

Yandaarra Committee's Accomplishments 2020-21

Yandaarra Aboriginal Advisory committee had a very busy but productive year, giving and sharing input into:

- The track within the Cultural and Civic Space (CCS) project, instigated the coming together of the 6 clans of the Gumbaynggirr nation (noting there are only 2 in our LGA) to nominate approximately 27 locations to be included within the journey throughout the building
- The support and organisation of the naming for the Wiigulga sports fields
- Assisted with the sections of the Solitary Islands Coastal Walk Cultural sites
- The running of NAIDOC's Council Flag Raising and presenting the Yandaarra Aunty Grace Roberts Community Awards during COVID
- Fitzroy oval, given endorsement for the updating and re-installation of the original "old Camp" signage to be located once again at Fitzroy, commemorating the early days of Aboriginal living
- Coffs old Cemetery, engaged with historians and Councils Cemetery manager, to investigate the "concealed" graves that were/are buried under the current roadway
- Endorsed the 2020 LGA Aboriginal community profile
- Mick's Retreat work, worked with Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Council staff in guiding the works completed for the Memorial of Colleen Walker
- Worked with Council, and Gumbaynggirr nations in the development of the "proposed" Aboriginal name for the current CCS Building
- Worked with Museum staff in consultations to repatriate artefacts taken as part of the Will Rogers collection removed in approximately 1967 to Victoria
- Worked with council in the efforts to develop and instill further Dual Naming opportunities such as the recent Sealy Lookout recommendations
- Supported the single naming of the Coffs Skate park to, Gunganbu park
- Given Cultural support to projects such as:
 - North wall car park
 - Council Art brief and policy
 - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Document
 - Go Girls project for Jetty Foreshores signage
- Library Digitisation project, including 2 very old voice recording of Elders past, to be cared for by council
- Are currently working on:
 - Aboriginal Cultural Awareness
 - Recruitment and Retention in particular the projects named "the 3rd space"
 - Cultural safety of the 11 Heritage listed sites at the Airport

Noting that in 2020 between May and November Yandaarra held 5 ordinary meetings, 5 "other" meeting, covered 57 topics of discussion and conducted 2 events.