



Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21 February 2024

4.00pm

Council Chambers

209 Comur Street, Yass

ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Committee Member,

A meeting of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee will be held in Council Chambers 209 Comur Street, Yass, on Wednesday 21 February 2024, commencing at **4.00pm**

AGENDA

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Acknowledgement of Country

Yass Valley Council recognises the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land, water, and sky. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future emerging leaders. We extend our respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

1. Apologies

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2023

4. Presentation

Murrumbateman All Abilities Playground Site Selection – Complete Urban (to be confirmed)

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6. Next Meeting

Close of Meeting Time

CHAIR

Committee Members: Crs K Turner and M Reid, C Cronan, R King and K Denny



Minutes of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting

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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

5.1 2022/23 ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT

The Standard Committee Constitution & Instrument of Delegation provides for the preparation of an Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2022/23 Annual Report be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- Standard Committee Constitution & Instrument of Delegation

REPORT

In accordance with the *Standard Committee Constitution & Instrument of Delegation* an annual report has been prepared for 2022/23 (refer **Attachment A**). The report is provided for noting.

ATTACHMENTS: A. 2022/23 Annual Report [↓](#)



Aboriginal Consultative Committee

Annual Report 2022/23

Terms of Reference

- To provide a forum for support, communication and understanding between the Aboriginal Community and Council
- To consider and make recommendations to Council on Aboriginal issues

Members

Member	Appointed	Resigned
Cr K Turner	24 Feb 2022	
Cr M Reid	24 Feb 2022	
C Cronan	26 May 2022	
K Denny	26 May 2022	
R King	26 May 2022	
T Denny (Acting CEO Onewal LALC)	26 May 2022	
S Shey (Acting CEO Onewal LALC)	6 Oct 2022	

Meetings Attended

Member	30 June 2022	6 Oct 2022	8 Dec 2022	18 May 2023
Cr K Turner	✓	✓	✓	Attendance not recorded
Cr M Reid	✓	✓	✓	Attendance not recorded
C Cronan	✓	✓	✓	Attendance not recorded
K Denny	✓	✓	✓	Attendance not recorded
T Denny	✓	x	x	Attendance not recorded
R King	✓	✓	✓	Attendance not recorded
S Shey (Onewal LALC)	x	✓	✓	Attendance not recorded

Committee Project Status

Project/Project Officer	Key Stages	Due Date	Status
Aboriginal Flag at Memorial Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiations between RSL Sub Branch and Onewal LALC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 Dec 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed
Oak Hill Grass Cutting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add to mowing schedule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed
Block of Land near Old Water Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential burial site Further planning information required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A Aug 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet completed due to postponement of meeting
Reconciliation Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute existing plan to committee members Members to provide feedback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 2023 Aug 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Not yet completed due to postponement of meeting
NAIDOC Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's Events Officer to draft a program in consultation with members Develop flyer Council to organise flags on mainstreet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2023 June 2023 June 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event postponed until week commencing 18 Sept 2023 Completed Completed
Reconciliation Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last week of May Library to organise colouring in event and Aboriginal book display 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 May 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed
Scar Trees Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 Sept 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed
Ngunnawal Women's Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite Ngunnawal Women's Business representative to the next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet completed due to postponement of meeting

5.2 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY

REPORT

As part of the community engagement a survey for Yass Valley residents is being undertaken to ensure the *Towards 2042 Community Strategic Plan* is an accurate representation of our future.

RECOMMENDATION

That the members of the Aboriginal Consultative Committee complete the survey and encourage their peers and fellow residents to do the same, prior to 15 March 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY & LEGISLATION

- *Local Government Act 1993*
- Office of Local Government IP&R Guidelines

REPORT

Council is one of the Canberra Region Joint Organisation (CRJO) councils who do a Regional Community Strategic Plan (CSP). This year we are undertaking a survey to ensure the CSP accurately represents the community perspective of the Yass Valley future.

The CSP will be updated in 2025 after the Council elections in September 2024.

This survey will allow us to continue to plan our Delivery Program and Operational Plan in accordance with the Towards 2042 Regional CSP.

The survey is open from 1 February to 15 March 2024 and can be completed by the following methods:

- Online link found on council's website
- QR code on council's website
- Hard copies are available at the Administration Office, Yass Valley Information Centre, or Yass Library.

Council Executive Team and Councillors are attending most village community meetings to present the survey (refer **Attachment A**) and encourage as many in the community to have their say.

