

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ATSICC)

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, 6 August 2019 at 6pm in Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.

1. Open of Meeting

Uncle David Williams opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all attendees to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee of Cumberland Council.

2. Record of Attendance, Introductions and Apologies

Attendance List:

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| Clr Greg Cummings | Councillor and Committee Member (Mayor) |
| Clr Glenn Elmore | Councillor and Committee Member (Deputy Mayor) |
| Ashlee Kearney | Committee Member |
| Bel Dixon | Committee Member |
| Christopher Haberecht | Committee Member |
| Julie Nixon | Committee Member |
| Leanne Unie Day | Committee Member |
| Marg Gong | Committee Member |
| Uncle David Williams | Committee Member (Chairperson) |
| Trish Booth | Community Representative (Greystanes High) |
| Trudy Healy | Community Representative |

Council Staff in Attendance:

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| Adam Ford | Landscape Architect |
| Joanne Buckskin | Aboriginal Education and Programs Officer |
| Karl O’Korn | Executive Manager Development and Building |
| Merryn Howell | Executive Manager Community and Place (Minutes) |

Apologies:

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| Aunty Cleonie Quayle | Committee Member |
| Corina Norman | Committee Member |
| Lynn Leerson | Committee Member |
| Raelene Billedo | Committee Member (Deputy Chairperson) |
| Uncle Rex Sorby | Committee Member |
| Wayne Trindall | Committee Member |

3. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

ITEMS CONSIDERED AND DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE:

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 May 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Julie Nixon, seconded by Christopher Haberecht.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

4.1 Council to ensure Uluru Statement was sent out to Committee Members.

5. Business Arising

Granville Park Stadium development application

Feedback was sought from the Committee on the Granville Park Stadium Development Application DA-196/2019 - Lot 7028 DP1028253, 188 Woodville Road and 2 Montrose Avenue, Merrylands.

Feedback from Committee:

- There is a need for amenities to be provided on the western side of the main oval.

Greystanes High School Funding Proposal for an Urban/Rural Youth Exchange Program

The Greystanes High School presented a potential Aboriginal Cultural Exchange Program which aims to establish a partnership with Lightning Ridge Central School and Moree East Public School. The Program aims to take local students to Lightning Ridge and Moree in October 2020 and then have students from those schools visit Greystanes the following year.

The P&C are seeking to apply for a grant through Council's Community Grants Program Round One. Feedback was sought from the Committee on the Program and for support for the application.

Feedback from Committee:

- The exchange program concept and grant application was supported by the Committee.
- The Committee identified the need for a backup vehicle and members expressed interest in coming along to support the interactions with local elders and young people.
- The timing of the return visit to Cumberland would be good to be timed to align with the 3 May Cumberland Reconciliation Day event or during NAIDOC Week.

Prospect Creek and Prospect Hill Projects

Stage One implementation of the Seven Warriors Garden project at the Yandel'ora site is now complete. Stage Two works for additional seating and accessible foot paving will be considered for implementation as part of a future capital works program.

Council has been successful with two applications for Community Heritage Grants from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage. The Warali Wali Stories of Prospect Creek Project will include research and development to reinvigorate interpretation for the Mananga and Yandel'ora works, with signage and website based content. The Prospect Hill Integrated Interpretation Plan Project will establish the framework for new and existing features of interest and information for interpretation, from Project Hill and beyond into

adjacent and connected open space areas. These projects are due for implementation over the next two years, to May 2021, and the Committee will be consulted and kept informed of progress during this period.

Heritage approval is currently being assessed by NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for the implementation of an accessible pathway and lookout at Prospect Hill which is anticipated for completion by the end of 2019, with funding from the Stronger Communities Fund.

Feedback from Committee:

- Request that Council include an update of the Warali Wali Trail flyer through the Warali Wali Stories of Prospect Creek project.
- There is a need for Council to consult and work together with Fairfield Council to continue the partnership established through the original project and the interconnection with the part of the trail located in Fairfield LGA.
- Support opportunities for greater education and promotion of the stories and trails to increase visitation and awareness of the significance of the area.
- There is an opportunity for the project to use technology such as QR codes and the AllTrails app to link the information on Council's website and Facebook which will promote the cultural and educational elements.

Granville Centre Public Work Artwork

Council is currently undertaking an Expression of Interest for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to produce concepts for signature artwork at the entrance of the Granville Centre.

Feedback from Committee:

- There is a need for the artwork to connect from the ground to the sky, not just the panels on the roof.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 5.1 The proposed Greystanes High School Youth Exchange Program and grant application was supported by the Committee.
- 5.2 Committee Members to provide feedback on the Greystanes exchange project to Trish Booth via Council officers.
- 5.3 Council to approach Darug Custodians and Linguist to begin research and revitalisation of the stories.
- 5.4 Council to send the Expression of Interest to Committee Members including artist Aunty Cleonie Quayle and Darug Custodian and Co-Chairperson Raelene Biledo to consult with the Artist and Council in regards to the Granville Project and Sky knowledge.

6. Significant Days/Celebrations and Programs 2019:

Reconciliation Day (3 May 2019)

Feedback from Committee:

- The event was a successful day and met all required outcomes.
- The event was a great success with 300 students from local schools in attendance. An Education Pack was provided to all the children who attended.
- A Feedback Form was sent out to all students and schools who attended and results will be compiled and distributed to the Committee.
- The event is achieving its objectives in focusing on the education of children.
- The Education Pack is important and it is great to see it included.
- The involvement of children from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds was very positive.
- The event was able to accommodate the wet weather.

