



Tamworth
REGIONAL COUNCIL
Minutes

**Tamworth Aboriginal Community Consultative Committee
for Tamworth Regional Council (TACCC)**

Tuesday, 10 September 2019 – 10:00am

Tamworth and Armidale Aboriginal Children Services, 2/180 Peel Street, Tamworth

Organisation	Representative	
Aboriginal Affairs NSW Greater Northern Region	Archie Tanna	<i>Apology</i>
Aboriginal Education Consultancy Group	Tom Flanders	
Birrilee MACS Child Care Centre	Rachael Phillips	
	Kylie Taylor	
Gabba Binaal Elders Group	Robert Bergan	
	Aunty Rose Porter	
	Lisa Shipley (Coordinator)	<i>Present</i>
KADS Elders Group	Brigit Knox (Coordinator)	
Mara Mara	Sharon Porter	<i>Present</i>
	Darlene Denison	
Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Services	Robert Berwick (CEO)	
	Daisy Cutmore	<i>Present</i>
Tamworth and Armidale Aboriginal Children's Services	Mykol Paulson	<i>Present</i>
Tamworth Local Aboriginal Land Council	Joe Craigie (TACCC - Chair)	<i>Present</i>
	Aunty Yvonne Kent (Deputy Chair)	
	Harry Cutmore	<i>Present</i>
	Lyniece Keogh	<i>Present</i>
Tamworth Regional Youth Council	Joshua Turner	<i>Apology</i>
Walaay Gayaa Reserve Trust	Aunty Connie Newcombe	
	Uncle Michael Porter	<i>Apology</i>
	Jodie Herden	
Yaamanhaa Aboriginal Men's Group	Luke Allan	
Yinarr Women's Group	Loretta Weatherall	<i>Apology</i>
Tamworth Regional Council	Mayor, Cr Col Murray	<i>Present</i>
	Cr Phil Betts	<i>Present</i>
	Director Business & Community - John Sommerlad Alternate for GM	<i>Present</i>
	Manager Cultural Services - Kay Delahunt	<i>Present</i>
	Cultural Development Officer - Andrea Bruno	<i>Present</i>
	Director Art Gallery and Museums – Bridget Guthrie	
Minutes: Mickaela Fairall		

1.0 Administration/Action

1.1 Welcome - Welcome to Country

Harry Cutmore began by introducing the newly elected Chair, Joe Craigie.

Joe Craigie welcomed all to the meeting and called on Sharon Porter to perform a Welcome to Country.

Sharon Porter welcomed all present, acknowledged Elders past and present, Young People, Middle Age People and Acknowledged Country.

1.2 Introductions and Apologies

Joe asked for all in attendance to introduce themselves.

Apologies were received from Archie Tanna, Joshua Turner, Uncle Michael Porter and Loretta Weatherall.

1.3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Accepted as read.

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes from the previous TACCC meeting dated 15 May 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Lyniece Keogh

Seconded: Kay Delahunt

CARRIED

1.4 Business Arising from Previous Meeting

4.0 Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (Tweed Shire Council)

- Copy to be distributed to all members for review.
- A Workshop to be held to discuss and highlight what's important and priorities for Tamworth community.

ACTION: Lyniece Keogh to source a copy of the Plan from the Tweed Shire Council website and distribute to all members.

5.2 Website content development (Heidi Williams)

- John Sommerlad advised that Heidi has resigned from Tamworth Regional Council and is now residing in Canberra and is employed by the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

John Sommerlad asked the Committee if they were satisfied with Council's representation on the committee ie. too many members of Council?

- Mykol Paulson responded by saying he was satisfied with Council's representation, with all members agreeing. He added the more numbers the better and brings collaborative thinking. With the understanding that work needs to be done to encourage more organisations to get involved.

Discussion ensued around the possibility of an identified Aboriginal indoor and outdoor staff member being present at the TACCC meetings.

7.1 NAIDOC

Andrea Bruno commenced by advising that the TLALC feel that they have the administrative capability to host the event going forward. That is providing all administration, including the applying for financial assistance.

Mykol Paulson continued by stating that the event will be driven by the TLALC with the support of the NAIDOC Committee. He continued by saying that it was again successful and getting better every year. He was impressed by the show of other community cultures. Although better coordination amongst the local organisation would be beneficial – one event for all the community.

Harry Cutmore added that the idea of commencing the elderly and less abled at the Court House Hotel carpark was well received, lessening the walking distance. Special mention must be made to the three Coles Supermarkets, Penrose and Kay's meats for their donations.

Cr Col Murray commented that it is clearly a respectful event, given the support by the community and businesses of Tamworth.

1.5 Correspondence In/Out

In – No incoming correspondence was received.

Out – No outgoing correspondence was sent.

2.0 Standing Reports

2.1 23 July 2019 – TACCC Planning Session Outcomes

- Harry Cutmore spoke to the TACCC Planning Session Outcomes Meeting Minutes – 23 July 2019.
- Minutes noted.

Lisa Shipley commented on the need for Aboriginal employees to be available to talk to Elders at Council, for when needing assistance with the paying of their rates, pound fees etc.

- Cr Col Murray replied by advising that Council does provide assistance for all community members for those experiencing difficulties.

2.2 Cultural Development Report

- Andrea Bruno spoke to the Cultural Development Report.
- Report noted.

- Joe Craigie asked who provided the Cultural Awareness Training to TRC employees. Discussion ensued where concerns were raised over the trainer, Dave Widders, being from Armidale and not from Tamworth. It was stated that he was a member of both the Anaiwan and Kamilaroi nation.

- Cr Phil Betts suggested that an Aboriginal staff member of the RAP Working Group be in attendance the TACCC meetings. This was agreed by all in attendance.

- Lyniece Keogh expressed her disappointment in there being no Aboriginal artwork displayed in Ray Walsh House's foyer for the Flag Raising Ceremony. This was acknowledged and noted for future events.

ACTION: John Sommerlad to advise those involved at Council with the organising of the training the concerns raised over the training provider, and report back the Committee.

ACTION: Lisa Shipley to gather a list of Elders names, to provide to Council, who are available to perform a Welcome to Country at Council run events.

2.3 Tamworth Region Cultural Plan 2018-2023

- Andrea Bruno spoke to the Tamworth Region Cultural Plan Report.
- Report noted.

- Sharon Porter added she was concerned over the lack of female representation on Council's RAP Working Group.

3.0 Other Agenda Items

3.1 Artstate Tamworth to be held over 31 October – 3 November 2019

Brochure provided – Artists were well received by those in attendance.

3.2 Local First Australian suppliers/organisations – brochure request

Andrea Bruno was advised to contact Aboriginal Housing for a list.

4.0 General Business

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Harry Cutmore raised the idea and/or need for an Aboriginal Liaison Officer at Council.
- John Sommerlad added that it is on Council's Executive Management teams' agenda and that it was something that came out of the Culture Awareness training provided.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Wednesday, 9 October 2019