



## **ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

25<sup>th</sup> May 2005

### **"SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY COUNCIL"**

**REPORT OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2005 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM HELD IN THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, WEST KEMPSEY.**

#### **PRESENT**

- Councillor Betty Green;
- Gerald Hoskins - Area Equity Manager, Mid North Coast Area Health;
- Beverly Roberts - Domestic Violence Caseworker, Many Rivers Violence Prevention Unit;
- Father Bernie Ryan - Aboriginal Catholic Ministry;
- Gerald Bradshaw - Aboriginal Sports Development Officer Department Sports and Recreation;
- Mavis Davis- Community Member;
- Noelene Griffen- Administration Officer- Burran Dalai Out of Home Care and Family Support Services;
- John J Smith- Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer- Kempsey Police;
- Christine Landkroon- Acting KSC Community Services and Lifestyle Coordinator;
- Debra J Morris - KSC Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

**1 Welcome - Clr Betty Green**

**2 Apologies**

- Keith Finnie - Director Shire Services;
- Lotta Jackson – KSC Community Services and Lifestyle Manager;
- Clr Jim Gribbin;
- Ren Perkins - Manager Djigay Centre Kempsey Campus of TAFE;
- Narelle Cochrane - Senior Aboriginal Worker, Mid North Coast Area Health;
- Tracey Edwards – Co-ordinator Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council;

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- Harold Smith (Uncle Blue) - Chairperson- Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council;
- Robert Mumbler - KSC Green Hills Community Centre Coordinator;
- Madeline Donovan - Coordinator Goorie Galbans Aboriginal Corporation;
- Drew Roberts - General Manager, Macleay Aboriginal Housing Association;
- Ursula Donohue – Community Program Officer; Dept of Community Services;
- Bronwyn Leon - Aboriginal Child, Youth & Family Strategy Project Officer, Dept of Community Services;
- Vincent Cook - West Kempsey Community Renewal Project Worker;
- Chris Latta - Kempsey Macleay Womens Reconciliation Group Co-Covenor;
- Robbie Silva – Refs/Jpet Indigenous Worker;
- Fred Kelly - Djigay Students Association Manager, TAFE;
- Andrea Douglas - Community Member;
- Caroline Bradshaw - Chairperson, Kempsey Aboriginal Education Consultative Group;
- Diana Davis - Sexual Assault Worker, Many Rivers Violence Prevention Unit;
- Gary Morris - Chief Executive Officer, Booroongen Djugen Aboriginal Corporation;
- Mark Werner - New Career for Aboriginal People Officer, Booroongen Djugen Aboriginal Corporation;
- Lillian Greenup – Indigenous Worker, Regional Extended Families Service;
- Victor Darcy- Aboriginal Client Support Officer; Kempsey Local Court.

### **3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> March were referred to the Council meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005 and adopted.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: B Bradshaw

**That the information be noted.**

### **4 BUSINESS ARISING**

#### **4.1 Kempsey Master Plan Implementation Committee**

Drew Roberts was not available to attend the meeting.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: G Bradshaw

**That this agenda item be put over to the next meeting when the representative is available.**

**4.2 Geographical Names Board**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: Father B Ryan

**That a progress report be given once the proposed meeting with the stakeholders is held.**

**4.3 Many Rivers Legal Service Position**

It was noted that circumstances have changed since the last meeting and there are concerns related to legal representation for the Aboriginal community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: B Roberts  
Seconded: N Griffen

**That Council write to Many Rivers Administrative and Legal Services, Ms Julie Perkins and the Principal Solicitor voicing community concerns and seeking the retention of the Many Rivers Legal Service and their positions and their community based activities.**

**5 Statement of Commitment Strategic Plan Matters**

The report of the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005 has been completed and distributed to former members.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Moved: G Bradshaw  
Seconded: M Davis

**That the information be noted.**

**6 Aboriginal Community Matters**

**6.1 Gerald Hoskins - Kempsey Assistance Patrol**

The A/Community Services and Lifestyle Coordinator give an update.

Following continued concerns about the operations of the Kempsey Assistance Patrol, the Kempsey Assistance Patrol Advisory Committee has been dissolved and a new community committee will be formed. Expressions of interest will be sought for community members on the committee.

The Guri Wa Nundagar CDEP will be encouraged to submit a written expression of interest for representation onto the committee.

Discussion took place and there were concerns that the expressions of interests called for the KAP committee will not have Aboriginal representation.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Moved: G Hoskins  
Seconded: M Davis

**That the information be noted.**

**6.2 Caroline Bradshaw- Structural support for Bellbrook**

Councillor Green is still investigating.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: G Hoskins

**That a progress report be given at the next meeting.**

**6.3 Tracey Edwards - Council's Culture and Heritage Sub Committee**

The draft service agreement still has to be developed and taken back to the KLALC members for their ratification. It was agreed that

- (i) The Culture and Heritage report of the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005 be accepted with an amendment to Item 5D;
- (ii) An Aboriginal person be Co-Chair of the Culture and Heritage Sub-Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: G Hoskins

**That a progress report be given at the next meeting.**

**6.4 Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy Community Working Party**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: B Roberts

**That the Aboriginal Liaison Committee representative on this group be the Burrans Dalai Coordinator, Ms Dan Clarke.**

**7 Council Matters**

**7.1 Strategies from Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan**

The inter office memo was distributed to the ALC members for their comments and advice.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: G Hoskins  
Seconded: B Roberts

**That an extension of two weeks be given for further provision of comments from the Aboriginal Liaison Committee members.**

**7.2 Naming a Road**

Council at its meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005 resolved: That the section of Pipers Creek road be renamed to Ritchie Brothers Road.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved: G Hoskins  
Seconded: B Roberts

**That the information be noted.**

**7.3 Aboriginal Youth Representation**

This matter was advertised in the Mayoral Column 29<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Moved: G Hoskins  
Seconded: B Roberts

**That the nomination of Wayne Dickson as the Aboriginal Male Youth Representative onto the committee be accepted.**

**8 Naidoc Week Planning Committee**

It was noted that all formal Naidoc Week activities (Naidoc Week Planning Committee) are formally endorsed by the Aboriginal Liaison Committee and come under the Aboriginal Liaison Committee umbrella for insurance.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: G Hoskins

**That a formal vote of thanks be extended to the Aboriginal Liaison Officer and The Naidoc Week Planning Committee for all their hard work leading up to, during and after the Naidoc Week celebrations**

## 9 General Business

### 9.1 Mavis Davis

- Gimbisi Warriors Football club- sharing of the amenities

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: M Davis  
Seconded: G Bradshaw

**That this matter and relevant issues be referred to the appropriate Council's Open Space and Recreation Coordinator and that Mavis Davis contact details be provided.**

### 9.2 Gerald Bradshaw

- The ending of ATSIC after the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

There will be a function held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2005 for past and existing Atsic Councillors. Tickets are available from the Djigay Centre or the Elders Councils but there is limited seating.

- Family Violence Small Grant applications are available

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: G Bradshaw  
Seconded: N Griffen

**That the information be noted**

### 9.3 John Smith- Caravan sites at Crescent Head

The concerns raised are already being addressed.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: G Hoskins  
Seconded: M Davis

**That the information be noted.**

### 9.4 Road Safety Concerns

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: G Hoskins  
Seconded: M Davis

**That the Road Safety Officer be invited to attend the next Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting to discuss road safety concerns in the 70 kilometres zone area from Green Hills School to Aldavilla School.**

## 10 Evaluation of the Meeting

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Everyone felt the meeting was positive, information sharing and networking linkages were strengthened and with a quorum for business and the meeting to proceed.

**11 Next Meeting**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2005 in the Council's Committee Room commencing at 10am.

**12 Conclusion**

Meeting concluded at 12:50 PM.

