

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL  
MEETING TASK SHEET**

**Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 15 February 2018**

Action is required for Item 46 as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

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**Cr K Milne  
Cr R Cooper**

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GB1. Kingscliff Foreshore Park - Naming

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The Motion was **Carried**

**FOR VOTE - Unanimous**

**ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr P Allsop**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Community and Cultural Services

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People, places and moving around  
*Who we are and how we live*

**LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK:**

- 3 People, places and moving around
- 3.1 People
- 3.1.2 Community and Cultural Development - To provide community and cultural development services to foster and improve social and cultural well-being.

**ROLE:** **Leader**

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

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**REPORT:**

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## Venue:

Minjungbal Aboriginal Museum & Cultural Centre

## Time:

9.35am

## Present:

Des Williams (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council representative); Leweena Williams (Tweed Aboriginal Corporation for Sport representative); Jackie McDonald (Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Consultative Group representative); Victor Slockee (Canowindra representative); Desrae Rotumah (Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society representative); Marvette Logan (Australian Unity Home Care Services-North Coast Aboriginal Branch representative); Cr Reece Byrnes (Tweed Shire Council).

## Ex-officio:

Robyn Grigg, Chantelle Howse, Robert Appo (Tweed Shire Council), Gabby Arthur (Tweed Shire Council) (Minutes).

## Guests (in order of arrival):

Tracy Mackenzie (ACLO Department of Education)

## Apologies:

Mayor Katie Milne, Cr Cherry, Tracey Stinson, (Tweed Shire Council)

Chair: Victor Slockee

Moved: Desrae Rotumah

Seconded: Jackie McDonald

RESOLVED that the Chair was declared vacant and nominations were called. Victor Slockee was nominated and was unanimously elected to Chair the meeting.

Victor Slockee opened the meeting with a welcome to all present and paid respect to Elders past and present.

## Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Des Williams

Seconded: Marvette Logan

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 1 September 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:

Business Arising from meeting held on 13 October 2017

BA1. Illegal Clearing - Lot 136 Boormans Road, Tyalgum

Following the meeting on 13 October 2017, the Mayor provided the Report and Resolution of Council of 21 September 2017. Copies of these documents were provided to the AAC.

At the AAC meeting on 13 October 2017 a recommendation was discussed but due to not having a quorum for the meeting, the recommendation was not able to be made. Mayor Milne had requested that the AAC's recommendation be included in her Notice of Motion however this could not occur as the recommendation had not been resolved.

Tracy Mackenzie arrived at 10.00am

Des requested that the recommendation notes that the works took place without recognition of the Aboriginal community and potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Cr Byrnes advised that there will be an in person meeting and written communication with the State Government Minister. Des requested that a member of the Aboriginal community be invited to attend the meeting with State Government. The AAC would like the State Government to be aware of the Tweed Shire Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Mapping as a resource to be a critical reference when investigating and considering approval for private native forest licences.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to liaise with Mayor Milne to confirm date of meeting with State Government Minister and to liaise with AAC regard representation at that meeting.*

Moved: Des Williams

Seconded: Leweena Williams

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Business Arising from meeting held on 4 August 2017 and 1 September 2017

BA2. Complying Development Issue

Rob reminded the AAC that this matter arose at the meeting on 4 August 2017 with Denise Galle re Section 88B Complying Applications for demolition which do not take into account the impediments of the 88B instrument requirements for Due Diligence

Reports etc. Rob advised that he will work with Denise Galle to draft a letter and will bring it along to the next meeting for consideration of the AAC.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to liaise with Council's Team Leader - Development Assessment (Denise Galle) to draft a letter to the SEPP Team and to bring it to the next meeting for the AAC's consideration.*

Des provided the background of a house at Nambucca that was built 100 years ago on stumps over the top of a midden. The house has now been demolished and a drain put through the midden with large amounts of midden material and the skeletal remains of an Aboriginal woman. There is potential for the same thing to happen in the Tweed. Des requested that this information to be included in the letter to the SEPP Team.

