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**TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL - MEETING TASK SHEET**

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**ACTION ITEM - Council Meeting - 19 March 2020**

**TITLE: Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 February 2020**

**MEETING RESOLUTION**

**Cr Katie Milne (Mayor)**

**Cr Chris Cherry (Deputy Mayor)**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 February 2020 be received and noted.

The Motion was **Carried**

**VOTE FOR** - *Cr Katie Milne (Mayor), Cr Chris Cherry (Deputy Mayor), Cr Reece Byrnes, Cr Ron Cooper, Cr James Owen, Cr Warren Polglase*

**VOTE AGAINST** - *None*

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

# Minutes

## Minutes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting held Friday 7 February 2020

### Venue:

Minjungbal Aboriginal Museum & Cultural Centre

### Time:

9.30am

### Present:

Des Williams (Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council representative) (arrived at 10.15am), Victor Slockee (Canowindra representative), Dale Williams (Bugalwena representative) (arrived at 10.15am), Cr Chris Cherry (Tweed Shire Council), Tracy Mackenzie (Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Consultative Group representative) (arrived at 10am).

Desrae Rotumah (Tweed Aboriginal Co-operative Society representative)

### Ex-officio:

Tracey Stinson, Robyn Grigg, Chantelle Howse, Robert Appo, Nicole De Valter (Minutes) (Tweed Shire Council).

### Guests (in order of arrival):

Jodie Hewett, Recreation Planner (9.30am), Warren Van Wyk (9.35am), Director Corporate Services (TSC), Tara Ali, Message Stick Walk (10.30am).

### Apologies:

Mayor Katie Milne, Jackie McDonald (Tweed Wollumbin Aboriginal Education Consultative Group representative), Marvette Logan and Vicki Cora (Australian Unity Home Care Services-North Coast Aboriginal Branch), Leween Williams (Tweed Aboriginal Corporation for Sport representative).

**Chair:** Tracy Mackenzie

**Moved:** Victor Slockee

**Seconded:** Des Williams

**RESOLVED** that the Chair was declared vacant and nominations were called. Tracy Mackenzie was nominated and was unanimously elected to Chair the meeting.

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

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

#### No Quorum at previous meeting.

The notes of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee meeting held Friday 6 December 2019 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of that meeting by the committee.

## Agenda Items:

### **A1. 9.30am - 10am - Presentation, Warren Van Wyk, Director Corporate Services (TSC)**

Warren Van Wyk, Director Corporate Services, gave the committee an overview of his background prior to his recent commencement with Council; he also explained what his role is as Director of Corporate Services. He explained the five pillars of the Corporate Services division: Communication & Customer Experience, Corporate Governance, Financial Services, Human Resources and Information Technology. His focus is to ensure all five elements effectively work together in the background to ensure that Council is seen as one cohesive group.

On a personal level, Warren explained that he is deeply passionate about Community Engagement and described some of the projects he helped deliver while living in South Africa.

### **IC1. 10am - 10.30am - Goorimahbah – Inclusive Playspace - Jodie Hewett, Recreational Planner**

Jodie Hewett, Recreational Planner, brought the attention of the group to Inwards Correspondence item 1, inviting members of the Committee to be involved in a tour of various playspace's around the Tweed and Gold Coast areas.

The Committee acknowledged the available dates and will let Council members know a suitable date at the next AAC meeting; held 6 March 2020.

**Jodie Hewett left the meeting 10.30am**  
**Tara Ail arrived 10.30am**

### **A2. 10.30am - 11am - Tara Ali - UN Declaration (Message Stick Walk)**

Tara Ali introduced herself to the Committee members and explained that she has been working with Alwyn Doolan, who trekked from the tip of Queensland to Canberra to deliver three message sticks representing the creation, colonisation and healing of Australia. Tara is hoping to assist Alwyn in his journey, which he refers to as the Message Stick Walk, to foster a new partnership between the federal government and Indigenous people, starting by offering support at a grassroots level. Tara explained that they are using the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to establish a framework in which to begin a conversation with Local Governments.

The Committee members, questioned how this will help the people of this Community, and informed Tara that the members of the Community and Aboriginal Advisory Committee have worked over the last 20 years to establish a working relationship with the Local Council. The Committee members were concerned about aligning with or signing the UN Declaration as it may be seen to discredit the relationships they have built with the Tweed Shire Council.

The Tweed Council staff at the meeting acknowledged the great working and long standing relationship that Tweed has with the Aboriginal Community.

Tara finished by asking if it would be ok to come and meet with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee again.

