



**ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**31 OCTOBER 2007**

**SUBJECT TO ADOPTION BY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2007 COMMENCING AT 10.15 AM AT MACLEAY VALLEY COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE, CORNER FORTH AND YAEWOOD STREETS, KEMPSEY.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Betty Green (Mayor), Kathy Oliver, Melanie Booth, Ren Perkins (Aboriginal Employment Strategy) and Jennifer Colling (minute taker).

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr Bob Mumbler, no additional apologies were received.

As no quorum was present a discussion was held.

**1 Business arising from the meeting of the 15 August 2007**

**1.1 Boundary Signs**

Discussion was held into the provision of the Boundary Signs. Kathy Oliver advised that information has been obtained that indicates that Welcome to Nation signs can be erected in the Kempsey LGA.

Based on this information it was generally felt that Council should proceed with the purchase and erection of the four "Welcome to Dunghutti" signs as follows:-

- ◆ At the northern and southern boundaries of Kempsey Shire,
- ◆ Blackbird Flat, and
- ◆ Kempsey Railway Station.

It was also felt that the existing sign at the Kempsey Airport be refreshed.

**2 Statement of Commitment Action Plan**

Clr Green advised that she had looked at the actions contained within the Statement of Commitment Action Plan and believes that many have been achieved however not taken off. She advised that she will make the necessary arrangements with Melanie Booth to be made.

**9 Reconciliation Matters / Projects**

Ren Manager of the Kempsey Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) Kempsey Office advised that the Aboriginal Employment Strategy would like to sponsor award at next year's Business Awards. Also would like to be involved in the Australia Day celebrations.

**10 EEO Reference Group**

Melanie Booth advised that she is unaware of the progress of the EEO Reference Group and will discuss this with Human Resources, to ascertain where this project is up to.

**11 General Business****11.1 Aboriginal Mentoring Program**

Clr Green advised that there is a report to be submitted to the November Council meeting to commence this Program. The report will ask for two candidates to participate in the program which will require them to attend Council Committees along with the Budget sessions. It is anticipated the program will commence in January 2008.

**11.2 Aboriginal Football Knockout**

Melanie Booth advised that the Knockout was won by a Newcastle team and that planning is underway for Newcastle to host.

**11.3 Aboriginal Justice Group Visit**

Clr Green advised the Aboriginal Justice Group is scheduled to visit Kempsey on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November at 4 pm, venue yet to be finalised. Please advise the Mayor if any issue in regard to justice, re-offenders, etc should be listed for attention.

**11.4 Wutumu**

Kathy Oliver advised that the Project Manager has expressed an interest in submitting a proposal to utilise the VIC for an Aboriginal Art Gallery.

**11.5 KAP Buses**

Expressions of Interest will be advertised next Tuesday for three (3) weeks for the ownership of the buses.

**11.6 Aboriginal Land Council**

Clr Green enquired as to what is happening with the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council. Ren advised that an interim board has been appointed with a meeting being held today (31<sup>st</sup> October 2007) and that Wendy Cohan is the Acting Chief Executive Officer.