



# **MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

commencing at 5pm on

**TUESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2023**

Joyce Wheatley Community Centre  
Terralong Street, KIAMA NSW 2533

**MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT KIAMA JOYCE WHEATLEY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 24  
OCTOBER 2023 AT 5PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Neil Reilly, Mayor  
Cr Imogen Draisma  
Michael Bowden  
Narreda Grimley  
Liam Pettigrew  
Alan Smith  
Jessica Rippon | Director Planning, Environment and Communities

**1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

The Mayor declared the meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners:

*“I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land on which we meet, the Wadi Wadi people of the Dharawal nation, and pay my respect to Elders past and present.”*

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**5 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

The Mayor asked the Committee for Nominations for the position of Chair. No nominations were received. The Mayor accepted the position of Chair.

## 6 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The following Reports for Information be received and noted

- 6.1 [Disability Inclusion Action Plan - Community Consultation](#)
- 6.2 [Coastal Management Plan - Stage 3](#)
- 6.3 [Committee - Action Tracking October Update](#)
- 6.4 [General Business](#)

Jessica advised that the Reports for Information submitted should be noted and for Committee members to engage with their networks to gain any feedback/comments.

### Notes:

#### 6.1 Disability Inclusion Action Plan

- Alan - already notified his networks and will advise of any comments received.
- Liam – would like to see more information available on accessible locations.
- Michael – asked about communication to the public. Jessica advised that Council’s standard comms has been circulated.

#### 6.2 Coastal Management Plan

- Liam – the timeline of 3 years is that standard? Needs further discussion? Bombo headland is underutilised. Requested information regarding access to East’s Beach.

#### **Action:**

- Jessica to seek a meeting with Sydney Water.
- Jessica to circulate information from the Councillor Briefing held regarding a presentation by Sydney Water.

#### 6.3 Tracking Actions – October Update

- Noted.

#### 6.4 General Business

- To be discussed in the “General Business” section.

## 7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 7.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Committee meeting held on 26 September 2023

[23/003SCA](#)

[Resolved](#) that the Minutes of the Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 September 2023 be received and accepted.

(Councillor N Reilly and A Smith)

## 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 8.1 Community Centres and Halls

- Alan advised that he had a meeting with Jessica at the Jamberoo School of Arts to discuss suggestions for future use of the hall.
- Jessica advised that there is currently a service review of the Leisure Centre and that the future use of halls could be a question for boarder discussion on their strengths and weaknesses. Jessica also advised that the Manager of Community Hubs is organising a report to Council regarding this matter.
- Liam asked how does a team/individual book a hall – is it online?
- Alan – would also like to see the Joyce Wheatley Centre expand regarding uses eg coffee shop in Sentral.
- Clr Draisma would like to see Council’s website more user friendly with inbuilt costings when booking a hall.
- Michael asked whether fees could be waived as not all groups/clubs have a budget. Imogen suggested that groups/clubs could have 1 free booking.
- Michael would like to see more activation of spaces – swat analysis of each space.

### 7.1 Uluru Statement of the Heart

- Clr Draisma advised that Council had adopted a policy on this.

### 7.2 Social media and communications guidelines

- What is best practice? The Mayor advised that he had spoke to Council’s Communications Manager.

**Action:** An invitation to be extended to the Communications Manager to attend the next meeting.

### 7.3 Kiama Council Vegetation Study

- Jessica advised that this was reported to Council and there are new RFS maps.

### 7.4 Future Agenda Items and Meetings

- Jessica requested that agenda items be emailed prior to the meeting.
- It was agreed by all members that future meetings will be held at the Joyce Wheatley Centre, commencing at 5pm.

## **8 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.10pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 21  
November 2023

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Chair