DHURIL GADHU ABORIGINAL HIGHER EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference
The Dhuril Gadhu Aboriginal Higher Education Advisory Committee aims to encourage participation in higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Committee provides information and advice to the UOW Batemans Bay on matters relevant to accessing and participating in higher education.

Aims
- The Committee aims to increase participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in higher education.
- The Committee aims to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait people to be actively involved in decision-making that is relevant to higher education.
- Collaborative consultation process will be undertaken to ensure opportunities for Indigenous peoples are maximised in the committee.

Objectives
- Creating an awareness of Indigenous issues facing the community which may create barriers to participation in higher education.
- Increased involvement for Indigenous Peoples in University activities
- Advising for better provision of services for the Indigenous Community such as cultural awareness days.
- Liaising between key community stakeholders such as The Local Aboriginal Lands Council and local schools.
- Apply for grants to help facilitate the committee’s aims and objectives
- Encourage broad representations in the committee to ensure increased Indigenous participation.

Membership
All membership of the committee is valid until for one year, renewable at the annual general meeting (AGM). The committee reserves the right to revoke membership at any time if necessary.

Full Membership:
- Full membership of the association shall be open to all Aboriginal people aged eighteen (18) years of age and over.
- Payment required is a gold coin donation for membership. Only full financial members will have voting rights.
- Voting rights of renewed full members will commence immediately upon receipt of the membership fees.
- Voting rights of new full members will not commence until the meeting
immediately following the meeting at which the new full member was endorsed.

- Should the un-financial status of full members be more than one (1) year, their full membership shall revert to the status of new full members.

**Associate Membership:**

- Associate membership of the association shall be open to all non-Indigenous people, aged eighteen (18) years and over.
- Associate membership enables non-Indigenous people to be involved in meetings and activities but not to hold a management committee position or have voting rights unless University of Wollongong appointed.
- An associate member is expected to be a current financial and active member.

**Junior Membership:**

- Junior membership of the association shall be open to all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, aged between twelve (12) and eighteen (18) years of age.
- Junior membership enables young people to be involved in meetings and activities but not to hold an executive position or have voting rights.
- Junior members are not required to pay membership fees.

**Financial Management:**

- University of Wollongong will act as an auspicing body for grant applications in accordance to the aims and objectives of the committee.
- University of Wollongong will provide financial management for the projects undertaken by the committee.
- The University of Wollongong reserves the right to appoint a local university employee to the role of treasurer.