



## **ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007

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

**MINUTES OF THE DISCUSSION OF THE ABORIGINAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007 COMMENCING AT 10.50AM AT MACLEAY VALLEY COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE, CORNER FORTH AND YAELWOOD STREETS, KEMPSEY.**

#### **PRESENT**

Councillor Betty Green (Mayor), Gabi Brie, Noelene Griffen, Betty Mumbler, Gerald Hoskins, Judy Blomfield, Norma Kelly, Vincent Cook, Jamie Donovan and Melanie Booth (minute taker)

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Councillor Jim Gribbin, Gerald Bradshaw, Bob Mumbler and Michael Foxwell.

- 1 Adoption of the Discussion notes of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee held on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Noelene Griffin  
Seconded: Gabi Brie*

That the minutes of the discussion of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007 be adopted.

- 2 Business arising from the discussion notes**

#### **2.1 Pilot Project – Aboriginal Coaches**

Melanie Booth advised that one application has been received for a coach in basketball and are progressing (processing?) them.

We are still looking for a second person to undertake their coaching certificate.

#### **2.2 Goori Grapevine**

The committee was advised that Michael Foxwell and the Goori Interagency is looking at getting an article up.

### **2.3 Reconciliation Week**

This weeks Reconciliation Week was discussed and it was generally felt that there is a need to look at more lead time to organise these activities as well as gaining as much as possible any community involvement.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Cl. B Green  
Seconded: Judy Blomfield*

That the Reconciliation Week activities be included on the NAIDOC Week agenda for 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

### **2.4 Wutuma**

Gerald Hoskins advised that a meeting will be held tomorrow at Area Consultative Committee in Elbow Street.

Gerald will make a request that minutes be forwarded to this forum.

### **2.5 State Lands Council Elections**

Clr Betty Green advised that Kempsey Shire did not get anyone elected onto the State Lands Council.

### **2.6 Kempsey Assistance Patrol Buses**

Clr Betty Green advised that buses have stopped operations in March and that the tender for the operation of the patrols has been granted to the Kempsey Local Aboriginal Lands Council after only two (2) applications had been received.

Norma Kelly advised that Durri had requested a copy of the tender however, they did not receive one.

Norma Kelly advised that she will need to raise this issue with the Community Justice Group.

Concerns were also expressed over the opening hours of Bottle Shops in the morning as this is causing concerns and presenting problems in the Clyde Street Mall and other employment areas with people moving to consume alcohol in these areas.

Gerald Hoskins also mentioned that a Drug and Alcohol Summit had been held to try and address these type of issues however, nothing has been done since this was first raised.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***Moved: Gerald Hoskins  
Seconded: Jamie Donovan***

That John Lawrie, Licensing Sergeant be invited to this forum to talk about opening hours for retail liquor outlets and the impact it is having in the community.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***Moved: Gerald Hoskins  
Seconded: Vincent Cook***

That John Lawrie be asked what the licensing restrictions will be for the Knockout Carnival on the October long weekend.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***Moved: Gerald Hoskins  
Seconded: Jamie Donovan***

That the Knockout Organising Committee be requested to submit their minutes to this forum for support.

**2.7 Sam Hoskins Park**

The committee was advised that this matter has been referred to the Lands Council.

**2.8 Signage – Welcome to Nation**

Clr Green expressed concerns as to how long this process is taking.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***Moved: Cl. B Green  
Seconded: Judy Blomfield***

1. Councillor Green to write to the RTA and State Rail regarding the non resolution of this matter after these years
2. That a sign be erected at the long distance bus station and the VIC and Council Chambers.

**2.9 Aboriginal Cultural Award**

That the presentation be made of the Local Government Cultural Award at the NAIDOC week flag raising to Aunty Cinderella.

**3 Statement of Commitment Action Plan**

**RECOMMENDATION**

***Moved: Cl. B Green  
Seconded: Noelene Griffin***

That Clr Green is to review the status of the issues contained within the Statement of Commitment Action Plan and refer back to the next meeting.

**4 Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference Report**

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Gerald Hoskins  
Seconded: Jamie Donovan*

1. That the matter be deferred to the next meeting.
2. That at least one (1) member of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee attend the next conference as a result of the Aboriginal Liaison Officer position currently being vacant.
3. That the program of the Network Conference be circulated with Expressions of Interest Registration Forms.

**5 Kempsey Shire Council Corporate Strategic Plan - Aboriginal Meeting - Update**

Clr. Green advised that the process was successful however the two (2) nominated people did not attend the focus groups.

The Corporate Strategic Plan is attached at Appendix A

Gerald made enquiries regarding the process and review.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Gerald Hoskins  
Seconded: Jamie Donovan*

That the Kempsey Shire Council Corporate Strategic Plan become a standard agenda item.

**6 Crime Prevention Matters**

Betty Mumbler advised that a request has been received from year 12 student to have a permanent youth camp to assist in the reduction of crime.

