

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

Monday, 28 June 2021 at 6:00pm

Venue: Committee Room & Zoom  
City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre  
244 Vincent Street, Leederville

### Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors  
Cr Dan Loden (Chairperson)  
Cr Jonathan Hallett (JH)

Community Representatives  
Jodey Brockhurst (JB)

City of Vincent Officers  
Virginia Miltrup – (Executive Director Community & Business) (VM)  
Gemma Carter - (Manager Marketing & Partnerships) (GC)  
Karen Balm – (Coordinator Community Development) (KB)  
Natalie Stoksik - (Community Development Advisor - Reconciliation) (NS)  
Susanna Iuliano (Senior Librarian Local History) (SI)

### 1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening – Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting was opened at 6:05pm with Cr Dan Loden giving an Acknowledgment of Country.

### 2. Apologies

Cr Joshua Topelberg (JT)  
Marilyn Lyford (ML)  
Roslyn Harley (RH)  
Mikayla King (MK)

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 10 May 2021

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 10 May 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

### 4. Items for Discussion

#### 4.1 Moorditj Footprints - East Perth Stories

SI gave a summary Moorditj Footprints Oral History Project for East Perth. This is a community led project initiated by Elder Lindsay Calyun and Ivy Penny, recording Aboriginal stories of East Perth. SI indicated City of Vincent was supporting the project and assisting the group to apply for grant funding.

Cr Loden made enquiries concerning the project and the timeline.

**ACTIONS:**        1)        **NS to attach grant application and Moorditj Footprints album to minutes and request if any questions from RAPWG.**

                         2)        **SI to provide further update on project to RAPWG at a later date.**

#### 4.2 NAIDOC week events

NS outlined the events planned during NAIDOC week.

Cr Loden commented that the schedule of events was comprehensive.

JB enquired about contingency plan if COVID restrictions change.

GC advised that the City would develop a contingency plan and look at what events could be rescheduled or delivered online if necessary.

JB indicated if rescheduling it may be good to spread events out to minimise risk of further restrictions.

VM suggested one approach might be a progressive NAIDOC series of events delivered between July and October rather than rescheduling to another week of events.

- ACTIONS:**
- 3) **GC, KB & NS to develop contingency plan in light of possible COVID restrictions.**
  - 4) **NS to provide RAPWG update on NAIDOC with minutes.**

#### 4.3 Formal request to rename Weld Square & Britannia Reserve

KB confirmed that a formal request to rename Weld Square had been submitted by Stirling St Action Group along with a request through Council to rename Britannia Reserve. KB enquired as to the thoughts of the RAPWG.

Cr Loden requested that Administration ascertain the appropriate process for dual/renaming to a culturally appropriate name.

JB and Cr Loden suggested contacting City of Perth to seek the assistance/guidance from their Elders Working Group. If Officers are not successful, Cr Loden recommends that the CEO and Mayor could assist in making enquiries with their City of Perth contacts.

JB suggested that engaging with the elders is important as there may be differing views about the appropriate name.

GC advised that this process may align with the Interpretation Study Grant for the nine significant sites and to assist in identifying culturally appropriate names.

- ACTION:**
- 5) **NS to contact City of Perth to investigate opportunities to develop relationship with City of Perth Elders Group**

#### 4.4 Aboriginal Community & Stakeholder Engagement Plan

GC indicated the City would be reaching out to Aboriginal consultancies to assist with drafting Aboriginal Stakeholder and Engagement Plan with a view to developing the plan prior to the end of the calendar year.

CG advised that the RAPWG will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan once a draft is ready.

#### 4.5 Aboriginal artists to engage with for future public art projects.

NS mentioned the City would like to develop a database of Perth Aboriginal owned and run business.

JB advised that websites exists that collate Aboriginal corporations, and this would be a useful source. JB provided Supply Nation as one example and also suggested to check Instagram for emerging artists.

Cr Loden recommended building relationships with other local governments such as City of Stirling as they will all be requiring the services of Aboriginal artists.

VM suggested that any art projects would need to be advertised widely, regardless of a database, to capture new and emerging artists.

- ACTIONS:**
- 6) **NS to research Aboriginal websites and corporations and contact other local governments to enquire about their suppliers**

#### 4.6 Innovate RAP

Draft Innovate RAP had been emailed to RAPWG for feedback.

KB outlined that once more feedback is received, the draft would be revised and meetings held with the Internal RAPWG and City staff to seek feedback on Draft RAP deliverables and timeframes.

KB also advised that Reconciliation Australia have been provided with a draft copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Innovate RAP to commence a conversation with them.

Cr Loden recommended that contact be made with each RAPWG member and ask them what they would be proud to see in the City of Vincent RAP.

JB commented that the Innovate RAP was quite 'busy' with actions and should have more focus on cultural impact and a human element. JB feels that we need to reduce the quantum and increase the quality of actions.

VM suggested that when we contact RAPWG members, we could ask them "what could we do in the RAP that captures the heart of the human experience of culture" and request that the RAPWG make suggestions.

VM stated that the Innovate RAP needs to reflect our community members voices and that she would prefer that we did not push through on deadlines if we do not have sufficient RAPWG input.

Cr Hallett stated that we needed to focus on employment targets, business engagement along with investigating less and doing more.

Cr Loden noted that a large number of the deliverables were allocated to Manager Marketing & Partnerships. It was suggested that the area of responsibility be given to the CEO who then embeds the deliverables across the organisation

- ACTIONS:**
- 7) **NS & KB to contact RAPWG members to request input into the Innovate RAP along with their 3 deliverables they would like to see the City commit to**
  - 8) **NS to set up meetings with Internal RAPWG and report feedback back to RAPWG**

## 5. General Business

### Attendance

JB queried attendance of Working Group members at Working Group meetings. GC advised that she would check the Terms of Reference regarding attendance.

JB stated that the community members may be able to contribute in alternative ways.

VM stated that some people have a barrier for inclusion and the City needs to learn how to improve to enable community members to have involvement in the meetings, or perhaps ask them to contribute in other ways. Perhaps reach out to Working Group for feedback on meeting format.

- ACTIONS:**
- 9) **NS & KB to contact RAPWG members with their feedback about attending and contributing to meetings.**

## 6. Action Items Update

Summary of Actions	Date	Status
NS to attach grant application and Moorditj Footprints album to minutes and request if any questions from RAPWG	29 June 2021	Completed
SI to provide update to RAPWG when the Oral History project has commences.	30 August 2021	Ongoing
GC, KB & NS to develop contingency plan in light of possible COVID restrictions	30 June 2021	In progress
NS to provide RAPWG update on NAIDOC in minutes	30 June 2021	In progress

NS to contact City of Perth to investigate opportunities to develop relationship with City of Perth Elders Group	30 July 2021	Not commenced
NS to research Aboriginal websites and corporations and contact other local governments to enquire about their suppliers	30 June 2021	In progress
NS & KB to contact RAPWG members to request input into the Innovate RAP along with their 3 deliverables that they would like to see the City commit to	14 July 2021	Not commenced
NS to set up meetings with Internal RAPWG and report feedback back to RAPWG.	30 August 2021	Not commenced
NS & KB to contact RAPWG members with the feedback about attending and contributing to meetings.	30 November 2020	In progress

## 7. Close/Next Meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 6.55pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 30 August 2021.

Signed

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**Councillor Dan Loden (Chairperson)**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_