

# AGENDA

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## INNER WEST COUNCIL

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER REFERENCE GROUP

**Tuesday 6 June 2017**

**6:30PM**

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**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.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

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### **Background**

The previous meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group was held on 4 April 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.

<b>Summary of Recommendations            Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group</b>			
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Status</b>
4 April 2017	Item 6 - Inner West Council Community Strategic Plan Consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group	<b>RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/06)</b>	
		1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group note the process for development of the Community Strategic Plan CSP.	No action required by Council
		2. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group determined to provide input at today's meeting on two of the priority areas being Sustainability and Environment and Social Vitality, Creativity, Quality of Life. A copy of the feedback will be provided to members and Council staff.	Council staff collected feedback and sent it to both Inner West Council Community Engagement team and Reference Group Members.
		3. That SRG members will continue to participate in the CSP consultation and engagement process.	Council staff have put the agenda item on the 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 reference group meeting to obtain feedback on remaining priority areas.
	Item 7 - Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum (ERLGATSIF)	<b>RECOMMENDATION (ATSISRG – 17/07)</b>	
		1. That Inner West Council contribute as a member Council to the ERLGATSIF to the value of \$9,500 per annum for the 2017 – 2018 and 2018 – 2019 financial years.	Adopted

		2. Inner West Council contribute to the strategic planning, Terms of Reference and Action Plan as they relate to the ERLGATSIF.	Inner West Council staff have actively engaged with the forum since the 4 <sup>th</sup> of April 2017.
	<b>Item 8 - Other Business –</b>	b) NAIDOC Week: Tess advised that Ashfield Police will apply for a grant to do a NAIDOC event and they hope to partner with IWC. IWC Council staff advised that there will be an office NAIDOC trivia, Koori Kids Disco and Marrickville Library bush tucker/didge/illustrator event. Promotional material will be forwarded closer to NAIDOC Week;	No further action required from Inner West Council at this stage

**Item No:** Item 6

**Subject:** **NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout)**

**Prepared by:** Joshua Staines – Community Development Worker Aboriginal Programs

### **SUMMARY**

The Inner West Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2017 passed two resolutions to support the 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout). The two recommendations adopted by the Administrator – Richard Pearson were:

- 1. Inner West Council partner with the Redfern All-Blacks Board to host the 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout), and enter into a partnership agreement.*
- 2. Inner West Council determine support of the 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout) considerate of any budget implications, including and up to a maximum total contribution of \$111,000 (including in-kind support and fee-waivers).*

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group note the information provided.
2. That Strategic Reference Group members liaise directly with Redfern All Blacks to discuss potential volunteer opportunities with the event

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### **Background**

The 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout) is one of the biggest Indigenous gatherings in Australia. Organizers created the knockout as a more accessible alternative to Indigenous players than the State Rugby League. Koori Knockout draws 130 teams from Aboriginal communities across NSW.

The winning team gains the rights to hold/host the next knockout. Redfern All Blacks as the winners of the 2016 Koori Knockout will host the 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout).

Inner West Council hosted the event in 2016 following a resolution of the former Leichhardt Council. The Council had allocated a total financial contribution of \$60,000 (including fee-waivers and in-kind support) to support the delivery of the 2016 event.

Whilst the 2016 event was considered a great success with over 20,000 people attending each of the 4 days of the event, it became evident early in the delivery of the event that the event organisers required further Council support to ensure a successful and safe event was to be delivered. This resulted in additional unexpected operational costs to Council, including waste

management, fencing and staff resources all of which have been factored into the financial implications for 2017 (as noted below), should Council determine to support hosting Koori Knockout again this year.

Council would also undertake to produce a signed agreement between both parties for the successful delivery of this event. It is further noted that Council staff have undertaken a detailed evaluation of the 2016 event and provided the findings and recommendations to Redfern All Blacks for consideration in any future event management of the Koori Knockout.

The Redfern All Blacks are requesting that Inner West Council provide similar support for the proposed 2017 event. According to the Redfern All Blacks if the Inner West Council is unable to support hosting the event, it is likely it will be hosted by a regional community in NSW. It is the desire of the Redfern All Blacks that if possible that the event be once again hosted in the Inner West. The event is held over four (4) days 29 September – 2 October 2017 inclusive and over the Labour Day long weekend.

The partnership is an excellent opportunity to support social, cultural and political activities, which aligns itself with the Inner West Council vision statement and priorities, across the following four areas:

- Priority 3: Social vitality, creativity, quality of life
- Priority 6: Local business and industry
- Priority 7: Advocacy, representing our community
- Priority 8: Local democracy

## Discussion

Fee Waivers and in-kind support includes:

1. Use of 3 ovals (Leichhardt Oval, Leichhardt 2 & Glover Street Oval) for the 4 days of Knockout, bump-in and bump-out of the event and training for Redfern All-Blacks for a period of 5 weeks prior to the Koori Knockout Carnival. (\$30,000)
2. Pre-event planning Council staff (TBC)
3. Assist with event promotion using existing Council mechanisms (in-kind)
4. Proposed operational costs to assist with holding this event include:
  - 5 x Council ground staff for 4 days of the event and 1 day pre and 1 post event (\$30,000)
  - Additional Toilet amenities (\$16,000)
  - Waste Collection and extra bins (\$20,000)
  - Fencing (\$15,000)

Sub Total \$81,000

## Financial Implications

This report outlines the anticipated financial costs should Council consider hosting the Koori Knockout for a second year. The costs are based on Redfern All Blacks having requested that Inner West Council provide similar support as per the 2016 event. It is proposed that Council contributes up to a maximum total of \$111,000 to partner and assist the Redfern All-Blacks Board to host the 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout), with the following breakdown:

1. \$ 30,000 fee-waiver and in-kind support; and
2. \$ 81,000 operational costs

There is no current allocation in the draft 2017/18 operating budget for Council to host the 2017 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout). If the carnival were to proceed, other Council events will need to be scaled back or postponed for the 2017/18 financial year to fund this event.

