

NAME Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group Meeting

Thursday 21st February 2019, 6:00pm – 8:15pm

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General Information

Location:

260 Liverpool Road, Ashfield NSW 2131
Tel: (02) 9799 8488

WELCOME:

A Welcome to Country was performed as we were holding the meeting on Wangal lands; however acknowledgement was made to the Gadigal clan as the IWC area covers both.

INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES:

Uncle Robert Webb - former LATSICC Member
Uncle Allan Barnes - former MACC Member
Janelle Scott – former ACC Member

Apologies

Therese Heffernan
Jessica Staines
John Staines
Ben Bowen
Pamela Touma
Agnus Ware
Jenny Thomsen
Susan Griffiths
Nardi Simpson

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:

Nil

ADOPTING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEETING DATES: TOR attached

Meeting days need to be changed as Thursday evenings do not work for most of the group.

Dates have been changed to the following

Tuesday 16 April 2019

Tuesday 18 June 2019

Tuesday 13 August 2019

Tuesday 15 October 2019

ELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON

This will be done each meeting according to those attending and to allow each to have a chance to chair and improve skills.

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WARD NAMES FINALISATION: see new council ward map attached

Balmain Ward = Baludarri (Leather Jacket)

Leichhardt Ward = Gulgagya (Grass Tree)

Ashfield Ward = Djarrawunang (Magpie)

Stanmore Ward = Damun (Fig Tree)

Marrickville Ward = Midjuburri (Lilypilly)

Council would like these words to be as a sound-bite for use on the website. Council will ask Nardi Simpson & Joel Davidson to record the words as they were instrumental in working with language for Patyegarang Place.

CRITICAL INVESTIGATION – DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION:

The members who were present will allow Council to use the information gained within the critical investigation for the purpose to inform Council and Council staff of the Aboriginal history and heritage that they divulged during interviews.

INDIGENOUS SURVIVAL MEMORIAL:

Council had proposed that there be an establishment of a 'Frontier War Memorial', however in the November Council meeting it was decided that 3 Aboriginal Survival Memorials across the LGA would be a better outcome for the Aboriginal communities that make up the IWC LGA. Council staff proposed sites are Balmain East, Ashbury & Tempe. Community Services & Culture staff will present a report back to Council on the proposed costs and locations for these memorials later in 2019.

ABORIGINAL ACTION PLAN:

There needs to be an Aboriginal Plan written to help guide Council, Councillors and staff to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. The former Councils had the following Aboriginal Plans

Former Leichhardt & Ashfield Councils = Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

Former Marrickville Council = Belonging Plan (Draft) for over 10 years.

Discussed what the differences are between the two plans

RAP

- written by the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities
- Practical actions that help guide Council, Councillors & staff working in/with the Aboriginal community.
- Actions which are the responsibility of the whole Council, not just the Aboriginal Programs Unit
- endorsed by Council and Reconciliation Australia (federal body)
- reported by actions achieved annually to Reconciliation Australia

Belonging Plan

- written by the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities and people
- Practical actions that help guide Council, Councillors & staff working in/with the Aboriginal community.

STEEL PARK COMMUNITY ROOMS

Council is providing a small space for the Aboriginal community to meet and gather. It will be located at Steel Park. (see diagrams attached) This has been put out for tender and we are awaiting the final estimates before building goes ahead. It should be completed by June 2019.

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RECONCILIATION WEEK

2019 IWC will be part of the ERLGATSIF Pauline McLeod Awards which will be held at Woollahra Council in May. The PMA's are for Primary Schools with an Art Competition, Secondary Schools with a Film Competition and then the Community Awards for Reconciliation which has both a Youth and General category.

EDGE – LAUNCH GREENWAY/LILYFIELD

EDGE is IWC equivalent to VIVID. Council is launching different areas across the LGA with this program. It is about showcasing the arts, artists and the creativity that makes up the Inner West. The next EDGE launch will be at Lilyfield on the Greenway which will be on Saturday 30th March 2019. This day will be a mixture of different event from ecological to young people's areas Wanders Football Club as well as the production companies that are housed around that area are all involved. So come along and have a picnic with the family and check out the artistic expression and vision of the Inner West.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business conducted

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm