

RRM7 Upgrade, Blacktown Native Institution – Meeting 23/2026

Dharug Strategic Management Group Working Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details	
Date	Thursday, 16th July 2026
Time	9:30aam – 11:30am
Location	RRM7 South Street Site – 136 South Street, Marsden Park NSW 2765 (on-site and online)
Present	
Tika EQ	Luke McIlroy-Ranga, Claire Wade
DSMG	Aunty Julie Jones
TfNSW	Angela Hooper, Noni Ross, Samirkumar Patel, Christo Opperman
Blacktown City Council	Piper Sealy
Gamuda & DTI JV	Richard Buck, Husain Nilar, Nicolle Zhou
Apologies	
TfNSW	Jo Damcevski, Raquel Bleza, Jody Gould, Felicity Barry, Moani Saini
DSMG	Raelene Billedo
Blacktown City Council	Michael Maxwell
Gamuda & DTI JV	Niall Fry

1.0 Standing Items

Welcome / Acknowledgement of Country

2.0 Governance

Action Items from Previous Meeting

Action Item 1: BNI Site 3D Imaging / VR – Owner: Gamuda TfNSW The 3D model is substantially complete. Mona is incorporating additional landscape detail to help users orient



themselves relative to existing site conditions. The VR preview for design review is on track and will be ready by 31 July 2026.

Action Item 2: Tree Removal and Reuse - Owner: Gamuda DTI JV / TfNSW

Ecologists are attending site next week for the pre-clearing survey, which will identify trees for clearing, note hollows, and locate bush rock and retained items. Trees for clearing will be marked on site and georeferenced, with a GIS layout to follow. The report will be shared with the group once received.

Action Item 3: Aboriginal Participation Plan update: GDTI-JV

Confirmed as a quarterly reporting item. The next update will be delivered at the August community information session (proposed 27 August 2026), with Simon Jones presenting

Action Item 4: Unexpected Finds Repatriation – Owner: TfNSW

A dedicated diary session with Aunty Julie was scheduled to follow this meeting to progress repatriation items.

Action Item 5: BNI Urban Workshop Design – Owner: TfNSW

No update at this stage. Tika EQ has emailed Mona regarding Blacktown City Council's request for additional information (borehole form), and the transport sign-off will follow once that is returned. An open request was noted for Council to share any landscaping and urban design guidelines used when reviewing designs. Council confirmed these are currently being drafted and will follow up.

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

Confirmed as on track with no outstanding items from the working group. Raelene holds the invitation email list and Tika EQ will collect and distribute. The event format was confirmed, there will be a structured presentation component, but attendees are welcome to drop in at any point. The intent is that no one should feel they cannot come because they can only make part of the day. Timing confirmed following discussion with Aunty Julie: arrivals from 10:30am, presentations from 11:00am–12:00pm, lunch break, then a second session from 1:00pm–2:00pm

3.0 Project Update

3.1 Current Project Update

Portion 1 is progressing as normal median works and drainage installation are on track, and a concrete pour in Zone 4A was completed the previous day. Borehole works at Area 13 are scheduled to commence early August 2026, with eight boreholes to be completed and localised fencing details to be confirmed. Area 717 demolition is scheduled for late August 2026, subject to EPL approval expected by next week. Works and access remain on hold until that is confirmed.

3.2 Artwork Program

The key item is organising the Knowledge Holder Workshop with Jess Tobin. The group is keen to progress this promptly, noting that concept development cannot advance meaningfully without it. The workshop was confirmed for Thursday 23 July 2026 from

approximately 2:30pm, following the NADOIC community event, with a hybrid format available. Invited participants include Nicole Winters, Aunty Cheryl Goh, Raelene Billedo, Peter Lee, and others connected to the public art space. Aunty Julie requested that family members not be included to avoid any perception of conflict of interest. Tika EQ and a representative from the urban design team will also attend. Aunty Julie to provide Knowledge Holder contact details; Tika EQ to make contact.

3.3 Archaeology Update

No formal archaeology update at this stage. A heritage update was provided: TfNSW completed an archival recording of Area 13, the Transport-owned strip of the BNI affected by project works, as a condition of altering a heritage-listed site. DSMG confirmed they would welcome a copy of the report when finalised, noting it will form part of the Heritage NSW site listing records.

4.0 General Items for Discussion

4.1 Ecology Update

The pre-clearing survey is scheduled for next week and will identify trees for clearing, locate hollows, bush rock, and retained items. The survey report must be submitted to TfNSW for review and approval before any clearing commences, and clearing is not expected for at least a month after the report is received. Ecologists will be present on site during clearing activities. On kangaroo management, the wildlife procedure has been formalised and approved under the FFMP. Fencing will go in early to establish project boundaries, with a strategy that includes no-gap fencing, neutral shade cloth subject to availability, and alerting systems to deter kangaroos from the clearing area.

4.2 Design Package Reviews / Heritage Impact Assessment

Stage 2 design packages have been issued for review. Aunty Julie has viewed the material and Uncle Richie has been reviewing; Aunty Julie will follow up with him for comments. No issues were raised at the DSMG board meeting the previous evening. On the HMP RAP consultation, one comment was received with suggestions, and most parties agreed to the plan. Angela to collate and return comments urgently, as the EPL licence is targeted for next week and any plan updates need to occur this week.

4.3 August Community Day – Invitation List (TfNSW)

The invitation format was confirmed following a conversation with Mona. Invitations will indicate a structured presentation component while making clear that attendees can drop in at any stage and have conversations offline for those unable to attend in full. The intent is a genuinely open and inclusive event. Raelene holds the email list; Tika EQ to collect and distribute.

4.4 Planting Palette Discussion (TfNSW)

The landscape design and planting palette presentation is scheduled for Thursday 30 July 2026, immediately following the next working group session. Miriam is currently on leave but has submitted the 85% SDD package and is available to present from next Tuesday. An

alternative presenter can be arranged if needed. All DSMG members and interested parties are welcome, and a subsequent presentation to the DSMG board can be arranged if useful.

5.0 Questions / Comments / Any Other Business

5.1 Open Forum

Aunty Julie confirmed no further items to raise. The group noted that the HIA review diary session confirmed for Tuesday 21 July 2026, 1:30pm, at South Street (or online). Attendees: Aunty Julie Jones and Tika EQ. Purpose are to review the next portion of the Heritage Impact Assessment. Raelene Billedo and Uncle Richard (in Japan from Sunday) are unable to attend.

6.0 Close of Meeting

The meeting was closed by Tika EQ. The next meeting details were confirmed.

Next Meeting	
Date	Thursday 30 th July 2026
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