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Dear Patrick,
Please find following;
* GTLAC report for Woolworths and Big W Warnervale.
* Invoice for GTLAC participation and report.

Thank you for including the Guringai Mob in this project.
We look forward to working with you in the future.

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***WARNERVALE WOOLWORTHS
and BIG W SHOPPING COMPLEX.
WARNERVALE TOWN CENTRE,
WARNERVALE, NSW.***



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

IMPACT ASSESMENT

WOOLWORTHS & BIG W

WARNERVALE, NSW

Prepared by Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation

for

WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

INTRODUCTION:

Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation (GTLAC) was contacted by Patrick Hall, Project Manager for Corporate Property, Woolworths Limited in regards to an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the proposed Woolworths and Big W stores at Warnervale, NSW.

STUDY AREA:

The study area is within the Wyong Shire Council Local Government Area, Lot 521/DP594725 and is approximately 9ha consisting of regrowth vegetation, remnants of previously removed dwelling with nursery/ orchard sheds and several dams.

METHODOLOGY:

The study area was surveyed on foot by Tracey Howie-Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation (GTLAC) and Patrick Hall-Woolworths Limited (WL).

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Woolworths Limited are proposing to establish a Woolworths Supermarket and Big W Shopping Complex to form part of the Warnervale Town Centre Project.

The development will include road ways, parking facilities and associated infrastructure for the Woolworths Supermarket and Big W Shopping Centre.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION:

The study area for the proposed Woolworths and Big W Shopping Complex, has been and still is, home to the Guringai speaking Mob (aka, Wanangini or Broken Bay Tribe) for generations and seasonally occupied in various locations by the Darginyung people. Pre and post European settlement.

These areas were once rich in eatable vegetation and native animals. The Guringai Mob hunted and gathered on these Lands for centuries and lived as one with the Land in harmony. Only taking what was required and caring for the land with practices such as Fire Stick Farming to replenish the vegetation, and dispose of leaf litter.

Well known and documented members of the Guringai mob were; Boongaree, Matora, Mosquito, Jewfish, Cora(Gooseberry), Flathead, Long Dick (Boio), Sophy (Booratora) and Charlotte Ashby.(nee.Webb).

Thier presence in this area was initially recorded pre 1790. References to these Guringai speaking people are located on Government Blanket list and Court Bench records taken in the Gosford / Wyong areas and Colonial Secretary minutes, which are held at Gosford City Library and early recordings from surveyors John Fraser,Chappell, journals written by Lt. Charles Dawes, Rev.L.E.Threlkeld, Rev. Glennie, Matthew Flinders, Augustus Earl, R.H Mathews and current AIATSIS maps.

The traditional areas occupied by the Guringai speaking comprises of; All of Port Jackson catchment, including the tributaries of Middle Harbour and Lane Cove River, the Broken Bay catchment, including tributaries of Brisbane Water, Cowan Creek and Pitt Water,the water shed along Peats Ridge, following along the range through to Kulnura, as well as the Lakes of the Central Coast to lower Lake Macquarie.

Guringai - People of the Coast.

Darginyung - People of the Ranges

Darug - People of the Plains. (as described by J.Fraser 1892)

Charlotte Webb was the very first recorded Aboriginal birth on the Central Coast. She was born in 1823. Charlotte was the daughter of Sophy (Booratora), daughter of Boongaree and Matora. Sophy was sexually assaulted by Ship-building merchant, James Webb. Charlotte was the result of this rape. Her body lies at rest at Brady's Gully, Gosford east. Darginyung were first recorded in the Wyong area in the early 1800's, when Colonial secretary, William Cape, opened fire on several Guringai Men, Woman and children for stealing corn from his fields. Cape sent out 14 men on horse back to "eradicate the problem with whatever force deemed necessary." To support the Guringai, tribal members from the Wollomi and Sugar Loaf areas ascended on Wyong. Several branches of descendants of these tribal groups remained on the Central Coast in the Wyong area, adopting it as home.

Well known and documented Aboriginal man, was Billy Faulkner. His presence was initially recorded on the Central Coast in the 1860's. Billy Faulkner was unfortunately found drowned in Tuggerah Lake in 1875.

FINDINGS:

No Aboriginal sites of significance or objects were identified at the time of this survey, however the potential for in-situ artefact materials can not be discounted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

GTLAC recommend that monitoring of works be conducted during initial earth works to establish the presence or absence of artefact materials within the study area. Ground surface visibility was zero, therefore the potential of locating Aboriginal materials/objects can not be discounted.

GTLAC participated in the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment for the Warnervale Town Centre in two intervals with Archaeologists - John Appleton and then Peter Kuskie and located artefact materials on both occasions within the vicinity of the proposed Woolworths and Big W developments.

Should any Aboriginal objects be located during this process, an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be constructed with GTLAC for the on going management of the objects.

Those persons responsible for the management of any works on site for the proposed Woolworths Shopping Complex and associated activities, will ensure that all staff, contractors and others involved in the development and maintenance related activities are informed of and fully understand the Statutory Legislations protecting Aboriginal sites, Aboriginal objects and Places of Significance to the Aboriginal Community.

Section 90(1) of the National Parks and Wildlife Act, 1974 states that it is an offence to destroy, deface or damage, or cause or permit destruction or defacement of or damage to, an Aboriginal object or Aboriginal place without first obtaining the consent of the Director General, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

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