



HORNSBY SHIRE COUNCIL

Committee Meeting

HORNSBY ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (HATSICC)

Thursday 26th November 2020, 3:00pm-5:00pm (2:30pm start for Aboriginal members)

*****In light of COVID-19 the meeting was virtual*****

Minutes

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country: The Chair Opened the meeting at 3.03pm and Uncle Laurie gave the Welcome to country.

2. Attendance and apologies:

Present

Chair

Mariko Smith

Committee Members

Uncle Laurie

Aunty Tracie (joined the meeting at 4:15pm)

Dorothy Babb

Annette Salt

Councillors

Mayor Ruddock

Cllr Waddell

Cllr McIntosh

Cllr Browne

Council Staff

Steve Fedorow

Neil Chippendale

Katherine Vickery (for item 7.1 only)

Alison Bangs (for item 7.1 only)

Jian Zhao

Kellie Clarke

Consultants (For item 7.1 only)

Coast History and Heritage – Fenella Atkinson and Paul Irish with Dr Michael Bennett

GML Heritage – Minna Muhlen-Schulte, Leonie Masson and Sharon Veale (for item 7.1 only)

Apologies

Aunty Sam

Leanne Watson

3. Conflicts of interest

No conflict of interest declared

4. Sorry Business

No Sorry business

5. Happy Business (good news locally)

Residents in Berowra Heights wanted to do some weeding found carvings and were put in touch with Uncle Laurie as they wanted to be respectful in doing so.

6. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings – Thursday 27th August 2020

Moved by; Cllr Waddell

Seconded by; Mariko Smith

Minutes of extraordinary meeting 24th September – Moved By; Cllr Waddell

Seconded by; Mariko Smith

7. Items for Decision or Discussion:

7.1 Comprehensive Heritage Study – Katherine Vickery, Manager, Strategic Land Use Planning

- **Hornsby Aboriginal Heritage Study:** Dr Paul Irish and Fenella Atkinson, along with Dr Michael Bennett of Coast History and Heritage introduced themselves to the Committee and outlined their proposed approach to the study. The consultants indicated that they would also like to attend future HATSICC meetings to continue discussions with the committee.

Coast History and Heritage also sought guidance on how the Traditional Owners would like to be involved in the study (targeted workshops/meetings/on site involvement). Traditional Owners advised that they would be happy to participate in workshops and site visits however that this level of involvement would need to be on a paid basis as would continued involvement in the various other strategies that are put forward to the Committee.

- **Request for HATSICC to endorse the AHIMS Data Sharing with Council Staff and the Consultant undertaking the Aboriginal Heritage Study**

The consultants discussed access to the AHIMS database for the purposes of preparing the Aboriginal Heritage Study and clarification was given around the licence/agreement and access to information. It was noted that this information would be obtained under Council's control and at no point would the consultant own that information.

Council would hold this licence for 2yrs for the duration of the study.

- **Thematic History of Hornsby Shire:** Minna Muhlen-Schulte, Sharon Vale and Leonie Masson of GML Heritage introduced themselves to the Committee and outlined the proposed approach to their study. The timeframe for the study is a shorter than the Aboriginal study (16 week timeframe) as it is the umbrella study to allow for the other studies to go into more detail.

GML Heritage sought feedback on the best way to identify and tap into Aboriginal community and the most appropriate language to use throughout the report.

GML Heritage also showed the committee the online survey which can be viewed at Hornsby.mysocialpinpoint.com/thematichistory#/sidebar/tab/survey and asked HATSICC members to enter places and stories that are important to them into the survey.

HATSICC members hoped that the research would help clarify the position on the Guringai people and that it may be a comprehensive accessible paper.

During the discussion Uncle Laurie noted that his mob had a meeting and decided that after 170 years of family history, lineage and self-determination they will continue to identify as Guringai.

Outcome: Katherine Vickery to send an e-mail inviting Aboriginal members of the committee to sign off on the endorsement of the use of AHIMS data during the study period only. Members to consider further and consult electronically.

Coast History and Heritage to send an e-mail to the Chair with proposed consultation strategy and requesting ways that Aboriginal members can be involved in the study. Coast History and Heritage to update members through e-mail communication as well as updates at meetings.