**Other Staff Comments**

Group Manager Trees, Parks and Sports Fields and Community Development staff are able to support the event through in kind support, ensuring appropriate access to sporting fields, scrim, event support and promotion.

**Public Consultation**

N/A

**Conclusion**

The proposed partnership between Inner West Council and Redfern All-Blacks Board presents a significant opportunity to take action on practical reconciliation and promote inclusion, equality and participation for both visiting peoples and the local community. The NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival (Koori Knockout) is a signature event for Redfern All Blacks and Inner West Council is pleased to support the event for two second consecutive years.



**Item No:** Item 7

**Subject:** Inner West Council Community Strategic Plan Consultation  
(continuation from 4 April 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Reference Group meeting)

**Prepared by:** Joshua Staines  
Community Development Worker – Aboriginal Programs

## SUMMARY

Robust input from the Strategic Reference Groups (SRGs) is a vital component of the development of the Inner West Council's first Community Strategic Plan (CSP). Input to the CSP is one of the core roles of the SRGs.

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## RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group note the process for development of the Community Strategic Plan.
2. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group determine how members would like to participate in the process.

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## Background

During the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group meeting the members provided feedback on one of the five priority areas 'Sustainability & Environment'.

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is the most important plan that sits above all Council's other plans and policies. The CSP identifies the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future, and plans strategies to achieve them. It takes into account the issues and pressures affecting the community, and the level of resources that will realistically be available.

While Council is responsible for managing the planning process on behalf of the Inner West, delivery of the plan's long-term outcomes relies on strong partnerships including with state agencies, community groups and the wider community. A successful CSP is one in which the whole community feels ownership.

The CSP addresses four key questions for the community:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be in 10 years' time?
- How will we get there?
- How will we know we've arrived?

The Inner West's CSP will be based on principles of:

- social justice (equity, access, rights and participation)
- ecologically sustainable development.

The SRGs are a key stakeholder in developing the CSP and input will be sought across the whole process including development of the vision, objectives and strategies. Council will partner with the SRG in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solutions.

### **Financial Implications**

The CSP is developed in conjunction with a Resourcing Strategy that includes:

- Long Term Financial Plan
- Workforce Management Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Plan

This ensures that the outcomes can be delivered with the level of resources that will realistically be available.

### **Conclusion**

Input from the Inner West Strategic Reference Groups is a vital component of developing a successful CSP. SRG advice and recommendations on the issues, vision, objectives and strategies will be included in the decisions made about the CSP to the maximum extent possible.

**Item No:** Item 8

**Subject:** **NSW Local Government Stronger Community Funds – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Projects**

**Prepared by:** Joshua Staines  
Community Development Worker – Aboriginal Programs

### **SUMMARY**

To advise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects funded through the NSW Local Government Stronger Community Funds.

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group note the information provided.
2. That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group provide feedback regarding the proposed tender for the initial stages of the Dualnaming/Wayfinding from the Cooks River to Iron Cove Bay.

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### **Background**

The NSW Government has announced the creation of new, stronger councils across the state to work harder for residents and deliver better services and community facilities. It is the most significant change to local government in NSW for more than 100 years.

The creation of new councils will free up funds for important projects like local roads, parks, playgrounds and footpaths. The Stronger Communities Fund has been established by the NSW Government so councils can kick-start these projects by providing up to \$15 million for each new council to spend on priority community initiatives.

Local community groups will be able to apply for community grants of up to \$50,000. Projects may include upgrades of club facilities, funding of sporting equipment, or providing tools and equipment to improve the delivery of community services.

At the heart of the NSW Government's decision to create new councils was a commitment to creating stronger communities for local residents.

As part of this commitment, the Stronger Communities Fund will allow local residents, community groups and new councils to work together to deliver infrastructure and services that will make a real and lasting difference to the lives of our local communities.

Aboriginal projects funded include:

- Dual Aboriginal naming and wayfinding for significant sites (5 installations)

- Mahoney Reserve (Cooks River Masterplan priority 1 and 2 works) park improvements and construction of a wetland – add in interpretation project
- Steel park (Cooks River Masterplan priority 1 and 2 works) park improvements – add in interpretation project
- Douglas Grant Interpretation works at Douglas Grant Memorial Park in Annandale
- Storyline signage using Aboriginal symbolism (Greenway-Hawthorne Park section & Callan Point)
- Steel Park childcare extension to include community meeting room

**Financial Implications**

N/A

**Presentation:**

Community Development Worker Aboriginal Programs to present an update regarding the Douglas Grant Memorial Park interpretation works and Dual Aboriginal Naming/Wayfinding from Cooks River to Iron Cove Bay.

**Conclusion**

The Stronger Community Funded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Projects will assist local residents in identifying and connecting to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history in their everyday environment. The funded projects ensure an even spread of resources across the newly formed local government area ensuring access to all residents.