The Committee members were open to having Tara come back to another meeting. But would like to ensure Mayor Milne was involved so that Committee members could gain a greater understanding of her initial thoughts around getting involved with the Message Stick Walk Journey.

**Tara Ali left the meeting 11am**

The Committee members would like to be given a copy of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Cr Cherry invited the members to let Council know if there are any articles that are of interest that they would like supported by Tweed Council.

***Action: Provide the AAC members a copy of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.***

**Warren Van Wyk left the meeting 11.04am.**

## **Business Arising:**

### **BA1. CDO Aboriginal, Robert Appo - Updates**

#### **(a) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Update**

CDO - Aboriginal, Rob Appo, gave an update on the RAP. Rob advised that the RAP is due to be finalised this year around April/May and discussed possible next steps. Some of the highlights so far have been:

- Review of procurement policies and procedures to identify barriers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to supply our organisation with goods and services.
- Procurement committee considering Supply Nation membership with proposed updated procurement software.
- Aboriginal business identification check box in the procurement process.
- Draft Procurement Policy update with Indigenous Procurement clause.
- Civic Centre artwork design created (Christine Slabb).
- Approved Aboriginal training, Cultural Intelligence (Banaam), Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, E-Learning.
- 33% Council apprentices identify as Aboriginal.

Rob advised the next RAP working group, meeting is being scheduled for early March to go through the actions that have been completed and some that are outstanding and to discuss an appropriate acknowledgement of finishing the RAP.

#### **(b) Fingal Holiday Park with Niche Environment & Heritage**

CDO - Aboriginal, Rob Appo, informed the Committee members that Sally Cooper, Environmental Scientist, has gone on Maternity Leave and David Hannah, Senior Planning Applications Officer, is now the contact for the project.

The Committee members would like to be kept updated on the project and have invited David to come along to the meetings to keep the Committee members informed.

***Action - CDO - Aboriginal, Rob Appo, to invite Dave Hannah, Senior Planning Applications Officer, to come regularly to AAC meetings to keep members updated.***

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(c) Aboriginal Employment Feedback from Suzanne Richmond (TSC)  
Tabled until next meeting.

**Action - Find the relevant minutes with original question raised by the Committee members.**

(d) AAC/TSC Anniversary article from Create NSW Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan

CDO - Aboriginal, Rob Appo, gave the group an update on the progress of the Create NSW Anniversary article. At this stage CDO - Cultural Planner, David Burgener, has provided material from the 20 year celebration, but hasn't received any correspondence back from Create NSW or how they will use it. David will pass on information to the Committee when he receives it.

(e) Tweed Heads Civic Centre Opening Update

Nicole De Valter reported that the Civic Centre Opening will be held on 6 March 2020. This will include a Welcome to Country by Victor Slockee, a performance by Luther Cora's dance troupe, along with a ribbon cutting by Senator Hollie Hughes.

Nicole asked the group to suggest a committee member to tell the story behind Christine Slabb's artwork. The Committee members suggested Jackie McDonald who was not present at the meeting.

**Action: Invite Jackie McDonald to tell the story behind the art work.**

## **Inwards Correspondence:**

### **IC1. Goorimahbah – Inclusive Playspace**

Moved to Agenda as council officer attending.

### **IC2. Code of Conduct for Committee Members**

Forms distributed for signing by Committee Members.

## **General Business:**

### **GB1. National Native Title Conference - Cr Chris Cherry**

At a meeting held on the evening of the 6 February 2020, Councillors had a conversation with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) about the National Native Title Conference, due to be held on 25, 26 and 27 May 2020. This year AIATSIS are partnering with NSW NTSCORP to deliver the Conference, expecting 850 - 1000 delegates. The event has been booked in Twin Towns, but due to the size of the Conference, the organisers are going to erect a marquee to accommodate the Welcome Dinner, which will require a Development Application. Cr Cherry informed the Committee of the DA process that the event organisers are going through with the Tweed Shire Council Planning Consultants to prepare the application.

### **GB2. Invitation to the Land | Life | Culture Exhibition**

Robyn Grigg, Manager Community & Cultural Services, reminded the Committee members that they have been invited to come along to the Museum at any time to view the Land | Life

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| Culture Exhibition. She reiterated to the members that they are welcome to get in contact with Judy Kean, Museum Director, to organise an individual tour of the exhibit for themselves and their friends and family.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee will be held Friday 6 March 2020.

The meeting closed at 12.09pm.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S COMMENTS:**

Nil.

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Nil.