ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 February 2008, with minor amendments 5 June 2013.

Terms of Reference

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council is an Advisory Council of the University. The Council will have a broad regional and national focus and will provide advice to the Board and the University in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters including:

- advice on relationships between the University and government and education providers;
- advice on the direction, development and excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academic programs and research;
- advice on external relationships, partnerships and opportunities for development;
- advice on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters referred to the Council;
- consultation and communication with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of Greater Western Sydney.

Membership

a) Chair (Dean of Indigenous Education/distinguished Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community member).

b) Deputy Chair (Dean of Indigenous Education/distinguished Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community member).

c) Up to ten community members, to include, but not be limited to, representative of:
   o All regions of the Sydney metropolitan Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) – one member from each;
   o Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Aboriginal Legal Service, Aboriginal Housing Organisations, Aboriginal Medical Services, other significant Aboriginal organisations in Greater Western Sydney;
   o Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander public servants, TAFE managers or prominent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working within Greater Western Sydney.

d) One academic staff member.

e) One general staff member.

f) One postgraduate student member.

g) One undergraduate student member.

h) One member of the Board of Trustees (if not already represented amongst the community members).