GML Heritage to circulate PowerPoint presentation.

Katherine Vickery to draw up a table of when comments are due back for these studies so that input can be made.

7.2. Appropriate wording for the acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners be included for all Council's strategies and plans

The meeting discussed the proposed new wording for an Acknowledgement of Country which would be used for all Council's strategies, plans, etc. It is intended that the new Acknowledgement of Country be included as part of the introduction to the final version of all documents, starting with the draft Employment Land Study.

The meeting discussed the first draft, below

“Council recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai Aboriginal peoples, and pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging and to their heritage. We acknowledge and uphold their intrinsic connections and continuing relationships to Country.”

After discussion the Committee agreed to the removal of the word emerging as parts of the Aboriginal community feel it's inappropriate and the addition of ancestors was added.

Outcome: Neil Chippendale to send around an e-mail with draft wording to the Aboriginal members for comment and confirmation is requested via e-mail by next Council meeting Wednesday 9th December. Proposed Acknowledgement: *“Council recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai peoples, and pays respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present and to their Heritage. We acknowledge and uphold their intrinsic connections and continuing relationships to Country.”*

7.3. Dual Naming of Existing Council Sites

HATSICC discussed Council's 9 September resolution regarding the development of a dual naming policy for Council sites.

Traditional Owners were asked what important factors they would like taken into consideration when developing policies such as this. The meeting discussed consultation workshops with language speakers as well as having active members of the local Aboriginal community involved. It was again reiterated that by engaging Traditional Owners they are giving their time and Cultural knowledge.

Aboriginal members outlined that every building could be appropriate to dual name apart from something such as a toilet block.

The meeting noted that a social media post from Council unfortunately had an image of street signs, inferring that these would be dual named, which was misleading and as such attracted negative feedback from the community.

It was noted that the policy intention is not to re-name existing streets.

It was noted that since Australia Post has introduced the address line to identify the Aboriginal land that the address is on Councillors have been asked by residents for what Traditional language should be used – this and the clarification needed around the renaming of the community nursery highlight the need for clarification around the topographical areas of the Darug and Guringai people.

Outcome: Aboriginal members to discuss the naming of the Council's nursery offline.

Aboriginal members also requested a special meeting with Council staff to discuss local boundaries, between the Darug and Guringai peoples with the use of a topographical map. (To be advised)

7.4 Development of an internal Council FAQ document.

The meeting discussed the production of an internal Council FAQ document for use by Council staff in response to internal and external enquiries. Council asked for HATSICC's input into the document. It would include Indigenous terminology, contacts, questions and an affirmation of name identity

The Aboriginal members suggest that this document could form part of training that Council runs for all staff.

Outcome: Council staff in consultation with the Chair and Aboriginal Members to develop internal FAQ document.

Proposed meeting time/dates for 2021

The meeting endorsed the dates for 2021, 3pm-5pm (2:30pm for Aboriginal members), Thursday 25th Feb, 29th April 4th June, 26th August and 25 Nov. This includes the proposed date for Children's Voices for Reconciliation concert, 2021, June 4th. This concert is subject to Public Health orders related to public gatherings and concerts and whether there is a change that allows a concert with singing, groups of schools Singing and social distancing rules.

Outcome: Passed by Mariko and seconded by Cllr Waddell

8. Relevant Events:

8.1 Recent and upcoming events

- Darug and Guringai Plaque launch event update.

The Director, Community and Environment outlined the proposed plaque unveiling which is proposed to be held in February 2021

Outcome: HARR members to present Council with a list of possible attendees based on events they have run

- Update on Council budget for Aboriginal events.

The Director, Community and Environment explained to the meeting that all expenditure for Aboriginal related events comes from existing budgets except for Children's Voices for Reconciliation which has its own allocated budget.

