

MINUTES

ABORIGINAL REFERENCE GROUP

11.00AM ON TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021



PRESENT	
LM Cr Gordon Bradbery	Brad Anderson
Aunty Sharralyn Robinson	Leanne Olive

IN ATTENDANCE	
Armando Reviglio (Chair)	Emily Willdin
Scott Morgan	Martha Tyndall
Carly Pascoe	Diane Saunderson
	Kristeen Sandercock (Minutes)

- 1 WELCOME TO THE MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – CHAIR
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Cr Mithra Cox, Aunty Bev Armer, Michele Moore, Sue Savage, Ali Bradford.
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – NIL
- 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2021
Leanne Olive and Brad Anderson
- 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
Action Summary
 - Bus Shelters. There are numerous bus stops across the Wollongong Council area as such we need to know exactly which ones you feel require a shelter with seat.
 - Cleaning up of Figtree Birthing Tree.
 - Correspondence has been received requesting Council remove the ceramic artwork by Uncle Vic Chapman as it's causing distress among some members of the Aboriginal community given parts of its content.
 - Aunty Shaz expressed sadness this request was made. Uncle Vic's heritage and connection to this area along with significance of the place where the artwork is displayed is illustrated through the story in the ceramic artwork.
 - Aunty Shaz will speak with Sue Bessell and then to Sheryl Davis
 - Scott will contact Sheryl Davis to suggest she get support from other people in writing to Council stating why the artwork is to be removed
 - Lord Mayor advised that Council should be guided by Aunty Shaz before any action is taken
 - Welcome to Country Policy – approved by Council. The Lord Mayor said that an "Acknowledgement of Country" should not be spoken exactly the same each time, it needs to have meaning and context each time it is expressed.
- 6 DRAFT COMMUNITY LAND, PLAN OF MANAGEMENT (POM) AND THE FUTURE DRAFT CROWN RESERVES POM UPDATE – MARTHA TYNDALL & EMILY WILLDIN
A handout showing a brief snapshot of both POMs was presented to each member (attached to the Minutes).
Draft Community Land POM
 - Generic POM for areas of community use has to be held over all land, formerly known as operational land under LGACT.

- 30 areas have been categorised as areas of Cultural significance and they have never had a POM on them previously. Council manage these areas, but not under a POM.
- State Environmental Plan (SEP) table steps through the processes before work can be done
- There are additional rules which adds an extra layer to Community Land management
- Council are asking members to look at the “significant” marked areas and let us know how we can manage these areas from a cultural perspective.
- Members reminded Council that an Aboriginal site officer is to be present at all times when digging in areas of significance.
- Whole document can be viewed through the link <https://our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/draft-community-land-plan-of-management-2021>

Draft Crown Reserves POM

- Crown Reserve legislation defined by NSW Government
- Crown Land is categorised differently
- Community submissions will be considered and reported back to Council with the draft POM
- Hill 60 site has a specific POM – Council’s Master Plan for Hill 60
- Wollongong foreshore POM will happen after Hill 60 Master Plan
- “Heritage Value” has a schedule

These are both very complex and detailed documents and Martha offered any members to contact her individually if they required for information.

Lord Mayor and Chair thanked Martha for her time and the work involved to bring these large documents together.

7 CONFIRMATION OF 2021 NAIDOC WEEK GRANTS – SCOTT

Council provides a budget of \$6,000 to be dispersed between applicants. 10 applications were submitted to Council (sheet attached). 6 applications were recommended to be funded.

- It was noted the budget amount Council sets aside for these grants has been the same for many years. Can we make application to the General Manager to review the amount in the budget?
- The Illawarra Koori Men’s Support Group were excluded from receiving a grant as they did not meet the criteria of their event being delivered in the Wollongong LGA
- Suggest we ask General Manager to review the Policy which reads “only providing funds for NAIDOC Week events that are conducted within the Wollongong LGA”. The wording could say the event is conducted in the “Illawarra” area covering the Wollongong, Shellharbour & Kiama City Councils, the suggested event then would be considered “regional”. This would acknowledge that the Aboriginal Community of Wollongong is not restricted to the current local government boundaries of Wollongong alone.
- Lord Mayor recommended we ask the General Manager to acknowledge and support the Illawarra Koori Men’s Support Group event by making a “one off” payment for this year.

