



**Buurabalayji Thalanyji
Aboriginal Corporation
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MEETING NOTES

MEETING	Heritage and Culture Committee – K + S Social Surrounds discussion
Date	21 January 2021
Attendees	Trudy Hayes, Frances Hayes, Karen Hayes (by Zoom), Marlon Hayes (by Zoom) Glenys Hayes (BTAC) Richard Gordine (BTAC)
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Topics	<p>This session was scheduled at the request of K + S to review the Social Surrounds documentation previously submitted as a component of the K + S environmental approval documentation and provide supplementary information, if relevant.</p> <p>The group collectively reviewed the social surroundings assessment documentation and supporting documentation provided by K + S via BTAC.</p> <p>Supplementary information was noted and recorded under the following headings and after again reviewing the location of the Project Area and scope.</p> <p><u>Traditional taking and resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The mangrove trees were flagged as important habitat supporting shellfish, crabs, water birds and fish resources. All were traditionally taken by Thalanyji people.• The tidal flat areas were also flagged as important habitat supporting a variety of marine resources. Here fish were caught using spears as the tide rose and fell.• It was also discussed that sawfish are known from this coast and tributaries and have been caught rarely, from time to time. <p><u>Coastal access and camping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was discussed that families would access the Project Area in the past with a focus on pastoral infrastructure and now ruined buildings in the vicinity of Whittaker's Well (noted on plans as within or near the Project Area). <p><u>Access to the Project Area</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was discussed that K + S have made commitments to allow access to the Project Area for a variety of activities. It was however noted that access during construction may be limited, subject to safety.
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	<p><u>Additional information and material</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the Project Area overlaps with a previously proposed project with Straits Resource as proponent and that reports generated at that time could assist the Thalanyji to refresh regarding environmental impacts and mitigations. Action: BTAC to review archives to locate relevant reports. • It was also noted that Fiona Hook (Archae-aus) may be able to contribute additional information regarding shellfish use and other marine resources noted in middens. Action: BTAC to contact Fiona for any additional information she may have. • It was agreed that BTAC would capture these discussions and supplementary information (this document) and circulate it to Committee members for their review in a timely manner. It was also noted that K + S have requested any additional information be provided to them on or before 31 January 2021. Action: BTAC to work with the Committee and external consultants to provide this supplementary information to meet the K + S schedule (31/1/21 or before). • Please note that the Project Area is a coastal area with potential to host unrecorded burial sites and archaeological material, as noted in McDonald 2004 for Straits Resources. Consequently, monitoring of construction activities by Thalanyji people is strongly recommended.
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Outcomes	
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: BTAC to review archives to locate relevant reports. • Action: BTAC to contact Fiona Hook for any additional information she may have. • Action: BTAC to work with the Committee and external consultants to provide this supplementary information to meet the K + S schedule (31/1/21 or before).
RECOMMENDATIONS	
Comments	



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