MINUTES ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP



2.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2019

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

IN ATTENDANCE	
Sue Savage – Community, Cultural & Economic Development Manager	Karina Ponne – Legal Counsel
Armando Reviglio – Chair	Martha Tyndall – Community Land Management Officer
Rebecca Simon – Aboriginal Services Worker	Kristy Blackburn – Environmental Project Officer
Scott Morgan – Engagement Officer	Jenny Haining – Environmental Sustainability Officer
Vanni De Luca – Environment & Conservation Manager	Kristeen Sandercock – Minutes

- 1 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- 2 APOLOGIES Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Alison Bradford

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Rebecca Simon declared her interest in South Coat Native Title item

- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2019
- 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mt Keira POM – Vanni De Luca will presenting an update later in this Meeting.

5 ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT & SIGNAGE PROJECTS

Scott Morgan presented an update on the **Aboriginal Community Engagement Framework** which will guide Council and its employees in Aboriginal Cultural practices and appropriateness in Engagement. He has met with a diverse range of Aboriginal groups who provided information and is still to engage with more before laying a draft Framework down. Points to note:

- * Paul Knight CEO from the Aboriginal Land Council supports this document
- * The Aboriginal Medical Services support this document
- * Catherine Moyle (WNDAC at Bellambi) has feedback and will engage with Scott in January
- * The Engagement/Information sharing process has been beneficial so far
- Draft strategy to be completed by end of February depending on consultations still to happen.

A question was raised – where does the Aboriginal Reference Group fit within these guidelines? Will matters be presented to the Reference Group first and then the community? How this will work in the Framework is still to be finialised but at a draft stage matters would be brought to the Aboriginal Reference Group for consideration as to what engagement strategy/ies are being proposed and the Reference Group can offer comment and guidance as to the Strategy, so it is culturally appropriate. Scott has found this to be a good experience and has enjoyed getting to know Elders and sharing their knowledge.

Signage Project

This is a lengthy and very involved project with more people to engage with. Aunty Sharralyn will contact Carol Speechley and Aunty Barb Nicholson to be contacted for an appointment as their input will be beneficial for this project.



The draft Signage Project framework will be brought to the Reference Group when ready. The Framework is being developed to be used by all of Council as an organisation.

6 SOUTH COAST NATIVE TITLE CLAIM

NOTE: REBECCA SIMON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

Regarding the 'Native Title Determination Application', Karina Ponne from Legal advised that Council has decided to join the proceedings as a respondent. Map of area was handed out (attached to Minutes). Points to note:

- * 153 people are respondents.
- * Council won't take an active role and won't object but as a respondent will receive information and updates on what's happening
- * The NSW Attorney General has funds for Council to be a party to this Claim
- * Shellharbour, Kiama & Shoalhaven Councils have joined as a respondent with the Aboriginal Land Council
- * Council have engaged a Law firm to make the application and attend meetings on our behalf
- * This means we will have a seat in the room and receive information

The Aboriginal Reference Group supported Council in this decision.

Note: Aunty Sharralyn Robinson said while she supports Councils' decision in principle, she is always cautious with any legal proceedings in relation to Aboriginal Community matters.

Note: Rebecca Simon returned to the meeting at the end of this item

7 MOUNT KEIRA SUMMIT PARK CO-NAMING

Vanni De Luca advised the Plan of Management (POM) for the Mount Keira Summit Park Co-Naming was adopted by Council on 9 December 2019 which is a great achievement. Actions from the POM will be implemented. The process to work through the co-naming of Mount Keira Summit Park will occur in early 2020, currently two names are: "Djeera" and "Geira". Support from the Community around pronunciation and spelling of the word using the English language was recommended.

Beck acknowledged the work done by Council staff in coming up with these options. The Lord Mayor supported Becks comments and agreed it was a great outcome. Vanni will keep the Reference Group up to date with the co-naming as the process moves through its stages.

BOTANIC GARDENS TURNS 50

The Friends of the Botanic Garden are putting together a Coffee Table book celebrating 50 years of the Botanic Gardens in Wollongong. They have offered an invitation for the "Aunties" to have their photo taken at Mount Keira and these will be included in the book. Aunty Barb Nicholson and Aunty Sharralyn Robinson were nominated.