Reconciliation Week 2019

The Program included:

- 'Conserving Plants - Our Life Depends On It' at Auburn Botanic Gardens.
- 'Dreaming Inside' Poetry in the Piazza at Merrylands Civic Centre.
- 'Working with Aboriginal Communities Cultural Awareness training'.
- Storytime at Council Libraries (multiple dates).
- Darug Language class.

Feedback from Committee:

- The events were successful and well received amongst community members.

Reconciliation Action Plan 2019 – 2021 Launch

The Program included an Official Internal Launch of the *Reconciliation Action Plan 2019 – 2021*.

Feedback from Committee:

- The event was attended by Committee and Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group members and Reconciliation Australia.

NAIDOC Week

The NAIDOC Week Program included:

- Fun4Kids Warali Wali
- Darug Language Class
- Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training
- Pilot Pemulwuy Heritage Tour for Seniors

Feedback from Committee:

- Positive feedback was received from participants about the success of the event in terms of cross cultural education.
- Parents and Community Liaison Officers from local schools said they have a better cultural knowledge and understanding as a result of the event and were keen to bring parents back next year.
- The free rides took over from the Playschool Puppet Launch. The activities in the tent went well but there is a need to distribute other incentives or more than one free ticket to the Giants/Bulldogs. It would be better to distribute NAIDOC wrist bands to the children as an incentive.
- The toilet facilities in the park got dirty early in the day and there was need for a regular cleaning crew.
- Guildford Public School hosted a cultural day during NAIDOC which involved 24 local schools in the area. Eight students were invited from all schools which sought to build the cultural competency of children (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal). There is a need for more funding to support the activities being delivered and to subsidise the costs borne by schools for students to attend.

Aboriginal Education Program Progress Report

Council's Aboriginal and Education Programs Officer provided an update on a number of programs under development:

- First Nations Aboriginal Arts and Culture Program: Council is establishing a program involving local artists.
- Urban/Rural First Nations Youth Program: Council hosted a youth delegation from Parkes and delivered a cultural education program in Pemulwuy.
- Council will deliver an annual LGA Aboriginal Studies Accelerated Program for 2020 (Stages 5 & 6).
- Winagaru Pilot Schools (Early Years and Primary): Council is exploring a partnership to promote the education resources to early years and primary schools.

Feedback from Committee:

- Merrylands High School students are undertaking Aboriginal Studies units and sought support from the Council to better understand the key issues.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 6.1 Report identifying key recommendations from Reconciliation Day event to be completed and tabled by Council at the next ATSICC meeting in November 2019.
- 6.2 Darug Language classes are very popular and need to be offered to children, teachers and community members.
- 6.3 Council to investigate development of a Darug Language Protocol.
- 6.4 Council to compile and share the evaluations from the training and event.
- 6.5 Committee members to commend the event staff and volunteers involved in organising the Warali Wali event.
- 6.6 Council to explore funding opportunities and partnerships to support the expansion and delivery of the local schools NAIDOC event.

6.7 Council to provide an ongoing reports on program developments at the next ATSICC meeting in November 2019.

7. General Business

- Mayor Greg Cummings has received an invitation from Gandangara Land Council and will arrange a meeting to discuss potential partnerships with Council.
- Councillor Glenn Elmore met with Darug Elder Kerrie Kenton who expressed interest in the Committee and becoming more actively involved in supporting First Nations Projects.
- Correspondence was tabled about an upcoming Elders Morning Team and a new Youth Network - the Western Sydney Aboriginal Youth Alliance.

Interpretation Implementation Plan for the Granville Centre

Council commissioned Extent Heritage Pty Ltd to prepare a Heritage Interpretation Plan for The Granville Centre. The objective of the plan is to interpret the history and significance of the site in regard to its Aboriginal history as well as its use as a place of community recreation since the 1900s, as a war memorial and former 1870s mill site. The plan identified a number of proposed interpretation devices (or 'methods') which could be implemented throughout the precinct and which are low-maintenance, long-lasting and do not pose safety or security risks. This may include:

- Inclusion of Aboriginal motif or words cast into the proposed concrete outdoor furniture near the sports courts.
- Inclusion of Aboriginal motif or words inlaid within the proposed new footpath on the western edge of the site leading from Memorial Drive to the sports courts.

The Interpretation Theme focuses on Aboriginal Culture in the region historically, and links to Parramatta River/Duck Creek, noting that the Parramatta Terrace Sand Sheet may contain highly significant cultural materials.

Feedback was sought from the Committee on potential words and motifs that can be used.

Actions or Recommendations Arising:

- 7.1 Council to meet with Gandangara Land Council to explore potential partnerships and provide an update on the outcomes to the Committee.
- 7.2 Council to re-send Committee EOI forms to Kerrie Kenton and the Granville Public Art Expression of Interest and check current contact details.
- 7.3 Council to work with key stakeholders to undertake research on motifs as well as words and present back to the Committee.

Western Sydney Aboriginal Youth Alliance

The Youth Alliance has recently established, and are seeking young people from the area to engage with. The youth are also seeking support to determine the focus of the group and its Terms of Reference. Meetings are held every three weeks.

8. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 8:15pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 19 November 2019 in Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.