EXTRA AGENDA ITEM

Community Engagement Update – Diane Saunderson

- Aboriginal Community Engagement position was advertised – closing date for applications has been extended
- King George V Oval (Port Kembla) – this Master Plan will be presented at the June Council meeting. The report link to be sent to the Reference Group when ready.
- Corrimal Coke Works – when the gateway is open, a consideration to rezoning can be applied for and subject to a Development Application and a Joint Regional Planning Panel assessment for the 18.4 hectares

- Bellambi – 4 projects are currently being reviewed
 1. Rock pool car park and cycleway deviations
 2. Picnic shelters near rock pool
 3. Toilets at Bellambi boat ramp and car park
 4. Overflow boat and car park at Bellambi Point ramp

Lord Mayor left the meeting.

8 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – SCOTT MORGAN

Kembla Grange Cemetery

John Chilby (Operations Manager Memorial Gardens + Cemetery) met with Scott, Armando and other Community members to look at the space at the Cemetery. A drone will be used to get an overview of the area from above which will help with the landscape design. Workshops are planned to be held towards end of July/August. A geotech report on the layout will be done.

Welcome to Country Protocol

This has been noted by Council and approved by Executive and will be available on Council's website.

Aboriginal Engagement Framework

This document has now been endorsed.

Wollongong City Council Website

Aboriginal content has now been brought together under 1 place on Council's website under the heading Aboriginal Culture and Communities – see link below.

<https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/about/aboriginal-culture-and-communities>

Aboriginal Signage for Language Guidelines

A working group has been brought together and includes Traditional Custodian, Knowledge holders to ensure the correct voices are heard in relation to language. A Terms of Reference is now being prepared.

RAP – Reconciliation Action Plan

Still waiting on Reconciliation Australia to approve our Plan.

Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June 2021

A Reconciliation Week morning tea is being held on the 2 June at the Wollongong City Gallery and Elders, Community members and the Aboriginal Reference Group members are invited to attend with the Lord Mayor being present.

West Dapto Naming

Suburb names still being worked through.

The Karrara Bridge at West Dapto will have two signs telling the story of the area and meaning of the "Karrara"

9 WELCOME TO COUNTY PROTOCOL

This went before Council and has been approved for implementation.

10 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED AT THE NEXT MEETING

No items presented; members can email Armando or Scott if they wish to put an item forward for the next meeting.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Reconciliation event to be held at the Botanic Gardens which will include a Bush Tucker and Medicine Garden guided tour. Members asked was the tour being led by an Aboriginal Community person who has Cultural knowledge on these matters? Inappropriate for someone else to guide. Chair to follow up with Botanic Gardens.

Item 12 of previous Minutes – Confirmation of Aboriginality – reference to Wadi Wadi Coomaditchie Aboriginal Corporation having authority to confirm Aboriginality Aunty Shaz will follow this up.

12 NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 24 AUGUST 2021 – 11.00AM TO 1.00PM

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm

2021 – Future Meeting Schedule		
Tuesday 24 August	Online	11.00 – 1.00
Tuesday 23 November	Online	11.00 – 1.00

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
5	Bus Shelters at all bus stops around the Illawarra	Armando Reviglio	complete
5	Cleaning up Figtree Birthing Tree	Carly Pascoe	In progress
11	Bush Tucker & Medicine Garden guided Tour at Botanic Gardens	Armando Reviglio	In progress

Plans of Management

Update: Martha Tyndall (0408 273 520) and Emily Willdin (4227 7111)

- **Draft Community Land Plan of Management** is on Exhibition for Comment – Areas such as Bellambi, Mt Brown and Coomaditchie are in this draft Plan. - Please share with us your thoughts on these significant areas
- **Draft Plan of Management for Stanwell Park Reserve and Bald Hill Lookout** – exhibition has closed – Council reviewing submissions.
- **The Draft Crown Reserves PoM** is being prepared over 38 Crown Reserves – please share with us your thoughts on these reserves – The cover of the future draft PoM might look like this →



The Drat Community Land PoM Replaces the Generic PoM and includes 30 Areas of Cultural Significance - See list on the back of this page - On Exhibition until 12 July 2021 – visit Council's Website.



Draft Stanwell Park and Bald Hill Submissions related to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage:

"it would be great to detail in POM the Cultural significance of the area. Also, to pay respect to this land and my people by insisting an Aboriginal Site Officer be present for any ground-breaking work that is carried out. Any Extensions to the Surf Club will require Aboriginal Site Monitoring as excavation work will need to be carried out."

"It is the type of area that the Aboriginal community would have used for thousands of years"

See list on the back of the Page for the 38 Crown Reserves likely To be in the future draft PoM



Draft Community Land PoM Cultural Significance Schedule – on Exhibition Now

- 1. Austinmer Beach Reserve, Austinmer
- 2. Bellambi Oval, Bellambi
- 3. Bells Point Park, Austinmer
- 4. Bendena Gardens, Stanwell Tops
- 5. Berkeley Cemetery, Unanderra
- 6. Bulli Raceway, Bulli
- 7. Coomaditchie Lagoon, Port Kembla
- 8. Cribb Street Public Reserve, Berkeley
- 9. Emperor Court Public Reserve, Berkeley
- 10. Farrell Park, Fernhill
- 11. Glastonbury Gardens, Austinmer
- 12. Illawarra Historical Society Museum (the former Wollongong Post Office)
- 13. Korrongulla Swamp, Primbee
- 14. MacCabe Park, Wollongong
- 15. Market Square, Wollongong
- 16. Moreton Bay Fig at Farmborough Road, Farmborough Heights
- 17. Moronga Park, Clifton
- 18. Mt Brown Reserve, Dapto
- 19. New Community Land near Sandon Point Aboriginal Place, Bulli and Thirroul
- 20. Pendlebury Park, Woonona
- 21. Phil Adams Park, East Corrimal
- 22. Rube Hargrave Park, Clifton
- 23. Russell Vale Golf Course, Russell Vale
- 24. Terania Street Playground, Russell Vale
- 25. Thirroul Beach Reserve, Thirroul
- 26. Un named Reserve – Stonehaven Rd (Triangles Park), Stanwell Tops
- 27. Un named Reserve at Northcliffe Drive Site ID 578, Lake Heights
- 28. Un named Reserve at Northcliffe Drive Site ID 586, Lake Heights
- 29. Unanderra Community Centre and Library, Unanderra
- 30. Wanjora Point (Bulli Point), Bulli

Future Draft Crown Reserves PoM includes: 38 Reserves

11 will have a Heritage Schedule

Table Row	Crown Reserve Name and Number		Table Row	Crown Reserve Name and Number	Heritage Item Number or adjoining Declared Aboriginal Place
1	Andrew Lysaght Park (1000384)		1	Andrew Lysaght Park (1000384) Old Roman Catholic Burial Ground	Heritage item 6383
2	Austinmer Beach and Reserves (89084)		2	Austinmer Boatharbour, Pine-court Park (88873) Norfolk Pines	Heritage item 6144
3	Austinmer Boatharbour, Pinecourt Park (88873)		3	Bellambi Lagoon (180029) – Bellambi Lake and Sandpit Point	Heritage item 6204
4	Bellambi Lagoon (180029)		4	Bellambi Point Reserve (88075) Bellambi Lake and Sandpit Point	Heritage item 6204
5	Bellambi Point Reserve (88075)		5	Bulli Park (580062) – Norfolk Pines and Phoenix Palms	Heritage item 6192
6	Bulli Gateway (1004388)		6	Helensburgh & District Historical Society Mine Museum (72217) – The Old Mine Surgery	A historical building (not heritage listed)
7	Bulli Park (580062)		7	Helensburgh Park (500345)- Charles Harper Monument, war memorial, Pines	Heritage item 6124
8	Bulli Pass Scenic Reserve (67711)		8	Pioneers Rest Park (580102) Former Church of England Cemetery	Heritage item 61038
9	Bulli Rock Pool – Replaced by New Pool (37214)		9	South Thirroul Beach (48554)	Sandon Point Aboriginal Place
10	Collins Park (88274)		10	Surf Life Saving Headquarters (180016) - School of Arts Building	Heritage item 6392
11	Corrimal Memorial Park (580087)		11	Thirroul Reserve (89099) – Pavillion and Kiosk, Norfolk Pines	Heritage items 6171 and 61030
12	Darkes Forest (80366)				
13	Gladstone Park (580081)				
14	Harry Morton Park (70792)				
15	Helensburgh & District Historical Society Mine Museum (72217)				
16	Helensburgh – Proposed Pound Site (91278)				
17	Helensburgh Pre-School (90884)				
18	Helensburgh Baby Health Centre (1000263)				
19	Helensburgh Community Hall (500332)				
20	Helensburgh Flora and Fauna Reserve (79561)				
21	Helensburgh Park (500340)				
22	Helensburgh Park (500345)				
23	J A Beatson Park (580078)				
24	Matthews Park (85882)				
25	Nicholson Park (580071)				
26	Otford Park (72128)				
27	Patrick McCarthy Hall – Hall destroyed by fire (87211)				
28	Pioneers Rest Park (580102)				
29	Proud Park (39863)				
30	South Thirroul Beach (48554)				
31	Surf Life Saving Headquarters (180016)				
32	Tarrawanna Teachers College (88200)				
33	Thirroul Reserve (89099)				
34	Towradgi Community Hall (580082)				
35	Unnamed Reserve (89168)				
36	Warrawong Reserve Trust (180030)				
37	Wiseman Park (580077)				
38	Wollongong Reserve Trust (84424)				

2021 Small Cultural Grants Program Applications

CATEGORY 1 - COMMUNITY CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Part C: Small Grants NAIDOC Week Event

