

Minutes

Date: 21 May 2018	Time: 7.30-9:00am	Venue: Venue: Fort Scratchley Function Centre
Meeting No: 2	Committee Meeting	

Attendance

Attendance [Committee Members alphabetically]:

Maree Edwards (Community Rep)
 Raylene Gordon (Awabakal Ltd)
 Cherie Johnson (Community Rep)
 Cheryl Kitchener (Aboriginal Affairs NSW)
 Daryn McKenny (Miromaa ALTC)
 Luke Russell (Wylaa Buuranliyn)
 Robert Russell (Awabakal LALC)
 Andrew Smith (Worimi LALC)
 Cr Emma White
 Cr Peta Winney-Baartz

NCC staff attendance:

Tim Askew - Interim Director of Planning and Regulatory
 Lillian Eastwood - Guraki Facilitator
 Ian Rhodes - Community Planning Co-ordinator
 Amber Stewart - Community Planner

Apology:

Cr Matthew Byrne
 Angela Pearce (Community Rep)

Meeting Item	Action, Responsibility, Timing
1. Open meeting Meeting opened at 7:49 am.	LE
2. Acknowledgement Luke Russell provided Acknowledgement to Country, in Kuttung language.	LR
3. Apologies Apologies as noted above.	Noted by all
4. Election of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson LE advised members that the Guraki Charter is under review and expected to be tabled at Council in June. Committee acknowledged outgoing Chairperson Kylie Finlay (Worimi LALC), and outgoing Deputy Chairperson Angela Pearce (Community Rep). Call for nominations. Call for nominations for Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Russell nominated. • Maree Edwards seconded. • Rob Russell elected. Call for nominations for Deputy Chairperson	Noted by all LE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Smith nominated by Raylene Gordon. Declined • Raylene Gordon nominated by Andrew Smith. Declined • Luke Russell nominated • Cherie Johnson seconded • Luke Russell elected. 	
<p>5. Declaration of Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interest Item not discussed, as there were no matters that would raise a conflict of interest for members.</p>	For noting by all.
<p>6. Items 6.1 Committee Planning Workshop – Review LE tabled two documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of ideas from Committee Workshop on 19 March 2018, prepared by Amber Hermann. • GAAC Priorities 2018-2021, prepared by LE. <p>LE advised that ideas generated from the committee workshop have been formatted into a table of priorities that aligned to NCC strategic documents and plans with actions and outputs for both Council and Guraki listed.</p> <p>Members to note that this document is not an action plan, but a document the Committee can refer to, and be guided by, during this term of Guraki.</p> <p>LE requested Members to review the document listing the priorities to ensure their ideas have been captured and expressed accordingly.</p> <p>6.2 Aboriginal Tourism – NCC Destination Management Plan TA spoke to NCC Destination Management Plan action 2.10. <i>Work with Aboriginal Community and Stakeholders to develop a plan to increase market awareness of Aboriginal culture</i>; and action 3.5. <i>Work with Aboriginal Community and Stakeholders to develop Aboriginal tourism assets and product</i>, and of a possibility for the Honeysuckle Development Corporation (HDC) to include an Aboriginal cultural centre/space under its public domain plan within/nearby Figtree Park Precinct.</p> <p>Comments from members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed location is prominent and central to other Aboriginal cultural businesses and services / transport facilities and open spaces at Wickham. • Centre should provide for community, education and tourism purposes. • Its primary focus should be cultural / business development with opportunities for local Aboriginal communities. The visitor experience of Aboriginal culture and tourism aspects to be a subsidiary functions. • AS affirmed the need for sound operation and investment, and advised that we review best practices and lessons learnt from other similar ventures i.e., Mossman Gorge Centre and Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Centre. • RG suggested the need for a scoping exercise before development of a business plan. Members advised we should ensure recognition of cultural differences, as well as look to the cultural and skill base assets within the Newcastle local Aboriginal community for 	<p>For noting by all</p> <p>Members to provide feedback to LE on priorities.</p> <p>TA</p>

