

AGENDA



INNER WEST COUNCIL

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER REFERENCE GROUP

Tuesday 10 October 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

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Prepared by: Joshua Staines – Community Development Worker Aboriginal Programs

SUMMARY

To advise the ATSIRG 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 Strategic Reference Group

Background

The previous meeting of the ATSIRG 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 ATSIRG)	That the ATSIRG 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: 'Patyegarang Place' Public Artwork Presentation, Caroline McLeod, Group Manager Library and History Services

Prepared by: Rebecca Carroll – Strategic Community Projects Officer, Aboriginal Inclusion

SUMMARY

Council is seeking feedback and endorsement from the ATSIRG regarding the proposed public artwork for 'Patyegarang Place' (copy available on Council's website).

<https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/meetings/strategic-reference-groups/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-strategic-reference-group>

RECOMMENDATION:

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group endorse the proposed public place artwork and consultation process to engage the local Aboriginal community for 'Patyegarang Place' as detailed in presentation.

Presentation:

Presentation by Caroline McLeod, Group Manager Library and History Services

Attachment:

Patyegarang Place Public Artwork Design

Item No: Item 7

Subject: Inner West Council Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country Protocols

Prepared by: Rebecca Carroll – Strategic Community Projects Officer, Aboriginal Inclusion

SUMMARY

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

This includes having an official statement for Council emails signatures and a Welcome to Country protocols guide to assist Council staff on matters related to both Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group recommends that Council adopts the following statement for official Council email signature:

“Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of these lands are the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation”.

2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group recommends that Council adopts the following options for Acknowledgement of Country:

“Today we gather on the traditional lands of the Gadigal and Wangal people, 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 Aboriginal Elders, past and present, and acknowledge their young people who will be our future leaders.”

3. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group recommends that Council seeks feedback from the ATSIRG regarding the content of the “Aboriginal Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country Protocol Guide” which will inform the development of a Council policy document.
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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. It is recognised that protocols and ceremonies including these

two practices play an important role in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and 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 ATSIRG determined to put forward two agreed statements that can be used for Council purposes as well as develop an internal Inner West Council Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country Protocols guide for Council staff.

The content for these guidelines has been sourced from the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils Aboriginal naming and protocol documents. The Inner West Council draft protocols and guidelines developed for Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country and Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming will replace the protocols of the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils. These guidelines will also inform and assist to align development of Inner West Council Policy documents.

Financial Implications

Nil

Attachments

Draft Inner West Council Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country Guide.

Inner West Council Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country Staff Guide

Background and objective

This document will provide detail about Welcome to Country ceremonies and Acknowledgement to Country. It includes a process for staff to engage an appropriate Aboriginal elder to conduct a Welcome to Country.

This Inner West Council draft Acknowledgment and Welcome to Country Staff Guide will replace the protocols of the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils. These guidelines will also inform and assist to align development of Inner West Council Policy documents.

Welcome to Country for Council Events

Traditional Welcome to Country

A Welcome to Country is a speech given by a traditional custodian of the land, usually a Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community, who in the Inner West Local Government Area (LGA) are nominated by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group (ATSIRG) or Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Lands Council (MLALC). It is mostly done at major events and meetings. It welcomes people to visit and meet on the traditional area. The traditional custodians of the area are people who have originally come from that region, and also are acknowledged by the community. The original residents of the Inner West LGA were the Gadigal and Wangal peoples, clans of the Eora nation. Despite dispossession of land, the traditional custodians have a continuing relationship with the land and it is important to respect that by including a traditional Welcome and Acknowledgement in agendas.

In general, a non-Aboriginal person, or an Aboriginal person from a different community, cannot present a **Welcome to Country**. They should present an **Acknowledgement** of traditional custodians.

Acknowledging Traditional Custodians

Even if a Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal Community nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC is not available to give the traditional Welcome, or the gathering is less formal, the first duty of any meeting, event opening, or speech should be to **acknowledge** the traditional custodians as a sign of respect and recognition. At major events each speaker should start with an acknowledgement and the ATSIRG recommends the following examples:

"Today we gather on the traditional lands of the Gadigal and Wangal people, 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 Aboriginal Elders, past and present, and acknowledge their young people who will be our future leaders."

