



## **ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006**

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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 COMMENCING AT 10.00 AM AT COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM; CORNER ELBOW AND TOZER STREETS, WEST KEMPSEY.**

### **PRESENT**

Mayor Councillor Betty Green (Chairperson); Councillor Jim Gribbin; Drew Roberts (General Manager Macleay Aboriginal Housing Association); Stacey Kelly Greenup (Female Youth Worker Durri AMS); Noleen Griffen (Burrans Dalai Aboriginal Corporation); Paul Morris (Coordinator); John Kelly (Chairperson- Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council); Gary Morris, (CEO Booroongen Djungen Aboriginal Corporation); Sarah Roberts (Work Experience Student Burrans Dalai Aboriginal Corporation); and Debra J Morris (Aboriginal Liaison Officer).

### **APOLOGIES**

Tom Vermeulen (Director Shire Services); Guy Whelan (Manager Community Services and Lifestyle); Mary-Lou Buck, Madeline Donovan; Dana Clarke; Deal Roberts; Bob Mumbler; Fred Kelly, Ivy Brown and Lillian Greenup

### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Judy Blomfield  
Seconded: Noleen Griffen*

**That the apologies be accepted**

#### **1 Adoption of the meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006.**

The minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006 have been referred to the Council's Ordinary meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2006 for Adoption.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

For Information Only

## 2 Statement of Commitment Strategic Plan Matters

### 2.1 Leadership Matters- Dot Points 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Clr Jim Gribben  
Seconded: Gary Morris*

That the following strategies and actions be referred to the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council to Coordinate and facilitate a consultation/ stakeholders meeting with the relevant Aboriginal organisations /Service Providers/Community

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Gerald Hoskins  
Seconded:John Kelly*

That the RTA Aboriginal Programs Officer and RTA Regional Manager be requested to attend the next Aboriginal Liaison Committee Meeting to give some guidance and directions to Roads and Traffic Authority requirements for signage pertaining to " Welcome to Country" and the proposed Dunghutti Highway.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Clr Jim Gribben  
Seconded:John Kelly*

That the strategy for a street to be named Charles Perkins Street be removed as there is formal recognition of the contributions made by this person in the form of a plaque erected at Chappell Park.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Clr Noleen Griffen  
Seconded:John Kelly*

That Kempsey Shire Council pursue signage for Sugar Loaf Mountain- Burrell Bulai, Bellbrook with the Traditional (Dunghutti) name as well as the English version.

Dot Point 3

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Judy Blomfield  
Seconded:John Kelly*

That the Kempsey Shire Council write a letter to the State Railway Authority requesting approval and endorsement to place signage worded "Welcome to Dunghutti Nation" at the Kempsey Railway Station.

Dot Point 4

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Clr Betty Green  
Seconded:Jim Gribben*

That a survey be sent out to all Council facilities to determine if the Statement of Commitment and Apology is being displayed.

Dot Points 5,6,7

Discussion took place.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Drew Roberts  
Seconded:Paul Morris*

That the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council facilitate a consultation meeting with the relevant stakeholders to discuss an appropriate protocol for flying the Flag at Half Mast when there is a death in the community and forward the results to the Aboriginal Liaison Committee to be included in the Communications strategy.

Dot Point 10- Local government Aboriginal Mentoring Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

*Moved:Drew Roberts  
Seconded:Paul Morris*

That the Kempsey Shire Council write to the ABS requesting other avenues for assessing Aboriginal population, in particular quoting the CHINS and Local Lands Councils as examples.

That the Kempsey Shire Council Library Manager Mrs Gabi Brie be requested to attend a meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee regarding proposed activities for Reconciliation Week

**3 Local Government and Shires Association Aboriginal Network Conference**

Councillor Jim Gribbin and Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer are attending this function.

Due to the time frame and members needing to be at other meetings the Chairperson/Mayor suspended standing orders. Remainder of the Statement of Commitment Action Plan matters were deferred over to the next meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee as the first agenda item.

**4 General Business- Nil**

**5 Evaluation**

A quorum was present. Members felt issues were addressed in a positive, informative and constructive manner.

**6 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee is to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 commencing at 2.00pm.

**7 Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 12:30pm.

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THIS IS PAGE 3 OF THE REPORT OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006 AND SUBMITTED TO THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006.

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MAYOR