- leadership and support i.e., Elders, Miromaa, Worimi LALC model.
- Members agreed that to develop the necessary feasibility /concept plans we may need to consult wider than Guraki for broad community involvement but at the same time move ahead with planning. Expertise may need to be sourced from outside Newcastle.
 - Important to secure and ensure financial sustainability. How will funds be generated and sourced? TA indicated that HDC may be a source of interest and funding under its public domain plan. Opportunity also for alignment with UN sustainable development goals through the City Partnership Challenge project.
 - The research to develop an Aboriginal cultural space becomes part of HDC public domain plan. A number of NCC strategies and planning instruments might also be consider i.e. NCC Cultural Strategy, development contributions (section 94 / in kind contributions).
 - A sub-committee of Guraki will be formed.

Call for member participation on GAAC sub-committee. Membership includes:

- Rob Russell
- Luke Russell
- Cherie Johnson
- Cheryl Kitchener
- Daryn McKenny
- Maree Edwards
- Cr Peta Winney-Baartz
- Cr Emma White
- Andrew Smith (casual capacity)

Next steps:

- Schedule meeting with HDC and GAAC sub-committee.
- Seek assistance from HDC consultants to develop scoping paper.

6.3 City Partnership Challenge

NCC has signed up to participate in a two year City Partnership Challenge (CPC).

A Stewart provided an overview of the CPC project. CPC concept is about implementing high impact projects that deliver on the New Urban Agenda and United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The CPC provides skills development training, coaching, and capacity building for local governments to attract sustainability financing for urban development.

By participating in this challenge NCC will be part of an international program and global compact. The model used will be based on framework developed by RMIT University. NCC will be supported and funded to set up a local taskforce that will focus on development of Aboriginal tourism products.

A taskforce will consider

- What does Aboriginal tourism mean for Newcastle?

For noting by all.

A Stewart

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where will it take us? • What works here for Newcastle? • What are authentic locally based products? • How do we connect with long term sustainable investment? <p>With GAAC sub-committee already formed under the above Item at 6.2, it is possible that this sub-committee group consider having two tasks -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure (Aboriginal Cultural Language Centre) • Product development and sustainability (Aboriginal Tourism) <p>Additional questions that support infrastructure building may include -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you build skills for this cultural space? • What educational and tourism products would we need? <p>NCC will be part of a global compact that supports training, formation of ideas, and a platform for investment and sustainable financing on an international scale.</p> <p>As a community we need to identify our potential markets, be autonomous and independent, and ensure traditional and contemporary aspects of Aboriginal culture are both considered in the development of local tourism and educational products. Some examples of Aboriginal centres operating well in spaces that incorporate culture, education, business and/or tourism focus, are the Koorie Heritage Trust (Melbourne) and the National Aboriginal Business Centre (Redfern).</p>	
<p>7. Other Business</p> <p>7.1 Draft Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan</p> <p>The draft Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan is on public exhibition until 30 May 2018. This is an opportunity for you to have input into local government planning. For more information go to https://www.newcastleoursay.com.au/Better-together</p> <p>7.2 NCC New premises at Stewart Ave – Foyer</p> <p>NCC RAP Working Group WG seeks endorsement for development of an Acknowledgement of Country statement/artwork for Council's new Administration Centre foyer at 12 Stewart Ave, Newcastle West. See Issue Report attachment from RAP Working Group.</p> <p>7.3 Worimi Fishing Tree</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS advised that he has spoken with the Lord Mayor and CEO about the return of the Fishing Tree that is currently housed in the foyer main entrance of NCC Museum. • The tree would be returned to the Worimi community and placed in the proposed Worimi Cultural Centre. • Members spoke about ensuring that the return of the fishing tree is undertaken in a respectful manner, and that this event is managed as a positive story. 	<p>For noting by all.</p> <p>Item not discussed. LE to include as an item for next committee meeting.</p> <p>For noting by all.</p>
<p>8. Next meeting Monday 30 July 2018</p>	<p>LE to advise all by email</p>