



Notice of Meeting

FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE **- TUMUT**

Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at 11:00 AM
Tumut Council Chambers / Via Video Link

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1. COMMENCING AT:

2. PRESENT:

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY:

Snowy Valleys Council proudly acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of this land and water and pay respects to their Elders past and present.

4. APOLOGIES:

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in any matters being considered by the Committee.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6.1. MINUTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 19 FEBRUARY 2025**RECOMMENDATION:****THAT:**

1. The Minutes of the First Nations Liaison Committee meeting held on 19 February 2025 be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment - Minutes of the First Nations Liaison Committee meeting held on 19 February 2025.

Attachment 1 - 20250219-Minutes-FirstNationsLiaisonCommittee



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FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 19 February 2025 at 10:00 AM
Tumut Council Chambers 76 Cappers Street Tumut / Via Video Link

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2. PRESENT:2

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY:2

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9. GENERAL BUSINESS:4

10. NEXT MEETING4

1. COMMENCING AT:

10.15 am

2. PRESENT:

Councillors: Cr Trina Thomson (Council Delegate).

Voting members: June Wolter-TKNIC(Chairperson), Mary Greenhalgh-Brungle/Tumut LALC, Sandra Casey-Director TKNIC, Mark Small.

Non-Voting members: Meegan Cameron.

Staff Delegate: Allison Dennis (Manager Community & Children's Services).

Via Zoom /Phone: Jenna Small, Craig Wilesmith

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY:

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Mary Greenhalgh.

4. APOLOGIES:

Nil

Absent: Sonia Piper, Olivia Williams, Coral Bulger and Margaret Berg.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

6.1. MINUTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 21 AUGUST 2024**FNLC. 01/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT:

1. The Minutes of the First Nations Liaison Committee meeting held on 21 August 2024 be received.

Moved: Mary Greenhalgh/ Sandra Casey

ALL CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2. NOTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 18 DECEMBER 2024**FNLC. 02/25 RESOLVED:**

THAT:

1. The Notes of the First Nations Liaison Committee meeting held on 18 December 2024 be received.

ALL CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping-

Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of Aboriginal and Torres Strait lands be held over until further information can be sourced due to the passing of Snowy Valleys Council (SVC) GIS Officer who was responsible for the mapping.

Reconciliation Action Plan-

The RAP was returned from Reconciliation Australia with extensive editing requirements. The requested editing was completed, and the draft Innovate RAP was resubmitted to Reconciliation Australia 2 February 2025. Discussions were led by Councillor Trina Thomson about all of the Reflect RAP actions not being achieved. The Committee voiced that the RAP should be a simpler and easier document to use. The RAP is based on frameworks provided by Reconciliation Australia. The committee would like to discuss the RAP and the framework with a representative from Reconciliation Australia.

Motion passed that Reconciliation Australia be requested to join a meeting to discuss the RAP process.

Moved Sandra Casey/ Mary Greenhalgh

Road concerns Batlow-

SVC Road Safety Officer reported that the radar study on Tumbarumba Road Batlow near IGA found the average speed was 49 km/hr (speed limit 50 kms/hr). There were two isolated incidents of excessive speed overnight. There was discussion about the need for a pedestrian crossing held. It was stated that Pedestrian crossings previously have been rejected by Transport for New South Wales and that Traffic Islands may be something they might approve.

Letters of thanks-

Letters of thanks sent to Lisa McAuliffe, 54 Reasons and Save the Children.

New membership-

New nominations received from Dean Freeman, Shirley Marlowe, Sam Hughes, Suzanne Bulger and Jenny Hodges. Existing renominations received from Mary Greenhalgh, Jenna Small, Craig Wilesmith, June Wolter, Mark Small, Sonia Piper, Meegan Cameron, Olivia Williams and Sandra Casey. It was discussed and agreed upon that at the next meeting with the new nominees that voting and non-voting members would be delegated.

8. AGENDA ITEMS:

Batlow Cider Rail Committee discussion-

Item to be held over until May 2025 meeting due to unavailability of a representative from the committee.

Terms of Reference-

Discussions held about adding under Management and Operation of the Committee 4b that nonattendance without genuine reason for two (2) consecutive meetings would result in removal from the committee. Members could request a leave of absence prior to the meeting.

8.1. MATTERS - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 19 FEBRUARY 2025

FNLC. 03/25 RESOLVED:

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. Receive the report on First Nations Liaison Committee Matters.

ALL CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECOMENDATION:**THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:**

1. To approve the nomination and re-nomination from Dean Freeman, Sonia Piper, Meegan Cameron, Shirley Marlowe, Olivia Williams, Suzanne Bulger, Jenny Hodges, Mary Greenhalgh, Jenna Small, Craig Wilesmith, June Wolter, Mark Small, Sandra Casey and Sam Hughes to the First Nations Liaison Committee.

Moved Mary Greenhalgh/Mark Small

ALL CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:**Maintenance requests -**

Concerns were made by members of the community about steepness of gutters in Highland Avenue (Tumut), the state of the Coles carpark (Tumut), the dead trees in Merrivale Street (Tumut), overgrown shrubs obscuring views to oncoming traffic at Hammond Lane/Albury Street Intersection (Tumbarumba) and the footpath outside of Coo-ee Cottage not being able to be accessed safely by people in wheelchairs or scooters as raised by members of the Community. It was identified that these matters should be raised through SVC requests on SVC Website, email info@svc.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300275782. The requests concerning Coo-ee Cottage and road safety concerns at Hammond Lane will be submitted on the SVC request system by the Council representative on this committee due to the increased risk to safety to the community.

Intrusion on other lands without permission-

Discussion held about respecting other tribe's lands and seeking permission prior to entering lands.

Welcome to Country-

It was discussed that Welcome to Country should be given by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who has ties to the land on which the meeting is being held. It was identified that in situations if there is no one present with ties to the land on which the meeting is taking place an Acknowledgment of Country may be substituted.

Community Engagement Strategy-

SVC Community Engagement Strategy is on public display on SVC website and feedback is sought by members of the public. It was discussed that electronic access is limited by some members of the community especially the older generations and that paper versions of documents that require feedback from the community could be placed in venues such as Brungle Health Centre and both the Medical Centres in Tumbarumba. It could enhance the amount of feedback from those without access to electronic devices and the Internet.

Councillor representative-

Councillor Trina Thomson spoke of her enthusiasm to be the Council representative on the First Nations Liaison Committee and looks forward to working with this committee for the improvement of outcomes for Reconciliation.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held 21 May 2025 at 10am at Tumbarumba Council Chambers.

6.2. NOTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 21 MAY 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. The Notes of the First Nations Liaison Committee meeting held on 21 May 2025 be received.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment - Notes of the First Nations Liaison Committee meeting held on 21 May 2025.

Attachment 1 - 20250521 - Notes - First Nations Liaison Committee



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Tumbarumba Council Chambers / Via Video Link

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1. COMMENCING AT:

10am.

2. PRESENT:

Cr Trina Thompson (Council Representative), Allison Dennis (Staff representative), June Wolter, Sam Hughes, Meegan Cameron (via Zoom)

Sophie Gairn (Hume Link Manager), Tony Cross (Batlow Rail Trail Committee)

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY:

An acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land was not delivered as the meeting did not proceed.

4. APOLOGIES:

Craig Wilesmith, Jenna Small, Sandra Casey, Mark Small, Mary Greenhalgh, Dean Freeman, Olivia Williams, Shirley Marlow, Jenny Hodges, Sue Bulger.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS:

A meeting was not held due to a quorum not being reached.

Items discussed informally:

1. Batlow Cider Trail plans discussed.

2. Discussed ideas that may improve the meeting success. It was discussed that separate meetings held in Tumbarumba and Tumut may improve the success of the meeting. A report to be prepared to present to Council with the recommendation that this alternate method is trialled.

6. NEXT MEETING

20 August 2025 at 10 am.

6.3. NOTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - TUMUT - 20 AUGUST 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. **The Notes of the First Nations Liaison Committee - Tumut meeting held on 20 August 2025 be received.**

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Attachment - Notes of the First Nations Liaison Committee - Tumut meeting held on 20 August 2025.

Attachment 1 - 20250820 - Notes - First Nations Liaison Committee - Tumut**Notice of Meeting**

FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE **- TUMUT**

Wednesday, 20 August 2025 at 10:00 AM
 Tumut Council Chambers 76 Capper Street Tumut / Via Video Link

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1. COMMENCING AT:

10.05am

2. PRESENT:

Cr Trina Thomson (Councillor Representative), Sue Bulger, Aunty Sonia Piper, Shirley Marlowe, Allison Dennis (Staff Representative) Ebony Rowell- Reconciliation Australia l(via Zoom)

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY:

A welcome of the traditional custodians of the land was delivered by Sue Bulger.

4. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from: Dean Freeman, Meegan Cameron, Denise Hodges.

Absent: Olivia Williams and Mary Greenhalgh.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

Nil

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Unable to be passed as members not present at last meeting.

6.1. MINUTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 19 FEBRUARY 2025

6.2. NOTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 21 MAY 2025

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

Nil

8. AGENDA ITEMS:

8.1. MATTERS - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 20 AUGUST 2025

A meeting was not held due to a quorum not being reached.

