

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 20 September 2018

Action is required for Item **32** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

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**Cr K Milne
Cr R Byrnes**

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The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous

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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 and Cultural Centre

Time:

9.50am

Present:

Jackie McDonald (Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Consultative Group representative), Desrae Rotumah (Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society representative), Victor Slockee (Canowindra representative), Leweena Williams (arrived at 10.53am) (Tweed Aboriginal Corporation for Sport representative), Des Williams (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council representative), Mayor Katie Milne (Tweed Shire Council)

Ex-officio:

Dale Williams (Bugalwena Aboriginal Health Service); Robyn Grigg, Robert Appo, Gabby Arthur (Minutes) (Tweed Shire Council)

Guests (in order of arrival):

David Oxenham, Iain Lonsdale, Mitch Alward (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived at 9.50am); Colleen Forbes (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived at 10.30am); Stewart Brawley, Kelly Edwards (Tweed Shire Council) (arrived at 11.00am)

Apologies:

Marvette Logan (Australian Unity Home Care Services-North Coast Aboriginal Branch representative); Tracey Stinson, Chantelle Howse (Tweed Shire Council)

Chair: Des Williams

Moved: Victor Slockee

Seconded: Jackie McDonald

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

Des Williams opened the meeting with a welcome to all present and Victor Slockee paid respect to Elders past, present and those emerging.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Jackie McDonald

Seconded: Mayor Katie Milne

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 1 June 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING:

BA1. Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) Submissions

Robert confirmed that he has received a summary of submissions from Robyn Eisermann and provided copies to the AAC.

Business suspended for Agenda Item A2.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A2. Murwillumbah to Casino Railway - Rail Trail - David Oxenham, Iain Lonsdale, Mitch Alward (Tweed Shire Council)

David Oxenham provided an update on the rail trail and advised that Iain Lonsdale is working primarily on the project and Mitch Alward is working on the environmental assessment. The project is progressing with a completion date of July 2020. The rail trail will be a tourism product and will attract people to the area to use and enjoy.

The corridor runs from Murwillumbah to Casino and over four different council localities. Three of the councils are keen to move forward with a rail trail corridor. Byron Council is looking at using the corridor for light rail and for the rails to remain with the trail running alongside it.

Jackie advised that she thought that the proposal was to have a railway running alongside the rail trail. David advised that the concept of the rail trail is to follow the line of the railway track rather than alongside it and that there isn't a practical solution for the rails to remain along the full length of the rail trail due to viaducts, bridges etc. If the railway was to remain it would have to be rebuilt at a cost of \$1b.

Colleen Forbes arrived at 10.30am

The rail trail is not only about people coming in and using the trail but also economic opportunities for the residents of the Tweed shire. At the moment, Council is looking at opportunities to upgrade and repair heritage buildings at Numinbah and Burringbar. The current plan is to terminate at Wooyung but ultimately Council would like to terminate the trail at Billinudgel. The numbers of people who utilise other rail trails in Australia is significant and details are included in the business plan.

Mitch advised that an environmental impact assessment is being prepared for the rail trail and the environmental issues between Murwillumbah and Crabbes Creek have been assessed. Mitch provided an overview of the assessments that are being undertaken. The railway track is highly impacted and disturbed however there is a chance of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage so they will be proceeding with caution.

Mayor Milne noted that the AAC made a recommendation regarding the rail trail. Iain addressed each part of the recommendation and advised the AAC that the environmental impact assessment is taking into account Aboriginal Cultural Heritage. Jackie suggested that story boards/interpretative signage be located along the rail trail to remind people of the places of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage importance. Iain assured the AAC that the trail will include story boards and other interpretative elements regarding the original railway and significant places such as some of the stations.