8 ABORIGINAL PUBLIC ART

This Item has been postponed to a future meeting.

Reference Group asked if the Artworks at Hill 60 had finished and could they be invited to the launch? Chair to follow this up with Sue Bessell.

9 CROWN LAND PLAN OF MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Martha Tyndall handed out a sheet explaining the Stages of Crown Land Management (CLM) along with a list of 46 Crown Reserves by name, reserve number, location and proposed community category (both attached to Minutes). Points to note:

- We are currently in stage 2 of the 3 stages
- * The information has been on Council's website
- Reference Group meeting in May to discuss significance of Bellambi and Hill 60 and suggest they have their own POM.
- * In 2009 Stanwell Park & Bald Hill had their own POM as these areas have great cultural significance for the Aboriginal community. If we require a new POM over these areas, do we want to state different information in the new POM?
- * It was suggested Martha speak with Joel Thompson regarding Stanwell Park and its Cultural Heritage value



* Other reserves on the list may need a preamble at start of POM recognising Cultural significance.

It was noted as a rule of thumb that ALL coastal areas have Cultural significance to the Aboriginal Community and this needs to be reflected as forming part of the POM.

10 LAKE ILLAWARRA COMMITTEE UPDATE

Kristy Blackburn handed out an update (attached to Minutes). Aunty Sharralyn is Councils Aboriginal representative on the Committee. Comment from the group was made in relation to Fisheries NSW – if they invested the same amount of money in Cultural awareness and significance and the interpreting of Cultural awareness as they do in other areas, they would have an understanding that the removal of cockles and other items damages the lake and shoreline and the lake will die. The Reference group suggest Council provide an education program for the community about cockles and the lake. The program can be implemented at schools to educate young people.

The Group acknowledged the wonderful work that Kristy does in this area and thanked her.

11 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY/STRATEGY

Jenny Haining talked about the following points:

- * Engaging with community regarding living sustainably with what we have
- * Engaging with the Aboriginal community regarding caring for Country
- * Caring for the land where we live

Jenny handed out an "Environmental Sustainability Strategy" feedback form and asked members to complete and return by early February. Comments from the Group included:

- * Middens sites determine what's happened previously
- * Mother earth shows us what to do and what's going on underneath

Jenny and Renee Winsor are working with Scott around engagement with Community for food, water and how to survive self-sustainably. The Reference group sees this as a positive step for a sustainability policy.

12 ABORIGINAL MEMORIAL GARDEN

Beck Simon and Armando Reviglio had a site walk over the area this morning at Kembla Grange Cemetery. Beck plans to meet on site again in early 2020 with the Aboriginal Cemetery Working group members to look at it and to also visit the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council to discuss their management of the Aboriginal Cemetery there. Aunty Bev and Aunty Sharralyn are in the Aboriginal Cemetery working group.