Items discussed informally:

New members

New members welcomed.

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Meeting format

Meeting format discussed and members present requested quarterly meetings as six monthly is not frequent enough. At the next meeting if a quorum is reached this matter can be discussed and voted upon.

Committee Name

Members present discussed the name of committee and would prefer committee to be named Aboriginal Liaison Committee rather than First Nations as it is for Aboriginal people of the Snowy Valleys Council to consult with Council on matters that affect them. The Representative from Reconciliation Australia had earlier discussed that it was the decision of the Aboriginal people within the group. At the next meeting when a quorum is reached this matter can be discussed and voted upon.

Terms of reference

Current Terms of reference reviewed. To be reviewed again at the next meeting when a quorum is reached.

Innovate RAP 2025-2026

Innovate RAP progress-current members present would like to view the document. The Program Officer from Reconciliation Australia had earlier stated that the approval process could take 12 months or more. Unique actions need to be added for some of the areas as this a requirement of the Innovate RAP. Copy of current draft RAP to be sent to members.

2025 NAIDOC event

Members present were pleased with the attendance at the SVC 2025 NAIDOC event. It was noted Tumut High School Leaders attended even though NAIDOC week falls within the July School holidays. In 2026 School Leaders should be invited to attend. A general invitation was sent to all schools in 2025. Cr Thomson noted that smoking ceremony at the flag raising event was well received. In 2026 it may be better to host morning tea at Riverina Highlands building to allow more people to attend.

Reconciliation Week

In 2026 it was discussed that planning for a walk to be held for Reconciliation week between 27 May and 3 June 2026 should occur. On 27 May 2027 it will 60 years since the referendum to allow Aboriginal people the right to vote. Planning to take place closer to these dates to celebrate these two events.

Snowy Valley Council feedback

Discussed with members present about all current plans and relevant information being displayed on the SVC Website. Feedback is welcome from all members of the community. No relevant plans up for public display at the current time.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Reconciliation Australia

Ebony Rowell, Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Senior Program Officer from Reconciliation Australia spoke about the RAP process and the importance of having a flexible and deliverable plan. She discussed the reference to Aboriginal people as being Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders or First Nations people. RA does not make determination, and it is up to individual groups to decide how they wish to be referred to. She said Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander people is preferred. The RAP consists of four types of plans ranging from foundational level to advanced.

Office bearers

To be elected at the next meeting when a quorum is present.

Membership

The need for more members was discussed. The suggestion was made that Forestry NSW, National Parks and Stars Foundation (based in Tumut Schools) could be contacted to request that an Aboriginal staff member is released to attend the meetings.

Meeting times

It was discussed that changing the meeting time to 12 pm might be more successful for getting current and new members to attend the meeting especially those who work. They may be able to attend during their lunch break.

Brungle Cemetery

It was discussed about the need for native trees to be planted and the grass sprayed for Bindies as hazardous for those performing ceremonies at Brungle Cemetery. The need for a path from Brungle Road to Cemetery was discussed. The lack of access to Public toilet as only toilet is located within the Brungle Hall which is locked unless there is an event held was also mentioned.

Banksia Street Park Tumut

Discussed that Banksia Street Park is not maintained. Cr Thomson did not think it was owned by SVC. SVC staff delegate to investigate who owns the land and contact regarding neglect of area.

Demerge

It was discussed about the visit by the Minister for Local Government on Thursday 21 August 2025 to announce the decision on the Demerge submission. It was discussed that if he approves the request SVC will need to hold a referendum, and the SVC communities will need to vote 50% plus one to get the Demerger approved.

10. NEXT MEETING

19 November 2025 at 12 pm

7. BUSINESS ARISING:

8. AGENDA ITEMS:**8.1. MATTERS - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE-TUMUT - 19 NOVEMBER 2025****REPORT AUTHOR: MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES****RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: ACTING DIRECTOR COMMUNITY, CORPORATE & DEVELOPMENT****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report outlines the matters to be discussed in the Tumut First Nations Liaison Committee meeting on 19 November 2025 at 11am.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT THE COMMITTEE:**

1. Receive the report on First Nations Liaison Committee.

REPORT:**Items for discussion:****New members-**

Welcome new members and outline the requirements of committee membership.

Meeting format-

Recent changes to meeting format.

Terms of reference changes-

Overview of the terms of reference and recent changes.

Innovate RAP 2026-2027-

Progress report.

NAIDOC/Reconciliation Week-

Feedback and ideas for 2026.

Maintenance issues-

Cemetery.

Referendum-

Compulsory voting for all resident of SVC.

Land Council feedback-

Possible feedback to this committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

10. NEXT MEETING