It is also appropriate to acknowledge particular individuals such as Community Elders or representatives of the local Aboriginal community, Aunties or Uncles, if this is known:

"I would like to acknowledge the Gadigal Wangal people who are the Traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on and remind people that we are on Aboriginal land. I also acknowledge and pay my respect to the Elders and in particular those attending today's event."

Aboriginal people who are not from the local area may also acknowledge the Traditional custodians (it is not appropriate for them to give a Welcome to Country).

Ceremony Types

In a Welcome to Country, the Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC will use their own words. If a Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC is invited to perform a Welcome to Country there should be a discussion of expectations beforehand, including the purpose of the event to which they are welcoming people, timeframes, transport and any needs the person may have. Their welcome could be short, or encompass a story about their family or history, or a comment on the purpose of the gathering.

In addition to the words of welcome, other aspects of a Welcome Ceremony could include:

- An invitation to attendees to take a gum leaf from a branch, and take it home with them;
- A smoking ceremony;
- A dance; or
- A didgeridoo performance.

These would need to be negotiated with the Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC in advance. Smoking ceremonies are conducted by Aboriginal people with specialised cultural knowledge. The ceremony aims to cleanse the space in which the ceremony takes place. Given the significant nature of the ceremony, smoking ceremonies are usually only performed at major events, such as the first meeting of a newly elected Council.

Acknowledgement or Welcome?

A Welcome to Country should be considered for all major events, including Citizenship Ceremonies, Councillor Induction ceremonies, NAIDOC week events, large public festivals and event openings, and events with government agencies or the media. Where a Welcome to Country is considered, thought should also be given to whether the Aboriginal Flag should be displayed. Inner West Council flies the Aboriginal flag continuously beside the Australian and State flags on our town halls.

An Acknowledgement of traditional custodians should be incorporated into all public meetings and minor events.

Payment and Fee Structure

In providing cultural services such as Welcome to Country, artistic performances and ceremonies, Aboriginal people are using their intellectual property. Providers of these services should be appropriately remunerated. Inner West Council's standard rate is \$250 for a Welcome to Country. Fees for additional services, such as dance or musical performances should be negotiated on a case by case basis.

Current Community Elders

The following are acknowledged Community Elders willing to offer Welcome to Country in the Inner West LGA:

Community Elder	Telephone	Email	Transaction type

If these community elders are not available for your function it is appropriate to contact the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (MLALC) and request a community elder through this organisation. Requests for Welcome to Country are in high demand so you need to book in advance. The contact details are:

Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (02) 8394 9666 www.metrolalc.org.au

Young People

Generally it is not appropriate to have a young person do the Welcome to Country. Circumstances where it might be appropriate include:

- A youth event; or
- No Community Elders are available; and/or
- A Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC designates or invites a younger person to do it.

Under these circumstances, a lower (or no) fee may be appropriate, commensurate with their level of cultural knowledge, and standing within the community. This must be negotiated prior to the event.

Payment Methods

When booking a Community Elder or the representative of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC for a Welcome to Country, it is your responsibility to ensure that they have all the details required to carry out the ceremony and that they know who you are and how to contact you for all enquiries. It is also your responsibility to follow up any queries or outstanding payments after the event.

It is not possible to provide cash payments within Council's financial structure.

- All payments must be made by cheque or EFT (if a regular supplier).
- If the Community Elder has an ABN, they should provide a tax invoice.
- If they do not have an ABN (most common), they need to provide an invoice *and* fill out a Statement by Supplier form (examples attached).
- The invoice and form should be filled out by the end of the event, and their postal address confirmed. These should be attached to the e-requisition.

- It is also important to process it quickly and advise the Community Elder in advance of the likely timeframe and method for payment.

