

# MINUTES

## ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP

2.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2015



PRESENT	
Lord Mayor Councillor Gordon Bradbery	Uncle Richard Archibald
Councillor Jill Merrin	Paul Knight
Leanne Olive	Jade Kennedy

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio – Chair	Melanie Duncan – Community Partnerships & Safety Coordinator
Jody Clark – Community Worker	Kristeen Sandercock – Minutes

- 1 WELCOME – Chair
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Chair
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Uncle Richard declared he had made application for a NAIDOC Week Grant.
- 4 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Sharralyn Robinson, Sue Savage, Aunty Bev Armer
- 5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2015
- 6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES  
General Business – Parking spaces in Porter Street Wollongong. Chair will refer this matter to Ted Collins, Traffic Unit Manager for further investigation.
- 7 MALPA PROJECT  
'Respected Community Leaders helping young people to learn the Old and the New ways to be healthy'  
Don Palmer from the MALPA Project spoke on the beginnings of this Project and how it has grown and enhanced the lives of many children and adults through their work. Copy of Leaflet is a separate attachment to Minutes.  
Uncle Richard invited the Project to Bellambi Primary School. There was unanimous agreement that his Project was a great idea and meaningful for the Aboriginal Community.
- 8 NAIDOC WEEK – GRANT APPLICATIONS  
Leanne Olive and Uncle Richard left the meeting for this Item.  
Details of applications for NAIDOC Week grants were handed out (copy attached to Minutes). A total of 8 applications were received, however, 3 were ineligible as they did not meet the eligibility criteria for these Grants. There was discussion about whether some of the events outlined in the applications are held as it appeared there is no promotion or information distributed for them. Do the events go ahead and how do we know they were held?  
Both Jody Clarke and Armando Reviglio attempt to attend all of the events that have received funding to see that the event was conducted and each applicant must provide an acquittal document outlying that the event was conducted.

There is a total of is \$6,000 Grant funding for the NAIDOC Week grants. The Lord Mayor and Councillor Merrin will bring before Council a request for more money for NAIDOC Week grants from 2016.

The Group recommended the amounts suggested as written in the attachment to be accepted and given as grants to the 5 eligible applications.

#### 9 REQUEST TO RENAME MORTON BAY FIGTREE PARK BY RODNEY KELLY

Rodney Kelly has made a request for the name of this Park to be changed to "Timbery Park". There is a Council procedure in regards to such a request. A letter of support needs to be received and a level of consultation is required, the request in the first part of the process is taken to Executive Management Committee.

Armando Reviglio and Mark Bond (Council's Recreation Services Manager) met with Rodney Kelly on site. It was suggested to Rodney that he contact the Illawarra Aboriginal Land Council seeking direction from them as to other Aboriginal families' views on this name change request. It was agreed that the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation Cultural Centre is not relevant for Rodney to contact for their opinion in this matter. Rodney's request in regards to a name change is with the Illawarra Aboriginal Land Council and will be considered by them in due course.

The Aboriginal Reference Group agrees that the Illawarra Aboriginal Land Council need to advise first what they view is in regards to this request. A concern was expressed that this may open the door for others to make similar requests for other parks/areas?

When advice is received from the Illawarra Aboriginal Land Council it will be presented to the Aboriginal Reference Group for their information as well as Councils senior management to consider.

#### 10 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER UPDATE

1. Last week was the launch of I200. To celebrate I200 a postcard has been designed with an "artist's interpretation" of the Illawarra 200 years ago. Jody passed the picture around to members for comment. All members of the Reference Group agreed the "people" portrayed in the picture was not reflective of Aboriginal People of that time period ie the clothes are not accurate. Jody proposed that the postcard should show the picture without people in it which was supported by the Reference Group.
2. Reconciliation Week Event. The Reconciliation week event in the Mall amphitheatre on Wednesday 3 June is coming along, particularly the "secret" item (Flashmob) and this will be a symbolic movement of Unity. The Lord Mayor will speak and then an impromptu dance by the Illawarra Flametrees and then the Flashmob will commence. Wet weather arrangements have been made just in case. There will be media activity on the day and a significant amount of Social Media coverage is planned which will enhance this event.
3. NAIDOC Week. The Lord Mayor's lunch is on Thursday 9 July at the Botanical Gardens, with the top 10 High Schools with an Aboriginal population (AECG to advice) to meet with the Lord Mayor for lunch and ask questions. Suggestion of 20 students and 1 parent/carer per student, 3 Elders are to be invited to be with the children. What would the eligibility criteria be for choosing the children to attend? A letter will be sent to Principals/AECG to choose from a wide range of students, not just high profile or high achievers but will include a range of Aboriginal students whose skills and abilities are to be recognised. The Reference Group are happy for Jody to finalise these decisions.
4. The Regional NAIDOC Week Awards dinner is to be held at Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre 18 July 2015 – bus is to be arranged.

