



Notice of Ballina Shire Council Aboriginal Community Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Aboriginal Community Committee Meeting of Ballina Shire Council will be held in the Ballina Shire Tuckeroo Room (Committee Room), 40 Cherry Street Ballina on **Thursday 03 April 2014 commencing at 5.00 pm.**

Business

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Confirmation of Minutes
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 - a) Responsible pet ownership
 - b) Draft Vegetation Management Plan for the East Ballina Reserves
 - c) Management of Wardell Cemetery
5. Deputations
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 - a) Coastal Pathways Project
 - b) National NAIDOC Awards
 - c) Aboriginal Mural in Council's Customer Service Centre
 - d) Draft Ballina Shire Cultural Plan
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Access to the meeting room is via the ramp off Cherry Street. The main access to the Council's Customer Service Centre is closed at this time.

Paul Hickey
General Manager

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 20 February 2014 were distributed to members on 4 March 2014. A copy of the Minutes is attached to the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee confirms the Minutes of the Ballina Shire Aboriginal Community Committee meeting held on 20 February 2014.

4. **Matters Arising from Last Meeting**

a) ***Responsible Pet Ownership***

Recent discussions have been held with the RSPCA and NSW Health regarding a companion animal program for Cabbage Tree Island. NSW Health has registered its interest with Council in being a part of any project on Cabbage Tree Island. It currently has a program called 'Housing for Health' in Indigenous Communities and companion animal management forms part of this program.

In November 2009 a dog health program was implemented in Jubullum, a discrete Aboriginal community in Northern NSW. The program involved a partnership with NSW Health, NCAHS, RSPCA and Tenterfield Shire Council. NSW Health has provided Council with a copy of a report on this program and the report is currently being assessed with the view to implementing a similar program on Cabbage Tree Island. Updates will be provided to this Committee once Council is in position to move forward with such a program.

b) ***Draft Vegetation Management Plan for the East Ballina Reserves***

At the last meeting, members were invited to review the draft plan and make submissions to Council's Mr James Brideson if they wished to raise matters of concern or have aspects of the document changed. It is noted that no submissions were received by 20 March, which was the closure date.

The Committee also requested that the draft document be referred to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage requesting that it be integrated with the draft management Plan for the declared East Ballina Aboriginal Place. This referral was made, but no reply from that Department has been received to date.

c) ***Management of Wardell Cemetery***

Members have agreed to work with Council staff to examine opportunities to improve management practices and recording of Aboriginal burials at the Wardell Cemetery.

Council staff would like to make arrangements to meet with relevant Aboriginal community members to begin discussions about this project.

5. **Deputations**

NIL.

6. **General Business**

a) ***Coastal Pathways Project***

Council's Engineering Works Manager, Paul Busmanis and consultant, Ian Fox will be in attendance at the meeting to inform on progress concerning this important community project.

b) ***National NAIDOC Awards***

The National NAIDOC Committee has recently called for nominations for the National NAIDOC Awards. The awards feature a number of different categories and provide recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who contribute to Australian society through music, art, culture, community, education, environment, sport, employment and politics.

Nominations for the awards close on Wednesday 23 April 2014. Recipients will be announced at the National NAIDOC Awards Ball and Ceremony, which will be held during NAIDOC Week, 6-13 July. Host city for the awards ceremony this year is the Gold Coast.

Information relating to the awards may be obtained from the National NAIDOC website.

c) ***Aboriginal Mural in Council's Customer Service Centre***

The Committee is asked to note that on 27 February, members of the Saltwater Women's art group attended Council's Customer Service Centre and a morning tea with Councillors. The occasion was to present a cheque to the group for completion of the Mural which had been commissioned for the building's front foyer.

Customer Service staff have advised that they have received positive community feedback regarding this project. The attached media article provides coverage of the presentation.

d) ***Draft Ballina Shire Cultural Plan***

Members are advised that this draft plan has recently been exhibited for community feedback. The document is available for viewing on Council's website, or a copy may be obtained upon request by contacting Council staff by telephone on 6686 1284.

The draft cultural plan sets out what cultural activity the Ballina Shire community values most, and how these activities can be fostered through identified goals and objectives.

The draft cultural plan has been prepared following detailed community engagement.

7. Business Without Notice

This item provides an opportunity for updates and / or questions to be presented by the members.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- Our Community : Our Culture; Draft Ballina Shire Cultural Plan 2014 -2020
- Draft Car Parking Contributions Plan 2014
- Draft Destination Management Plan 2014 - 2020
- Draft Asset Management Policy Review

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday 29 May 2014

10. Meeting Closure