

AGENDA



INNER WEST COUNCIL

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
REFERENCE GROUP**

Tuesday 14 November 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 10 October 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
10 October 2017	6	<p>1. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group noted the following feedback with respect to the proposed public artwork for Patyegarang Place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Strategic Reference Group endorse the proposed public place artwork and consultation process to engage the local Aboriginal community for 'Patyegarang Place' as outlined in the presentation by Caroline McLeod, Group Manager Library and History Services. b) that the role and work of Nardi Simpson and Aboriginal Community are acknowledged for their contribution to the artwork. c) That the artwork proposed for the garden area be undertaken by an Aboriginal artist as it was initially earmarked for Aboriginal artist Adam Hill, d) that Council investigate how to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into the new library facility. Suggestions included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - incorporating a bush tucker garden, - carpet design and; - clay history wall (refer to the academic work and records of Bruce Pascoe). <p>2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group recommended that future targeted engagement of Aboriginal artists and services include Aboriginal representation on selection panels.</p> <p>3. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group recommended that Council consider allowing longer timelines for artists to respond to an expression of interest process and work collaboratively with</p>	<p>Moved by John and Bob</p> <p>Council staff to provide response at 14 November ATSIRG meeting to address all of the feedback provided by the Reference Group.</p>

		other stakeholders in regards to tenders or expression of interests.	
	7	<p>1. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group recommends that Council adopts the following statement for official Council email signature:</p> <p>“Council acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands are the Gadigal and Wangal people of the Eora Nation’</p> <p>2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group recommends that Council adopts the following options for Acknowledgment of Country.</p> <p>“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”</p> <p>“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.”</p> <p>3. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group</p>	<p>Moved by John and Bob</p> <p>1.The Council Acknowledgement to Country email signature has been adopted</p> <p>2.The approved acknowledgement to Country options will be made available to Council staff and Councillors</p> <p>3.The recommended changes to the</p>

		<p>recommends that Council seeks feedback from the SRG members regarding the content of the 'Aboriginal Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country Protocol Guide' which will inform the development of a Council policy document.</p>	<p>Protocol Guide have been made and a report to the Council Leadership Team is being drafted to progress this document</p>
	8	<p>1. 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. That the guide be amended to include a further point under 'Background' that advises co-naming is not used just for namesake but used for actual Aboriginal cultural or historical significance.</p>	<p>Moved by John and Bob</p> <p>A report to the Council Leadership Team is being drafted to progress this document. It has been noted the ATSIRG advice to put the document on public exhibition.</p> <p>The ATSIRG suggestion for Council to consider working towards developing a statement of commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples will be investigated by Council staff</p>
	9	<p>1. That the recommendations regarding the Aboriginal Naming projects be re-tabled at the next Reference Group meeting after members have had the opportunity to investigate the facilities and laneway.</p>	<p>Moved: Bob and Jessica</p> <p>Council staff have invited ATSIRG members to undertake site visits of proposed Aboriginal naming locations</p>

	10	<p>The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander reference group members had some general discussion and feedback regarding the development of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander intellectual property framework.</p>	<p>Not adopted.</p> <p>Further work and research to be undertaken by Council staff</p>
	11	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 conversation. 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. 	<p>Moved: Bob and John</p>

Item No: Item 6
Subject: Patyegarang Place Update
Prepared by: Victoria Johnstone

SUMMARY

Feedback in response to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group meeting on 10 October 2017. Please find attached 'Navigating Culture' and Public Art – Children's Garden'.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the feedback in response to the Aboriginal Reference Group meeting on 10 October 2017 recommendations be received and noted by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group.

Background

On the 10 October 2017 the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group endorsed the public artwork by Belinda Smith for Patyegarang Place with advice and a number of comments:

- a) that the role and work of Nardi Simpson and Aboriginal Community are acknowledged for their contribution to the artwork.
- b) That the artwork proposed for the garden area be undertaken by an Aboriginal artist as it was initially earmarked for Aboriginal artist Adam Hill,
- c) that Council investigate how to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives into the new library facility. Suggestions included
 - incorporating a bush tucker garden,
 - carpet design and;
 - clay history wall (refer to the academic work and records of Bruce Pascoe).

In response to these recommendation the following three points have been determined:

1. To acknowledge contributions by creative team members and the Aboriginal community, the team (Belinda Smith, Professor Jakelin Troy, Nardi Simpson and Joel Davison) have formulated and agreed on the statement:

"Navigating Culture – The Story of Patyegarang

The Lilydale Corner artwork at Patyegarang Place – Marrickville Library and Community Spaces - is conceived by artist Belinda Smith as a two way sharing of knowledge, history and culture. Professor Jakelin Troy, with creatives and educators Nardi Simpson and Joel Davison, as custodians of knowledge and culture of the Eora community, are working in partnership with Belinda. This public artwork celebrates Patyegarang's story and embeds the Sydney Language in the public realm. Local Aboriginal communities are invited to join workshops and creative programs to develop the work and to share the history and story of Aboriginal communities and contributions to past and contemporary society".

