

**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
MEETING TASK SHEET**

Action Item - COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, 21 February 2019

Action is required for Item **39** as per the Council Resolution outlined below.

TITLE: [SUB-AAC] Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 December 2018

**Cr K Milne
Cr R Byrnes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 December 2018 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

FOR VOTE - Cr R Byrnes, Cr C Cherry, Cr R Cooper, Cr K Milne, Cr J Owen, Cr P Allsop
AGAINST VOTE - Cr W Polglase

TITLE: [SUB-AAC] Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 December 2018

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:

The Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 December 2018 are reproduced in the body of this report for the information of Councillors.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 December 2018 be received and noted.

REPORT:

The Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 December 2018 are reproduced as follows for the information of Councillors.

Venue:

Kingscliff Amenities Hall and Rowan Robinson Park

Time:

9.30am

Present:

Jackie McDonald (Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Consultative Group representative), Des Williams (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council representative), Victor Slockee (Canowindra representative), Desrae Rotumah (Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society representative), Dale Williams (Bugalwena representative), Cr Chris Cherry, Tracey Stinson (Tweed Shire Council), Leweena Williams (Tweed Aboriginal Corporation for Sport representative) (arrived at 12.20pm).

Ex-officio:

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

Guests (in order of arrival):

Colleen Forbes, Erika Chadburn, Tim Mackney, Yvette Van Amstel, Barry Chadburn, Alex Nash (RAP Working Group, Tweed Shire Council); Jo Carmody and Selina Ryan (Richmond Tweed Regional Library) (arrived at 11.28am)

Apologies:

Aunty Joyce Summers, Mayor Katie Milne (Tweed Shire Council), Marvette Logan (Australian Unity Home Care Services-North Coast Aboriginal Branch representative)

Agenda Items:**A1. Welcome and Introduction of RAP Working Group**

Introduction and welcome morning tea with RAP Working Group celebrating 20 years of the AAC.

Chair: Victor Slockee

Moved: Des Williams

Seconded: Desrae Rotumah

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

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

Minutes of Previous Meeting:**Moved:** Jackie McDonald**Seconded:** Des Williams

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 2 November 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Business Arising:**Business Arising from meeting held on 2 November 2018****GB7. Tweed Shire Road Strategy 2018**

Rob confirmed he had emailed the link for the Strategy on Council's On Exhibition page to the AAC. Cr Cherry advised that the period of exhibition for the Tweed Shire Road Strategy 2018 has now closed and that the Strategy was adopted by Council on 6 December 2018.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to invite Director Engineering to attend the next AAC meeting to provide some details in relation to the community consultation undertaken with Kennedy Drive residents and the rationale behind the proposal.*

Business Arising from meeting held on 2 November 2018**A1(b). Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Planning for meeting on 4 February 2019**

Rob confirmed the AAC have been placed on the Agenda of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Planning (NRJO) meeting on 4 February 2019. The AAC confirmed it would like to present the 'Celebrating Our 20 Year Journey' video at the meeting. The AAC will be emphasising the importance of developing relationships between Councils and the Aboriginal community and encouraging the Mayors and General Managers to lead this process. The AAC will consider inviting representatives from the NRJO Councils to attend a future AAC meeting to see how the AAC and Tweed Shire Council work together.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to remind AAC of the details for the NRJO meeting closer to the date.*

Agenda Items:**A1. Welcome and Introduction of RAP Working Group**

Introduction and welcome morning tea with RAP Working Group. This year has been a celebration of the AAC's 20 years and its many achievements.

A2. Community Development Officer-Aboriginal - Robert Appo (Tweed Shire Council)**(a) Distribute electronic record of 20 Year celebration and publication**

Each member of the AAC was presented with a copy of the AAC 'Celebrating Our 20 Year Journey' publication and USB containing all video footage and photographs from the event along with a hard copy of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

(b) Scheduling of AAC meetings in 2019

Discussion regarding the scheduling of meetings for 2019. The AAC agreed that meetings should continue on the first Friday of each month with a commencement time of 9.30am.

(c) Tweed Cultural Plaza - Update

Christine Slabb has been engaged by Council to work with the AAC regarding the cultural plaza. She has put together a proposal which incorporates a design being etched into glass panels on the balustrade up to the library. Christine is currently working on the design. The work in the courtyard is scheduled to commence in April 2019 with completion of the whole project by the end of 2019. Christine will be liaising with the AAC individually regarding the process in accordance with timeframes for the project.