ATTACHMENTS: A. CSP Community Engagement Presentation [↓](#)

Community Strategic Plan Review 2024



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Vision



Vision: *To build and maintain sustainable communities while recognising and respecting the environment and First Nations people of the country.*

The Yass Valley local government area has townships at Yass and Murrumbateman, and villages at Binalong, Bookham, Bowning, Gundaroo, Sutton, and Wee Jasper, with an estimated population of 17,377 residents.



Survey

- How do you feel about the vision in the adopted CSP?
- How are we tracking with the existing CSP?
- What makes your community a great place to live?
- What do you think are the main challenges facing your community?
- What have you seen in another area/council that you think would work well in your community?



Survey (continued)

- What have you seen in another area/council that you think would work well in your community?
- What is one thing you would like to see achieved in your community in the next 10 years?
- What services or projects do you think Council should be prioritising or lobbying other levels of government for?



Towards 2042

- We are reviewing the Community Strategic Plan and would like to hear from you about your ideas and priorities for our future.
- Survey will be open from 1 February to 15 March 2024.
- It will take approx. 5 minutes to complete.
- We will use the information you provide to review our Community Strategic Plan and make sure that it is an accurate representation of our vision.



Questions



5.3 NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY ACTION PLAN GRANT FUNDING

REPORT

The State Government has announced, as part of the 2023-24 Budget to provide non-infrastructure grants to help implement the National Road Safety Action Plan 2023-25 with a focus on key areas of activity. The grant is an opportunity to fund project that will delivery local solutions for First Nations communities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council staff make an application for a DLAP program as part of the grant funding on offer.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Fully grant funded with no matching contributions.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Nil

REPORT

NSW Government have grant funding for a Driver Licensing Access Program (DLAP).

The program can help with:

- getting a learner licence
- getting on-road driving experience
- progressing to a provisional licence, and
- regaining a licence.

The program is run by service providers who will give culturally appropriate support to get you on the road, driving safely. DLAP service providers help you with:

- understanding road rules and road safety
- improving reading, writing and computer skills to prepare you for licence tests
- meeting licence application requirements (e.g. getting identification documents)
- communicating with Service NSW and other government organisations
- accessing roadworthy vehicles
- helping to manage fines and debts to allow you to get your licence.

After investigation by Council staff, there is a course called DLAP (Driver Licensing Access Program) that is currently run by an indigenous group in Young. It is suggested that perhaps we could look at providing this program in the Yass Valley.

Information on the current program can be found at [https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/driver-licensing-access-program#:~:text=The%20Driver%20Licensing%20Access%20Program%20\(DLAP\)%20is%20a%20free%20program,refugee%20and%20resettlement%20communities](https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/driver-and-rider-licences/driver-licences/driver-licensing-access-program#:~:text=The%20Driver%20Licensing%20Access%20Program%20(DLAP)%20is%20a%20free%20program,refugee%20and%20resettlement%20communities)

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

5.4 NAIDOC LOCAL GRANT

REPORT

The 2024 NAIDOC Local Grants provide a contribution to the cost of activities and events being held during National NAIDOC Week 2024 (7 - 14 July) that celebrate First Nations' histories, cultures, achievements, and continuing contributions to our country and Australian society. Activities and events should align with the 2024 NAIDOC Week Theme Keep the Fire Burning: Black, Loud & Proud.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee determine how the Yass Valley can celebrate NAIDOC week.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has a budget allocation to contribute to NAIDOC Week.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Nil

REPORT

This grant opportunity provides funding to First Nations communities and organisations to contribute to the costs of local and regional NAIDOC Week activities across Australia.

A discussion will be held at the meeting about how the community would like to celebrate NAIDOC, and when.

If we miss this funding program, the National NAIDOC Committee may have funding, but nothing released at this point in time.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

5.5 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

REPORT

Council is currently updating the Reconciliation Action Plan and are looking for feedback from the Aboriginal Consultative Committee members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Reconciliation Action Plan is updated by staff and the ACC members for adoption in June 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Nil

REPORT

The current document is outdated and required updating prior to approval by the Reconciliation Australian and adoption of Council in June 2024.

The members have received a copy of the action plan via email in late 2023 and are asked to review the document and provide updates to staff prior to April 2024 to enable the plan to be updated with input from the First Nations community members.

Discussions will be held during the meeting to determine the best way to move this review forward.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil