



Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting

Thursday 7 September 2023

2.00pm

Council Chambers

209 Comur Street, Yass

ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee will be held in Council Chambers, 209 Comur Street, Yass, on Thursday 7 September 2023, commencing at **2.00pm**

AGENDA

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Acknowledgement of Country

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes**
Minutes of Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2023
- 4. Staff Reports**
NAIDOC Week Activities – Verbal Report
- 5. Next Meeting**

Close of Meeting Time

CHAIR



Minutes of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting

Thursday 18 May 2023

4.00pm

Council Chambers
209 Comur Street, Yass

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Present

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting was confirmed by Cr Mike Reid.

4. Presentation

5. Reports

5.1 Oak Hill

Summary

Oak Hill requires regular grass cutting to make the area tidy. Council will look at adding this to its schedule.

Committee Recommendation

That Council approve:

- *This area being added to Council's mowing schedule.*

5.2 Block of Land near Old Water Works

Summary

Council was advised that there are burials in the block on the same side of the road Oak Hill, on the right side of the house. Concerns its is looking to be developed. Community would like this area turned into a Memorial Area with burials within identified.

Action:

- *More information from the Planning area be sourced for the next meeting.*

5.3 RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan)

Summary

Council's RAP is due for renewal.

Action:

- *A copy will be distributed to the Committee members prior to the next meeting*
- *Members will bring their edits to the document to the next meeting.*

5.4 Committee Meetings

Summary

The members appreciated receiving a reminder for the meeting a week out of the meeting and request that this continue.

Action:

- *Council staff will send a reminder of the meeting, 1 week prior to each meeting.*

5.5 NAIDOC

Summary

NAIDOC is 3-9 July 2023 and the theme is *For Our Elders*. The community would like a Flag Raising ceremony on Friday 7 July at the Memorial Hall, plus a morning tea. It was suggested that a morning tea be held after the flag raising event which the local primary schools and elderly residents be invited.

NAIDOC celebrations can take place between July and October. It was agreed that a week of celebrations be held in early September in conjunction with a Seniors Week of activities. Members would like to see a lunch held for elders with juniors to serve the meal, and storytelling by the elders.

Action:

- *Council's Events Officer will develop an event and discuss with members to finalise*
- *Council's Events Officer will develop a draft program and discuss with member to finalise*
- *Flyer for the NAIDOC lunch be ready for distribution at the July event*
- *Council will organise for the NAIDOC flags to be flown in Comur Street during the week in September chosen to celebrate.*

5.6 Reconciliation Week

Summary

Reconciliation Week is the last week in May. Sorry Day is on 26 May. This years theme is "Be a Voice for Generations". Suggestion was floated that the Library hold an event with colouring in sheets from the Reconciliation Week website and an aboriginal book display.

Action:

- *The Director will speak with the Library to coordinate a Colouring In event, with morning tea, and an Aboriginal Book display on 26 May.*

5.7 Scar Tree Opening

Summary

The Committee Members would like to see this opening take place during the NAIDOC celebrations.

Action:

- *This event is to be planned the same week as the NAIDOC celebrations in September 2023*
- *Council's Events Coordinator will liaise with the Committee members for finalise details and promote.*

5.8 Ngunnawal Women's Business

Summary

Council's Director Corporate & Community was approached by the Ngunnawal Women's Business representatives regarding looking for Council assistance to hold women events in Yass area.

Action:

- *That the Ngunnawal Women's Business representatives be invited to the next Committee meeting.*

5.9 Overview of Sustainability Advisory Committee

Summary

Cr Adrian Cameron provided an overview of the Sustainability Advisory Committee. They have nine enthusiastic members and have held six meetings in the last 12 months. They are presenting a Sustainability Policy to May 2023 Council meeting. Areas they are currently reviewing are Waste (green waste bin and FOGO) and Electric Vehicles (cars and mowers), among others.

The Committee is looking for community ideas on sustainability, and are aiming to do more consultation to gain feedback from the community. They are also looking for an indigenous perspective and welcome any input from this Committee.

Members were invited to attend the next meeting on 30 May.

6. Next Meeting

Thursday 24 August 2023, at 2.00pm in Council Chambers
209 Comur Street, Yass

The meeting closed at 3.49