



# ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES NETWORK

## Agenda for Day 1

Rydges, Eagle Hawk  
23rd and 24th September 2008

**Gathering theme: Aboriginal Culture and Heritage: Developing a Regional Framework**

**Chairperson:** Jodi Edwards

**Master of Ceremony:** Agnes Donovan

1	9:30	Morning Tea and Registration	
2	10:00	<b>Welcome</b> Local Aboriginal Welcome to Country	Traditional Owner/ Elder
3	10:15	<b>Illawarra-South East Regional Coordination Management Group - Welcome to AGEN Participants</b>	Neil McGaffin Regional Manager, Department of Planning Chairperson, I-SE RCMG
4	10:30	<b>Introduction</b> Overview of AGEN Outline of 2008 program Housekeeping & Protocols	Jodi Edwards AGEN Chairperson
5	10:45	<b>Networking Half Hour</b> <i>OR- Who is Who and What do you do?</i> Introduce CAWP members Introduce RCMG members Introductions from all delegates	ALL AGEN participants introduce themselves and what they do. Feedback from previous Gatherings has highlighted that is important to do this early in the Gathering in order to support targeted cross-agency conversations.
6	11:15	<b>Overview: Regional Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Framework</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is it?</li><li>• What will it do?</li><li>• How will it be developed?</li><li>• How will it be used?</li></ul>	
7	11:35	<b>Discussion of Framework Overview</b> Panel from CAWP and RCMG answer questions/ receive comments from broader Gathering in relation to Proposed Culture and Heritage Framework.	
8	12:15	<b>LUNCH</b>	

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9	1:15	<b>Aboriginal Culture and Heritage through Story Circles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of selected Aboriginal community leaders will share their experiences around a specific event relating to Aboriginal and Cultural Heritage. This sharing will be done as a story telling. Gathering participants will be randomly allocated to one of four <i>Story Circles</i>. Each <i>Story Circle</i> will share an experience that the community leaders have had, leading to a facilitated discussion around what the learnings from the stories are. Participants will work together to identify how these learnings can be incorporated into the core business of NSW Government agencies through the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Framework.</li> </ul>
10	2:15	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
11	2:35	<b>Facilitated Discussion:</b> CAWP members will lead a discussion in each <i>Story Circle</i> that will identify the learnings from the stories that have been told. The aim is to look for more general concepts, ideas and practices that could be incorporated into the I-SE RCMG Aboriginal Culture and Heritage Framework.
	3:15	<b>Story Circle Plenary Session</b>
	4:15	<b>Networking Hour</b> <i>OR- Who is Who and What do you do?</i> Introductions from all delegates
14	5:00	<b>Close of Day One</b> (except for facilitators)
15	5:15	<b>Facilitators meeting</b> – Feedback from Day 1, prepare for Day 2
16	7:00	<b>Dinner</b>
17	8:30	<b>Entertainment</b>

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# ABORIGINAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES NETWORK 2008 GATHERING

## Agenda for Day 2

Rydges Eagle Hawk  
23<sup>rd</sup> and 24th September 2008

**Gathering theme: Aboriginal Culture and Heritage: Developing a Regional Framework**

**Chairperson:** Jodi Edwards  
**Master of Ceremony:** Agnes Donovan

1	8.00	<b>Hot Buffet Breakfast</b>
2	9:00	<b>Cross Agency Working Party (CAWP) Report:</b> Background to the CAWP; Introduce CAWP members; Report on CAWP activities in 2008; Promote CAWP 2009 membership Collect Nomination forms for CAWP 2009
3	9:30	<b>Aboriginal Service Delivery: Gap Analysis</b> Facilitated workshop to identify what things are working well and what service delivery gaps exist for Aboriginal communities in different areas of the Illawarra and South East Regions. This may be done on a location basis, to encourage stronger local level collaboration. Location groups to identify cost-neutral mechanisms that could be developed to overcome any gaps.
4	10:30	<b>Morning Tea</b>
5	11:00	<b>Report back from Gap Analysis Groups</b>
6	11:30	<b>Next Steps: Tangible Actions</b>
7	12:00	<b>LUNCH</b>
8	1:00	<b>Making Reconciliation Real in Our Work Places</b> A brief and energising workshop to identify simple and achievable ways that reconciliation can be built-in to our day-to-day lives in our work places.
9	2:00	<b>Gathering Plenary</b> Appointment of CAWP 09 Development of Gathering recommendations to go to RCMG

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Completion of Gathering evaluation forms

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10 2:30 **Gathering Closes**

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