13 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED AT THE NEXT MEETING

Notify Armando (Chair) if you have any agenda items for the next meeting

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

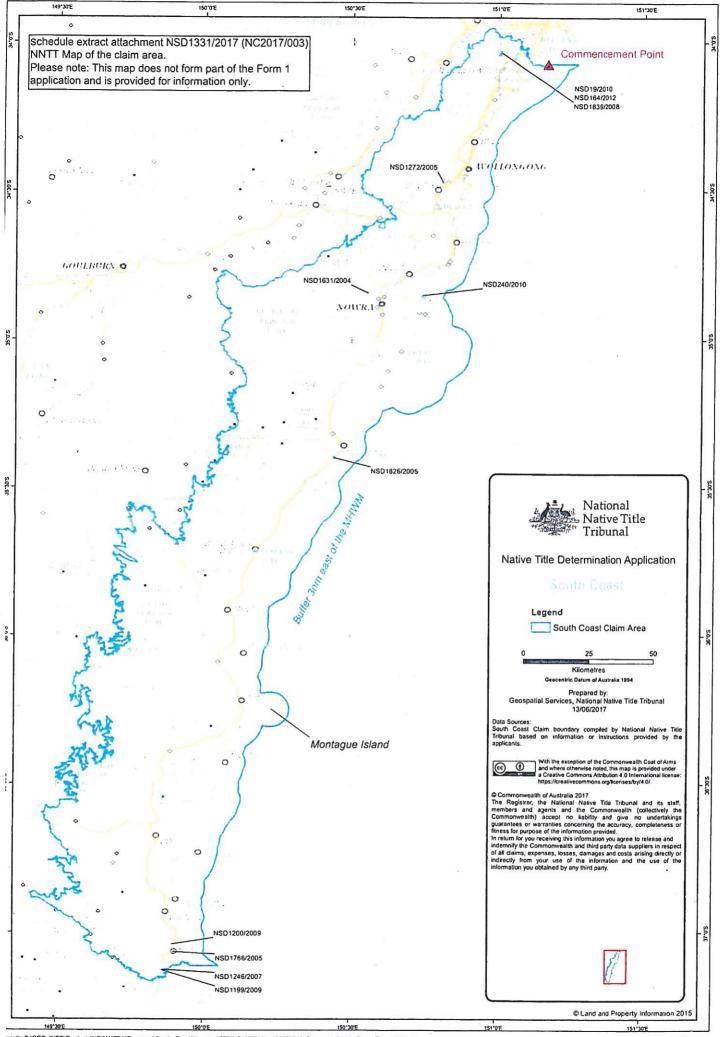
Dapto Mural update – a handout attached to Minutes

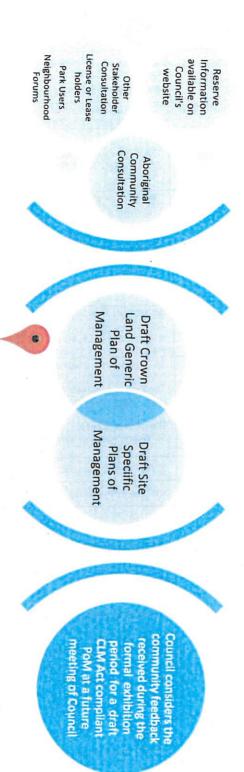
15 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2020

The main Library Rooms to be named after the Aboriginal Five Islands story can the Reference Group have some information about the project and process.

The meeting concluded at 4.00pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 26 February 2020.





Stage 2: we are here

Preliminary Community Consultation Stage

Stage 1:

-Information is prepared for each reserve

inform a future draft plan of management.

and considered by the community to

community land categories for the crown

reserve

8 Oct 2019 - 8 Nov 2019

The information proposes one or more

Prepare Draft PoMs that Council comment subject to Ministerial resolves to exhibit for public approval

Dec 2019 - June 2021

Stage 3:

feedback on the draft PoM back Exhibit each Draft PoM that has to Council so that a decision can Ministerial approval to exhibit and report the community's be made on the draft PoM March 2020 - June 2021