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BA3. Midden in Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point

Moved: Jackie McDonald

Seconded: Marvette Logan

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Agenda Items:

A1. Robert Appo

(a) Terms of Reference

Rob advised that he was unable to attend the last Bugalwena Advisory Committee meeting however there will be another meeting before the end of the year. Rob advised he will speak to the Committee to ascertain if Bugalwena would like to remain a member of the AAC. It was acknowledged that having the staff as the members puts too much pressure on them as employees of the Department of Health and that it would be better for the Advisory Committee members to be approached.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to send letter to Dale Williams, Chairperson of Bugalwena Advisory Committee requesting to be included on the Agenda for the next Bugalwena Advisory Committee meeting.*

(b) Jack Julius Park - Caveat

Robert advised that there has been no response from the Caveator and on 26 October 2017, Council resolved:

- '1. Approves the lodgement of an Application for the Preparation of a Lapsing Caveat over Lot 66 DP 858468, known as Jack Julius Park at Kingscliff; and
2. Executes all documentation under the Common Seal of Council.'

Council will now make application to Land and Property Information. If an application has not been made by the Caveator, the Caveat will lapse.

## (c) Pottsville Wetlands - Renaming

Moved: Leweena Williams

Seconded: Marvette Logan

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the Aboriginal Advisory Committee endorses the renaming of the Pottsville Wetlands to 'Boorum Wetlands' (Tea Tree/Paperbark) together with interpretative signage reflecting the cultural meaning.

## (d) Draft Aboriginal Statement of Commitment Policy

Council is in the process of reviewing its policies including the Aboriginal Statement Policy which was adopted in 2007. The Aboriginal acknowledgement will remain in the policy however it will also reflect the relationship and linkages to other plans and policies including the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Mapping Project (ACHMP). The commitments originally set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) have been embedded in the policy which strengthens it.

Rob worked through the draft policy with the AAC and advised that it is also proposed to change the name from 'Aboriginal Statement Policy' to 'Aboriginal Statement of Commitment Policy'. Rob confirmed that the policy has been prepared in conjunction with the Local Government NSW guiding document for developing a better relationship with Aboriginal communities. The draft policy will be circulated to the AAC in the near future.

The AAC acknowledged the work carried out by Rob in preparation of the policy.

The AAC discussed Council's strong internal links for content and knowledge but that it must also be mindful of the structures and strengths outside of Council.

## (e) 20 Year Commemoration of AAC

Rob requested suggestions from the AAC for the 20 year commemorative celebrations. The AAC agreed they would like community involvement in the celebrations and suggestions included:

- A community event at Minjungbal with formalities acknowledging the achievements of the AAC including entertainment such as dancers.
- Judy Kean of Tweed Regional Museum has suggested oral history interviews including the AAC, the Tweed area etc. The AAC was very positive about the interviews which could be shown at the main event.
- Recognition of the AAC at a Council meeting.
- Formal dinner at the Caldera Restaurant.
- Commissioning of an art piece.
- Display with significant timelines such as the raising of the Aboriginal flag.
- The celebrations could coincide with Reconciliation Week.

A report to Council will be prepared to ensure there is a public record of the key milestones, recognition and significance of the AAC.

A Working Group to be established for the event with the following members: Robert, Leweena, Marvette, Jackie, Chantelle, Gabby. The first meeting to be held in late November 2017.



Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to arrange a Working Group meeting in late November 2017.*

(f) NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network (LGAN) Conference - Overview

Robert and Victor provided an overview of the NSW Local Government Aboriginal Network (LGAN) conference. The conference included a visit and walk along a cultural walking track between the river and wetlands. The Aboriginal community was engaged in the design and construction of the walking track and the participants received Certificate IV qualifications at the end of the project. The track includes a sculpture trail which also engaged the local Aboriginal community.