- Committee's end of year celebration: Mayor's Christmas event likely not to happen this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Event cancelled

8.2 Diarise events

The Committee will be advised of the proposed opening of the plaque outside of the Council's building

9. General Business:

9.1 Any relevant Council business for HATSICC and the local Indigenous community

- New draft Council strategies and plans (HATSIC Committee received an extension to provide response by Friday 18th December 2020: please diarise):
 - Economic Development & Tourism Strategy 2020-2025;
 - Employment Land Study;
 - Play Plan; and
 - Walking & Cycling Strategy.
- Updates from previous Agenda regarding questions about:
 - Any Council research re: Close The Gap targets (from Item 7.5);

- Any Aboriginal businesses in Hornsby LGA (from the item re: “Hornsby Localised” initiative);
- Any opportunities through the Indigenous Procurement Policy (from the item re “Hornsby Localised” initiative);
- Yarning Circle concept, location, walk to be scheduled at Old Mans Valley (Cllr Browne raised this in General Business); and
- Northern Sydney Aboriginal Directory (from Pending Item list).

Outcome: Cllr Browne, seconded by Cllr Waddell that an update on previous agenda items be provided with these minutes.

9.2 Any relevant community updates?

Nil

9.3 Relevant incoming Correspondence for Noting

Nil

9.4 Any other General Business?

Council explained that Peter Coad, manager, Natural Resources is working with Visit by Indigigrow on the proposed visit to council’s nursery

10. Next Meeting:

3:00-5:00pm (2:30pm start for Aboriginal members) on Thursday 25th February 2021.

Meeting closed 5.30pm

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Updates from previous Agenda regarding questions.

Close the Gap targets

Council is examining the document to see how it relates to Local Government

Any Aboriginal businesses in Hornsby LGA (from the item re: “Hornsby Localised” initiative)

Council have statistics for the first 100 businesses on Localised. None identified as being Aboriginal owned, it was a question asked at sign up. A mail out to all registered businesses in the LGA will be sent out in an attempt to boost numbers on Localised. It is hoped that we will pick up some Aboriginal owned businesses through this process.

The Committee is asked to forward any details of Aboriginal owned business that have dealings in the area to Neil Chippendale at nchippendale@hornsby.nsw.gov.au for possible inclusion.

Any opportunities through the Indigenous Procurement Policy (from the item re “Hornsby Localised” initiative)

Council is discussing the possible use of Localised as a basis for local procurement, this would include local Aboriginal businesses.

Yarning Circle concept, location, walk to be scheduled at Old Mans Valley (Cllr Browne raised this in General Business)

A development application was passed giving consent for initial earthworks, flood mitigation, stability, drainage and safety work. This DA doesn't involve the Yarning Circle.

A tender will be sent out and within it the contractor will be asked to stop work if any archaeology remains are found, this includes any Aboriginal finds.

A walk through the area to be arranged.

Northern Sydney Aboriginal Directory

Council to hold further discussions with relevant committee members



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In light of COVID-19 virtual meeting was held

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country:

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.10pm and Uncle Laurie Bimson gave the Welcome to Country.

2. Attendance and apologies:

Chair

Mariko Smith

Committee Members

Uncle Laurie

Aunty Sue Pinckham (left at 3.40pm – returned???)

Dorothy Babb

Annette Salt

Councillors

Mayor Ruddock

Cllr Waddell

Cllr Browne

Cllr Heyde

Cllr Nicita (3:30pm)

Cllr Gallagher

Council Staff

Steve Fedorow (3:50pm)

Neil Chippendale

Laura Fraser (for item 7.1-7.4)

Alison Bangs (for item 7.1-7.4)

Jian Zhao

Kellie Clarke (left 4pm)

Consultants (For item 7.1-7.4)

Coast History and Heritage – Fenella Atkinson and Paul Irish with Dr Michael Bennett (left at 3:45pm)

Dr Jennifer Jones-Travers joined at 3:45pm (Extent)

Kim Watson joined 3.45pm (Extent)

Observer

Lisa Cahill

Apologies

Aunty Sam O'Brien

Aunty Leanne Watson

Cllr McIntosh

3. Conflicts of interest

N/A

4. Sorry Business

Uncle Laurie laid his mother to rest.

5. Happy Business (good news locally)

Cllr Heyde – Was at a meeting where she did the new Acknowledgement of Country and the Councillor explained that a local resident mentioned that they were extremely happy with the new Acknowledgement that was passed by Council as someone with Indigenous Heritage.

6. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings – Thursday 26th November 2020

Moved: Uncle Laurie

Second: Cllr Waddell

7. Items for Decision or Discussion:

7.1 Aboriginal Heritage Study - Coast History and Heritage (consultants) Michaele, Paul and Fenella

The Committee members were sent the following documents for reference prior to meeting;

- Draft Cost History and Heritage Engagement Strategy;
- Draft Hornsby Aboriginal Heritage Study consent form; -
- A preliminary map of site data provided by AHIMS under the Aboriginal Heritage Information Licence Agreement (AHILA) received from Heritage NSW on 12 February 2021.

The Coast History and Heritage consultant team, Dr Paul Irish, Fenella Atkinson, and Dr Michael Bennett presented their progress and an update on the study. This includes the research they have carried out, works in place, reserves they have investigated, documents used and connections with the communities.

An observer passed comment on Cultural safety when discussing sensitive items with the Aboriginal community – Consultant advised this will be investigated.

Consultant clarified preliminary map of site data is not yet fleshed out and may be difficult to interpret at this stage.

Chair encouraged discussion around these documents to go offline so that if anyone has feedback they can respond by e-mails.

Actions: Consultants – via Alison Bangs to send e-mail outlining what they need from committee members – Neil to circulate to committee.

The Coast History and Heritage consultant team to have a place on each HATSICC agenda to provide updates – discussions and feedback to be taken offline.

Uncle Laurie to put Michael Bennett in contact with his family who lived on the Hawkesbury river.

7.2 Landscape Heritage Study - Extent (consultants)

Kim Watson and Daren Mansfield explained the study and how they were progressing. This includes investigating the heritage listed landscape items (approximately 300 sites) to see what changes have occurred. This will include a check on vegetation conditions. The study will identify the cultural and natural landscapes and attributes that have heritage significance to Hornsby Shire and deliver management recommendations.

There will be consultation at stage 3 and stage 4 – similar as Archaeological Heritage Study. There will be three different ways to do so: in person, survey and zoom workshops. They will also update all the mappings related to the study.

The committee emphasised that Aboriginal culture is not just about the past, but there is a contemporary side. Need to make sure to have time continuity. The meeting also emphasised the importance of listening to Traditional Owners.

Suggestion made about having a special meeting, if needed, so in-depth discussions could be held.

Action: Alison to circulate COAT Hornsby Engagement Strategy – draft, Hornsby aboriginal Heritage Study consent form-draft etc.

7.3 Archaeological Heritage Study - Extent (consultants)

Extent engaged by Council to prepare this study as part of Comprehensive Heritage Study. Consultant, Dr Jennifer Jones-Travers introduced herself and outlined the proposed approach to the study, requesting any input from the Committee – study will progress in 5 stages. Currently completed 2 stages and the stage 3 will start with consultation with the community which will be in person consultation, survey monkey and virtual workshops, etc. There will be public exhibition, workshops and information developed discussing the progress

Chair asked how this study ties into The Coast History and Heritage study – Dr Jennifer Jones-Travers informed the committee that they are separate studies, however if there is an item with archaeological heritage value from other studies they want to recognise and include it.

Chair asked if there is scope for consultants to work together

Alison Bangs – Confirmed that from the start the consultants have been requested to communicate to draw in the probable and possible overlaps

Question was raised around what “reassess heritage” means? Dr Jennifer Jones-Travers explained they are reassessing items listed on the current heritage list and accessing any new sites identified. Extant will check what the current situation is regards sites, are they destroyed and no longer to be listed. The meeting pointed out that these sites are not just archaeological sites, but some are of cultural significance and need to be addressed as such.

Chair commented on the difference in how Aboriginal peoples view and see their heritage and historical sites of importance from how this would be viewed by white people, this is particularly true about items post 1788. It was pointed out that, post 1788, there has been a struggle of direct involvement of Aboriginal people - Even if the sites have been observed and publicly known Aboriginal peoples have different ways to assess that a site is still of value.

Chair suggested Aboriginal members as well as the broader Aboriginal Community need to have the chance to share their stories and be invited to the workshops - Advertising in the papers was suggested.