Christine has also been engaged to design some laser cut etchings for the panels in the courtyard. There is potential for the panels to be backlit.

(d) Aboriginal Statement of Commitment Policy

The Aboriginal Statement of Commitment Policy was adopted by Council on 15 November 2018. Des addressed Community Access. The policy ties the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) and the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) together and confirms Council's commitment to protection of cultural heritage, reconciliation, social inclusion and social justice. Training is currently being developed for Council staff following the recommendations in the ACHMP and RAP.

A3. Tweed Libraries - Jo Carmody & Selina Ryan (Richmond Tweed Regional Library)

Selina and Jo were welcomed to the AAC meeting. Selina provided an overview of the RTRL and Tweed shire libraries and handed out brochures in relation to programs offered by the library including the mobile library, seed library, technologies including robotics, scratch coding and science, literacy and reading. The library would like to include bush tucker seeds, native plants and grasses into the seed library.

The mobile library has been discontinued at Fingal Head and alternate arrangements have been made for the four residents who used the library. Selina advised that the Tweed libraries may be able to supplement and support the library at Fingal Public School and will make some enquiries.

The library is very interested in the local Aboriginal community and acknowledged there are many opportunities to work together including Aboriginal employment and NAIDOC week. Lismore Library have benefited from the Elsa Dixon traineeship program in the past. The AAC were requested to assist with nominating some local Aboriginal students who might like to take part in the Elsa Dixon traineeship in the Tweed Library. The Elsa Dixon funding is available in June each year. Jackie advised she could forward information to the high schools.

Selina advised that in 2018 the Tweed libraries attended the Kinship Festival, World Environment Day and Sustainable Expo. The Tweed libraries have also undertaken some training with an indigenous author who has provided a list of her top 100 books by indigenous authors. The library has now ordered all of the recommended titles for its collection and will be promoting them at the library. The library is considering a program highlighting indigenous authors for NAIDOC week and would appreciate feedback from the AAC. It was suggested that Selina liaise with the NAIDOC Week committee regarding being involved in NAIDOC Week. Victor suggested that the library could also consider having a stall at an event during NAIDOC Week.

The library would appreciate support and input from the Aboriginal community with selecting resources for the indigenous collection. The AAC were encouraged to make suggestions of books particularly from local authors which could be added to the collection.

Action: *CDO-Aboriginal to provide contact details for NAIDOC Committee to Tweed Area Librarian (Selina Ryan).*

Inwards Correspondence:

IC4 Email from Robyn Eisermann of 14 November 2018 re 2019 Planning Institute of Australia Award for TSC Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan

Robert read the email from Robyn Eisermann of 14 November 2018 out to the AAC. The Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) is a National body. The current award won was for NSW and will now be considered for a national award. To acknowledge the achievement, the General Manager is hosting an afternoon tea on 12 December at 2.30pm at Minjungbal Aboriginal Museum and the AAC is encouraged to attend and to invite any community members who contributed to the ACHMP.

Outwards Correspondence:

Nil

General Business:

GB5.Arts Northern Rivers

In the past, Council raised concerns with Arts Northern Rivers (ANR) around some cultural projects. Council has also been considering its financial contribution to ANR and its delegates on the ANR Board. Council has resolved to cease funding ANR and to instead use the budget to fund the CDO-Cultural Planning for one additional day per week and a small amount be set aside for seed projects. Over the past five years, only one project has been funded through the CASP funding. Whilst Council will no longer be funding ANR, it will be discussing how it will work with ANR and what will be the priority projects for 2019. All Aboriginal cultural projects still need to be brought to the AAC. Robyn would appreciate advice and direction from the AAC. Robyn advised she will report back to the next AAC meeting.

There is also a vacancy for an Aboriginal community representative on the Art Gallery Advisory Committee.

Action: *Manager Community and Cultural Services to provide a report on her discussions with Arts Northern Rivers regarding how Council will work with ANR and priority projects for 2019.*

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held on 4 February 2019 following the NRJO meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.25pm.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:

Nil.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Nil.

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.
