



ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

10TH AUGUST 2005

SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST 2005 COMMENCING AT 10:00 AM HELD IN THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, WEST KEMPSEY.

PRESENT

- Councillor Betty Green - Chairperson
- Councillor Jim Gribbin;
- Keith Finnie - Director Shire Services;
- Chris Landkroon – Acting Community Services and Lifestyle Manager;
- Debra J Morris - Aboriginal Liaison Officer;
- Robert Mumbler - GreenHills Community Centre Coordinator;
- Mark Thompson - Road Safety Officer;
- Mary-Lou Buc k- Aboriginal Heritage & Cultural Consultant, RTA
- Nancy Blair- Aboriginal Programs Consultant
- Beverly Roberts - Domestic Violence Caseworker, Many Rivers Violence Prevention Unit;
- Gerald Bradshaw - Aboriginal Sports Development Officer Department Sports and Recreation;
- Noelene Griffen - Administration Officer- Burrans Dalai Out of Home Care and Family Support Services;
- John J Smith - Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer- Kempsey Police;
- Tracey Edwards – Co-ordinator Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council;
- Harold Smith (Uncle Blue) – Chairperson, Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council;
- Caroline Bradshaw - Chairperson, Kempsey Aboriginal Education Consultative Group;
- Gary Morris - Chief Executive Officer, Booroongen Djugen Aboriginal Corporation.

1 **Welcome** - Cllr Betty Green

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2 Apologies

- Narelle Cochrane - Senior Aboriginal Worker, Mid North Coast Area Health;
- 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 – Regional Extended Families Service Indigenous Worker;
- Fred Kelly - Djigay Students Association Manager, TAFE;
- Andrea Douglas - Community Member;
- Diana Davis - Sexual Assault Worker, Many Rivers Violence Prevention Unit;
- Lillian Greenup – Indigenous Worker, Regional Extended Families Service;
- Victor Darcy- Aboriginal Client Support Officer, Kempsey Local Court;
- Mavis Davis- Community Member.

3 Adoption of the Previous Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 25TH May 2005 were referred to the Council's Ordinary meeting of the 14th June 2005 and adopted.

RECOMMENDATION:

*Moved: Cllr Betty Green
Seconded: Bev Roberts*

That the information be noted.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Kempsey Assistance Patrol Advisory Committee

There was no expression of interest from the Aboriginal Community.

Council has decided that a management committee consisting of Councillor Terry Hunt, Chris Landkroon and May Gill will manage KAP and report to the Director. Minutes of KAP meetings will be tabled at Aboriginal Liaison Committee meetings for information.

Keith Finnie will ensure that Mary Lou Buck is advised of outcomes.

4.2 Naidoc Week Planning Committee

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The outcomes of the NAIDOC Week debrief held on 10th August 2005 will be presented at the next Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting.

4.3 Geographical Names Board

Note: The Geographical Names Board has confirmed acceptance of Ritchie Brothers Road. Council will ensure community involvement in the erection of the street sign.

RECOMMENDATION: *Moved: C/r Betty Green
Seconded: Bev Roberts*

That the information in Business Arising be noted.

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Structural support for Bellbrook

Caroline Bradshaw informed the committee that a house in Bellbrook township, not the Reserve, is being used as a Community Centre and programs are being initiated.

It was also suggested that the Chairperson of the Thunghutti Aboriginal Lands Council be invited to the ALC. This will be raised when Council reviews Committees in September.

RECOMMENDATION: *Moved: C/r Betty Green
Seconded: Bev Roberts*

That the information in be noted.

5.2 Culture and Heritage Sub Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

That Cultural and Heritage issues be raised at the Aboriginal Liaison Committee.

Issues raised:

- Trees at South West Rocks
- Queen Street, Greenhill
- Skeletal remains discovered in Clybucca
- Signage
- More rubbish bins are being installed at East Kempsey Cemetery to minimise waste issues after funerals.
- Amenities at Cemeteries – concern was raised about the lack of public amenities at the cemeteries. This issue was considered in the budget but has been deferred. Council's Road Safety Officer

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and RTA Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural consultant will investigate possible use of road side facilities currently being replaced by RTA.

- Cultural Plan – This is still being investigated and a draft document will be presented to the members.
- East Kempsey Cemetery – concerns were raised about memorial headstones at East Kempsey Cemetery. An overview was given about responsibility of right of burial owner to ensure the headstone is erected. Community Services will investigate affordable memorial options for the Independent Section at the East Kempsey Cemetery.

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: T Edwards

Seconded: Bev Roberts

That the information in be noted.

5.3 Unnamed Burials

Concern was raised about unnamed burials. Council does not have accurate records of burials that were performed prior to Council taking control of cemeteries which means that there are many unknown graves.

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: T Edwards

Seconded: Bev Roberts

That the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Booroongen Djugen Aboriginal Corporation and the Dunghutti Elders Council apply for funding for a memorial project.

5.4 Road Safety Concerns

Mark Thompson gave an overview of the changes and investigations being undertaken by the RTA regarding speed zones in towns and advised that these issues should be put over to the next meeting more information may be available.

The Liquor Accord have an Aboriginal Communication Strategy in hand are seeking input.

RECOMMENDATION:

Moved: T Edwards

Seconded: M Thompson

That the ALC be the advisory group for this strategy.

6 NEXT MEETING

The Director Shire Services asked if meetings could be held every two months.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 26th October 2005 commencing at 10am in the Council's Macleay Valley Community Care Centre, cnr Yaelwood and Forth Streets, Kempsey.

7 EVALUATION

Attendees indicated that the meeting was positive, informative and that networking linkages were strengthened.

8 CONCLUSION

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 1.00 pm.