Action; Consultants and Committee to take discussion offline – Alison to assist sending information through to committee members.

7.4 Thematic History of Hornsby - Draft Report

Alison Bangs suggested the members to take time, think about the report and send feedback to her. She will look at the feedback from the people who take part in public exhibition, then get back to the Committee again.

7.5 Dual naming of the Pennant Hills Community Nursery as Warada Ngurang Community Nursery.

Questions asked about the background of the proposed name, the meaning of the word, etc. In response to the questions Neil informed the Committee about the discussion with the Traditional Owners regarding the appropriate names and explained the meaning of the word, the process and feedback given to council taking it forward from the Traditional Owners who attended the Zoom meeting.

Committee felt uncomfortable discussing this further at the meeting as they needed the full picture. In response to the comments Steve Federow suggested organising a meeting for Aboriginal members to talk about it and emphasised that it is up to the Traditional Owners to say” this is what we choose, not the other people”. Aboriginal people will choose the name, then Council endorse it at a Council meeting.

Action: Aboriginal members to inform Council the date of the meeting, council to organise another Zoom meeting as advised.

8. Relevant Events:

8.1 Recent and upcoming events:

Plaque event to be rescheduled. Uncle Laurie suggested to leave the date for the Traditional Owners and they will organise a date.

Steve informed the Committee that Auntie Edna to do the Welcome to Country. If she is not available, her daughter would be asked.

Uncle Laurie to talk with Auntie Edna, Auntie Leanne and Auntie Tracy.

8.2 Diarise events

Neil to email the Committee the information of all Aboriginal events.

9.1 For You Information from Council:

Co-Chair of the Committee wanted to bring to Committee the attention of the needs to have training on Aboriginal culture and proper terminology use in Council's documents. Emphasised that the words have been legally endorsed. When used by Council there is a need to train the councillors and staff so the words are appropriately.

Questions asked about what training should be planned. Councillor Browne suggested that the Co-Chair organise a meeting chat with the GM.

9.2 Any relevant community updates?

Nil

9.3 Relevant incoming Correspondence for Noting

- Council has received a copy of the Government Architect NSW's "Connecting with Country" framework for planners.
- Alison Salt, Community Programs Officer (Indigenous Identified) at Link Housing reached out to introduce herself.
- Request from Council's Waste Management team re local Aboriginal community consultation re Council developing public education resources.

9.4 Any other General Business?

- **Flag meeting dates in 2021: need to consider any changes to suit members' availability (particularly for Traditional Owners)?**

Aboriginal members to talk the change of meeting dates next week.

Suggestion to have mixed zoom meetings and in person meetings.

- **Council update on reviewing latest The Indigenous Voice report?**

Neil attended the meeting on The Indigenous Voice report on 24/2 and explained that feedback on the report can be found online.

Neil to email the Committee the link of the report.

- **Any updates on Council draft strategies, plans and studies which the HATSIC Committee gave feedback on in late 2020.**

Sustainability Plan to the Council's March meeting.

- **Progress update on Council's draft Aboriginal FAQ + appropriate terminology document (Communications team)?**

Recommendation to engage Indigenous people with it.

- **Update on Reconciliation Action Plan idea for Council to develop and implement.**

Meeting held with Executive Director of Reconciliation NSW. Staff explained that the Community Services team are currently working on various plans DIAP, Ageing Strategy and Dementia Plan. It was also explained that legally staff have a timeframe to develop a DIAP plan so currently no staff time is allocated to a RAP.

It was mentioned that Council had previously published a RAP, and this could be updated.

10. Next Meeting:

3:00-5:00pm (2:30pm start for Aboriginal members) on Thursday 29th April 2021.

Meeting closed 5.20pm

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HORNSBY ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (HATSICC)

Thursday 29th April 2021, 3:00pm-5:00pm (2:30pm start for Aboriginal members)
Federation Room, Council Chambers

Minutes

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country:

The Chair opened the meeting at 3.00pm and Auntie Tracey Howie gave the Welcome to Country.