Reporting Back and Staying in Touch, and Other Considerations

Community Elders and representatives of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC should be treated with respect, as custodians of traditional knowledge and leaders within the community. Community Elders or representatives of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC may have health challenges (eg diabetes or mobility issues). Make sure there is somewhere for the Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC to sit while they wait for their part of the proceedings. It is likely the Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community will come with a support person (a driver or younger person) so they will also need to be accommodated. If the event commences with a meal, invite the Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC and their support person to stay and participate. If necessary, and possible, offer to arrange transport to an event to assist the Community Elder.

Community Elders or representatives of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC may also need to juggle family commitments as they may be carers for young children or be the "go-to" person in a crisis. Be aware that a last minute crisis may delay or prevent them from attending. Staying in regular contact with the Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community as nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC is essential because it keeps you both informed and aware of any potential problems that may arise. It also promotes good relationships, trust and goodwill.

It is helpful to have a backup plan in place. For instance, replacing the Welcome to Country with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians, and/or ensuring the program is flexible enough to have the Welcome to Country a little later in the formalities.

Further Information

In addition, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group (ATSIRG) meets every two months, and may provide advice on projects or approaches.

For advice on meeting times and appropriate approaches you may also contact Inner West Council's Community Wellbeing staff.

References:

- Ashfield Council (2012). *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness Booklet*
- The New South Wales Department of Education and Training, the New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc. (NSW AECG Inc.) and the New South Wales Teachers Federation (2004) *Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country, Guidelines and Protocols for NSW Public Schools and TAFE NSW Institutes*.
- Leichhardt Council (2015). *Protocols for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communication, Consultation and Consent*
- Marrickville Council (2006) *Marrickville Aboriginal Cultural Protocols*.
- NSW Department of Community Services (2009) *Working with Aboriginal People and Communities, a Practice Resource*.

- The Department of Aboriginal Affairs *Aboriginal Cultural Protocols and Practices Policy*.

Glossary of Terms

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

Even if a Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal Community nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC is not available to give the traditional Welcome, or the gathering is less formal, the first part of any meeting, event opening or speech should be a formal **Acknowledgement of the traditional custodians** of the land on which the event is being held, as a sign of respect and recognition. If the event involves more than one speaker, each person speaking should start with an acknowledgement. Aboriginal people who are not from the local area may also acknowledge the traditional custodians (it is not appropriate for them to give a Welcome to Country). It is also appropriate to acknowledge particular individuals such as Community Elders, Aunties or Uncles, if this is known.

The suggested text for an Acknowledgement of traditional custodians is included in this guide.

Gadigal Wangal people

There are many different groups within the Australian Aboriginal community. The traditional Aboriginal Groups of Inner Sydney / Marrickville region are the **Gadigal Wangal** clans of the Eora Nation.

Gadigal land lies south of Port Jackson and stretches from South Head to Petersham with part of our southern boundary lying on the Cooks River. On the western border lies the territory of the Wangal nation, which extends along the southern shore of the Parramatta River to Parramatta.

Community Elder

A **Community Elder** is a member of the community, male or female, who is respected and has the authority within the community to give permission, advise others, and pass on knowledge. Community Elders are usually the holders of traditional knowledge and customs and are the only ones who have the authority to talk about and pass on this knowledge.

A Community Elder is usually, but not always, an older person. Young people may also be given permission to talk on behalf of a Community Elder.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group

The ATSIRG was established in 2017.

The Reference Groups role is to provide input and feedback to Council on matters relating to, and impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This may include:

- Providing input into and feedback on the development of the Community Strategic Plan

- Providing input into and feedback on policies and research which impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Providing input into and feedback on strategies and plans
- Providing input into and feedback on Council programs and initiatives
- Assisting in the development of policies, programs and initiatives to address the needs and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Providing suggestions to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Serving as a resource for Council in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and services.

The Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council

(From www.metrolalc.org.au/aboutus.html)

The MLALC is a significant organisation in the community. The core business of the MLALC is Aboriginal culture and heritage, conservation, education, site assessments, repatriation of Aboriginal remains, archaeological excavation and other cultural heritage business. MLALC can nominate representatives of the local Aboriginal community to give the Traditional Welcome to Country.

