



## **Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Working Group**

**Tuesday, 20 April 2021 – 6pm**

Ashfield Service Centre

Peter Cross & Irene Williams Community Rooms 3 & 4

260 Liverpool Road

Ashfield NSW 2131

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### **MINUTES**

**Welcome to Country – Deborah Lennis**

**Introductions –**

**Community**

Janelle Scott – member

Derek Wilson – member

Allan Barnes – member

Katrina Thorpe – member

Nell Grahame – Presenter (left @ 6:35)

**Staff –**

Deborah Lennis -Facilitator

Naomi Bower - Presented (left @7:20)

Simon Watts – Manager (left @7:20)

**Apologies**

Robert (Bob) Webb – member

Cathy Craigie – member

Pam Touma – member

Ben Bowen – member

Tess Heffernan – member

Jenny Thomsen – member

Angus Ware – member

Maddie Gibbs & Jason Wing – Presenters

Joshua Staines – Staff -Aboriginal Program Officer

Victoria Johnstone –Staff – Living Arts

**Preamble – Deborah Lennis**

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**Confirmation of previous minutes and actions** – no minutes as no quorum at last meeting, however discussed the outcomes and updates of the guest speakers/presenters.

1. Foxy Laners – JS helped with an Indigenous design to be part of their display – cost of copper – one of the artists won first place in the 2021 Royal Easter Show for their artworks- working on schedule.

## 2. Arts & Placemaking

Gadigal & Wangal Wayfinding - Sculptural work – Jasmin Sarin still on schedule - visiting in 2 weeks

Greenway – assessing Missing Links Artworks – next week

Research Collaboration – still in progress – working on webpage

Parra Road Upgrade – Boomalli were invited to submit

Greenway Edge – Madwings doing things down there will be a Aboriginal community

luncheon – date to be announced

Taverners Hill – assessing Missing Links Artworks – next week

Explorers Park – will work with the committee members to be involved after this financial year

## 7. Items for discussion

Steel Park Community Rooms – EOI's out and being assessed

IW RAP – will be taking it to the new GM after he starts (3<sup>rd</sup> May) – GM: Peter Gainsford - former Leichhardt Director & GM of Canada Bay

## Guest Speakers

1. MadWings – Artists Re: Art Camp on the Greenway – apologised for them not being able to attend, as the shipping container was 'Stolen' from site a few days before and they were dealing with those issues.<sup>i</sup> - there will be an Aboriginal community luncheon – date to be announced

2. Arts & Placemaking Programs – Victoria Johnstone – apology helping with issue above – information about Art Camp on the Greenway<sup>ii</sup>

3. Parramatta River Catchment Group -Nell Grahame (Co-ordinator) Parra River Catchment Group – IW member - 266sqKm – 2014 mission Swimmable River – start making Aboriginal connections – and the grant information<sup>iii</sup>

IDEAS- Employment

- Workshops
- Artworks – by local artists
- Teaching spaces – educational – community
- Gardens – water quality/land degradation
- Education - Research – partnerships -
- Signage
- Lifestyles
- Planning /implementing

4. Cultural Strategy – Naomi Bower – presented in PowerPoint the changes made to the document after last meeting based on feedback from both the committee and the Aboriginal

staff within Council. Explained it will be going out on Public Exhibition where we still have an opportunity to make comment<sup>iv</sup>

5. Aboriginal Programs - Joshua Staines – was unable to attend so sent through an update to all members earlier in the day<sup>v</sup>

#### **Items for discussion and action**

6. New TOR and elected Chairperson – according to the former TOR we didn't have a quorum, however, need to still update the TOR as we are a new type of committee so explained some differences from previous and decided on a new TOR for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee<sup>vi</sup>
7. IWC Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) – see notes above
8. Community Business – Other council updates & Community update
  - a. Correspondence – email from Janelle Scott (Member) RE: Community Space – Leichhardt Hotel<sup>vii</sup>
    - i. ACTION: to put a proposal to Council for acquisition of the former Leichhardt Hotel for use by the Aboriginal community

Meeting closed: 8:00pm

**Next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

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<sup>i</sup> Newspaper article

<sup>ii</sup> IW Media Release

<sup>iii</sup> Parramatta River Catchment Group Handout

<sup>iv</sup> PowerPoint -

<sup>v</sup> See Joshua's email

<sup>vi</sup> New Terms of Reference

<sup>vii</sup> Email to Deborah Lennis (Facilitator) from Janelle Scott (Member)