

Indigenous Culture & Heritage Advisory Group

Date: Wednesday 5 October 2022

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Location: Council Chambers / Boardroom (Shire Hall) and via MS Teams

<i>Members</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Apology</i>
Mayor Matt Gould (Chair)	✓	
Councillor Bev Spearpoint (Deputy Chair)	✓	
Caroline Argent, Director Customer and Corporate Services	✓	
Rob Moran, Manager Community Services	✓	
Nicole Pearce	✓	
Taylor Clarke	✓	
Jason Mitchell	✓	
Glenda Chalker (Aunty Glenda)	✓	
Kazan Brown	✓	
Julie Dannevig		Nil Received
Rebecca Jenson	✓	
Karen Adams (Aunty Karen)		✓
Janenne Gauci	✓	
Ibrahim Muharrem, Sustainability Coordinator	✓	
Hannah Rebelo, Nursery & Environmental Resource Centre Coordinator	✓	

Item	Key Speaker (s)	Agreed Actions
1. Acknowledgement of country	Chair	WTC given by Aunty Glenda
2. Attendance and apologies As noted above	Chair	Apologies Aunty Karen Adams, Cr Michael Banasik
3. Disclosure of interests	Chair	Nil identified
4. Confirmation of previous minutes NA	Chair	Not Applicable
5. Committee Induction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions from each member • Overview of the Terms of Reference & Scope 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the Code of Conduct • Meeting Scheduling and timing • Remote Attendance <p>Member Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kazan Brown – lives in Warragamba, Registered Nurse, Proud Gundungurra Woman • Taylor Clarke – Lives Warragamba, Law Student, Gundungurra Woman, Advocate, passionate about real conversations. • Jason Mitchell, Lived whole life locally, previously at Tharawal Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Passion for protecting Aboriginal Heritage. • Rebecca Jenson, Dharawal Woman, previously at Tharawal Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Passionate, has a desire to see things through. • Auntie Glenda Chalker, Lives in Wollondilly, proud Dharawal Woman, priorities are Aboriginal Culture and Heritage, passionate about family involvement, keen to work with Council to effect change. • Nicole Pearce, Community member, Indigenous Woman, priority looking to maintain culture for kids and the community. • Jannette Gauci, Community member, Indigenous woman, Aboriginal Artist, passionate about protecting flora and fauna. • Mayor Matt Gould • Cr Spearpoint • Cr Brandstater • Caroline Argent • Rob Moran <p>Caroline Argent read the Terms Of Reference (TOR) - Rob to redistribute the TOR to members</p> <p>Code of Conduct read by Rob Moran</p> <p>Meeting timing and Schedule discussed. Request to commence at 5pm with consensus.</p> <p>Meetings to be scheduled between February and November</p> <p>Remote attendance was discussed and agreed to by AG members</p>	<p>All Members</p>	<p>Action Rob M to redistribute the TOR Document with Minutes</p> <p>Action Rob M to schedule meetings on Wednesdays from 5pm</p> <p>Action Rob M to schedule meetings 3 monthly from Feb to Nov</p> <p>Action Rob M to provide access to Hybrid Meetings</p>
<p>6. CSP Strategies and Delivery Plan Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP alignment summary • Delivery Plan Actions • Other key documents / plans / strategies etc • Issues and priorities ahead 	<p>Mayor</p>	<p>Copies provided by email to all AG members. Documents also available on Council's Website</p>

<p>Mayor Gould provided overview of the SRG and AG models and alignment with the Strategic Plan 2033</p>		
<p>General Discussion – members identified key issues and priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Massive development occurring and impacts on aboriginal heritage – massive and destructive. • Appin Massacre site and Heritage listing. • Issues are basic - history, heritage and culture - protect our lands and waterways • Fire assessments, etc no aboriginal heritage in check lists • Development in community, • Waterways being polluted, wildlife impacts on flora and fauna • Culture for kids, sharing culture • Mermaid Pools in Tahmoor • Access and parking – set up road barriers • Mermaids Crown Land managed by Council • Destruction of cultural heritage • Wollondilly has rich indigenous history • Street naming with Aboriginal heritage • Services for Indigenous people • Be part of conversations regularly • Some conversations are tokenistic • Have a discussion with Martin C re DA and neighbourhood plans in Wilton • Key issues for Council – raising the dam wall • Access for Gundungurra into the Burragorang Valley 		
<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Spearpoint requested a meeting with members to explain how cultural land and understanding is affected through decisions by Council • Aunty Glenda advised that members see the Australian Wars Series (SBS) 3-part series • Cr Spearpoint suggested to make some recommendations to People SRG look at the Management Plan for Mermaids – Austral Archaeology are currently developing the Plan Of Management (POM) • Cr Spearpoint - State Government don't take into consideration to areas being approved for development • Agenda Item – specifically to look at opportunities / options to strengthen Indigenous Heritage in planning and approval decisions 		<p>Action Cr Spearpoint to contact members individually outside of AG Meeting</p> <p>Action When POM becomes available it is referred to the People SRG</p> <p>Action Chair to invite planning representative to next meeting to discuss Heritage considerations</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Spearpoint – fencing corridors in Cumberland Plains for fauna on Appin Road – land bridges rather than tunnels • Ibrahim (Environment) - Ibrahim provided overview of the draft Sustainability Policy and that ‘Caring for Country’ was the number one principle for consideration for all Council decision making and operations. Feedback from Indigenous SRG representatives was welcomed on the Policy particularly around wording of ‘caring for country’. Ibrahim also stated that once the Policy is finalised that Council will be developing a Sustainability Strategy which will have more detail around actions/requirements and that input will also be sought to help define what will be in the Strategy. • Professor Ian Wright water management policy and guidelines, Ian analysed 20 years of data which has been incorporated into the strategy and policy • Waterway impacts include: igloos, market gardens, run-off from Agricultural Industries • • Hannah Rebelo – Hannah provided an overview of Council’s community nursery which focuses on plants native to the Wollondilly. The Community nursery provides local endemic species to residents. • Ecological communities, protecting environment and culture – resident engagement – ensure engagement with this group for advice and guidance and build knowledge • Council has significant tree register to protect said trees • Council looking at ways to incentivise tree preservation • Wilton 40% tree canopy achieved • Rezoning - Council or State? depends on scale of development explanation provided by Mayor 		<p>Action AG to recommend that land bridges are utilised rather than tunnels</p> <p>Action Ibrahim to distribute strategy for comment</p> <p>Action Ibrahim to make Water Management Policy available to AG Members on request</p> <p>Action concerns of AG to be shared with Ian Berthon</p> <p>Action Community Nursery to continue to engage with AG members</p> <p>Action AG members to contribute ideas of incentives to next meeting</p>
<p>Next Meeting – 5pm Wednesday 22 February 2023</p>		<p>Action Rob M to send meeting invite, teams link</p>
<p>Meeting Closed – 5.55pm</p>		