

AGENDA



INNER WEST COUNCIL

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER REFERENCE GROUP

Tuesday 1 August 2017

6:30PM

Petersham Service Centre – Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham

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Item No: Item 5

Subject: **Summary of Recommendations from Previous Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group Meeting**

Prepared by: Joshua Staines – Community Development Worker Aboriginal Programs

SUMMARY

To advise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group of the status of the recommendations from the previous meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the information in the summary of recommendations be received and noted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group.

Background

The previous meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group was held on 6 June 2017.

This report is being provided by way of keeping the reference group members informed and updated with regards to any recommendations arising from the meetings.

Financial Implications

N/A

Attachments

Summary of recommendations from previous meeting.

Summary of Recommendations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group			
Date of Meeting	Items	Recommendations	Status
6 June 2017	Inner West Council Community Strategic Plan Consultation (continuation from 4 April 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group meeting)	That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group determined to provide input at today's meeting on Planning & Development, Civic Leadership and Local Business and Industry.	Council staff collected feedback and sent it to both Inner West Council Community Engagement team and Reference Group Members.

Item No:	Item 6
Subject:	Inner West Council Acknowledgement of Country Protocol
Prepared by:	Joshua Staines – Community Development Worker Aboriginal Programs

SUMMARY

Inner West Council is seeking feedback regarding culturally appropriate ways to acknowledge the traditional owners of Inner West Council Local Government Area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *That Council adopts the following statement for official Council email signature:*

“Council acknowledges the traditional Custodians of these lands are the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora Nation”

2. *That Council adopts the following options for Acknowledgement of Country:*

“Today we gather on the traditional lands of the Gadigal and Wangal peoples, lands on which Aboriginal peoples have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. I acknowledge their custodianship over many centuries and their ongoing connection to these lands and contribution to our community”

“I would like to acknowledge the Gadigal and Wangal peoples of the Eora nation who are the traditional Custodians of this land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present and to extend that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present here today.”

Background

The practices of ‘Welcome to Country’ and ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ recognise the unique position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australian culture and history. These practices assert that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the original custodians of the land. As protocols and ceremonies play an important role in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, including these two practices can assist to enhance mutual understanding and respect for cultural practices and protocols.

Different from a Welcome to Country, an Acknowledgement of Country can be delivered by both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. An Acknowledgement of Country is a way that the wider community can demonstrate their respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and culture. It is a respectful custom that can be carried out at events or meetings.

While there are no fixed wording or protocols for an Acknowledgement of Country there are numerous examples. The Inner West Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group determined to put forward two agreed statements that can be used for Council purposes.

Other Staff Comments

N/A

Public Consultation

N/A

Item No: Item 7

Subject: **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Intellectual Property Framework**

Prepared by: Joshua Staines
Community Development Worker – Aboriginal Programs

SUMMARY

Inner West Council are seeking feedback regarding Intellectual Property Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to inform best practice for Inner West Council staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group members provide feedback regarding the intellectual property framework.

Background

At the 6 June 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group meeting, concerns were raised in regards to **intellectual** property.

Key themes and concerns included:

- What are the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in regards to intellectual property .
- How will intellectual property be used by Inner West Council
- How will intellectual property be maintained and stored by Inner West Council

It was also noted at the 6 June 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group meeting that, by not having a firm intellectual property framework, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses could be reluctant to work with Council, thus impacting on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economy in the Inner West.

Presentation

Powerpoint prepared by Community Development Worker – Aboriginal Programs

Attachments

N/A

Financial Implications

To be considered