The content of the conference was good with similar subjects to the LGAN conference in Tweed in 2016. Council staff received two awards - Cliff Chadburn: Outdoor Worker of the Year and Laurece Logan: Young Achiever of the Year. The AAC suggested that a Tweed Link article be done celebrating the achievements of Aboriginal staff.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to work with Communications Unit to prepare an article in the Tweed Link regarding awards won by Cliff Chadburn and Laurece Logan at the 2017 LGAN conference.*

Robert advised he will remain on the LGAN Executive for one more year. The LGAN Executive has requested a position on the recruitment panel for the LG NSW position.

The 2018 LGAN conference will be held in Narrabri.

(g) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) - Launch

The launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was scheduled for this week. The RAP has been held over to enable further internal consultation regarding the actions in the plan. A workshop has been scheduled with Councillors on 30 November 2017. The AAC will be advised of the new date for the RAP launch.

Council's Corporate Management Team and key staff attended a Cultural Intelligence Workshop on 1 November with Banaam. The staff feedback to the General Manager following the workshop was very positive.

(h) Unauthorised Forestry and Roadworks - Lot 135 DP 755724 Boormans Road, Tyalgum

Discussed above in Business Arising (BA1).

(i) Upgrade of road at Elizabeth Street, Pottsville - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) by Remnant Archaeology

Rob advised that Council is upgrading the road alignment including new kerb and guttering in Elizabeth Street, Pottsville. Council engaged Remnant Archaeology to prepare an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) as the site is confirmed as having Aboriginal significance. TBLALC, Jackie McDonald's family and AAC are registered as stakeholders. Council has applied for an AHIP. There is evidence of shell material on the surface as it is an old sand dune and there is a midden near the shops. Monitors will be onsite from TBLALC and Jackie's family to monitor the construction works.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to provide a hard copy of Remnant Archaeology's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment for Elizabeth Street, Pottsville to Jackie McDonald and Desrae Rotumah.*

Inwards Correspondence:

IC1. Letter from Arts Northern Rivers dated 4 October 2017

In August 2017, Council sent a letter on behalf of the AAC to Arts Northern Rivers regarding the required formal consultation process to be undertaken with the AAC regarding Aboriginal arts projects. A reply has been received from Arts Northern Rivers dated 4 October 2017. Rob read the letter to the AAC.

General Business:

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Cr Polglase has made a Notice of Motion regarding the naming of the Kingscliff Foreshore Park from Central Park to reflect the character of the area. The Council resolution at the Council meeting on 26 October 2017 was to invite the AAC to discuss whether a cultural name would be appropriate for the site and if the AAC would like to submit a name for the park.

Cr Byrnes advised that Cr Cooper had suggested the name of 'Dreamtime Park' however the AAC advised it is not a traditional name. Cr Byrnes advised he will pass this information back to Cr Cooper.

Jackie suggested that the park could be named 'Goodjinburra' Park as it references the local clan group and Cudgen Creek.

Moved: Jackie McDonald

Seconded: Marvette Logan

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GB2. Next AAC Meeting (1 December 2017)

The AAC agreed that the next AAC meeting on 1 December 2017 be held at Crams Farm. Rob advised that he will arrange a bus to transport the AAC members from Minjungbal Museum. Members requested to meet at Minjungbal Aboriginal Museum and Cultural Centre at 9am.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to arrange a bus to transport members to the AAC meeting at Crams Farm on 1 December 2017 and to book Doon Doon Hall.*

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held on Friday 1 December 2017.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S COMMENTS:**

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**COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**

**a. Policy:**

Code of Meeting Practice.

Terms of Reference - Aboriginal Advisory Committee adopted 19 September 2013 (ECM 3146605).

**b. Budget/Long Term Financial Plan:**

Not applicable.

**c. Legal:**

Not Applicable.

**d. Communication/Engagement:**

**Inform** - We will keep you informed.

**UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Nil.

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