Plummer and Smith's proposal outlines the methodology and plan for Aboriginal community participation in artwork creation through workshops. To ensure community participation in the story-telling, sharing of language and artwork creation, Council staff will work with Belinda Smith and the creative team to consolidate the methodology, timeline and location/s for community workshops, late March to early May 2018. All ages will participate.

2. Council will undertake to commission an Aboriginal artist from the Sydney region to create a public artwork on the rainwater tanks in the Children's Garden. A surface area of 124 metres square, the site is a key focal point of the facility (architectural render attached). An artist brief will address the story of local Aboriginal communities. Aboriginal representative/s will participate in developing the artist brief and on the artwork selection panel.

3. Council staff will continue to identify opportunities to share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and perspectives at the new facility through opportunities such as interpretive and artwork signage across, as well as community engagement, marketing and public programs associated with the launch of the new facility.

Attachments:

'Navigating Culture' and 'Public Art – Children's Garden'

Item No: Item 7

Subject: Inner West Council Australia Day Celebrations & NAIDOC Week Citizenship Ceremony

Prepared by: Joshua Staines – Community Development Worker Aboriginal Programs

SUMMARY

Inner West Council is seeking feedback from the Reference Group in relation to

- the current way in which Council engages with Australia day.
 - Council's commitment to holding a citizenship ceremony during NAIDOC week focusing on Indigenous history and culture and survival.
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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group provide feedback on how the Inner West Council engages with Australia Day.
 2. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group provide feedback in regards to how the Inner West Council host a citizenship ceremony during NAIDOC Week embedding Aboriginal culture, history and survival.
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Background

Council resolved at the Ordinary Council meeting held 12 October 2017:

1. THAT Council seek advice from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group on whether they have a view on the current way in which Council engages with Australia Day. And resolution 2 below.
2. Hold a citizenship motion ceremony during NAIDOC week which focuses on indigenous history and culture and the history of colonisation and survival of aboriginal Australians. Prospective new citizens should be invited to be sworn in or take the oath at this ceremony if they wish to.

Officer Comment

Each year Council collaborates with Gadigal Information Service to co-present Yabun Film Night as part of the Yabun Festival . The Yabun Film Night is scheduled on the eve of Yabun, or a date close to 26 January.

Council is in the process of finalising the Australia Day 2018 program. Similar to previous years there will be a large event at Enmore Park which includes a Welcome To Country and possibly two performances from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performers. Activities include food stalls, Citizenship Ceremony, children's activities and fireworks.

Item No: Item 8

Subject: Inner West Council Aboriginal Naming of the five Council wards.

Prepared by: Joshua Staines – Community Development Worker Aboriginal Programs

SUMMARY

Inner West Council is seeking feedback regarding the proposition to name the five Inner West Council wards with Aboriginal names. Council is also seeking comment about its proposal to promote Aboriginal culture by featuring Aboriginal artwork and design on the Council website.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group provide feedback on the proposition of Aboriginal naming for the Inner West Council wards;
2. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group discuss and provide feedback and advice on the proposal to promote Aboriginal art on the Inner West Council website.

Background

At the 31 October 2017 Extra-ordinary Council Meeting it was proposed to name the five wards of Council with Aboriginal names. Council agreed to seek feedback from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group for their input and comment and following advice from the Reference Group seek further input from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Lands Council.

Council also discussed the proposal that the Inner West Council should have Aboriginal artworks or designs featured more prominently. It was agreed that feedback should be sought from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group.

Officer Comment

The former Leichhardt Council had Aboriginal names for its wards and the former Marrickville Council also had Aboriginal names with associated Aboriginal designs to reflect these names. If it is agreed that Aboriginal names be designated for the Council wards staff seek feedback from the Reference Group about ideas and what the Group thinks is the best way to proceed with this project and what the process for naming would involve.

Item No: Item 9

Subject: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Naming Projects

Prepared by: Joshua Staines
Community Development Worker – Aboriginal Programs

SUMMARY

Continuing on from the 10 October 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group Meeting. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group provide feedback regarding the request for Aboriginal co-naming.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Recommend Council Aboriginal staff source an Aboriginal name from the Sydney Language suitable for the new Steel Park Child Care Facility
 2. Recommend that Council adopt the Sydney Language Aboriginal work 'Yanada' which means 'moon' for the Lewisham 'Luna' room
 3. Recommend Council Aboriginal staff source a suitable Aboriginal name or names for the street located at Crawford Place in Marrickville.
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Background

At the 10 October 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group meeting the members recommended that before endorsing any recommendations on naming projects that they first have the opportunity to visit the sites and get a feel for them.

Since the 10 October 2017 meeting Council's Aboriginal Community Development Workers have offered to take reference group members to each site and will continue to accommodate such requests where appropriate.

Item 10. Other Business

- Evaluation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group (please refer to handouts)
- ERLGATSIF update

ATTACHMENTS TO ITEM 6 - PATYEGARANG PLACE UPDATE

- **PUBLIC ART CHILDRENS GARDEN**
 - **NAVIGATING CULTURE**