



NOTICE OF ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Aboriginal Liaison Committee Meeting of Snowy Valleys Council will be held in the Riverina Room located on the 1st Floor of the Riverina Highlands Building, 76 Capper Street, Tumut on, **Wednesday, 19 June, 2019**, commencing at **10:00 AM**.

Distribution: 21	Present:	Apology:	Absent:
Clr G Pritchard (Council Delegate)			
Community Dev. Team Rep. (Delegate)			
Sue Bulger – Elder (Chairperson)			
Shirley Marlowe – Community Transport (Deputy Chairperson)			
Margaret Berg – Elder			
Coral Bulger – AECG			
Winnie Bulger – Tumut High School			
Meegan Cameron			
Lenard Connolly – Community Health			
Pat Connolly – Elder			
Mary Greenhalgh – Brungle/Tumut LALC			
Sonia Piper – Elder			
Stan Russell – Coo-ee Cottage			
Mary Williams – Community Rep.			
Bernadette Radford – Director of TKNIC			
Rhonda Casey - Director of TKNIC			
John Casey - Director of TKNIC			
Lorna Casey - Director of TKNIC			
Sandra Casey - Director of TKNIC			
Craig Wilesmith - Director of TKNIC			
Public			

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2. Confirmation of Minutes
3. Business arising from Minutes
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5. Correspondence
6. General Business

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General Manager



ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING – AGENDA

Wednesday, 19 June, 2019, commencing at 10:00 AM.

APOLOGIES

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date is scheduled to be held Wednesday 21 August 2019.

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MEETING COMMENCEMENT: 10.00am

PRESENT:

Participants:	Present:	Apology:	Absent:
Clr G Pritchard (Council Delegate)	X		
Community Development Rep. (Delegate)	X		
Sue Bulger – Elder (Chairperson)	X		
Shirley Marlowe – Community Transport (Deputy Chairperson)			X
Margaret Berg – Elder			X
Coral Bulger – AECG		X	
Winnie Bulger – Tumut High School		X	
Meegan Cameron	X		
Lenard Connolly – Community Health			X
Pat Connolly – Elder			X
Mary Greenhalgh – Brungle/Tumut LALC	X		
Sonia Piper – Elder	X		
Stan Russell – Coo-ee Cottage			X
Mary Williams – Community Rep.			X
Bernadette Radford – Director of TKNIC	X		
Rhonda Casey - Director of TKNIC		X	
John Casey - Director of TKNIC	X		
Lorna Casey - Director of TKNIC	X		
Sandra Casey - Director of TKNIC		X	
Craig Wilesmith - Director of TKNIC	X		
Public – Mark Small	X		

Council staff in attendance were **Trudy Crawford.**

Sonia Piper provided Welcome to Country.

APOLOGIES:

AL03. RESOLVED that the apologies from Coral Bulger, Winnie Bulger, Rhonda Casey and Sandra Casey be received.

Mary Greenhalgh / Sue Bulger

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

AL04. RESOLVED that the minutes of the **Aboriginal Liaison Committee** held on **20-February-2019** be accepted as read.

Mary Greenhalgh / John Casey

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Heavy vehicles and pedestrians in the main street of Tumbarumba is a major concern.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider a heavy vehicle detour taking heavy vehicles out of the main street of Tumbarumba.

Mary Greenhalgh / John Casey

Membership of Aboriginal Liaison Committee

Five applications for membership from representatives from the Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation were accepted by the Aboriginal Liaison Committee at the February meeting and one application at the April meeting and recommended to Council for endorsement. Unfortunately the recommendation for membership missed the March Council meeting and is being resubmitted.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the membership of Bernadette Radford, Rhonda Casey, John Casey, Lorna Casey, and Sandra Casey to the Aboriginal Liaison Committee of Snowy Valleys Council.

Meegan Cameron / Shirley Marlowe

5 Ways Proposal

A detailed report regarding the 5 Ways proposal is to be provided to Council by the Assets Department.

Cultural Information Centre Proposal

A detailed report regarding the 5 Ways proposal is to be provided to Council by the Assets Department.

