



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

**commencing at 5pm on**

**TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Administration Building  
11 Manning Street  
KIAMA NSW 2533

**MINUTES OF THE  
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD AT KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
ON TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 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

Councillor Reilly opened the meeting and introduced members.

It was agreed that Councillor Reilly chair the meeting and that the Chair would be formally elected at the next Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee meeting.

**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

Director Rippon spoke about key priority projects being:

1. Coastal Management Plan
2. Housing Strategy
3. LEP Review
4. Community hub activation
5. Disability Inclusion Action Plan
6. DA reform
7. Agriculture lands and Agritourism
8. Economic development and small business growth
9. Kiama Leisure Centre Service Review

- Director Rippon spoke informally, providing a broad spectrum of projects, each will have challenges and will need guidance and advice.
- This is an advisory committee and Council will use members' expertise to the best advantage.
- Meetings can focus on one topic or several items per meeting.

**Action:** Director Rippon to provide a brief summary/overview on each of the key priority projects and email this to members.

The following of interests were provided by members:

- Alan's focus is around agricultural lands.
- Liam's focus is around villages and businesses.

**Action:** Director Rippon to provide a timeline for future meetings determined on what is going to Council (eg plans/strategies/proposals for each of the key priority projects) so that those matters will come to the Committee beforehand for discussion and advice.

## 5 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITIES

### 5.1 Terms of Reference - Discussion and adoption

#### 23/001SCA

**Resolved** that the Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee adopt the Terms of Reference for the Committee subject to changing the number of community representatives from 3 to 4 under the "Membership" section.

(Members Reilly and Draisma)

## 6 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The following Reports for Information listed for the Committee's consideration are received and noted:

### 6.1 Australia Day 2024

#### 23/002SCA

**Resolved** that the Sustainable Communities Advisory Committee agreed to the reframing of the Local Government Awards and for the awards to be held during Local Government Week.

(Members Reilly and Smith)

Discussion:

- Only internal stakeholders have been consulted with regard to moving the Australia Day Awards to Local Government week.

## 7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Director Rippon sought feedback from members on community hubs eg their experiences, expectations, connections and ideas.
- 7.2 Michael advised of an outcome from the Life Hacks and Change Maker Program was youth requesting better spaces. There are activities aimed at younger people and older people but not much for youth.
- 7.3 Michael suggested that SENTRAL could be operated as a commercial space, training youth to operate it themselves, giving them the tools they need and the opportunity to do so (learning a skill set/Certificate).
- 7.4 Councillor Reilly gave an example of having a "coffee with a cop" and the hope to have this at SENTRAL.
- 7.5 Director Rippon advised of a number of venues (community halls) and other resources not being used to their full capacity. The team is working on defining what they are and what they can be used for.
- 7.6 Joyce Wheatley Community Centre – has a close connection with the community but need to increase the use (performance art, events, use by community groups for meetings, etc).

**Action:** Director Rippon to arrange for members to meet with Council's Manager Community Hubs and have a site visit of the Joyce Wheatley Community Centre and SENTRAL prior to the next meeting.

**Action:** Committee members to consider election of a Chair before the next meeting.

## 8 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.01pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on  
17 October 2023.

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Chair