46 CROWN RESERVES BY NAME, RESERVE NUMBER, LOCATION & PROPOSED COMMUNITY CATEGORY

CROWN RESERVE NAME (NUMBER)	LOCATION	PROPOSED COMMUNITY LAND CATEGORY MIX
1. ANDREW LYSAGHT PARK (1000384	Cnr of Marine Dr & Crown St, Wollongong	Area of cultural significance General community use
 WOLLONGONG RESERVE TRUST (84424) 	9-11 Crown St, Wollongong	Park
3. AUSTINMER BEACH AND RESERVE (89084)	S Coastal reserve north of Mountain Rd & south of Headland Ave; includes Austinmer Beach	General Community Use Natural area foreshore Park
4. AUSTINMER BOATHARBOUR, PINECOURT PARK (88873)	From 1B Headland Ave Austinmer to Scarborough Beach Reef Ave, Wombarra	Natural area foreshore Natural area bushland Park Sportsground
5. BATTERY PARK RESERVE (72138)	Cliff Rd, Wollongong	Area of cultural significance Area of Cultural Significance
6. BELLAMBI LAGOON (180029)	Slightly east of Birch Cres, Bellambi	Area of Cultural Significance
7. BELLAMBI POINT RESERVE (88075)	Bellambi Point Reserve follows the coast from Bellambi to Woonona	Area of Cultural Significance Area of Cultural Significance Park Natural Area Foreshore Natural Area watercourse
8. BRIGHTON LAWN (40908)	81 Cliff Rd, Wollongong	Park General Community Use Area of Cultural Significance
9. BULLI GATEWAY (1004388)	881 Princes Hwy, Maddens Plains	General Community Use
10. BULLI PARK (580062)	Split in two areas by Trinity Rd. West are sporting fields. East is the beach. Bounded by Park Rd to the north and Ursula Rd to the South	Sportsground Park Natural Area Foreshore
11. BULLI PASS SCENIC RESERVE (67711)	851 Princes Hwy (Cliffhanger) & 661 Princes Hwy (Sublime Point), Maddens Plains	Natural Area Escarpment General Community Use
12. BULLI ROCK POOL - REPLACED BY NEW POOL (37214)	The area of sand next to the current Bulli Rock Pool. The closest road is Trinity Row.	Natural Area Foreshore
13. COLLINS PARK (88274)	The closest street to Collins Park is Carrington St, Woonona to the west.	Sportsground Natural Area Foreshore Natural Area Watercourse General Community Use
14. CORRIMAL MEMORIAL PARK (580087)	90 Railway St, Corrimal	Sportsground
15. DARKES FOREST (80366)	302 Darkes Forest Rd, Darkes Forest	General Community Use Natural Area Bushland
16. FLAGSTAFF POINT (580103)	Located around Endeavour Dr, Wollongong	Area of Cultural Significance Park Natural Area Foreshore
17. GLADSTONE PARK (580081)	Cnr of Northcliffe Dr & George St, Berkeley	• Park
18. HARRY MORTON PARK (70792)	North of Robertson St, Port Kembia	Natural Area Bushland Park
19. PROUD PARK (39863)	Adjacent south of Nixon Pl, Helensburgh	Park
20. HELENSBURGH AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINE MUSEUM (72217)	78 Parkes St, Helensburgh	General Community Use
21. (HELENSBURGH) PATRICK MCCARTHY HALL – DESTROYED BY FIRE (87211)	78 Parkes St, Helensburgh	General Community Use
 HELENSBURGH - PROPOSED POUND SITE (91278) 	13 Nixon Pl, Helensburgh	General Community Use
23. HELENSBURGH PRE-SCHOOL (90884)	26D Walker St, Helensburgh	General Community Use
24. HELENSBURGH BABY HEALTH CENTRE (1000263)	26C Walker St, Helensburgh	General Community Use
25. HELENSBURGH COMMUNITY HALL (500332)	26A Walker St, Helensburgh	General Community Use
26. HELENSBURGH FLORA & FAUNA RESERVE (79561)	East of Oxley PI, Helensburgh	Natural Area Bushland
27. HELENSBURGH PARK (500340)	Part of Rex Jackson Park; western boundary of Park Ave.	Sportsground
28. HELENSBURGH PARK (500345)	Majority of Rex Jackson Park and all of Charles Harper Park. North east of Blackwell St. Waratah St is the western boundary. Parkes St is the southern boundary and Walker St is its eastern boundary.	Sportsground Park Area of Cultural Significance