Contact details: (02) 8394 9666 www.metrolalc.org.au

Representatives of the local Aboriginal community

In the context of this guide, representatives of the local Aboriginal community are people who are nominated by the ATSIRG or MLALC to give the Traditional Welcome to Country.

Smoking Ceremonies

Smoking ceremonies are conducted by Aboriginal people with specialised cultural knowledge. The ceremony aims to cleanse the space in which the ceremony takes place. Given the significant nature of the ceremony, smoking ceremonies are usually only performed at major events.

Traditional Custodians

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Welcome to Country

A Welcome to Country is a speech given by a traditional Custodian of the land, usually a Community Elder or representative of the local Aboriginal community, who in Marrickville are

nominated by the Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee (ATSIRG) or Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Lands Council (MLALC). It is mostly done at major events and meetings. It welcomes people to visit and meet on the traditional area.

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Item No:	Item 8
Subject:	Inner West Council Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming Guide
Prepared by:	Rebecca Carroll – Strategic Community Projects Officer, Aboriginal Inclusion

SUMMARY

Inner West Council is seeking endorsement from the ATSIRG on the content of the draft Inner West Council Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming guide.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group recommends that Council adopts the content of the draft Inner West Council Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming Guide. The content will be used to inform Council policy and procedures.

Background

Inner West Council understands the important role that the Aboriginal naming or co-naming of significant places such as parks, unnamed streets, roads or facilities can play towards preserving and promoting Aboriginal culture and heritage in the inner west local government area (LGA).

It is one way of acknowledging and respecting the long history and the ongoing connection, custodianship and contribution of Aboriginal people and the local landscape.

Inner West Council has developed the draft Inner West Council Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming guide (Attachment 1). The content for these guidelines has been sourced from naming protocols and policy documents of the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils.

The objective of this guideline is to:

1. Provide Council with a process for the application of appropriate Aboriginal words, or names of significant local Aboriginal historical figures, for the Aboriginal co-naming of unnamed streets, parks or the naming of Council facilities or rooms as identified;
2. Detail the roles of Council, ATSIRG and other stakeholders;
3. Establish an enduring framework that can be revised over time to assist Council to achieve its aims under the Inner West Community Strategic Plan.

The Inner West Council draft protocols and guidelines developed for Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country and Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming will replace the protocols of the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils. These guidelines will also inform and assist to align development of Inner West Council Policy documents.

Financial Implications

Nil

Attachments

Draft Inner West Council Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming Guide.

Inner West Council Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming Guide

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The content for these guidelines have been sourced from former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils Aboriginal naming and awareness documents.

These Inner West Council draft Aboriginal Naming/Co-naming will replace the protocols of the former Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville Councils. These guidelines will also inform and assist to align development of Inner West Council Policy documents.

The objective of this guideline is to:

1. Provide Council with a process for the application of appropriate Aboriginal words, or names of significant local Aboriginal historical figures, for the Aboriginal co-naming of unnamed streets, parks or the naming of Council facilities or rooms as identified;
2. Detail the roles of Council, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group (ATSIRG) and other stakeholders;
3. Establish an enduring framework that can be revised over time to assist Council to achieve its aims under the Inner West Community Strategic Plan.

SCOPE

This guide may be applicable to Council staff, Councillors, the ATSIRG and other stakeholders working on matters related to Aboriginal naming and co-naming.

The Role of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group

The Reference Groups role is to provide input and feedback to Council on matters relating to, and impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This may include:

- Providing input into and feedback on the development of the Community Strategic Plan
- Providing input into and feedback on policies and research which impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Providing input into and feedback on strategies and plans
- Providing input into and feedback on Council programs and initiatives
- Assisting in the development of policies, programs and initiatives to address the needs and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Providing suggestions to improve the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

- Serving as a resource for Council in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and services.