2. Attendance and apologies:

Chair

Mariko Smith

Committee Members

Auntie Tracey Howie
Dorothy Babb
Annette Salt
Mick Gallagher

Councillors

Mayor Ruddock (arrived at 3:30)
Cllr Heyde
Cllr Nicita
Cllr McIntosh (arrived virtually at 4:30)

Council Staff

Steve Fedorow
Neil Chippendale
Richard Minter (for item 7.1)
David Baharell (for item 7.1)
Kurt Henkell (for item 7.1)
Deavid De-Fina (for item 7.1)

Consultants (For item 7.1)

Elton Consulting attended

Observer

Nil

Apologies

Aunty Sam O'Brien
Aunty Sue Pinckham
Uncle Laurie Bimson
Aunty Leanne Watson
Cllr Browne
Cllr Waddell

3.Conflicts of interest

Auntie Tracey Howie declared a conflict of interest on item 7.1. Her company worked on the Westleigh Sports Complex proposal

4. Sorry Business

Auntie Tracey informed the meeting that a Guringai Elders ashes were scattered on Bar Island.
The meeting was informed that Anette Salt's husband had passed.

5. Happy Business (good news locally)

The committee placed on record the appreciation for the successful dedication/plaque unveiling outside of Council chambers.

6. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings – Thursday 25th February 2021

Moved: Dorothy Babb
Second: Anette Salt

With amendments noted Mick Gallagher is no longer a Councillor.

7. Items for Decision or Discussion:

7.1 Draft Master Plans for Hornsby and Westleigh Parks - Hornsby Council Staff

Previously committee members had been emailed the links to the two draft master plans.

At the meeting committee members were shown a PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposals for the two parks.

During the discussion the Council team informed the committee that the whole process will include awareness of designing with Cultural Heritage in mind. They explained that a company had been engaged which has a background in Cultural Heritage design.

The issue of the Yarning Circle was raised it is requested that the committee will be consulted on this important issue within the next two months.

Neil Chippendale will be the contact and he will pass on all received information to the committee members

It was agreed that the Chair would facilitate a separate meeting by ZOOM so the Aboriginal members could hold a discussion on the proposals and submit a response. Other members were also encouraged to submit a response to the Chair.

Actions: Chair to talk via ZOOM to Aboriginal members to discuss a proposed date and them to inform Neil Chippendale

7.2 Change of spelling – Guringai to GuriNgai – Auntie Tracey Howie | Director | Awabakal & Guringai Pty Ltd

Auntie Tracey Howie explained the The proposal as put to the meeting is to change the way the word is spelt from Guringai to GuriNgai.

Timing of the proposed change was raised considering the recent installation of Councils new signage.

It was agreed that the committee and Council would be ultimately advised by the Traditional Owners and accept what is put forward by them subject to Councils protocols.

Action: A ZOOM meeting of the Aboriginal members will take place. A recommendation will then be put forward to Council to

Addendum to the full committee asking for support for the proposal.

Amendment to the MinutesThe ZOOM meeting took place on 4 May 2021 and the Aboriginal members showed their support of the Guringai People by asking that the HATSIC Committee record in the meeting minutes that they recognise that Guringai will hence forth be written "GuriNgai". The meeting emphasised that the word refers to "man" and "woman" in the local language and it is just about capitalising the "N" in the middle; not separating the word.

The position of the Aboriginal members was that Council support their recommendation from the 4 May. Aboriginal members meeting.

Action: That the recommendation from the meeting of the Aboriginal members on the 4 May 2021 be presented for endorsement at the 24 June 2021 HATSIC Committee.

7.3 Dyarubbin Cultural Centre – Auntie Tracey Howie | Director | Awabakal & Guringai Pty Ltd

The Mayor queried the necessity of Council writing a letter of support for the project as the Cultural centre is on Central Coast Council controlled land.

8. Relevant Events:

8.1 Recent and upcoming events:

Reconciliation Week event performed by David Barnett. The performance will be filmed for broadcast, during Reconciliation Week, on Facebook and YouTube. The filming will take place in a local Kindergarten. The event is being run in conjunction with HARR.