Councillor Green advised of what council has commenced as a result of the Vinson Report

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Cl. Betty Green  
Seconded: Betty Mumbler*

1. That Betty Mumbler forward a copy of the year 12 project to this forum to see how we can look at progressing the issue.
2. That Council send a letter of invitation to the school captains asking them to be involved in the Youth Advisory Council to increase Aboriginal representation.
3. That we look at holding a Youth Summit in 2008 that also looks at programs that targets young girls.

**7 Social Plan Action Plan 2004 - 2009**

Melanie Booth advised that the Social Plan is currently going through a review process and as such we are looking to hold focus group meetings.

The proposed focus group meetings will be held on the:-

- 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007 after the NAIDOC Week Debrief
- 15<sup>th</sup> August 2007 after the Aboriginal Liaison Committee meeting and
- 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007.

**8 Reconciliation Matters / Projects**

This matter was dealt with previously in Item 2.3

**9 EEO Reference Group**

The Committee was advised that Bob Mumbler has been appointed to this reference group; however it is unknown at this stage how items are progressing.

Therefore it is requested that this meeting be deferred to the next meeting for a report to be available.

**10 General Business**

**10.1 Letter regarding CrocFEST**

Norma Kelly raised issue regarding the letter for CrocFest. Councillor Green advised that she has replied.

**RECOMMENDATION**

***Moved: Cl. Betty Green  
Seconded: Norma Kelly***

That a copy of the Mayors letter be forwarded to the committee re CrocFest

**10.2 Goori Home Modification**

Gabi Brie tabled a report on Kempsey Shire Council taking over the auspice of Goori Home Modification for two (2) years.

**10.3 Turnaround area at the end of Frank Archibald Street, Greenhills.**

Concerns where expressed at the meeting, over the lack of action by Council, after a commitment was made to tar the turnaround circle at the end of Frank Archibald Street. At present this work has not be completed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Gerald Hoskins  
Seconded: Cl. Green*

That a report be forwarded to the next meeting on the progress.

**10.4 East Kempsey Cemetery**

Gerald Hoskins enquired as to what is the liability to Council for the people who have constructed barriers that obstruct public on the footpath area in Gordon Rees St.

This matter would need to be investigated.

**10.5 Entry to Crescent Head Sign.**

Melanie Booth advised that a request has been received for feedback on a turtle symbol that the Chamber of Commerce at Crescent Head would like placed on a Welcome to Crescent Head sign.

**RECOMMENDATION**

*Moved: Cl. Betty Green  
Seconded: Betty Mumbler*

That before a decision can be made we will need to enquire as to the reasoning behind the turtle as a symbol.

**10.6 Youth representation on the committee**

An enquiry was made as to whether there is any Aboriginal representation on the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC).

The meeting was advised that representations were sought and that Mary-Lou Bucks granddaughter had expressed an interest in being involved on the YAC.

**10.7 Mentoring Program**

Gerald Hoskins enquired as to whether the Aboriginal Mentoring Program would be again held as part of next years Local Government elections.

Clr Green advised that she will be reviewing this program and it is intended to have it again.

**10.8 In Living Memory Exhibition**

The committee was advised that a request has been received to consider bring the In Living Memory exhibition to Kempsey and do we wish to.

It was generally felt that we should pursue the exhibition to come to Kempsey and be held in the Library in 2008.

## 10.9 Employment Opportunities

Jamie Donovan enquired if there is any way in which we can place a Development Application condition of a proposal that they are required to employ a percentage of Indigenous people as part of an Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

It was felt that we are unable to do so at this stage.

### RECOMMENDATION

*Moved: Judy Blomfield  
Seconded: Jamie Donovan*

That the Aboriginal Liaison Committee forward a letter to Coles complex developers requesting that they give consideration to the placement of Aboriginal arts and artefacts into the décor of the complex.

### RECOMMENDATION

*Moved: Jamie Donovan  
Seconded: Betty Mumbler*

1. That Council investigate the provision of DA's to include employment of Aboriginal people.
2. That Council write a letter to Coles to request that the aboriginal community is about 10% and that they employ an equitable number of indigenous employees.

Gabi left at 1.15pm

## 10.10 People in the mall

Vinnie raised the concerns regarding how to deal with this issue of behaviours occurring in the mall.

Clr Green advised that we would need to look at activities in the mall, including a cinema.

## 11 Evaluation

The meeting was a productive meeting.

## 12 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Aboriginal Liaison Committee will be held as following: -

8<sup>th</sup> August 2007 – 10.30am NAIDOC Week Debrief and Social Plan review and will be held in the Committee Room, Kempsey Shire Council.

15<sup>th</sup> August 2007 – 10.30am Aboriginal Liaison Committee and Social Plan review and will be held in the Committee Room, Kempsey Shire Council.

31<sup>st</sup> August 2007 – 10.00am Social Plan review and will be held in the Committee Room, Kempsey Shire Council.

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**13 CONCLUSION:**

Their being no further business the discussion concluded at 1.25 pm.

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