As such, the ATSIRG play a fundamental role in working with Council on all Aboriginal naming matters:

- The ATSIRG will be consulted on all Aboriginal naming proposals, and may also put forward their own recommendations;
- The ATSIRG will be given sufficient time to make comment, investigate and discuss all proposals. When considering Aboriginal naming the relevant Council staff should assess the project or site that they are working on to source an Aboriginal name that is relevant. Staff may elect some preferred options and put these forward, along with all pertinent information, to the ATSIRG for their consideration. All applications for co-naming must be formally endorsed by the ATSIRG and recorded in the Group's minutes;
- All applications must meet the requirements of the associated overarching government Acts;
- The Aboriginal staff within Council's Community Services and Culture team may work with the ATSIRG to seek further support or advice on Aboriginal naming matters from other Aboriginal community members and/or the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Lands Council (MLALC);
- The use of 'The Sydney Language' by Jakelin Troy as a source document. This provides Council officers, or the ATSIRG, with the scope to propose a list of names that have been sourced from an approved document (MLALC have confirmed the document's appropriateness);
- In endorsing any proposal to name or co-name a site within the local government area, ATSIRG will consider whether the Aboriginal word is culturally appropriate and whether the ATSIRG have any reservations about the proposal in terms of image and/or reputation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents of the Inner West local government area and beyond. For instance, the ATSIRG agree that places should not be given Aboriginal names as quick fixes or easy solutions (for example former 'dunny' lanes).

RELATED LEGISLATION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Geographical Names Act, 1966
- Dual Naming – Supporting Cultural Recognition, Information kit 1 May 2004 (Geographical Names Board of NSW)
- Roads Act, 1993
- Local Government Act, 1993

DEFINITION

According to the Geographical Names Board of NSW Dual Naming means “preferencing traditional Aboriginal place names or names with Aboriginal origin wherever it can and restoring traditional Aboriginal names to features with introduced names through its dual naming policy and recognising important traditional Aboriginal place names alongside longstanding introduced names” (Geographical Names Board, 2004)

The Geographical Names Board indicates that Dual Naming is a particular term given to geographical features and cultural sites only. This includes rivers, creeks, waterfalls, beaches, harbours, islands, mountains, caves and those cultural and environmental features of significance to the local Indigenous community.

In response to this particular technical significance around Dual Naming the terminology of ‘Aboriginal naming’ or ‘Co-naming’ is used to describe when an Aboriginal word ‘to sit side by side’ with existing names.

REFERENCES

Ashfield Council (2012). Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness Booklet

Geographical Names Board: *Preserving the history, culture and identity of New South Wales*

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Leichhardt Council (1996). Naming Of Public Places – Aboriginal Names

Leichhardt Council (2014). Naming of Roads, Parks, Reserves & Public Spaces

Marrickville Council (2016). Aboriginal Naming / Co Naming Policy

Troy, J. (1994). *The Sydney Language*. Canberra, Australia: Panther Publishing.

Item No: Item 9

Subject: Aboriginal Naming Projects

Prepared by: Rebecca Carroll – Strategic Community Projects Officer, Aboriginal Inclusion

SUMMARY

Inner West Council is seeking advice and endorsement from the ATSIRG on the Aboriginal naming of the new Council Child Care Centre at Steel Park, 'Luna Room' in Lewisham and an unnamed street in Marrickville.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group:

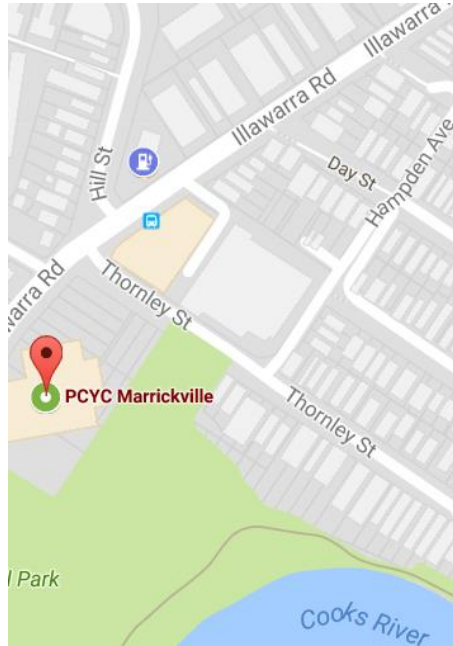
1. recommend to Council an Aboriginal name suitable to the site and the new Steel Park Child Care facility.
 2. recommends that Council adopts the Sydney Language Aboriginal word 'Yanada' which means 'moon' for the Lewisham 'Luna' room.
 3. recommend to Council a suitable Aboriginal name or names for the street located at Crawford Place in Marrickville.
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Background

Inner West Council understands the important role that the Aboriginal naming or co naming of significant places such as parks, unnamed streets, roads or facilities can play towards preserving and promoting Aboriginal culture and heritage in the inner west Local Government Area (LGA).