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29. HILL 60 (97344)	End of Military Rd, Port Kembla	 Area of Cultural Significance Park Natural Area Foreshore Natural Area Bushland General Community Use
30. J A BEATSON PARK (580078)	Between private property at 370 and 372 Crown St, Wollongong	• Park
31. LANG PARK FORESHORE RESERVE (580076)	Includes the foreshore down to Swan St to the south and up to parts of Endeavor Dr in the north	Park Sportsground Area of Cultural of Cultural Significance
32. MATTHEWS PARK (85882)	Bordered by Military Rd, Darcy Rd, & Wentworth St, Port Kembla	• Park
33. NICHOLSON PARK (580071)	Bordered by Kurraba Rd, Kulgoa Rd & Park Rd, Woonona	• Park
34. NORTH WOLLONGONG SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB (71482)	The foreshore along Cliff Rd, Wollongong	Park General Community Use Area of Cultural Significance
35. OTFORD PARK (72128)	North of Lady Carrington Rd, Otford	Natural Area Bushland
36. PIONEERS REST PARK (580102)	Cnr of Kembla St & Bank St, Wollongong	Area of Cultural Significance Park
37. SOUTH THIRROUL BEACH (48554)	This land is usually below the tide mark, part McCauley's Beach, part Thirroul beach. Extends up to Woodland Ave	Natural Area Foreshore Area of Cultural Significance
38. STANWELL PARK (83095)	2A Station St, Stanwell Park	Park Natural Area Bushland Natural Area Watercourse Sportsground General Community Use
39. STUART PARK (580060)	Located amidst Squires Way & George Hanley Dr, North Wollongong • Z19/91170 Map • Z19/87281 Snapshot	Park General Community Use Area of Cultural Significance Natural Area Bushland
40. SURF LIFE SAVING HEADQUARTERS (180016)	64 Smith St, Wollongong	General Community Use Area of Cultural Significance
41. TARRAWANNA TEACHERS COLLEGE (88200)	Eastern boundary is Foothills Rd. Western boundary is north of the corner of Broker's Rd & Tucker Ave	Natural Area Bushland Park
42. THIRROUL RESERVE (89099)	23 & 25 Cliff Pde, Thirroul	Park General Community Use Area of Cultural Significance
43. TOWRADGI COMMUNITY HALL (580082)	31 Moray Rd, Towradgi	General Community Use
44. UNNAMED RESERVE (89168)	Cowper St, Port Kembla near the Port Kembla Surf Club	General Community Use
45. WARRAWONG RESERVE TRUST (180030)	Flagstaff Rd, Warrawong	• Park
46. WISEMAN PARK (580077)	Bordered by Gipps Rd, Vickery St & Foley St, Gwynneville	Park Sportsground Natural Area Bushland

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COASTAL MANGAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE ILLAWARRA





Update for the WCC Aboriginal Reference Group 19 Nov 2019

Public exhibition of the Draft Lake Illawarra CMP occurred between 31 July and 11 September 2019.

The Project Management Team (PMT) reviewed:

- 209 public submissions,
- A 190 signature petition in favour of the statement "Do you object to dredging of the lake's bays not being included in the LICMP?".
- 11 submissions from agencies or other organisations.
- Two sets of internal Council comments.
- Editorial comments.

Issues raised in 10 or more community submissions are:

- Dredging PMT is suggesting two new actions.
- Importance of Tourism PMT is suggesting one new action.
- Management of Vegetation some minor clarifications to vegetation management actions proposed.
- Balance of Social, Environmental and Economic issues or actions no changes being recommended, although the dredging and tourism actions change the balance of these issues more towards social.
- Fishing and Cockle collecting these comments have been forwarded onto the Dept of Fisheries.
- Recreational Infrastructure when regarding a specific facility in need of repair these have been passed onto relevant Council for action. Some minor additions to RA1 proposed.
- Sediments, contaminants and other pollutants in runoff no changes are being recommended by the PMT.
- Litter some minor additions to educational and planning actions and the addition of one new action.
- Entrance Chanel Management Some rewording of management actions is being proposed for clarification.

The PMT is proposing the addition of four new management actions as a result of the submissions:

- 1. Small scale dredging to support the functionality of recreational infrastructure.
- 2. An investigation into the feasibility of larger scale dredging.
- 3. Recognition of the links between the CMP and existing strategic tourism planning processes/ documents for Lake Illawarra.
- 4. Increased collection of litter during peak summer periods and resources to reduce illegal dumping.

An overview of the submissions received as well as the proposed changes, including the four proposed actions above, were presented to the Lake Illawarra Estuary Management Committee (LIEMC) at their meeting 11 Nov. The proposed changes were supported by the LIEMC.

The Project Management Team are currently finalising a response to a recently received set of recommendations from DPIE Legal and Policy Team and awaiting the outcome of high-level discussions regarding the coordinated management of the entrance channel. These will necessitate some further changes to the Draft CMP document.