Neil Chippendale gave out cards advertising Meet Mark McKenna, Return to Uluru, a ZOOM and in person event on 19th May at Storey Park

8.2 Diarise events.

As above

9.1 For You Information from Council:

Nil

9.2 Any relevant community updates?

Nil

9.3 Relevant incoming Correspondence for Noting

Nil

9.4 Any other General Business?

Nil

10. Next Meeting:

3:00-5:00pm (2:30pm start for Aboriginal members) on Thursday 24th June 2021.

Meeting closed 5.20pm

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Committee Meeting

HORNSBY ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (HATSICC)

Friday 23th July 2021, 3:00pm-5:00pm (2:30pm start for Aboriginal members)
ZOOM meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880038385>

Minutes

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country: Uncle Laurie Bimson

2. Attendance and apologies:

Chair

Mariko Smith

Committee Members

Aunty Sue Pinckham
Dorothy Babb
Annette Salt
Uncle Laurie Bimson
Mick Gallagher

Councillors

Cllr Heyde
Cllr McIntosh
Mayor Ruddock (arrived 3.26pm)

Council Staff

Steve Fedorow
Neil Chippendale
Mark Powell
Kellie Clarke
Peter Hay
Kurt Henkel
James Frawley

Consultants (Agenda item 7.1)

Katherine Webster
Crosbie Lorimer
Shannon Foster(Bangawarra)
Rhiannon Brownbill
Jo Kinniburgh (Bangawarra)

Observer

Lisa Cahill

Apologies

Aunty Sam O'Brien
Aunty Leanne Watson
Aunty Tracey Howie
Cllr Browne
Cllr Waddell
Richard Minter
Cllr Nikita

3. Conflicts of interest n/a

4. Sorry Business: The Co-Chair noted the difficulties at the current time in lockdown – Avoid social isolation as much as possible

5. Happy Business (good news locally) RUOk has launched a campaign for the Aboriginal community – Aunty Sue to share link

Aunty Sue has a new job - Mental Health First Aid National Coordinator, for the Indigenous community

Mariko has a new position - Australian Museum First Nations Collections and Engagement Manager

The exhibition "Unsettled" was launched mid-May – The extension of exhibition has been agreed due to lockdown and a virtual exhibition will be available.

Mariko has written a case study about Hornsby plaques for the publication *Public History Review*. The article is part of a special issue regards the statue wars and intersections with public history,.

Uncle Laurie informed the meeting that he had been interviewed by Sydney Morning Herald about his tour business

6. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings – Thursday 29th April 2021

Moved by Dorothy Babb

Second by Aunty Sue

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

7.1 Draft Master Plans for Hornsby and Westleigh Parks

- HATSIC Committee submission lodged on 2 June 2021

Clouston - Consultants presented to the committee the Hornsby Park project. The consultants highlighted that they wish to design and connect with Country and want to embed connecting to Country as the basis of landscape and project process. He explained that working with Bangawarra is the number one priority.

Project is up to date

- Masterplan approved earlier this year.
- Public consultation – very positive
- Going towards DA
- Masterplan circulated- change little of natural habitat.

- Entry via Old Man's Valley.
- Lift down to the Quarry.
- Canopy Walk to Old Man Valley.
- Yarning Circle

Bangarwarra described their mission and how they wish to engage across the board, so all voices will be heard. They highlighted three areas: Healing Country, Woman's stories and caring for Country.

Peter Hay from Council explained how the Yarning Circle fitted into the project and how HATSICC will be involved in the siting of it within the park.

HATSICC Aboriginal members to have a meeting with Bangarwarra regarding Yarning Circle and the park concept with support from Clouston.

The Committee thanked the Consultants, Bangarwarra and Council staff for the presentation

The Co-chair raised the proposal sent to Council by Ted Angelo to give an Aboriginal name to a section of the park. Neil Chippendale explained that the proposal is currently with the Major Projects team – To be discussed in August Agenda

- **ACTION:** ZOOM meeting to be arranged. For Aboriginal HATSICC members & Bangarwarra

7.2 Change of Emphasis – Guringai to GuriNgai.

- Committee endorsement the recommendation from Aboriginal Members
- **Action:** Moved Mariko Smith
Seconded by Aunty Sue

8. Items for Decision or Discussion by the Committee:

8.1 Draft Dual Naming Policy:

- Draft was circulated on 31st May to Committee members and re-sent before the meeting, for discussion.

