
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee will be held at **2:00pm – 4:00pm on Thursday, 28 May 2015 in Room 2.01, N54 Bray Centre, Nathan campus.**

A light lunch will be served at 1:30pm.

Apologies may be recorded by telephoning Ms Rosemary Marson on 373 54393.

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Mr Graham Dillon (DUniv) Up to 31 December 2016

DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ENGAGEMENT)

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TWO ABORIGINAL REPRESENTATIVES

Ms Anne Leisha Up to 31 December 2016
Mr Martin Watego Up to 31 December 2016

TWO TORRES STRAIT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Thomas Sebasio Up to 31 December 2016
Ms McRose Elu Up to 31 December 2016

PROFESSOR OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS

Professor Boni Robertson Ex officio

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PRESIDENT, GRIFFITH INDIGENOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GISA)

Ms Jean Pepperill Up to 31 December 2016

TWO STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Byron Albury (Northern campuses) Up to 31 December 2016
Ms Anita Broomhead (Gold Coast campus) Up to 31 December 2016

TWO STAFF REPRESENTATIVESMr John Graham
Dr Kerry BodleUp to 11 July 2015
Up to 31 May 2016**FIRST PEOPLES STAFF PROJECT OFFICER**

Mr Brian Blow

Ex officio

Co-opted Members

Mr Harry van Issum

Ms Rosemary Marson (Secretary)

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Secretary

AGENDA**1.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY****2.0 APOLOGIES**

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3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 2/2014 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting have been circulated.

4.0 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

4.1 Members are required to identify any conflict of interest, including family or other personal relationship/s as outlined in the University policies on Conflict of Interest and Personal Relationships in the Workplace, which may exist in respect of any of the items on the agenda.

4.2 When an interest has been declared, the Chair may resolve that the member:

- Leaves the meeting while the item of business is discussed; or
- Participates in the discussion, but withdraw from the meeting before the vote and/or decision is taken; or
- Stays, but does not participate in either the debate or vote/decision; or
- Stays with full debating and voting/decision rights.

4.3 All declarations of interest will be recorded in the minutes, together with any ensuing action.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee will wish to welcome the following members to the Advisory Committee:

- New members: Mr Martin Watego (the male Aboriginal representative); Ms Jean Pepperill (President, Griffith Indigenous Students Association) (GISA); and Mr Byron Albury ((Northern campus) student representative nominated by GISA);

- Returning member: Ms Anita Broomhead (Gold Coast campus) student representative nominated by GISA.

5.2 The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee will wish to thank the outgoing members for their contribution to the work of the Advisory Committee during 2014:

- Warrika Watson (President, GISA);
- Daniel Backhaus (Undergraduate student representative);
- Angela Leitch (Representative Education Queensland).

6.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

6.1 The Chair will report on the activities of the Griffith University Council of Elders.

7.0 DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (ENGAGEMENT) REPORT

7.1 The Deputy Vice Chancellor will report on recent items of interest to the Advisory Committee.

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

At this point in the Agenda the Chair will advise members about any matter on the Agenda not included in Section II, that members have requested prior to the meeting be so included.

SECTION I: MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

8.0 GRIFFITH ARCHIVE - PRESENTATION

8.1 The Griffith Archive was established in 2013 and is responsible for the collection, preservation, and public display of the University's history. This history includes the corporate, academic, research, learning and teaching, and social history of the University: *The Griffith Story*.

8.2 The Griffith Archive aims to

- Identify, appraise, accession, arrange, describe, and manage a unique and wide-ranging collection of records, memorabilia, and artefacts relating to the *Griffith Story*.
- Interpret and present the archive collection through a range of virtual and physical displays and presentations.
- Support the business and academic activities of Griffith University by providing access to the unique material contained in the Griffith Archive collection.

8.3 Gathering this history has led to an archival collection that represents the unique record of the University. So far, this collection focuses predominantly on the corporate history of the University.

8.4 Griffith University has among its founding vision a commitment to diversity, social, justice and community engagement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The historical and contemporary work and activities of the

GUMURRII SSU, the Griffith University Council of Elders, ICEPP, and the IRU comprise a wealth of material that should be captured as part of *The Griffith Story*. Members are asked to consider and share their ideas on ways in which these areas can positively participate and contribute to the work of the Griffith Archive.

- 8.5 The Manager, Corporate Information (Corporate Records and Digitisation Services) and the Curator, Griffith Archive will attend the meeting and present an outline of the work of the Griffith Archive to-date and seek input from the Advisory Committee on possible ways to include First People's content in the Griffith Archive.