Because of the lateness of some of the State Agency responses and the complexity of the proposed changes the Project Management Team requested and received an extension in time to provide a final Submissions in Reply Report to the LIEMC.

It is the PMT's intention to present the finalised Submissions in Reply Report and final version of the CMP to the LIEMC at their meeting on 26 Feb 2020. It is expected that the LIEMC will recommend that SCC and WCC endorse the document and that it be sent to the State Minister for certification. A report is expected to be provided to Council to this effect on 6 April (SCC on 7 April).

Submissions in reply report and final CMP presented to LIEMC

26 Feb 2020

CMP endorsed by both Councils and sent to State Minister for certification.

April 2020

CMP is gazetted by both Councils

Mid 2020

Kristy Blackburn



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Environmental Sustainability Strategy

Feedback Form

We would like to incorporate how Aboriginal people used the environment to live, share stories and connect to Country in our new Environmental Sustainability Strategy. We recognise the importance of the connection that Aboriginal people have with the land and the environment in which they live in. We would like to know from the Aboriginal community how important it is to keep the environment preserved so it could continue to provide food, medicine and the connected relationship to culture and identity.

How do think Aboriginal people's relationship to Country differs from society today?

In what ways do you think that connection to Country can be fostered today?

More overleaf....

If there is insufficient room for your comments, please attach any additional sheets to this feedback form.

Please return completed form to

Emel

<u>jhaining@wollongong.nsw.gov.au</u> 41 Burelli Street Wollongong

F1051

Locked Bag 8821, Wollongong DC 2500

Are there any stories that you would like to share in relation to how Aboriginal people interact with the environment?
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What do you think we can do as a community to reduce our emissions and reach our target of net zero emissions by 2050?
s there anything else you would like to share?
s there anything else you would like to share?
o you know of anyone who would like to produce or share some artwork about connecting to Country for our trategy?
you would like a reply to your submission and to be kept informed of progress, please fill in the section below
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ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP NOVEMBER 2019

DAPTO BRIDGE MURAL PROJECT

Wollongong City Council is coordinating the painting of a large mural for the underpass of the new Fowlers Road Dapto Bridge (see image).

The Dapto Bridge Mural Project aims to:

- Create quality public art that is contemporary and celebrates the character and identity of the Dapto area by reflecting their stories.
- The artwork should connect with local community stories and the environment and encourage the celebration of community values and the coming together of people.
- The artwork will reflect the overall themes and ideas developed through community consultations and community conversations.

Artists

- Mitch Guerin (Bafcat) is the Lead Artist appointed to this project to deliver community consultation and design.
- Jess Brown (Lorraine Browns granddaughter), has been appointed as a Mural Artist Assistant to be mentored by the Lead Artist.
- Artist, Warwick Keen (he is the artist who designed the mural on the Wollongong Art Gallery), is currently being appointed to assist with the design phase in a Co-design capacity. The ability to bring Warwick on board was enabled due to the recent extension of this project.

Painting of the Mural

Painting of this mural was initially planned to commence this week (November 2019). However, due to the bridge opening now anticipated for late March/Early April 2020, the painting has been delayed until February 2020.

Community consultation and conversations

General community engagement:

- Community Market Stand Dapto Ribbonwood Centre 19 October 2019
- Dapto Square Community Engagement 25 October 2019

School workshops have been delivered in:

- Dapto Public School
- Dapto High School
- Koonawarra Public School
- Kanahooka High School

Aboriginal Community members

Spoken with:

- Danielle Moylan
- Lorraine Brown
- Joyce Donovan
- Jimmy Carlson

- Wadi Wadi Aunty Heather Ball
- KEJ Korewal Elouera Jerrungurah Tribel Elder Council George Avillaflour
- Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation Women's Elder Group (waiting to receive further information)

Aiming/trying to speak with:

- Wodi Wodi Sheryl Davis Fulcher
- Illawarra Koori Men's Group
- Fletcher Moylan
- Noeleen Carlson

Should you have any questions about this project please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Duncan, Dapto Bridge Project Officer on 0415 169 282 or via email mduncan@wollongong.nsw.gov.au.

