

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE CHARTER

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SUTHERLAND SHIRE

1. NAME

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee is to provide a forum for communication between the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community and Council to address and advance Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander issues within the Sutherland Shire.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee are:

- To advance reconciliation between the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community with the wider community.
- To enhance community awareness of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture, heritage and socio-economic issues (eg: health, employment, education and housing).
- To maintain and enhance positive working relationships between the Council and the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Sub-Committee Membership shall consist of:

4.1. Voting Members

- Three (3) Councillors appointed by Council
- Chairperson or nominated representative of La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Chairperson or nominated representative of Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Chairperson or nominated representative of Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Chairperson or nominated representative of Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation
- Chairperson or nominated representative of Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society (ACAS)
- An Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Female representative of a local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Organisation
- Any Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, being a Sutherland Shire resident, who has attended not less than three (3) of the last six (6) consecutive meetings.

4.2. Non-Voting Members

- Director Shire Services
- Manager Arts & Culture

- A maximum of three (3) non-Aboriginal members with an interest in enhancing local Aboriginal culture

4.3. Chairperson

An Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander person and voting member selected by the majority of Voting Members.

4.4. Deputy Chairperson

An Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander person and voting member elected by the majority of Voting Members.

5. MEMBER COMPLIANCE

All Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee members shall be bound by the provision of this Charter, the Code of Conduct for Councillors, the Code of Conduct for Council Staff and the Code of Conduct for Council Committee Members, Delegates of Council and Council Advisers.

6. AUTHORITY

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee was established on the authority of Council at its Meeting held on 21 February 2022 (COR017-22, Minute No. 24).

7. MEETINGS

7.1. Agenda and Minutes

The agenda shall be determined by the Chairperson of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee and circulated to Members at least one week prior to any meeting.

Minutes of all meetings are to be recorded accurately, approved by the Chairperson and circulated to members within three weeks following the meeting.

7.2. Meeting Frequency

Meetings of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee shall be held quarterly or at such time as determined by the Chairperson.

7.3. Quorum

The quorum of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee shall be four (4) Voting Members and include at least one (1) Councillor.

7.4. Voting

Each Voting Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote in respect to any matter and the decision of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee shall be by the majority of votes cast in favour. The Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Decisions requiring a vote shall not be made at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

7.5. Venue

The venue shall be at Council's Administration Building or at a meeting place determined by the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee.

7.6. Procedural Matters

In relation to any procedural matter, the ruling of the Chairperson shall be final.

8. TERM AND TENURE OF SUB-COMMITTEE

8.1. Term of Sub-Committee

As required until objectives are achieved.

8.2. Tenure of Office

Voting Members shall hold office as determined by Council and, where applicable, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act.

Non-Voting Members shall remain while such persons continue to hold the position as stated or as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

8.3. Vacancies

A vacancy on the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

9. VARIATION OF THE CHARTER

This Charter may be added to, repealed, or amended by resolution of the Council in consultation with or upon the recommendation of the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Sub-Committee.

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