Successful

Name/Org Applying for Grant	Project Name	Amount Requested	Briefly Summarise the Proposal for which Funds are Sought	Other Comments	Amount Suggested	GM Approved Amount
Unanderra Community Centre	Unanderra NAIDOC Celebration 2021	\$ 3,000.00	Family fun day', Aboriginal cultural dancers, aboriginal art activities, "bush tucker gardening".Tuesday 13 July 10am to 3pm.Expected attendance 200 – 250 people.	Based on number of participants and vicinity of event.	\$ 1,505.00	\$ 1,505.00
Healthy Cities Illawarra	Gumaraa Aboriginal Experience for Active School Holidays	\$ 895.00	We will partner with Gumaraa Aboriginal Experience to bring two immersive workshops to Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre 6 July 10.30am to 12.30pm and Bundaleer Community Centre 7 July 10.30am to 12.30pm in celebration of NAIDOC week.	Based on number of participants and the activity will be assisting inclusiveness.	\$ 895.00	\$ 895.00
Wollongong Northern Districts Aboriginal Community (WNDAC)	Northern Suburbs NAIDOC Family Fun Day	\$ 1,200.00	This year's event will focus on the theme "Healing Country", bringing together community and relevant groups to participate in healing country. To be held on 30 June 2021 from 10.00am to 4.00pm.	Based on number of participants and vicinity of event.	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Warrawong Residents Forum	Greene Street NAIDOC Fun Day	\$ 1,000.00	The event show cases the Illawarra communities commitment to the theme of NAIDOC "Heal Country" through traditional dancing, arts and crafts, storytelling, traditional food tasting and most importantly engaging the local Elders to share their stories and experiences. Heal Country is critical in building relationships in the community. The collaboration between our agencies and First Nations Peoples is central to supporting the of wellbeing of children and families. This event means we can share and celebrate spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally.	Based on number of participants and vicinity of event.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Noogaleek Children's Centre & Winnanggay Pre School (Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation)	Healing our Environment	\$ 1,000.00	We would like to start a native bush tucker garden in both of our services, this will allow us to teach the children about the cultural foods our ancestors gathered and in some cases still eat today, we could also talk about how we can heal our environment by looking after it. A BBQ will be organised with both of our Aboriginal services (Noogaleek & Winnanggay) an also invite Montessoru Pre School (Berkeley) to join us on the day to celebrate NAIDOC.	To support this project.	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Coomaditchie United Aboriginal Corporation	Art Exhibition - Heal Country	\$ 1,000.00	As an organisation, Coomaditchie has cared for country for nearly 30 years. For NAIDOC week we would like to share and celebrate how we link to country spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally by hosting an art exhibition showcasing the work of 4 generations of artist who are part of the broader Coomaditchie community. We will invite Indigenous people and the broader community to our community centre to spend time with us, yarn with local Elders, artist and provide an opportunity to help our younger artist with their journey through culture and art.	To support this event.	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Total Funding Requested		\$8,095.00		Totals	\$6,000	\$6,000

Unsuccessful

Name/Org Applying for Grant	Project Name	Amount Requested	Briefly Summarise the Proposal for which Funds are Sought	Other Comments	Amount Suggested	GM Approved Amount
Ectarc Hospital Hill Education and Care Service	Mural Painting	\$ 2,000.00	This year we want to organise a collaborative mural artwork to be displayed within the centre in both rooms to celebrate and represent indigenous culture.	Council officers would not recommend providing the applicant with the full amount of funds requested for this type of activity. The applicant will not undertake the activity unless the full amount of funds requested is provided. Given this Nil funding suggested for the above reasons.	\$ -	\$ -
Dapto High School	Dapto High School Child Studies Classes 9, 10, 11 & 12.	\$ 2,000.00	Invite Indigenous chef to talk, demonstrate and support students to cook with bush tucker foods (crocodile, emu, wattle seeds etc. Students will then cater for 150 to 200 teachers, students and families of Dapto High School.	Not eligible. DHS fits within the State Government Agency criteria under the application eligibility requirements.	\$ -	\$ -
Noah's Inclusion Services	Young Yarns Aboriginal Playgroup NAIDOC Fun Day	\$ 500.00	A Playgroup activity attended by 30 adults and 15 children to participate in Aboriginal specific art and craft activities. We will also invite a local Didge player, provide morning tea for families and give gift packs containing a book, musical instrument and drawing for each child attending the playgroup.	Not eligible. Out of Wollongong LGA area.	\$ -	\$ -
Illawarra Koori Men's Support Group	Illawarra Koori Men's Support Group NAIDOC Family Bowls Day	\$ 1,000.00	IKMSG Annual Community Bowls Day has been running for the last 13 years except obviously 2020 due to COVID restrictions. The event caters for all Aboriginal families, Community Services and Government Departments in the Illawarra who wish to attend. The event gives community members an opportunity to participate in an activity which they might not normally do.	Late entry, received 10/05/2021 at 12:15pm. Not eligible. Out of Wollongong LGA area.	\$ -	\$ -
Total Funding Requested		\$5,500.00		Totals	\$0	\$0

The above recommendations were confirmed by the Wollongong City Council's Aboriginal Reference Group at its meeting on 24 May 2021

Armando Reviglio
Community Partnerships and Safety Coordinator

Approved By



Greg Doyle
General Manager

31/5/21

Date