

ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Monday, 10 October 2016

29 September 2016

Mr John Rayner

An Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting will be held at Level 1, Hurstville Civic Centre on Monday, 10 October 2016 for consideration of the business available on Council's website <http://www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/Council/Council-Meetings>

Gail Connolly
General Manager

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Item: AAC001-16 **Welcome to Country & Acknowledgment of Country**

Author: Multicultural and Indigenous Development Officer, Jamal Bassam

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Georges River Council is proposing to develop a written protocol to cover the new Local Government Area for Acknowledgment of Country and Welcome to Country.

Recommendation

(a) That the Committee advise on appropriate Acknowledgment protocols for civic events.

Background

1. Acknowledgments of Country have been embedded in the protocols of the former Hurstville and Kogarah Council's major meetings and events for many years prior to amalgamation. Georges River Council is now proposing to develop a written protocol covering the new Council's area following consultation with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The Acknowledgment is a way of showing awareness of and respect for the traditional owners of the land on which a meeting or event is being held.

Financial Implications

2. No budget impact for this report.

File Reference

16/2124

Item: AAC002-16 **Museum New Project**

Author: Multicultural and Indigenous Development Officer, Jamal Bassam

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's museum is proposing to host a new exhibition from Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA) which features Indigenous Elders wearing their language group's possum skin cloak.

Recommendation

(a) That the Committee provides feedback on the proposed exhibition.

Background

1. The proposed exhibition is called *Home / On Country* and is a travelling exhibition from Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA). The exhibition showcases photographic works by Sarah Rhodes, which feature Indigenous Elders wearing their language group's possum skin cloak.
2. "The images celebrate the role of the possum skin cloak in strengthening cultural identity, connection to Country and the Elders' pride in the revitalisation of this traditional cultural symbol."

Financial Implications

3. Within budget allocation.

File Reference

16/2124

Item: AAC003-16 Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference (LGAN) 2016

Author: Multicultural and Indigenous Development Officer, Jamal Bassam

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The annual LGAN Conference was hosted by Tweed Shire Council between 24 - 26 August 2016.

Recommendation

(a) That the information received and noted.

Background

1. The Local Government Aboriginal Network Conference in Tweed Heads this year was held between 24 and 26 August and was attended by J Bassam, the Multicultural and Indigenous Development Officer. It involved a range of activities over three days including panel sessions, cultural tours, networking sessions and an official conference dinner.
2. J Bassam will present a verbal report to the Committee.

Financial Implications

3. Within budget allocation.

File Reference

16/2124

Item: AAC004-16 Feedback on 2016 NAIDOC Week Program
Author: Multicultural and Indigenous Development Officer, Jamal Bassam
Directorate: Community and Culture
Matter Type: Agenda Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Local NAIDOC Week celebrations were held from 5-9 July 2016. The Committee will be asked to provide feedback regarding the activities including the book launch '*I am Aboriginal: this is my story.....*'. This will enable us to continually improve the NAIDOC Week Program.

Recommendation

(a) That the Committee provide feedback on the general administration of the program.

Background

1. Over 400 people attended Council's NAIDOC Week celebrations for this year. The Committee's feedback is sought on each activity including: the Opening Ceremony and the book launch, the Lime Kiln Bay Bush Walk at Oatley Park including discussion on future tours, book reading at Hurstville library, Hurstville Museum Art session and the Kogarah Library event.

Financial Implications

2. Within budget allocation.

File Reference

16/104

6. General Business

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