

12.1 MINUTES - FIRST NATIONS LIAISON COMMITTEE - 19 FEBRUARY 2025 - ATTACHMENTS

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Notice of Meeting

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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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.