

Terms of Reference

Georges River Council Aboriginal Reference Group

Vision: To provide a vital link between Georges River Council and the local Aboriginal community, respecting their right to self-determination and community empowerment.

Objectives

- To provide advice and input on the development and implementation of Council's programs, policies, services and facilities that relate to the local Aboriginal community.
- To provide a forum for raising issues of concern regarding the local Aboriginal community.
- To advance reconciliation between the Aboriginal community and the wider community.
- To enhance community awareness of Aboriginal culture, heritage and socio-economic issues (i.e. health, employment, education and housing).
- To maintain and enhance positive working relationships between the Council and the Aboriginal community.

Membership

Membership shall consist of:

- Chairperson: An Aboriginal person as nominated by members
- Deputy Chairperson: Aboriginal person as nominated by members
- Georges River Local Government Area Aboriginal residents
- Aboriginal Service Providers/Community Workers
- An Aboriginal youth representative
- An Aboriginal Elders representative
- Council's coordinator Community Development (as Executive Officer)
- Council's Multicultural and Indigenous Development Officer

Period of Membership

Members of the Aboriginal Reference Group will be appointed for a period of two years.

Responsibilities of Members

Members are obliged to report back to their communities about the issues discussed and decisions made by this Committee.

Frequency of Meetings and Procedures

- Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.
- The agenda and meeting documents will be circulated to the Reference Group at least one week prior to the meeting.
- Council officers will provide secretariat to the meeting, including minute taking.
- The recommendations of each meeting will be submitted to the Community Development and Services Advisory Committee and to council.
- All meetings will be held at Council.