Leweena Williams arrived at 10.53am

David Oxenham and Iain Lonsdale left the meeting at 10.55am

A3. Elizabeth Street, Pottsville - Road Upgrade Project - Mitch Alward (Tweed Shire Council)

Mitch provided an update on the road upgrade project at Elizabeth Street, Pottsville. Council recognised during the cultural heritage investigations that some surface cultural material would be disturbed during the work which the AHIP covered however on the first day of excavation, an intact midden was encountered. Work ceased for approximately four months whilst Council applied for a variation to the AHIP through Office of Environment and Heritage, with work recommencing on 30 July 2018. The shell material has been collected and is being temporarily stored at TBLALC along with 6 to 8 artefacts. The archaeologist will be selecting some material for carbon dating. The samples will be sent to New Zealand and will take approximately one month.

Stewart Brawley and Kelly Edwards arrived at 11.00am

Council would like to prepare a media release to present some facts about the project including why the work stopped and why the area has been fenced. The AAC advised that a media release should not be prepared as there is no reason to justify or explain the details of the works. The AAC advised that the preferred method would be to address each enquiry as it is received.

Des asked that Council be aware that any works carried out along the ridgeline will impact midden material.

Mitch Alward left the meeting at 11.15am

A4. Cobaki - Update - Colleen Forbes (Tweed Shire Council)

Colleen provided an update on Cobaki. Council is working on a draft layout with Leda for the next stage which involves the cultural heritage parks. Leda is proposing to fill the cultural heritage park sites during this stage of the project. The AAC requested that Colleen Forbes attend the stakeholders meeting with Leda.

A Development Application has been submitted for Precinct 12 which includes moving gravel to a new area and then crushing the gravel to be used for roadbase. TBLALC is an adjoining landowner and has received notification which it has acknowledged.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to arrange for a copy of the Development Application for Precinct 12 at Cobaki to be emailed to TBLALC and Jackie McDonald.*

The application for water and sewer in Piggabeen Road is progressing and Leda has been advised that it needs to proceed along the approved alignment.

Action: *Council to investigate preparing a timeline regarding Cobaki and to report back to the AAC.*

Colleen Forbes left the meeting at 12.07pm

A5. Goorimahbah - Update - Stewart Brawley, Kelly Edwards (Tweed Shire Council)

Stewart provided background of the Jack Evans Boat Harbour project including the design of Goorimahbah. The workshop on 13 June 2018 concluded the following:

- The existing design alludes to an 'exclusive Aboriginal Park' which is undesirable. What is preferred is to integrate Aboriginal elements and stories into an inclusive park that is also accessible.
- The open space is valuable and valued.
- Retention of the open space is preferred with the addition of shade trees and other embellishments around the edges that facilitates occasional larger scale uses (eg circus) and multi-family gatherings (eg Christmas parties). This is in addition to an extension to the "Purple Park" playground.
- The previous consultation and workshops regarding the design's concepts and themes was extensive and a sufficient starting point to inform a revised design to be compiled by Council's Landscape Architect. Stewart tabled the documentation from the original process.
- The Aboriginal storytelling needs to be integrated in playground and park design utilising clever and subtle approaches rather than large art installations.
- Any story telling or playground addition should feature;
 - interactive media.
 - nature play (including small/ medium size trees for climbing).
 - a sensory and edible garden.
 - a tactile form.
 - an informal food garden.
 - a mix of story boards and interactive pieces.
- Universal accessibility is important.
- Visual connectivity to the waterway is important.
- Parking should be reviewed
- Consider power, amenities, shelters, seating and BBQs for the eastern end of the park

Moved: Leweena Williams

Seconded: Victor Slockee

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Stewart advised that now that the views of the AAC have been received and following some Land and Crown Management Act legislative impacts being resolved, a Plan of Management for the Jack Evans Boat Harbour precinct will be consulted with the community.

A6. Tweed Cultural Plaza - Concept Design - Robyn Grigg (Tweed Shire Council)

Robyn provided some background in relation to Aboriginal acknowledgements at both the Murwillumbah and Tweed Heads Civic Centres.