Dual Naming of Mount Kosciuszko

A proposal to apply to the Geographical Naming Board for the dual naming of Mount Kosciuszko to Kunama Namadgi (Snow Mountain) was presented to the committee at the February meeting by the Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation ICN 8520.

The Geographical Naming Board is meeting on 14th May to discuss the application submitted. Two fact sheets regarding Dual Naming are attached to these minutes.

Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation are seeking a letter of support from Council for this application. The Geographical Naming Board have advised that a letter of support will mean that Council is supportive for the dual naming to occur and acknowledges that Council has been consulted.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide a letter of support for the application of dual naming of Mount Kosciuszko to incorporate Kunama Namadgi.

Bernadette Radford / John Casey

DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND REPORTABLE POLITICAL DONATIONS:

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aboriginal Liaison Committee - April 2019 (.)

NAIDOC Week

Cohee Cottage have developed a draft program for NAIDOC Week. Activities include an outdoor service at Bila Park, flag raising and morning tea at Brungle Tumut Local

Aboriginal Lands Council (BTLALC), an art exhibition at the Tumut Library, activities at Coeee Cottage, activities at Brungle. These activities will run throughout the week.

Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation will be running activities on Saturday 13th July. Activities will include a flag raising at the Council at 10am, a smoking ceremony, art competition, didgeridoo making workshops.

Meetings have been held with Evan Saunders (Events Officer) and Mark Mazzini (Youth Development Officer) regarding activities and partnerships for activities at both Tumut and Tumbarumba.

Application for membership of Aboriginal Liaison Committee

One application for membership from representatives from the Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation were accepted by the Aboriginal Liaison Committee at the April meeting and recommended to Council for endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the membership of Craig Wilesmith to the Aboriginal Liaison Committee of Snowy Valleys Council.

John Casey / Lorna Casey

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Brungle Tumut Local Aboriginal Lands Council (BTLALC) would like a list of members from the Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation to allow them to send invites to the official opening.
- Geoff Pritchard highlighted that there is a public holiday the second weekend in March in both Victoria and Canberra. He believes this would be a good weekend for SVC to run events or activities to capture this demographic. The Tumut Community Association are keen to promote events that are being held that weekend. Any information about events can be forwarded to the Tumut Community Association.
- John Casey raised that the Library in Tumbarumba in conjunction with NPWS are running a basket weaving workshop as part of the school holiday program. It would have been good if the Toomaroombah Kunama Namadgi Indigenous Corporation were notified or involved in this workshop.
- Sue Bulger raised the Min-Eve Drive in Brungle needs resealing. It is uneven and has large potholes.
- Sue Bulger raised that Adelong Falls Gold Mill Ruins are putting up a Welcome Sign. Information has been provided in Wiradjuri language for the welcome and description of animals found there.
- Brungle Tumut Local Aboriginal Lands Council are hosting a biggest morning tea on 23rd May at 55 Merivale Street at 10.00am.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June (Tumbarumba Council Chambers).

CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 10.50am.




The Geographical Names Board of New South Wales (GNB) is the official body for naming and recording details of places and geographical names.


A place name is the most common way to identify your location or where you live. It connects people to a place. How we apply

names is important for many reasons including emergency services, economic development, preserving history and creating community.

Anyone who is interested in submitting an application to name a place should be aware of the GNB application process below.

Naming a place (e.g. a park or railway station)


1  Council, government authority or the community submit a proposed name to the GNB.


2  GNB Secretariat reviews the submission against relevant policies and principles and prepares a report for the next Board meeting for consideration.

If the name is proposed by the community it is forwarded to the relevant local council or government agency for its endorsement.

3 **GNB Board's possible options:**

-  If rejected, GNB will contact the applicant and advise them to reconsider the submission.
-  If deferred, GNB will seek further information
-  If supported, GNB Secretariat opens the proposed name to the members of the public for comment. Advertising period is open for one month.

