and Risk Assessment (Statewide TARA) – Stakeholder Workshop Invitation

14 NEXT MEETING – will be held on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 2.00pm.

15 CLOSE

The meeting concluded at 3.20pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 2.00pm on 24 May 2017.

2017 – Future Meeting Schedule

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Wednesday 24 May 2017	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 23 August 2017	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 22 November 2017	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	2pm – 4pm

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
11	List of names who are buried at the Cemetery.	Jody	On going
9	Name of Park at Wongawilli - feedback.	All	Completed
10	Name of Reserve at Farmborough Heights – feedback. Referred to Lisa to take up with the Land Council.	All	Completed