

THE MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT AND COUNCIL CHAMBER BRIDGE STREET TUMBARUMBA - TELECONFERENCE, ON WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2020

COMMENCING AT 10:00am

PRESENT: Sue Bulger – Elder (Chairperson), Shirley Marlowe – Community Transport (Deputy Chairperson), Coral Bulger – AECG, Winnie Bulger – Tumut High School, Meegan Cameron, Mary Greenhalgh – Brungle/Tumut LALC, John Casey - Director of TKNIC, Sandra Casey - Director of TKNIC, Craig Wilesmith - TKNIC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Mazzini – Community Development Officer (Council Delegate)

1. APOLOGIES

Stan Russell, Lorna Casey. Rhonda Casey

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

AL03. RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2020 be received.

John Casey / Coral Bulger

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Discussion held in relation to SVC road naming policy and names put forward. Request made by committee members to remove Cyb and Wilkie.

Mark informed the committee that at the February meeting he made the decision that all names raised by ALC members should automatically go into the pool and made a recommendation to Council "That Council consult with the Aboriginal Liaison Committee prior to naming a road after an Aboriginal tribe or name, to ensure it is appropriate to Country". This recommendation was adopted as to the road naming policy.

Mark informed that these names had been submitted and discussion around the appropriateness of the names being used, can be discussed and the time Council consults with the ALC prior to using these names to name a road.

4. AGENDA ITEMS**4.1 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN REVIEW****AL04. RESOLVED:**

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on the SVC Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Shirley Marlowe / Mary Greenhalgh

2. Endorse SVC RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) with the following changes;

- Action 8 - to include exploring identified roles for both outdoor and indoor roles.
- Action 8 - to include school based traineeships
- Action 6 - Acknowledgment of Country on website, email signatures and plaques to also be written in traditional language

Shirley Marlowe / Mary Greenhalgh

Mark provided an overview of the structure and members of SVC's Rap Working Group (RWG). Paul Holton introduced himself as the Executive Director Community & Corporate for SVC and informed that SVC's RAP will outline what Council will do in respect of reconciliation moving forward.

Mark provided an overview of the template used and the process of developing the RAP.

The committee discussed the RAP and provided the following feedback:

- Action 8 - to include exploring identified roles for both outdoor and indoor roles.
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Mark and Paul agreed that the above recommended changes would be made to the RAP to reflect the ALC's feedback.

Paul informed the committee the deliverables in Green were minimum requirements outlined by Reconciliation Australia and the Blue were additional actions identified and added in by SVC RWG. Paul explained that all deliverable items weather blue or green on the RAP are all mandatory commitments.

Sue discussed that in the deliverables in states "Council to host flag raising ceremonies to recognise NAIDOC week annually", however in the past few years Council has funded NAIDOC flag ceremonies have been held at the Brungle/Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Mark informed that this action was to capture SVC's minimum commitment to NAIDOC and to boost staff inclusion. SVC are not bound where the ceremony must be held, only they must host two, which can include the Land Council. Any queries around NAIDOC ceremonies or to negotiate locations are to go through SVC's Event Activation Officer.

Question was raised around how Aboriginal based/relevant policies will be reviewed as part of the RAP. The committee was informed that as per normal process and Aboriginal policy and/or relevant policies/procedures, will still be tabled at an ALC meeting for the ALC's review and input.

The committee discussed their views on endorsing the RAP. Winnie informed the committee that even if endorsed it is up to Reconciliation Australia to accept

Paul informed this is only the first step in SVC's approach to reconciliation. If adopted the RAP will continue to be reviewed and actioned, all in collaboration of the ALC.

It was put to the committee that the ALC;

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Moved: Shirley Marlowe / Mary Greenhalgh
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Brungle/Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council received SVC Stronger Country Community Grant for - Dancing on Country
- NAIDOC to be held in November SVC to host two flag raising ceremonies
 - Tumut RHB – Monday 9th November
 - Tumbarumba Council – Tuesday 10th November
- Sandra asked that all community events including NAIDOC be forwarded to schools, so they can inform the students on what's happening.
- Rotary Letter received (see below)
- Letter addressed to Matthew Hyde from Leeanne Hampton received (see below)



Rotary Club of Tumut



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17th September 2020

Dear Stan,

RE: ROTARY PEACE POLE AT PIONEER PARK

Thanks for all your support and efforts regarding the Rotary Peace Pole to include the interpretation 'May Peace Prevail on Earth' into Wiradjuri for the Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Australia in April, 2021.

As you will see, I have forwarded the request of Andrew Burke and my reply. Both are given below.

Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) 'in principle', has passed for the Rotary Club of Tumut to have a Rotary Peace Pole at Pioneer Park (the actual site to be discussed later). As part of this agreement, Mr. Burke asks for confirmation of support from the below mentioned groups, some of which involve you.

As such I am asking for you to get letters/emails of support from the various groups that you have talked to and if you can email them to me. I will send an email with them attached to back up our request for the placement of the Rotary Peace Pole.

Stan, I need the information of support from:

- the Aboriginal Land Council,
- Tumut Family Services,
- TAFE Wiradjuri Classes
- Any other Wiradjuri Elders
- Any other groups/people you have talked to that you know of or may not have mentioned previously regarding the signage and placement of the Rotary Peace Pole in Pioneer Park.

Thanks for doing this for Rotary, much appreciated. If you need my help in doing so, just let me know on email: tomandwendy5@bigpond.com or mobile/text/message: 0417 281 863.

Looking forward to hearing from you as soon as practicable,
Kind regards,

Wendy

Wendy Arentz
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17th September 2020

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Dear Matthew,

My name is Leeanne Hampton and I write to you today to introduce myself as the newly elected Councillor for the Wiradjuri Region within the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) network.

The NSWALC is the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs and aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. It is the largest member based Aboriginal organisation in NSW.

NSWALC is committed to ensuring a better future for Aboriginal people by working for the return of culturally significant and economically viable land, pursuing cultural, social and economic independence for its people and being politically proactive and voicing the position of Aboriginal people on issues that affect them.

The 120 Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC) which make up the network, collectively manage land and a range of services delivered at a local level to communities. These services may include housing, legal affairs, employment, training and property acquisition and land management.

There are 22 Local Aboriginal Land Councils across 40 local government councils that span across our broad Wiradjuri region. I would be available to meet with you via Zoom, Microsoft Teams or in person over the coming months at your invitation and convenience.

Prior to this appointment, I served a term as Councillor on Bland Shire Council and was CEO of West Wyalong Local Aboriginal Land Council. I believe my experience gives me a unique perspective and I hope over this term to assist in developing stronger relationships and improved communications between local government and the local land councils.

I look forward to meeting you and working with your Council in the near future to work together to enhance partnerships improve outcomes for all communities.

Yours sincerely



Leanne Hampton
Councillor, Wiradjuri Region
NSW Aboriginal Land Council

6 NEXT MEETING

Will be held on 17th February 2021 at 11.00am in the Tumut Council Chambers

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10:59am.