

**MIN NO**            **MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF ASHFIELD COUNCIL, HELD IN HABERFIELD LIBRARY, 78 DALHOUSIE STREET, HABERFIELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2011, COMMENCING AT 5PM.**

**PRESENT:**        Councillor Kennedy in the Chair and Councillors Cassidy, Wang, Lofts & Rerceretnam,

Therese Heffernan	Community Representative
Irene Williams	Community Representative
Clabon Allan	Community Representative
Fleur Herscovitch	Community Representative
Patricia Blackman	Community Representative
Joanne Rich	Community Representative
Trevor Walker	Community Representative
Nellette Kettle	Director, Corporate & Community Services
Gerard Howard	Manager, Community Services
Anthia Hart	Community Development Worker
Peter Cross	Assistant Works Supervisor

Guest Speakers:

Jason Wing – Public Art,  
Joanne McLean & Meaghan Devane - Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY**

"Let us acknowledge that we are meeting on country for which the members and elders of the local Indigenous community have been custodians for many centuries, and on which Aboriginal people have performed age old ceremonies. We acknowledge their living culture and unique role in the life of this region."

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No disclosures were made.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

**Heffernan/Williams**

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**That the minutes of the Aboriginal Consultative Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2011 be accepted.**

**GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

Jason Wing provided the Committee with two visual proposals for the 'gateway' sites being Brown Street Car park entrance and the corner of Liverpool Road and Frederick Street.

**RESOLVED**

**Lofts/Cassidy**

**That Jason Wing be thanked for his presentation to the Committee on the possibilities of artwork installations at the two gateway sites that would welcome all communities to the Ashfield Council area.**

Joanne McLean and Meaghan Devane provided the Committee with information about the Commonwealth Respite & Carelink services that are available.

**RESOLVED**

**Lofts/Cross**

**That Ms McLean & Ms Devane be thanked for their informative presentation to the Committee.**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**GENERAL UPDATE ON ISSUES RELATING TO ABORIGINAL RECONCILIATION IN ASHFIELD. Gerard Howard – Manager, Community Services – Report Submitted.**

**RESOLVED**

**Lofts/Cross**

- 1/4 That Council staff provide a paragraph on each name suggested for the community rooms**
- 2/4 That works created in the NAIDOC Week School initiative be displayed in the new Civic Centre**
- 3/4 That Council present submissions to the National General Assembly of Local Government reflecting Item 28 of the Ashfield Reconciliation Action Plan**
- 4/4 That Council Officers write back to the Shires Association of NSW advising that the Ashfield Aboriginal Consultative Committee requests that the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) be provided with a permanent board seat on the Shires Association**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**ACTIONS:**

**That the next meeting be devoted primarily to receiving an update of the implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan.**

**That Council bus outing for seniors to Aboriginal cultural sites be continued.**

**That Council receive a presentation from a second artist regarding the 'gateway' sites.**

**The Mayor congratulated staff, including Patricia Blackman on the fantastic International Women's Day even held on Tuesday 8 March at the Haberfield Centre, Michael Maher Room.**

**PROCEEDINGS TERMINATED AT 6.30PM**

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Chairperson of the meeting of Aboriginal Consultative Committee  
when the Minutes were confirmed

Chairperson

Date