

Wiradjuri Elders Advisory Committee

Business Paper

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Parkes Shire Council Wiradjuri Elders Advisory Committee will be held in the Parkes Committee Room, 2 Cecile Street, Parkes, on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 11:00am.



Kent Boyd PSM
GENERAL MANAGER

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Chairperson will declare the meeting open.

Meeting of Council committees are not recorded or streamed to the internet.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Parkes Shire Council acknowledges the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. We pay respect to the Elders past, present and emerging of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present.

3 APOLOGIES

In accordance with clauses 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, apologies must be received and accepted from absent Councillors and a leave of absence from the Council Meeting may be granted.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

All Council Officials must disclose and manage any conflicts of interest they may have in matters being considered at the meeting.

Council's Code of Conduct deals with pecuniary and non-pecuniary conflicts of interest and political donations, and provides guidance on how these issues should be managed.

Council Officials must be familiar with Council's Code of Conduct and their obligations to disclose and manage any conflicts of interest that they may have in matters being considered at this Council Meeting.

Note: Council Officials who declare an Interest at the Meeting are also required to complete a Declaration of Interest form.

6 LATE BUSINESS

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 WIRADJURI ELDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IP&R Linkage: Pillar: Community

Goal: Our community is creative, proud and has a strong sense of belonging.

Strategy: Celebrate the history, heritage and culture of the Wiradjuri people and their connection to country, and provide opportunities for reconciliation, interpretation and understanding.

Author: Brendan Hayes, Director Planning and Community Services

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Annexures: A. Minutes Elders Advisory Committee 15/3/22 [↓](#)
B. Terms of Reference [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wiradjuri Elders Advisory Committee:

1. Review the terms of reference for the committee, membership, and naming.
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BACKGROUND

The Committee last met in March 2022 and after changes to several Council committees, it is seen appropriate to review the terms of reference for the Committee, its membership, and its name to gain the most constructive and appropriate consultation and actions from the Committee.

ISSUES AND COMMENTARY

Nil

LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY CONTEXT

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Nil

CONCLUSION

For the committee's consideration



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL

Our Mission: To Deliver Progress and Value to our
Community

ELDERS AND ABORIGINAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Our Communities Vision:

*In 2022 the Parkes Shire will be a progressive regional centre,
embracing a national logistics hub with vibrant communities,
diverse opportunities, learning and healthy lifestyles.*

MINUTES

TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2022

Parkes Shire Council Administration Centre, commencing at 10am

GENERAL MANAGER: Kent Boyd



PARKES SHIRE COUNCIL RECORD OF MEETING

Details of the meeting held on 15 March 2022 at the Parkes Shire Council Administration Centre, commencing at 10.00am. The record of the meeting was taken by Digital Communications & Engagement Officer, Rebecca Scully.

Purpose of Meeting

Meeting of the Elders Advisory Committee

Present

Cr Ken Keith OAM
Cr Louise O'Leary
Cr Marg Applebee
Kerryn Jones, PSC
Rebecca Scully, PSC
Ali Standen, PSC
Brendan Hayes, PSC
Ben Howard, PSC
Steve Parker
Rob Clegg
Geoff Anderson
Rhonda Sharpe
Beverly Tanks
Gail Smith
Pat Oliver

Apologies

Cr Ken McGrath

Moved: Pat Oliver
Seconded: Rob Clegg

Declaration of Interest

Nil

Discussion Topics

1. Welcome

Cr Keith opened the meeting at 10.01am. Welcomed the attendees.

1.1 Welcome to Country

Geoff Anderson performed the Welcome to Country.

2. Actions arising from previous meetings

The actions list was reviewed by the committee.

Geoff Anderson thanked everyone for their work in transporting the scarred trees.

The committee also made special mention to Bob Moon and Derek Hoe who assisted during the process.

Moved: Pat Oliver
Seconded: Rob Clegg

3. Introduction to Brendan Hayes, Director Planning & Communities

The Mayor introduced Brendan Hayes, Director Planning & Communities who gave an overview of his role and his involvement going forward with this advisory committee.

4. Wiradjuri Ngurambang update

Kerryn provided an update on the Wiradjuri Ngurambang exhibition project. The exhibition is expected to be opened in April 2022. There will be an official opening event in the coming months.

To view the presentation, select the icon below:



Wiradjuri
Ngurambang Exhibi

Louise suggested including an audio component as part of the exhibition. Kerryn mentioned that there is a video that uses language and talks to the project. Council will look to seek further funding in the future to build in more of an audio component.

Cr O'Leary also suggested liaising with the Australian Museum to see if they were interested in loaning artefacts to this exhibition.