It is one way of acknowledging and respecting the long history and the ongoing connection, custodianship and contribution of Aboriginal people and the local landscape.

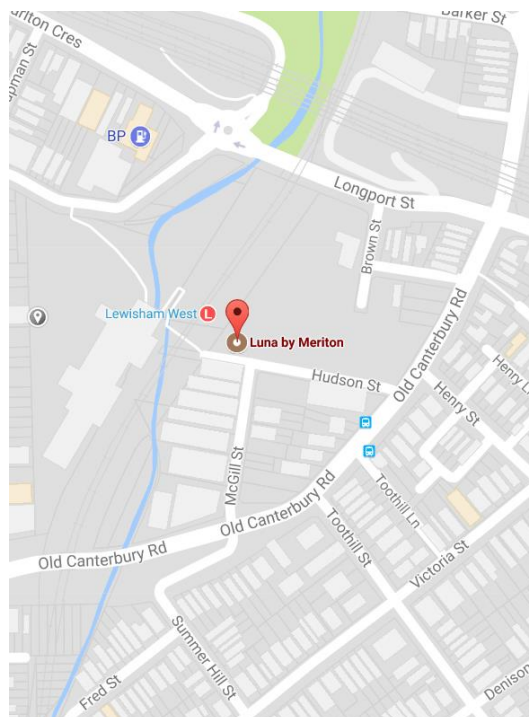
The Steel Park Child Care Centre is located in the Marrickville South area, which has a high population of Aboriginal people and families. Consultation and planning for the new centre highlighted the strong history and connection Aboriginal people have a long history and significant connection to the Marrickville South and Cooks River area. The new centre was identified as an opportunity to promote this rich Aboriginal history and culture through both Aboriginal naming and complimentary design and artwork of the building. Additionally, the aim is to create a welcoming environment to encourage the engagement of Aboriginal families to this Council child care facility.



Steel Park Child Care Centre

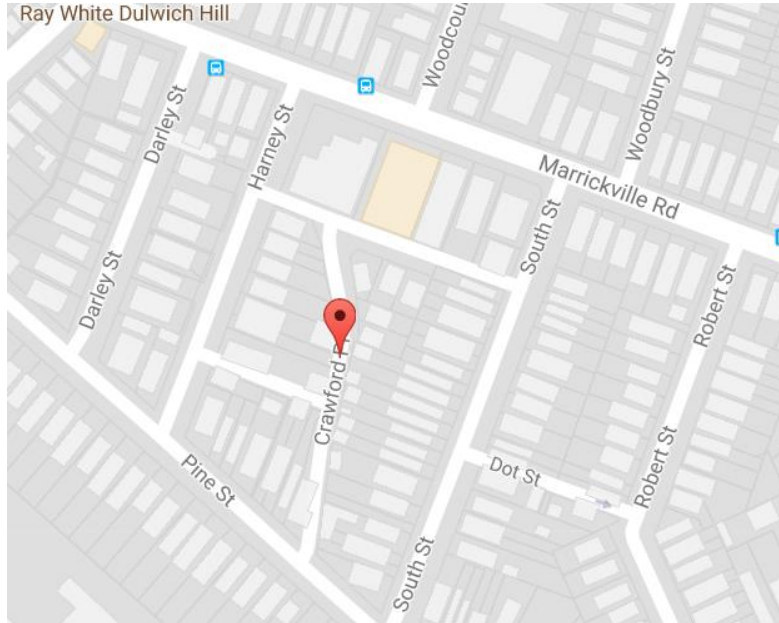
The 'Luna' room is located within the grounds of the new Lewisham West precinct. The facility has been granted to Council for use as a community facility under a planning agreement. Council has recently undertaken a fitout of the facility and will include the room on the Council's community bookings system. It is expected that the room will be predominantly used by residents in the surrounding apartment blocks for small parties, meetings space, gentle exercise, playgroup or other similar activities.

