

# GURAKI ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE



**GOVERNING BODY / APPROVED BY** Council  
**FUNCTIONAL ALIGNMENT** People and Culture

## **SHORT DESCRIPTION**

To provide advice and guidance in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, giving life to Council's commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the City of Newcastle and engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Local Government.

## **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

### Inclusive Community

- 4.1a Acknowledge and respect First Nations peoples
- 4.1b Support initiatives and facilities that encourage social inclusion and community connections
- 4.2b Improve access to formal and informal lifelong learning opportunities, facilities and services

### Vibrant, Safe and Active Public Places

- 3.2a Celebrate Newcastle's cultural heritage and diversity

### Liveable Build Environment

- 5.1a Protect and promote our unique built and cultural heritage

## **PURPOSE**

1. To give life to Council's 1998 Commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of the City of Newcastle;
2. To provide advice and guidance in relation to Aboriginal matters of cultural and heritage significance;
3. To engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Local Government;
4. To raise the broad community awareness of Aboriginal culture and themes;
5. To provide a united voice for Aboriginal peoples of the City of Newcastle.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Quarterly, on the first Tuesday of the month commencing at 5:30pm.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

1. Up to three Councillors;
2. Representatives from Stakeholder Organisations, determined by the Committee (Chairperson and Co-Chairperson with the assistance Facilitator); and
3. Up to three Community Representatives.

## **CHAIRPERSON**

This committee operates using a co-chairperson model. One Councillor appointed by the Council from among the Councillor members, and one member elected at the first meeting of the committee.

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## **MEMBERS**

Councillor Member – Cr Deahna Richardson

Councillor Member – Cr Peta Winney-Baartz

Councillor Member – Cr Charlotte McCabe

Stakeholder Representatives:

1. Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council
2. Luke Russell - Wylaa Buuranliyn- Deputy Chair
3. Julie-anne Rose - Awabakal Ltd
4. Cheryl Kitchener - Aboriginal Affairs NSW
5. Andrew Smith - Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council

Community Representative – Maree Edwards