Here is a link to a landing page on the Australian Museum's website, which showcases some of the objects that are on display at the Australian Museum from Peak Hill: <https://australian.museum/learn/cultures/atsi-collection/australian-archaeology/indigenous-objects-peak-hill-nsw/>

Action	By	Due
Include link to the SBS series Silence of the Stones as part of the meeting minutes.	Ali Standen	21 June 2022

Link to the Silence of the Stones series on SBS:

<https://www.sbs.com.au/learn/resources/silence-of-the-stones>

5. Bushman's Hill Amenities

As part of the next Operational Plan, Council will be constructing toilet amenities at Bushman's Dam.

Council will work with the Elders Advisory Committee to understand what the committee would like to see constructed.

Ben Howard, Council's Director Operations will reach out to the community in the next few months to start the consultation process as part of this project.

The committee is very excited about the proposed toilet amenities project coming to fruition.

Kerryn asked if there is a masterplan in place for Bushman's Hill. The Mayor advised, that there is however it needs to be review and updated.

Action	By	Due
Review and update the masterplan in conjunction with the Elders Advisory Committee	All	30 June 2022

6. General Business

It was noted that the last Elders Advisory Meeting was held in February 2021 and due to COVID-19 restrictions, other scheduled meetings throughout 2021 were cancelled.

Ali Standen advised the committee that Amanda Corcoran, Council's Aboriginal Project Officer had resigned from Council. Ali took the opportunity to publicly thank Amanda for the significant amount of work she did during her time at Council.

The Aboriginal Project Officer role has been [advertised](#) and closes Friday 18 March 2022.

Pat raised what they are doing at the old hospital site where the massacre occurred. The Mayor responded saying they are planning to have a park in that area, which will include a plaque.

Gail raised the disabled park across from Woolworths was removed to allow for the installation of the outdoor dining platform next to Packed Cones.

The Mayor mentioned that the installation of the outdoor dining platform went through a process and as part of this, the disabled parks should have been relocated. This will be reviewed by the Access Committee, which has recently been re-introduced.

Action	By	Due
Add disabled parks in the main street as an agenda item for the next Access Committee	Ali Standen	21 June 2022

Cr Keith thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.10am.

Attachments

- Parkes Shire Elders and Aboriginal Advisory Committee Presentation
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Next Meeting

Checked by

The record of meeting was reviewed by Cr Louise O'Leary prior to distribution.

Circulated To

Cr Ken Keith
Cr Barbara Newton
Cr Ken McGrath
Cr Louise O'Leary
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Lionel Lovett
Pamela Keed
Robert Clegg
Gail Smith
David Naden
Karryn Schaefer (Keed)
Rebecca Cohen
Eileen Newport
Michael James
Brendan Read
Pat Oliver

Russell Read
Colleen Wardrop
Geoff Anderson
Ralph Smith
Karen Hawken
Margaret Sloane
Cheryl Gaidzionis
Sharon Powell
Rhonda Towney
Frances Bell
Christine Peckham
David Towney Snr & Violet West
Peter Read
Margaret Clarke
Lloyd & Gillian Keed
Brodrick Cohen
Vicki Barnes
Belinda Stevenson
Lynne Bell

Wiradjuri Elders Advisory Committee

Members	3 Councillors plus Mayor plus 1 staff, Representatives of the Parkes Local Elders.
Quorum	Majority of members, excluding the Mayor.
Chairman	Mayor or delegated Councillor
Sponsor	Director Planning and Community Services
Facilitator	Manager Cultural, Education and Library Services
Meets	As required.

Functions/Purpose

- Provide advice and guidance on the development of strategies, and identification of challenges and opportunities, in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.
- To promote Aboriginal heritage and culture by facilitating a collaborative effort to identify and resolve difficulties encountered by Indigenous residents
- Provide a structure for on-going consultations between the Indigenous community and Parkes Shire Council across a broad range of issues such as health, transport, education, housing, legal, sport and recreation, culture, heritage, environment, employment, training and childcare.
- Provide Council with strategic advice regarding issues pertinent to the Wiradjuri people and issues pertaining to social justice for Indigenous Australians.
- Assist Council to identify its on-going role in regard to issues affecting local Indigenous Australians.
- Improve communication, consultation and information sharing between the Indigenous Australian community and Parkes Shire Council.
- Increase cross cultural awareness by ensuring that Council incorporate Indigenous Australian community interests in its policy, planning and service delivery activities.
- Increase Indigenous Australian community participation in municipal affairs.
- Improve access for Indigenous Australians to local resources.
- Increase the responsiveness of Council on issues affecting Indigenous Australians.

Current Membership

- Cr Ken McGrath
- Cr Louise O'Leary
- Cr Marg Applebee

8 REPORT OF CONFIDENTIAL RESOLUTIONS

In accordance with clauses 14.22 and 14.23 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, resolutions passed during a meeting, or a part of a meeting that is closed to the public must be made public by the Chairperson as soon as practicable. Such resolutions must be recorded in the publicly available minutes of the meeting.