It is proposed that Council adopts the Sydney Language Aboriginal word 'Yanada' which means 'moon' for the Lewisham 'Luna' room.



'Luna' room - 'Yanada' room

Re-Name section of Crawford Place Marrickville. This location is at the Dulwich Hill end of Marrickville. The section of Crawford Place which is unnamed is a former 'Dunny' lane so it is proposed that the ATSIRG discuss whether they would like to give this unnamed street an Aboriginal name, and put forward suggestions, and how the Group would like to proceed with future requests to name unnamed 'Dunny' lanes across the LGA.



Crawford Place Marrickville

Financial Implications

There will be costs associated with signage for each of the three proposed locations. These costs will be assumed by the Inner West Council through 2017/18 Operational Plans and Budget.

Attachments

Nil

Item No: Item 10

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:

1. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group members provide feedback regarding the intellectual property framework.
2. That the intellectual property framework be included in the development of Council policy and procedures.

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.

Is there any reflection on research or other Councils'/ Organisation's may have in place or considered that IWC could consider using as a guide to develop the intellectual property framework?

Presentation

Powerpoint prepared by Joshua Staines to be delivered to the 10 October meeting.

Item 10**Financial Implications**

Nil

Attachments

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Item No: Item 11

Subject: Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference (LGAN) 2017
Summary Report

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SUMMARY

To provide the ATSIRG with a summary report of the LGAN Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group receive and note the summary report on the Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference (LGAN) 2017
 2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group note that the NSW Government are undertaking important reforms to Aboriginal cultural heritage management and conservation. Public consultations about the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill have now commenced and the ATSIRG are strongly encouraged to attend local consultations about this reform to have their say.
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Background

The aim of the LGAN is to:

- facilitate understanding of current issues in local government affecting Aboriginal people;
- function as a mechanism of support for facilitating information exchange and the adoption of new programs; and
- promote opportunities for reconciliation with Aboriginal people.

Report

The 29th Annual NSW Local Government National Aboriginal Networking Conference (LGAN) was hosted by Albury City Council from 13 to 15 September 2017. The theme of this year's conference was "Yindyamarra – respect, be gentle, polite, honour, do slowly".

Inner West Council supported the attendance of:

- Joshua Staines, Aboriginal Community Development Worker;
- Robert Webb, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group (ATSIRG) member and LGAN Executive Committee member;

- Philip Butler, ATSIRG member;
- Rebecca Carroll, Strategic Community Project Officer – Aboriginal Inclusion
- Deborah Lennis, Local Government NSW

Some key highlights of this year's conference included presentations from Nova Peris and Bruce Pascoe. A walking tour along the Yindyamarra Walking Trail followed by a welcome function at the Wonga Wetlands was a special feature. Other presentations included Supply Nation, Local Government NSW, TAFE NSW, Dean Widders – NRL Ambassador, Indigenous Business Australia and Black Dog Institute.

One of the most relevant presentations for Aboriginal communities and Councils at the moment was "*Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act*" - Victoria Nolan, Acting Principal Policy Officer from Office of Environment and Heritage. In 2011 the NSW Government committed to reform the legal framework for conserving and managing Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW. The Government is about to commence consultation on the draft Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill and the ATSIRG are strongly encouraged to attend.

Sydney Details:

Information Session, **6 October**, SMC Conference and Function Centre
Workshop: **13 December**, SMC Conference and Function Centre

To **book an information session by phone** or for further information, please call Jackie Puckeridge from Marcia Ella Consulting on 0481 959 813.

Further information:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/aboriginal-cultural-heritage/legislation/draft-aboriginal-cultural-heritage-legislation-2017-consultation>

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