It was felt that caretaker mode should only be for major decisions and policies that don't go to Council and the Dual-naming policy should go to the August meeting.

- **Action:** Steve Fedorow has got approval from the General Manager to have the Policy go up to the August meeting. Neil Chippendale to add justification of why the 5km radius exists for emergency service and add a line discussing how the policy was prepared in consultation with & endorsed by HATSICC Committee

Start incorporating GuriNgai in Policy

Add local to Aboriginal Language experts

Circulate additions via e-mail on Monday responses will need to be received within the day to get it into the business papers.

8.2 Yarning Circle Update:

- Staff update – Covered via consultants

8.3 Heritage Updates as tabled

Neil Chippendale explained that two emails had been circulated giving short updates of two strategies as requested by the committee.

- FAQ with Strat Comm. It is hoped that it will be presented to the committee before the August meeting & could be implemented as soon as the committee has been consulted.

9. Relevant Events:

9.1 Recent and upcoming events:

- Dorothy gave an update on the David Barnett performance and thanked Hornsby Library and the Events section for its continued support and advice. The HATSIC committee thanked Dave Barnett for his ongoing commitment for working with Council.

9.2 Future Events to be Noted

- **Renaming of the Pennant Hills Community Nursery:** opening of Warada Ngurang Community Nursery – COVID has delayed signage going up and formally acknowledging the nursery. As soon as this can happen Council looking to make it happen

10. General Business:

10.1 For You Information from Council:

- Staff currently working on updating the Aboriginal relevant pages on the HSC website, the drafts will be circulated to members for comment and revision. –
- **ACTION:** Timeline of Aboriginal related resolutions with links to minutes to note achievements of Committee and Council to be added

Service Directory: Back on Council website and on going as every year business receive request to update – can be printed as PDF

10.2 Any relevant community updates? General Health Check day NSLHD looking at last weekend in November. An invite to Council to attend the day with the Aboriginal Local Health District. Suggested Acting Manager Community & Cultural Development to attend and Mariko to represent HATSICC

10.3 Relevant incoming Correspondence for Noting

- The meeting was informed that Auntie Tracey had circulated *The hard reality of "truth-telling" A report to the Guringai people on the ancestral language of the Central Coast* which was prepared for Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation by Jim Wafer, June 2021 which is effectively a rebuttal to the "Guringai" debate. It details how the Guringai are Traditional Owners on both sides of the Hawkesbury River.

10.4 Any other General Business?

- **Budget** – At the April 2021 Council meeting a report was presented that *"A recurrent budget of \$15K is required to implement initiatives recommended by the Hornsby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee such as cultural awareness training and an increased number of Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremonies at the beginning of Council Meetings and Citizenship Ceremonies"*

Council agreed to allocate funds for a recurring budget of \$15000.

Clarification was sought as to reason the funds were applied for? For Council to use or for HATSICC to direct use of funds?

The meeting then discussed how the money should be allocated. Should it go to the local Aboriginal communities or directly to HATSICC. The committee also discussed whether the money should go to Welcome to Country and training, or not, as some members of the committee believe that money for these should be allocated out of other budgets.

The committee also discussed events and staffing.

Laurie Bimson mentioned that the GuriNgai language books were good and that some of the money could be spent on a reprint.

- **Action:** Further guidance will be sought as to how the budget will be allocated.

Auntie Sue stated that Council no longer has an Aboriginal Social Plan and there has not been any targeted community strategies or staff employed.

Staffing/Training - Update on previous requests & other opportunities

- **Community Engagement** – meeting was informed that feedback was sent to Council regards the Public Engagement Plan/Strategy.

The Co-Chair thanked Kellie Clarke for work she has done on behalf of HATSICC as she is leaving Council.

Meeting closed at 5:30

10. Next Meeting:

3:00-5:00pm (2:30pm start for Aboriginal members) on Thursday, 26th August
Federation Room – Hornsby Shire Council Chambers – Zoom until further notice
Meeting closed 5.27pm

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