



MINUTE OF

TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL
ABORIGINAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY 2
NOVEMBER 2022

Minute of the **Tenterfield Shire Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting** held at the Koreelah room on Tuesday, 2 Nov 2022 commencing at 10.30 am.

ATTENDANCE

Diana Duroux
CEO Moombahlene LALC

Helen Duroux
Fight to Flourish

Bronwyn Petrie
Mayor Tenterfield Shire Council

Gianna Saccon
Councillor Tenterfield Shire Council

Michael Lieberman
Team Leader NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

Wally Binge
Community Member

Dolly Jerome
Community Member

Natalia Londono
Community Development Advisor Tenterfield Shire

Roxanne Bancroft - Stuart
Tenterfield High School

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: -

Theo Wright
Community Member

Matt Sing
Fight to Flourish

(1) Acknowledgement / Welcome to country

(2) Disclosures of Interests

(a) Nil

(3) Apologies

Shahan McIntosh
Moombahlene LACL

Ian Geyer
Northern River Connect Muli Muli Community

Gina Carpenter
Community Recovery Officer Tenterfield Shire Council

Sherly Duroux
Community Member

Lee-anne Nicholls
Community Member

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 12/10/2022

BUSSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Discussions:

- The request from the Committee last meeting to invite The NSW Police Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer that is accessible to Tenterfield was raised by the mayor. She put the request on the police station, however, apparently the Officer is based in Inverell. The committee had an extended conversation about the needs for the Aboriginal youth to be supported as we lack facilities and services for them like youth center, or after school hours to keep them off the streets. An important fact that was mentioned by the mayor was that the police do not recognise the Shire boundaries as it is one of the few Shires that have a split police district.

ACTION: The Mayor will meet the Armidale command the afternoon of 02/11/2022 and chase them up on this need. She will also invite the Liaison Officer for the December meeting be it by zoom or face to face. In case he cannot make it for the time of this meeting, she will refer him to Moombahlene.

- Councillor Giana Saccon mentioned Vinnies Sleepout activity managed to raise nearly \$6,000 and they are thinking to use it for a Youth Hub in linkage with Salvation Army hub.
- Uncle Theo and Wally raised their worries about the lack of legal services in town for the Aboriginal Community. Uncle Theo mentioned that would be good to have this service available in Tenterfield, like MurriWatch that operates in Queensland region.
- Discussion regarding the Acknowledgement of Country signs for the villages was opened from previous meeting and overlapped with this agenda for the recognition of other nations that are part of the Aboriginal history of Tenterfield. Council representatives confirmed support to amend the official Council 'Acknowledgement to Country' message used across Councils communications. Discussions about the tribes that made history in Tenterfield, and surroundings were discussed in depth. The Aboriginal representatives agreed that today recognition of all language groups is an important aspect of Tenterfields' history as a meeting place for seven different nations, and it is important to acknowledge this history. The Aboriginal representatives wish to confirm details for one of the groups and would advise this detail in the next meeting.

ACTION: To consolidate all seven nations names, all Aboriginal People attendees agreed this detail would be researched and confirmed at the next meeting.

- Discussion returned to Acknowledgement of Country signs for the villages previous business item. The Community Development Advisor confirmed clarification regarding Aboriginal Consultation for the village signs was undertaken as part of the project however Council did not receive final agreement or confirmation on the names (The Council Report on this matter is available for the committee members upon request).

Recommendation for different Aboriginal people members was the signs should include the words: welcome to the meeting of (name the seven nations). The mayor recommends investigating grant funding to include these acknowledgments in the

signage.

ACTION: On confirmation of the seven language groups and endorsed by Council, the Community Development Advisor (Tenterfield Shire Council) will investigate funding options.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussions:

- Part of the general business touched on the matters arising from previous minutes specifically in relation to the language groups to be detailed in the official Council "Acknowledgement of Country" to be used across all Council communications including meetings, events, displays and digital communications.
- The Community Development Advisor informed next meeting Wednesday 7 December 2022. Council meetings will then be in recess from 21 December 2022 until 22 February 2023. No committee meetings will be held in January or February 2023. March 2023 meeting date to be confirmed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 07 Dec 2022. Council building 10.30 a.m.

Natalia Londono
Chair person
