

Clarence Valley Council
Clarence Valley Aboriginal Advisory Committee (CVAAC)

Date: Thursday 15 November 2018

10:00am – 12:30pm

Location: CVC Office, 42 Victoria St Grafton

Minutes

Invitees/Attendance:	<p>Malabugilmah: Terrence Robinson; Ramona Walker; Samantha Robinson</p> <p>Baryulgil: Lynette Donnelly; Sloane Donnelly;</p> <p>Grafton: Rosemary Laurie; Barry Williams; Helen Kennedy;</p> <p>South Grafton: Brett Tibbett; Janelle Brown;</p> <p>Maclean: Aneika Kapeen; David Prosser;</p> <p>Yamba: Andrea Laurie; Amanda Carney</p> <p>Cr Jason Kinglsey (CVC); Cr Greg Clancy (CVC), Dan Griffin (CVC) Karrin De Bono (CVC) Robert Spriggs (CVC)</p>
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Item	Discussion / Comments:	Responsibility	Actions
1	Welcome / Acknowledgement		
	We acknowledge the Bundjalung people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which this meeting is taking place. I acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl people also and pay tribute and respect to our Elders both past and present, and pay respect to our future generations and our youth of the Bundjalung, Gumbaynggirr and Yaegl Nations which lie within the Council boundary.		
2	Apologies		
	Sloane Donnelly.		
3	Minute Silence	Committee	All
4	Previous minutes		
	Moved by CR Kingsley Seconded- Rosemary Laurie.		
5	Business Arising		
	5.1 Australia day- change the date discussion.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GNLALC had no meeting to be able to discuss the matter - Yaegl- fixed agenda with no room for the discussion to be added - Birrigan Gargle- had approximately 10% of members at meeting. Majority were for change however the members are 		

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	going to do some doorknocking and talk to more people before making an official recommendation.		
5.2	RADA- update from Aneika	Julie is the chair. Rob and Trevor are co-deputies. Ballina, Byron and Tweed Heads attended the most recent meeting. Things are starting to move forward and a consultancy will be engaged soon. Still deciding how RADA will fit with CVAAC?	
5.7	Cemeteries (moved up to let CVC representative return to work.)	Robert Spriggs from CVC attended to hear concerns and advised that Vanessa Emerton would be the best person to talk to. Thanks to Robert for attending.	Invite Vanessa to CVAAC meeting. List of people that families and loved ones would like to find to be compiled as a starting point.
5.3	Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still in the planning stage. Looking for sustainable momentum. Open Spaces are formalising and standardising their signage system. Intention to get more signage with proper consultation. - What is the process to get sign-off on names, boundaries etc.? 	Dan will put together a road map for CVAAC to see.
5.4	Coutts Crossing update	2 nd meeting held but not well attended. Special research project discussed- sacred sites at Nymboida, Coutts and Kangaroo Creek.	
5.6	Avenues to inform Aboriginal community of outcomes at CVAAC meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dan spoke about using Clarence Conversations and having a closed CVAAC group, and an open page for feedback and questions. - It was also noted that CVAAC member are expected to take the information from CVAAC meetings to their land councils as a formal avenue. - Other suggestions/avenues are welcome. - It was also noted that sometimes people in the community approach council staff or councillors with ideas/issues. The response to these people should be to either speak to their CVAAC representative or Leanne. 	
5.8	Healing the Clarence days.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting in the Lower Clarence was held, Yaegl decided to look at ideas and if they want to be involved. Looking at a day in Maclean and one in Yamba. - Gurehlgam will assist in holding these days if wanted/needed. - Discussion about possible field trip to Coutts - Cr Clancy said that he felt a need for Coutts locals to be able 	Barry to email Scar tree identification manual.

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	to talk to Elders and the possibility to have a healing circle for education as well.		
6	General Business		
6.1	Request for support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrea and Aneika met with police regarding antisocial and criminal activities in their communities. They would like an ACLO for the Lower River and have requested support from CVAAC in the form of a letter. <p>Recommendation: “that CVAAC support the Lower Clarence in it’s efforts to resource an ACLO” <i>Moved by David; Seconded by Rosemary</i></p>	Dan will investigate the process with the Mayor and GM.
6.2	RAP update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attempting to contact members of previous working party and investigating who in CVC will sit on the working group. - Leeanne went through the feedback from Reconciliation Australia and will bring it to CVAAC - Still awaiting the new head of HR 	
6.3	Scar tree update	CVC went to court and a restorative justice conference is to be held with appropriate representatives. CVC will go back to court on the 10 th December.	
6.4	Request for Welcome to Country	During the meeting a request came from the library asking for an appropriate person to be identified to invite to do a Welcome to Country for an event.	
6.5	Children at meetings	Aneika advised that she will have her baby at the next CVAAC meeting.	Dan advised that a risk assessment has been completed for the meeting space.
07	Next Meeting	February 21 st 2019- 42 Victoria Street. 10:30am-1pm.	
08	Meeting Close		