

Aboriginal Community Advisory Group Report on Out of Session Meetings

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Date:	29 th of September to 1 st of October 2020
Time:	10:00am to 1:00pm
Location:	Taree, Singleton and Tocal

Background

The 14th Aboriginal Community Advisory Group (ACAG) Meeting scheduled in May and then July 2020 were cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. Following recommendations from the ACAG members, Hunter LLS facilitated three out of session meetings. The information contained in this report is a collective summary from the ACAG members detailing their actions and recommendations from each of the ACAG out of Session meetings.

Item	
Review of HLLS Aboriginal Program (Attachment 1 . HLLS Supporting Aboriginal Communities program). Overview and future strategy	<p style="text-align: center;">Hunter LLS Aboriginal Program</p> <p>Many of the Hunter LLS Aboriginal program events for 2019-20 have been delayed due to COVID 19 restrictions and unfavourable weather conditions. As a result of this, some of the 2019-2020 events are now being delivered in the 2020-21 financial year.</p> <p>CLM and Cultural Burn Courses:</p> <p>5 Cultural burns originally planned for the 2019-20 year are now scheduled to be undertaken in the 2020-21 year. This year HLLS are proposing to work with the 8 LALCs to deliver 1 cultural burn per LALC property as part of the Cultural burn and CLM training courses. Both the Diploma and Certificate III CLM courses are scheduled to commence in November 2020.</p> <p>Action – HLLS to investigate Cross regional partnership opportunity with Central Tablelands. LLS to undertake a cultural burn with Mudgee LALC.</p>

Aleshia to send information about possible cultural burn sites for future burns.

Action - HLLS to investigate utilising the fire trailer at the Karuah LALC and involve Karuah LALC members in the Dungog Common cultural burn training workshop.

Action - Dave Feeney request HLLS (Toby) send through the prescribed burn plan for Dungog Common, workshop and basic bushfire training details

Action- Leah to investigate whether there would be students from the university interested in the enrolling into the CLM and Cultural burn courses.

Virtual Reality Cultural Burn Video - University of Newcastle for Advanced Training Systems:

HLLS - provided an overview of the virtual reality video to capture some of the works undertaken to increase awareness of cultural burning. Aiming to complete the VR video by the end of this year

Action - HLLS investigate potential funding opportunity to tap into funding through Create NSW funding – next round in January 2021. Other funding sources -Creative Koori and Australia Council – Cherished 2

Action - send through details of the centre and what they do.

Action: UON and HLLS to investigate opportunities for Aboriginal students to be part of training and creating of the Cultural burn VR video – look into encouraging Aboriginal employment opportunities

ACAG meetings:

Action – HLLS send out survey monkey for the next two meetings for November and May

Action - Terms of Reference will be reviewed at the next formal AGAG

Aboriginal Support Network

Toby provided an overview of the Aboriginal Support Network – 3 meetings held a per year. Opportunity to share ideas, develop LLS regional programs.

	<p><u>Reconciliation Action Plan</u></p> <p>Overview of the Reconciliation Action plan, activities completed within 19/20 financial year.</p> <p>Action - Aleshia to send through details about activities for NAIDOC week</p> <p>Action – HLLS to contact all Lower Hunter LALCs regarding activities.</p> <p>Action – HLLS investigate a visit to the local wetland Puttabucca wetlands – cultural walk and activities for NAIDOC week Mudgee LALC.</p> <p>Action – HLLS to request all LALCs to send through details of upcoming Naidoc week activities, scheduled for November.</p> <p>Action – HLLS investigate and develop a list of local Indigenous artists across the Hunter Region</p> <p>Action – HLLS investigate participation in the Saltwater/Freshwater festival – Taree - 26 January</p> <p><u>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Due Diligence workshops for HLLS staff</u></p> <p>End of October – Virtus Heritage will run three Due diligence training workshops for Hunter LLS staff. Include the confirmed dates</p>
<p>Facilitated session to Review Draft Supporting Aboriginal Communities Document (Attachment 2)</p>	<p>Action: HLLS to speak to Alissa Rogers and Brian Hughes about current Marine debris programs, is there opportunity for Awabakal LALC to get involved in the program</p> <p>Actions – HLLS to update and finalise the Supporting Aboriginal Land Management resource including the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre and post due diligence check include as a tick box • Contact your local land council representative and or community LALC name not just generic contact • Option for the LALC to check the property based on lot dp and address - check whether there is anything else on the AIIMS registrar. • Include links to the legislative requirements and reference the diagram <p>Final feedback to be sent by 16th October.</p>

	<p>Recommendation – The consensus from the ACAG members was that they were happy with the content, format and the graphics of the Draft Supporting Aboriginal Land Management document. Once the document is amended to include feedback from ACAG members the document will then be finalised.</p>
<p>University of Newcastle, provide an overview of: Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Community guide</p> <p>Indigenous Ecological Knowledge Research Cluster (IEK)</p> <p>Facilitated session to review the University of Newcastle proposal.</p>	<p>Action: HLLS to draft a response (on behalf of the ACAG) in relation to the three proposals i.e. Community guide; IEK research cluster and living lab and Memorandum of Understanding. The response will then be circulated to all the LALCs and community members for comment and input.</p> <p>Recommendation - ACAG members gave positive feedback on the presentation that Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and sharing of the knowledge need to be protected and the right people (Traditional Owners) need to be consulted. The members were unsure about what percentage of the quote would be funded by HLLS. But at the Taree out of session meeting Leah confirmed that the University have decided to fund the whole proposal and does not require funding assistance from the Hunter LLS Aboriginal program. ACAG members will review in detail and provide comment.</p>