

# Minutes

## Guraki Aboriginal Advisory Committee



<b>Date:</b> 2 March 2023	<b>Time:</b> 12.00-2.00pm	<b>Venue:</b> Teams
<b>Meeting Opened:</b> 12.36pm	<b>Meeting Objective:</b> To provide strategic advice and guidance with relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues, gives life to Council's commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of the City of Newcastle and engages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Local Government.	

### 1. Welcome

#### 1.1 Attendance

Councilor Peta Winney-Baartz  
Councilor Charlotte McCabe  
Councilor Deahna Richardson  
Andrew Smith – Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council  
Kumarah Kelly - Community member  
Theresa Dargin – Community member  
Toni Manton – Community member

David Clarke - Executive Director Corporate Services City of Newcastle  
Keryn Wilkinson, City of Newcastle  
Jody Clark- Aboriginal Engagement Partner, City of Newcastle  
Timothy Daley – Senior Project Planner, City of Newcastle  
Luke Jones, City of Newcastle

#### 1.2 Invited Guests

All Councilors

#### 1.3 Apologies

Luke Russell, Wylaa buuranliyn (Chair)  
Maree Edwards, Community member  
Lee Lazarevic, Aboriginal Affairs  
Simon Mitchell, City of Newcastle  
Andrew Smith - Worimi Local Aboriginal Land Council  
Cr Charlotte McCabe  
Cr Deahna Richardson

#### 1.4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes and Actions Arising

#### 2.1

### 3. Bathers Way

#### 3.1 *Luke Jones, City of Newcastle*

- Luke explained the project to the Committee.

- 2 options were presented to Guraki re acquiring Aboriginal Art for the project.
- Option 1. Paul Walsh proposal discussed. Non-Aboriginal people problematic. Outside of budget.
- Option 2. Expressions of interest in engaging Artists from the local Aboriginal community.
- Guraki was asked what option is preferred, how would Guraki like to be involved?
- Theresa spoke in support of an EOI process and gave some background to her family's history and traditional knowledge of the area. Theresa spoke of the story lines at the site.
- Kumarah agreed, EOI and local artist.
- Peta agreed with EOI process, and local artist.
- Maree, look into locations other stories also. Walk a mile koori style history of the area. Uncle Doug Archibald
- Nathan agreed with EOI process. Local Artist. Work on criteria to inform the panel. Lots of great stories to tell in this area.
- Luke Jones noted \$12,000 for the successful Aboriginal artist, (1% of \$120,000, best practice). Something to be conscience of.
- Location discussed. A lot of obstructions making moving works problematic.
- Location significant to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in the area.
- Actions: Committee agree EOI process. Work with Guraki on this. Theresa, Maree, Peta. CN to propose guidelines and members to comment.

#### **4. Wickham Precinct**

##### *4.1 Presented by Jack Slater*

- CN provided an update on the project.
- Biraban, wrong. Committee not happy with the images/themes.
- Kumarah tired of people from outside the area being brought in as consultants, needs to be local people. This has been raised before. There are local consultants that can do this (provide a list).
- David noted CN cannot proceed with images/themes that Guraki does not support. Consultants will need to start again and involve Guraki in the process.
- Pull images/themes prior to community consultation, work towards getting more appropriate images/themes prior to presenting them to the public.
- Rest of project explained heat islands versus green spaces, pedestrian movement and pocket parks.
- Kumarah, could be a culturally reflective place but not a great meeting place for Aboriginal people unless there are other Aboriginal people in the area.
- Toni, one of her favorite places, loves the open spaces. Public toilets? Plan not that specific, just high level concepts at this stage.
- Walking trails? More disability access. No parking an issue. Discussed.

## **5. General Business**

**5.1 Guraki Annual Report:** moved by Nathan Towney and seconded by Peta Winney-Baartz. Maree and Luke to review first.

### **5.2 Koori Knockout:**

- Peta discussed an email she received. The email stated that CN was wrong in not pursuing getting the knockout at all. Luke, Lee, David, Peta and Jody attended meetings trying to get the event. CN would like to make it clear that CN did want the Koori knockout and did put in a great bid but were unfortunately unsuccessful. The committee noted that the knockout needs to start going back to the Teams town that won.

### **5.3 Council NOMS re naming**

- One NOM done, Captain James Cook sign removed by someone from the public. Will not be replaced. This NOM is completed.
- Second NOM re dual naming. CN a dual naming project. Problems with some of these. Problems inherent with language. It is really about getting the "right people", local people working on this project.
- Luke involved in this. Role this over to discuss further until Luke is present.

### **5.4 WTC and Acknowledgment:**

- "Traditional custodians" not Awabakal and Worimi agreed upon.
- CN Acknowledgments, send around a circular for comment.
- WTC list. Lands Councils have their list, us a list.

### **5.5 Heritage Signs**

Group to provide photos by Monday at the latest. We will take photos, draft some words and circulate to group seeking agreeance.

### **5.6 Applying for Grant funding via Guraki.**

- Guraki to support stakeholder organizations in applying for grants.
- Some only for Council to apply, joint submissions.
- Like idea generally of joint submissions. Grants are great as long as the Aboriginal community benefits.

Theresa would like Carrington Greenspaces and Cultural meeting place on next meeting Agenda. Get project update for Rachel McConkey.

David, time in the Agenda for Aboriginal members to discuss things that want to discuss. Circular

## **7. Closing**

7.1 Meeting closed at 2.15pm