For discussion and comment

9.0 BUSINESS STRATEGIES: WORKING WITH ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE - PRESENTATION

- 9.1 At its May 2014 meeting, the Advisory Committee considered the course outline for the recently developed course, *Business Strategies: Working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People*. Dr Kerry Bodle, Department of Accounting, Finance and Economics, who developed the course, presented this item and advised members that the course had been developed within the context of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Inclusive Curriculum, Development and Implementation project (2011-2013).
- 9.2 One of the outcomes of the Advisory Committee's discussions at the May 2014 meeting was the recommendation that Dr Bodle be invited to present on her reflections of the course after its first offering.
- 9.3 Dr Bodle will present an overview of her experiences in teaching *Business Strategies: Working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander People*, including the impact of her collaboration with Associate Professor Karen Martin and the national project - *The role of Aboriginal Knowledges in higher education in the 21st Century* – funded by the Office for Learning and Teaching (OLT). The website for this project, and the national symposium to be held at the University on Friday 19th June, is: <http://www.akinhe.edu.au>

For discussion and comment

10.0 GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

- 10.1 The University's *Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2012-2015* was launched in late 2012 and is a statement about Griffith's commitment to achieve goals for its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and other communities to work together harmoniously and to find common ground in their teaching and research endeavours and in their community engagements.
- 10.2 The RAP is organised around four key standard headings: Respect, Relationships, Opportunities, and Reporting. These headings are recommended by Reconciliation Australia in preparing an institutional RAP.
- 10.3 Since the launch of the RAP in late 2012, work on meeting targets and goals has been monitored and coordinated by the RAP Working Party (co-chaired by

Mr Shane Barnes and Ms Joanna Peters). The following reports on progress towards the RAP are attached for consideration and comment:

- *2014 Report Against Griffith University Reconciliation Action Plan 2012-2015;*
- *Updated Progress Against the Griffith University Reconciliation Action Plan as at July 2014.*

10.4 The RAP is due to expire in 2015 and a major task for the Working Party is to draft a new RAP for 2016 – 2018. To this purpose, a series of meetings have been scheduled throughout 2015 to assist in reviewing and redrafting the RAP. The following timeline/process is proposed to guide the review of the current RAP:

Review achievements of current Plan	March – May
Undertake an external scan of other universities' RAPS	March – May
Consult with students, staff and community	May – July
Draft new RAP	August – October
Launch new RAP 2016-2018	December

10.5 Co-Chair of the RAP Working Party, Mr Shane Barnes, will report on the progress of the Reconciliation Action Working Party, as summarised in the attached reports and on the preparations for the revised RAP 2016-2018.

For discussion

11.0 REPORT FROM INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS

11.1 The Professor, Indigenous Community Engagement Policy and Partnerships (ICEPP) will report on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee.

For discussion

12.0 INDIGENOUS RESEARCH UNIT (IRU)

12.1 The Professor, Indigenous Research Unit will highlight the major activities of the IRU, as detailed in the attached report.

For discussion

13.0 GUMURRII STUDENT SUPPORT UNIT

13.1 The Director will report on current issues of relevance to the Advisory Committee, as detailed in the attached report *GUMURRII REPORT TO ATSIAC*.

For discussion

SECTION II: MATTERS REQUIRING RATIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ACTION

NIL

SECTION III: MATTERS FOR NOTING AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS**14.0 CLOSING THE GAP: PRIME MINISTER'S REPORT 2015**

14.1 The Federal government's *Closing the Gap: Prime Minister's Report 2015* was released in March 2015.

14.2 A copy of the attached Report is also available at:

<http://www.dpmc.gov.au/pmc-indigenous-affairs/publication/closing-gap-prime-ministers-report-2015>

For noting

15.0 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15.1 Members are asked to note the following on-campus activities:

Walk'nTalk: Nathan 26 May; Gold Coast 27 May

Harmony Week (16 – 21 March 2015)
griffith.edu.au/harmony-week

National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June)
<http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/resources/>

NAIDOC Week (5 – 12 July)
<http://www.naidoc.org.au/>

Cultural Diversity Week (Qld) (22-30 August)
<http://www.datsima.qld.gov.au/be-involved/queensland-cultural-diversity-week>

For noting

16.0 OTHER BUSINESS**17.0 2015 COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Members are asked to note the remaining 2015 schedule of meetings. Meetings are held on **Thursdays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm** or as otherwise listed below.

Meeting Date 2015	Campus	Venue Allocated
28 May	Nathan	N54_2.01
20 August	Nathan	N54_2.01
26 November	Nathan	N54_2.01

For noting