

RRM7 Upgrade, Blacktown Native Institution – Meeting 21/2026

Dharug Strategic Management Group Working Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details	
Date	Friday 19 June 2026
Time	1:30pm – 3:00pm
Location	RRM7 South Street Site – 136 South Street, Marsden Park NSW 2765 (on-site and online)
Present	
Tika EQ	Liam Harte
DSMG	Aunty Julie Jones, Raelene Billedo
TfNSW	Angela Hooper, Felicity Barry, Raquel Bleza, Jo Damcevski
Blacktown City Council	Piper Sealy
Gamuda & DTI JV	Richard Buck, Niall Fry, Hussian Nilar, Nicole Zhou
Apologies	
TfNSW	Luke Messer, Mona Sani, Christo Opperman
DSMG	Nil
Blacktown City Council	Michael Maxwell
Gamuda & DTI JV	David Mudd

1.0 Standing Items

1.1 Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

2.0 Governance

Action Items from Previous Meeting

Action Item 1: BNI Site 3D Imaging / VR – Owner: TfNSW

Ready for the August community event. Testing scheduled for Wednesday 25 June at 3:00pm at Porter Park office. Update to follow after that session.

Action Item 2: Reuse of Removed Trees – Owner: GDTI-JV

Ecologists have now been engaged and will commence surveys from Area 21 the following week. Staging location maps for DSMG remain outstanding and will be provided once ecology scope is confirmed. Ongoing.

Action Item 3: Aboriginal Participation Plan Update – Owner: GDTI-JV

Quarterly Aboriginal Participation Plan report due for August. No further update at this meeting.

Action Item 4: Artefact Repatriation – Owner: TfNSW

A specific repatriation consultation is scheduled for the next meeting in July. No further update at this meeting.

Action Item 5: Urban Design / Artist Brief – Owner: TfNSW

No update provided at this meeting. Item noted as ongoing; to be addressed as separate business at the next meeting.

Action Item 6: Community Engagement Event August – Owner: Tika EQ / TfNSW

Confirmed. Community workshop booked for Saturday 16 August at Muru Mittigar. Venue booking confirmed by Mona. Program to be built out over the coming weeks.

3.0 Project Update

3.1 Current Project Update

Construction Works

The most active construction area is Zone 4, at the corner of Harley's Road and Richmond Road. A culvert extension is underway, with box culverts landed overnight. Stitch pours and backfill are the next steps to enable the filter line works. Concrete pours have been ongoing in the median.

Stockpile Area — Area 15

A new stockpile area has been established in Area 15, directly opposite the BNI site in front of the transport shed. Access is via the transport shed from the service road. This arrangement is expected to remain in place for most of the construction works over the next 1.5 to 2 years.

3.2 Artwork Program Update

Presented by Gamuda DTI JV.

As the project moves toward detailed design, two Knowledge Holder workshops are being scheduled:

- Workshop 1 (week of 29 June) — input on concepts, narrative, and imagery. This session is about gathering Knowledge Holder views on the storyline and high-level imagery, not locking anything in.
- Workshop 2 (week of 3 July) — endorsement of the final product before handoff to the urban design architect.

With DSMG's agreement, the community will be the first to see the completed artwork at the August community workshop, before wider release.

It was noted that the artwork process involves evolving more literal cultural representations into abstract forms suited to the road environment — for example, what the work looks like at 60km/h versus standing at the roadside. This mirrors work on other projects such as Gateway, where the final form tells the cultural story in a way suited to its setting.

3.3 Archaeology Update

No new update was available from Matt, the project archaeologist, who is largely unavailable and not engaging at present. He is also awaited for updates on the Colebee Warehouse matter.

Blacktown City Council has provided historical documents, including an archaeological report from the early 2000s relating to the M7 investigation. The M7 salvage was carried out by Robin Mills and Jim Kelburn; a draft salvage report was prepared but never formally submitted to the joint venture. A copy of the testing report can be made available to DSMG.

4.0 General Items for Discussion

4.1 Ecology Update

Ecologists have been engaged and will commence site surveys from Area 21 the following week. The cultural safety induction video is now mandatory for all site personnel. The sign-in system will block access for anyone who has not completed it. Approximately half of existing staff have completed the induction to date, with a firm deadline in place for the remainder.

It was confirmed that if ecologists need to access DSMG land (for example, Area 13), DSMG engagement would be required as a precondition. A tree report mapping all vegetation will also be produced.

4.2 Design Package Reviews / Heritage Impact Assessment

A session for Package 802 was held this morning, with a follow-up session to confirm outstanding updates. Design packages are progressing, with a new package including the flight containment barrier expected to be live today.

The Heritage Management Plan has been reviewed and updated. It requires feedback from the WRAP group, including DSMG, as part of the REF safeguards process. This review process sits separately from the design package reviews. Liam Harte will send the relevant section to the WRAP list from Monday 23 June.

4.3 BNI Access

Piper Sealy provided an update on BNI access, following significant background work with Council.

Bridge and Shared Path

In-principle support has been received from Council's Manager for Transport for the proposed works within the parkland area. Pedestrians and cyclists will be directed to the existing bridge rather than widening the new bridge, which will carry two vehicle lanes and a footpath only. The existing bridge is DDA compliant the grade issue is on the approach, not the bridge itself and footpaths before and after the bridge will be widened for compliance.

Confirmed path widths:

- Shared path (pedestrians and cyclists, no vehicles): likely 3 metres; 1.5m minimum to be confirmed by Piper.
- Shared zone with vehicles: 6 metre minimum.

Additional Records

Piper also noted that additional historical records have been located, including the Landcom Master Plan for the site from 2008, records relating to the Bells Creek area, and records of a petition for an Aboriginal cultural centre from 1998. These are being chased down for desktop assessment purposes. Any records extending to the lower part of the site or Bells Creek area would be particularly valuable.

VR / 3D Imaging Testing

Testing of the BNI site VR is scheduled for Wednesday 25 June at 3:00pm at the Porter Park office. The VR is confirmed as ready for the August community event.

4.4 DSMG Dance Circle — Government Grant

DSMG advised the group that they have received a \$100,000 government grant for the sand/dance circle. The original grant request was for \$15,000. The full \$100,000 was awarded. Funds will be used to progress all necessary applications and make the dance circle permanent, with the intention to then launch a new application for the cultural heritage listing under the Statement of Significance.

5.0 Questions / Comments / Any Other Business

5.1 Open Forum

No additional items were raised.

6.0 Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed by Tika EQ

Next Meeting	
Date	Thursday 2 July 2026
Time	9:30am – 11:30am

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