Membership Application

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee
BACKGROUND

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee’s purpose is to advise Council on the views, needs and interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Parramatta area.

Role of the Committee

The Committee works with Council to:

- provide advice, input and feedback to Council on the needs & issues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- identify, promote and reflect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and culture
- develop & promote appropriate celebrations including NAIDOC

The Committee reports to Council through monthly Council Reports.

Membership

Membership of the Advisory Committee is voluntary and includes:

- community members who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- community members who are members of/ representatives of local community organisations with a demonstrated commitment, sensitivity to and understanding of issues relating to the local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.

In addition, the following are ex-officio members:

- Parramatta City Councillors
- Council staff from relevant departments

Selection Criteria

Applicants must meet at least one of the following criterion:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live, work or study in Parramatta LGA
- The tribal Dharug people
- Individuals or representatives of local community organizations with a demonstrated commitment, sensitivity to and understanding of issues relating to the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Membership application

To apply to become a member of Council’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, please complete the attached application form and return it to the Council Officer indicated below.

An Interdepartmental panel of 3 will assess your application against the selection criteria.

A Recommendation will then be prepared and submitted to Council regarding your application. You will be advised of Council’s decision regarding your application as soon as possible. This process normally takes between 4-6 weeks.

Requirements:

1. Your application should comprise Attachment 2 completed
2. Your application may include any supporting documentation
3. Your application should be clearly marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to:

   Maggie Kyle  
   Community Capacity Building Officer  
   Parramatta City Council  
   PO Box 32 Parramatta NSW 2124

If you require any further information and/or assistance in completing the application form, contact Maggie Kyle: mkyle@parracity.nsw.gov.au  
02-9806-5082
PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I wish to be considered as a member of Parramatta City Council’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.

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NB. Any persons, company or organization contracting services to Parramatta City Council may be precluded from being a member of the Committee.

Please tick the boxes that relate to you below:

1. I am
   i. a resident of the Parramatta LGA □
   ii. a worker in the Parramatta LGA □
   iii. a student in the Parramatta LGA □
   v. other □

Please provide brief details:
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2. I am:
   
i. an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander   □
   
ii. a member of the Dharug people   □
   
iii. an individual with a demonstrated commitment and understanding of issues related to the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people   □
   
iv. a representative of a local community organisation with a demonstrated commitment and understanding of issues related to the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people   □
   
v. other

Please provide brief details:

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3. I have:
   
i. experience as a member of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee   □
   
ii. experience in a similar position   □

Please provide brief details:

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4. I have:
   i. knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the local
government area
   ii. contact with these communities

Please list relevant groups/organisations you are currently involved with:
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5. Please provide any other information that you feel may be relevant to Council’s
consideration of your interest.
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6. I, the undersigned:
   i. am committed to act in accordance with Council’s Code of Conduct
   ii. am committed to access and equity principles
   iii. have general acceptance of the communities I represent

Signature: .................................. Date: .............................

Please attach any supporting documentation and submit your expression of
interest clearly marked CONFIDENTIAL to:
Maggie Kyle
Community Capacity Building Officer
Parramatta City Council
PO Box 32 Parramatta NSW 2124