4  If no objections are submitted by the public, the name becomes official and the GNB updates the official NSW mapping database and Geographical Names Register, or

 If any objections are submitted they will be forwarded to relevant local council or government authority for comments. The Board will review submissions and either reject, alter or endorse the name. A report which sets out the grounds for the submissions is prepared for the Minister. If approved, it becomes the official geographical name and NSW mapping databases and the Geographical Names Register are updated.

Useful links from gnb.nsw.gov.au:

[Place Naming Policy](#)

[Guidelines for the Determination of Place Names](#)

[Place Name Application Form](#)



All Australians share a relationship to the land and the names we give to places convey their significance, sense of history and identity.

The New South Wales (NSW) Government is committed to recognising our Aboriginal cultural heritage by registering original place names given by Aboriginal people so that they sit side by side with existing European names. Since June 2001 the government has supported a dual naming policy for geographical features and cultural sites.

This community-driven system acknowledges the significance of Aboriginal culture and, in doing so, represents a meaningful contribution to the process of reconciliation in NSW.

Policy overview

The dual naming system applies to already named geographical features such as rivers, creeks, waterfalls, beaches, harbours, islands, mountains and caves –specifically those cultural and environmental features of significance to the local Indigenous community.

Relying on community involvement, a dual name can be assigned where there is strong evidence, in the form of written or oral tradition, of a pre-existing Indigenous place name. It should be noted that the dual naming policy applies to geographical and environmental features; it does not apply to suburbs, towns or streets.

Dual naming guidelines

A dual name must be indigenous to the local area within NSW. It can only be assigned where there is definite evidence preferably historic in the form of written or oral tradition that the feature has two names.

Once a dual name proposal is assigned, signposts, maps and directories relating to the area will feature both names.

The location and spelling of a name resides in the hands of the traditional owner or the organisation that represents them. If there are none, the proposal should be referred to linguistic experts.

Order of names

Whichever of the two names of the same feature that is most likely to be used by the local community is to be used first in a sequence. The order of the names will be reviewed by the GNB at regular intervals who will then inform mapping agencies on any changes to the naming sequence. If a visual separator is required, it shall be a solidus preceded and followed by a space ‘/’.

Style

Both the indigenous part and the introduced part of the dual name shall be in the same font, font type, font size, font style and colour.

How it works

Under the *Geographical Names Act 1966*, the Geographical Names Board (GNB) has the power to assign names to places, to investigate and determine the form, spelling, meaning, pronunciation, origin, history of any geographical name and to determine the application of each name.

Anyone can submit a dual naming proposal to the GNB.

All submissions should:

- follow the guidelines outlined in this document
- have the support of the local council, the local aboriginal land council and the tribal elders group of the area (if there is one).

Aboriginal community consultation

All dual naming proposals require the support of the local aboriginal land council and, where relevant, tribal elders of the area.

In some (rare) circumstances, a proposal may also need approval from a regional or State Aboriginal Land Council.

If the geographical feature covers more than one aboriginal land council area (e.g. a river), approval is to be sought from each relevant council.

A written proposal should be sent to the local aboriginal land council with details of the geographical or cultural site for which a dual name is being proposed.

Proponents should ask the local aboriginal land council to help establish a meeting to discuss the proposal with local elders and representatives from established Aboriginal families. A copy of the proposal should also be sent to the regional aboriginal land council for comment.

Proponents should specify the exact location, proposed name and spelling of the site within the proposal.

Proponents should allow ample time for reply because the local aboriginal land council may need an unanticipated meeting to consider the proposal. If there is no response from the local or regional aboriginal land council within three months, the GNB can submit the proposal to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council for approval.

Local government consultation

A dual naming proposal also needs to have the written support of the relevant local council. It is strongly advised that proponents should seek comment from appropriate local residents and community groups which can be used as supporting information for council's consideration.

Geographical Names Board procedure

Proponents should submit the dual name proposal, with written confirmation of support from the relevant local aboriginal land council, local council and community bodies, to the Geographical Names Board. The GNB will forward a courtesy copy of the proposal to the NSW Aboriginal Land Council if this has not already occurred.