#### 11 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Uncle Richard and Sharralyn Robinson have requested to be added to this list. As this process is a 'grey' area and requires some discussion, it was suggested that Koori time be held for ½ hour prior to the next Aboriginal Reference Group Meeting on 26 August 2015. We have had no quorum for the last few meetings and can only be guided by the amount of Aboriginal members in attendance on this matter

#### 12 GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The Land Council have provided a site monitor who is working with Wollongong City Council on site when required while the redesign works for Bald Hill takes place. No specific information on Aboriginal history from the Aboriginal Community that Jody has spoken to has come forward for that area.
2. Hill 60. Initial information is still being prepared. It will be 12 months before the Plan of Management will be formed.

3. Bellambi Primary School – Reconciliation walk with Children. Uncle Richard asked if he could borrow some portable flagpole stands – the ones that cross over. The children will walk with the broader community and it would be nice for them to walk through the flags at the end. Armando will follow up for Uncle Richard.
4. Sandon Point. Jade Kennedy has been attending the Joint Management Committee meetings. They have had 3 meetings. Jade believes there is still confusion over its structure, which can and can't attend and what authority the "Joint Management Committee" has in regards to Council in saying what activates/purposes that can take place there. He is seeking clarity is required for these points. Martha Tyndall and other Council staff also attend and the Minutes of meetings are being documented. What is "legal status" of the "Joint Management Committee"? Armando, Renee, Sue Savage will meet on Friday to discuss how Council can support the Committee. Councillor Merrin would like to see help given to the group if it's required.
5. Basilia and Derek did not receive information about the Reference Group meeting for today. They are to be added to the mail out list for future Reference Group meetings.

13 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 August 2015, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

The meeting concluded at 4.10pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday 26 August 2015.

2015 – Future Meeting Schedule		
Wednesday 26 August	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 25 November	Level 10 Committee Rooms 2 and 3	2pm – 4pm

## ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
12.3	Flag Pole stands for Bellambi Reconciliation Walk , assess if they are available for the group	Armando Reviglio	
12.4	Sandon Point Joint Management Committee –role of and authority clarity of	Armando Reviglio	

## NAIDOC Small Grants 2015

Organisation	Event	Date of Event	Amount Requested	Suggested	Recommend
Northern Suburbs Aboriginal Group (Uncle Richard Archibald)	Family Fun Day. Rides, stalls, arts and crafts. Approx 1000 people	9-07-15	\$5000	In eligible	-
Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre	Family Fun Day. Rides, stalls, arts and crafts. Approx 1000 people	9-07-15	\$5000	\$560	<b>\$560</b>
Edmund Rice College	Indigenous Cultures Day. Guest speakers form Freedom rides, traditional games, art, bushtucker" NAIDOC event. Proud to recognise indigenous diversity every day. Culture day. Approx 100 people	Naidoc Month	\$2400	In eligible	-
Bulli Public School	NAIDOC Indigenous Games Day. Traditional games, food, storytelling and artefact information session. WCC supported this event last year. Approx 2200 people (83 Aboriginal students)	30-07-15	\$5000	In eligible	-
Illawarra Koori Men's Group	Annual NAIDOC Family and Community Bowls Day. Approx 100 people	Naidoc Week	\$990	\$990	<b>\$990</b>
Korewal Elouera Jerrungarugh (Uncle Reuben Brown)(Late)	Flag raising and luncheon at Hill 60. Approx 100 people	12-07-15	\$1000	\$500	<b>\$500</b>
Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation	Annual Family Fun Day. Rides, arts, crafts, stalls. Approx 2000 people	10-07-15	\$5000	\$3000	<b>\$3,000</b>
Noogaleek Childrens Centre	Shell Art Activity, Storytelling and Cooking	Naidoc Week	\$950	\$950	<b>\$950</b>

Total Requested: \$25, 340 Total Available: \$6,000 (\$19, 340 difference)