



## **ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2006

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

**MINUTES OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2006 COMMENCING AT 10:20 AM HELD IN THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, WEST KEMPSEY.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Betty Green, (Chairperson), Guy Whelan (Manager Community Services and Lifestyle), Norma Kelly (Durri Aboriginal Medical Service), Betty Mumbler (Community Member), Judy Blomfield (Community Member) and Melanie Booth.

### **APOLOGIES**

Tom Vermeulen - Acting Director Shire Services, Steve Blunden (CEO, Durri Aboriginal Medical Centre).

Due to there being no quorum, general discussion took place.

### **1 Kempsey Assistance Patrol**

The group was advised that on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005 the KAP Coordinator was informed that the CDEP Manager had approved leave for all CDEP employees employed via the KAP project. This effectively meant that all employees would be on leave commencing 21<sup>st</sup> December 2005 to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006.

It was anticipated that due to the service not operating that there would be a spike in criminal activities over this period however; the criminal statistics have shown otherwise.

A review of the service was intended to be conducted in late December however; this has since been deferred until March.

Utilisation statistics for the night patrol have indicated that females are the highest user of this service. As such it was considered that may be we need to consider the introduction of a Women's Group via Goorie Interagency.

***THIS IS PAGE 1 OF THE MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE DISCUSSION HELD ON 1 MARCH 2006, AND SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2006.***

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**2 Queen Street, Greenhills**

Guy Whelan advised that the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council was currently dealing with some housekeeping issues.

Until these are resolved it is unlikely that the Queen Street query will be considered.

**3 Old School House – South West Rocks**

Due to this being a Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council issue no further work has been undertaken.

**4 Statement of Commitment.**

Clr Green advised that due to the format of the report that she is unsure what has been completed. Melanie advised that an achievements / status column has been added to the report.

**5 East Kempsey Cemetery**

Guy Whelan advised that investigations have been undertaken of a section of land at the East Kempsey Cemetery that is known to have unmarked Aboriginal and itinerants graves.

This is being undertaken utilising Ground Penetrating Radar equipment that doesn't disturb the grave sites.

A number of grave sites have been located over this area and Council is still awaiting a full report on the findings.

Judy Blomfield enquired as to the next stage of this project.

Guy advised that once the grave sites are identified and surveyed funding will be sought for a memorial recognising those buried in this locality

The spare space will also be utilised for additional burial space until the new Cemetery at Crotty's Lane, Yarravel is operational.

Consideration is being given in relation to restricting vehicle traffic which regularly transverses the area in question.

**6 Naidoc Week Planning Committee**

The next meeting of the NAIDOC Week Planning Committee will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006 commencing at 10.00am at the Committee Room.

Clr Green advised that the Elders Olympics will be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006. This needs to be added to the program and advertised in the Mayors Column.

Norma Kelly left the discussion at 10.50am

**7 Australia Day**

It was noted that the recipients in the 2006 Australia Day Citizen of the Year and Citizen of the Year Achievement awards where Aboriginal.

**8 Social Plan – Social Strategic Planning Committee (SSPC)**

An enquiry was made regarding the progress of the Dunghutti Language on signs. Dunghutti for coastal areas and Thunghutti for the upriver area.

The group was advised that the Elders will have to meet to progress this further.

**9 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee is to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006.

**10 Conclusion**

The discussion concluded at 11.00am.