The GNB will consider the proposal and ensure that it has local approval and meets the dual naming guidelines. The GNB will then advise all parties of its decision.

Submissions approved by the GNB are then advertised in local media outlets for public comment. If there are objections to a submission, the GNB will seek further advice from the relevant local council, tribal elders group and the local aboriginal land council.

If no objections are received after one month has elapsed, the nominated name and the existing name are notified as a dual name in the NSW Government Gazette. Local councils are then free to communicate the dual names on signposts, locality guides and maps.

All geographical names are recorded in the Geographical Names Register which is maintained by the GNB. The register includes location details of more than 80,000 names and includes their origin, history and meaning if available.

Discontinued names are also retained in the register which is an important reference for cartographers, researchers, publishers, government authorities and the public.

For further advice or assistance

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REPORT NUMBER: ALC1
SUBJECT: Aboriginal Liaison Committee - June 2019 (.)
REPORT AUTHOR: Trudy Crawford
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: Gus Cox

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To present current Aboriginal Liaison Committee matters for discussion

KEY ISSUES

- **NAIDOC Week**
- **Aboriginal Constitution Recognition Position Statement**
- **Reconciliation Action Plan**

BACKGROUND

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week 2019 is being held 7-14 July with the theme "Voice Treaty Truth – Lets Work Together for a Shared Future". Activities for NAIDOC Week have been planned and are to be finalised.

Aboriginal Constitution Recognition Position Statement

A revised position statement on Aboriginal Constitutional Recognition has been put out by Local Government NSW.

The statement offers the support of LG NSW members to build stronger relationships of mutual respect between all Australians.

A core element is that LG NSW supports the steering committee's recommendations that want the Australian Government to initiate a process of co-design with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to achieve a First Nation voice.

The Aboriginal Constitutional Recognition Position Statement is attached for feedback by the Aboriginal Liaison Committee.

Reconciliation Action Plan

Snowy Valleys Council has both a MoU with the Aboriginal Community and an Aboriginal Cultural Protocols and Practices Policy however do not have a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

A RAP is a strategic document that supports an organisation's business plan. It includes practical actions that will drive an organisation's contribution to reconciliation both internally and in the communities in which it operates.

The Aboriginal Liaison Committee to determine if they would like to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan and the process for this to be developed.

ATTACHMENTS

Aboriginal Constitutional Recognition Position Statement



Aboriginal Constitutional Recognition Position Statement

Policy Principles

This Position Statement relates to the following Fundamental Principles of LGNSW: (G) Social and Community.

Background

Local Government NSW (LGNSW) acknowledges the significance of the Statement from the Heart issued at the 2017 First Nations National Constitutional Convention at Uluru and supports the principle of the Constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Australia is one of the few first world nations with a colonial history that does not recognise its Aboriginal population in the Constitution. LGNSW believes that Constitutional change will build stronger relationships of trust and mutual respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. Local government in NSW can be instrumental in this campaign as it is best connected to communities at the grass roots level.

Commented [EB1]: Sections highlighted in yellow shows update to original Position Statement.

LGNSW commends the Commonwealth government on its work in honouring and recognising the unique historical position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our Position

LGNSW supports a co-design process for achieving Constitutional recognition that considers legislative, executive and Constitutional options, including a referendum, and suits the needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

LGNSW:

- Supports the recommendations of the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and seeks that the Australian Government initiate a process of co-design with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, consider establishing a First Nations Voice, support the process of truth-telling and consider the establishment of a National Resting Place in Canberra as a place of commemoration, healing and reflection.
- Encourages councils to progress the Constitutional recognition campaign at the local level and build support among all political leaders to advocate for a referendum.
- Supports community awareness campaigns on the importance of Constitutional recognition to redress any disproportionate disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Commented [EB2]: The original second dot point has been removed as it is encompassed in this dot point (taken from the Joint Select Committee's recommendations).

The original dot point was:
•Advocates for ongoing liaison with Aboriginal leaders and communities.

Date Created: August 2017

Date Reviewed: