



## **ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007

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

**MINUTES OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007 COMMENCING AT 11.00AM AT BOOROONGEN DJUGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, RIVER STREET, WEST KEMPSEY.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Betty Green (Mayor), Ursula Donohue (DOCS), Gabi Brie (Acting Manager Community & Lifestyle Services, KSC), Tony Clarke and David Parkinson (North Coast Academy of Sport), Mary-Lou Buck (RTA), Ruth Campbell-Maruca and Cecilia Landers (Dunghutti Elders Council), and Noelene Griffen (Burrun Dalai)

Also in attendance was Jenny Colling (Community Services Admin Officer)

### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Jim Gribbin, Stacey Kelly-Greenup (ETC) and Debra Morris.

### **1: WELCOME**

The Mayor welcomed all members. As a quorum was not present at this meeting a discussion was held.

### **2 ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

#### **2.1 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

That the following items be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee:

- Equal Employment
- Mentoring Program
- Pilot Project – North Coast Academy of Sport

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## 2.2 NORTH COAST ACADEMY OF SPORT

Tony Clarke and David Parkinson (North Coast Academy of Sport) delivered a short presentation on a proposed pilot project for the training of two (2) Aboriginal persons that are currently assisting a sports team to be given the opportunity to obtain accredited training qualifications.

Applications will be called for in four (4) weeks time and endeavouring to have appointment by end of July in readiness to start coaching in early Spring.

The academy advised they will report back to the Aboriginal Liaison Committee each step of the journey, perhaps through Gerald Bradshaw.

### RECOMMENDATION

*Moved: Mary Lou Buck  
Seconded: Ursula Donohue*

That Gerald Bradshaw be the representative from the Aboriginal Liaison Committee in regard to the above Pilot Project.

## 2.3 RECONCILIATION WEEK – 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY REFERENDUM

Mary Lou Buck advised of the following activities planned: -

Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> May at 10am	Booroongen Djugen hosting a BBQ and video presentation "Why-Me"
Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> May	"Hands" to be displayed in Services Club Park
Monday, 28 <sup>th</sup> May	BBQ at Riverside Park (DOCS)
Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May, 10.30 am	Morning Tea (Venue to be decided). Photographic exhibition (gold coin donation with proceeds going to Wutama)

Mary Lou Buck requested assistance from Council for an appropriate venue for Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and with the completion of the necessary Event Management application.

Clr Green suggested the Mall would be an appropriate location. She also advised that she will promote the activities through her media column.

## **2.4 NAIDOC WEEK**

Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> July, 9am 11am	Flag raising / speeches. March to Riverside Park with a Barbeque afterwards to be hosted by the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council.
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 2pm	Area Health Community BBQ at the Hospital
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Elders Olympics to be held at Wauchope.
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 2pm	Burrans Dalai Family Fun Day
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Durri Formal Ball and presentation of Awards.
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Back to Burnt Bridge to be held at Services Club Park.

Next meeting of the Naidoc Planning Committee to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Council Chambers.

## **2.5 WATUMA PROJECT**

The meeting was advised that it is expected that the first sod of soil to be turned in July 2007.

Mary-Lou also advised that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

## **2.6 NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CULTURE CAMP**

Ruth advised that an Aboriginal culture camp will be held 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Stuarts Point Ecology Centre.

## **2.7 STATE LAND COUNCIL ELECTION**

Ruth advised that she has been nominated for the election, along with Noel Lockwood and Charles Quinlin for this area.

Polling places will be South and West Kempsey Schools.

## **2.8 KAP BUSES AND PREMISES**

Mary Lou advised that the successful tenderer may contact Council in regard to a request to lease the buses and premises.

## **2.9 OCTOBER ABORIGINAL KNOCKOUT**

An enquiry was made into the holding of the Aboriginal Knockout in Kempsey in October. The meeting was advised that an Events Management application will need to be submitted for this event. The application would then be considered in due course.

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## **2.10 SAM HOSKINS MEMORIAL PARK**

An enquiry was made as to the where the name of the memorial park for Sam Hoskins is currently up to.

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer will need to check where the naming of this Park is up to.

## **2.11 SIGNAGE**

The committee was advised that the RTA is to consider at a meeting to be held in June for the signs to be erected at the entry and exit on Pacific Highway, Armidale Road and Railway station.

## **2.12 ABORIGINAL CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

The meeting was advised that the Reconciliation Project of the identification of Graves at the East Kempsey cemetery received a Local Government Cultural Award.

This award will now inturn be presented to an Aboriginal Elder by the Mayor as part of the Reconciliation Week celebrations on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

## **3 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee will be held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 10.00am in the Committee Room, Kempsey Shire Council.

## **4 CONCLUSION:**

Their being no further business the discussion concluded at 12.30 pm.