Council was recently granted funds for the last stage of upgrade of the area between the Tweed Heads Civic Centre and Tweed Heads Administration Office to improve universal access and connectivity within the precinct.

There is an opportunity for an Aboriginal acknowledgement to be incorporated into the design of the Tweed Heads Civic and Cultural Centre precinct as previously discussed

with the AAC. The AAC agreed that it would be best to have an onsite workshop incorporated into the next AAC meeting.

Action: *The next AAC meeting to incorporate an onsite workshop at the Tweed Heads Administration Office to discuss some Aboriginal acknowledgement concepts prior to the landscape designer being contracted by Council.*

Stewart Brawley and Kelly Edwards left the meeting at 1.05pm

A1. Robert Appo (Tweed Shire Council)

(a) Aboriginal Statement of Commitment - Public Exhibition

Robert advised that the Aboriginal Statement of Commitment is currently on public exhibition and encouraged the AAC to make a submission before the closing date on 14 August 2018.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to email a copy of the draft Aboriginal Statement of Commitment to AAC members encouraging them to make a submission before the closing date on 14 August 2018.*

(b) AAC 20 Year Journey Event

The AAC 20 Year Journey event was successful with many positive comments received from attendees. The AAC advised they were disappointed with the number of Councillors in attendance. Mayor Milne apologised for not being able to attend the event.

The AAC members discussed each of them mentoring a young person for future representation on the AAC. Desrae advised that she will be bringing a young Tweed Cooperative Society member to future meetings so that they can learn the ropes of the AAC. Rob suggested that when the Terms of Reference are next updated, that there could be a specific Youth position on the AAC.

(c) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Update

The RAP has been launched. The internal launch was very well received and included a bush tucker morning tea. The RAP Working Group members will be attending a future AAC meeting.

(d) Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference 2018 (Narrabri)

The LGAN conference will be held from 12 to 14 September 2018 at Narrabri. Council Aboriginal staff are encouraged to attend but need to make their own nomination and arrangements. Victor and Des both indicated an interest in attending the conference. TBLALC will fund Des' attendance at the conference.

Moved: Leweena Williams

Seconded: Desrae Rotumah

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GENERAL BUSINESS:**GB1. Bugalwena Aboriginal Health Service**

Welcome to Dale Williams, Bugalwena's representative. Dale is an ex officio member at today's meeting pending the completion of the formal paperwork.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to liaise with Bugalwena to provide AAC Nomination Form.*

GB2. Midden in Tweed Coast Road, Hastings Point - 'No Parking' Gold Bitumen Marking

Robert advised that he is liaising with Manager Roads and Stormwater regarding how far the line will go and will be consulting with the local residents.

GB3. NOROC - Northern Rivers Joint Organisation

Mayor Milne advised that NOROC has been replaced with the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NRJO). The next NRJO meeting in Tweed Shire will be held on 4 February 2019. The AAC members advised that they would like to attend an earlier meeting and are happy to travel to another one of the northern rivers shires. The next meeting is on 6 August which is too soon. Robert will advise the AAC of the following meeting date.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to liaise with Northern Rivers Joint Organisation secretariat and advise the AAC of the next meeting date.*

GB4. Retirement of Desrae Rotumah

The AAC passed on its congratulations to Desrae who retired from her position at Tweed Cooperative Society on 1 August 2018. Desrae will remain the Tweed Cooperative Society's delegate to the AAC. Desrae was presented with flowers and a cake to celebrate her retirement.

Each of the AAC members personally acknowledged the contribution that Desrae has made to the AAC and the Aboriginal community over the past 20+ years.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held on Friday 7 September 2018.

The meeting closed at 2.11pm.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:**A5. Goorimahbah - Update - Stewart Brawley, Kelly Edwards (Tweed Shire Council)**

Nil.

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Nil.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

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COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**a. Policy:**

Code of Meeting Practice.

Terms of Reference - Aboriginal Advisory Committee adopted 19 September 2013 (ECM3146605).

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.
