

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

Monday 5 October, 2020 at 5:30pm

Venue: Committee Room

City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre

244 Vincent Street, Leederville

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors
Cr Dan Loden (Chairperson)

Community Representatives
Mikayla King (MK)
Jodey Brockhurst (JB)
Roslyn Harley (RH)
Marilyn Lynford (ML)

City of Vincent Officers
Greg Hire (Community Partner)

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1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening – Acknowledgement to Country

The meeting was opened at 5.42pm with Cr. Dan Loden Acknowledging the Group to Country.

2. Apologies

City of Vincent Councillors
Cr Joshua Topelberg
Cr Jonathan Hallett

Community Representatives
Maxine Brahim
Gordon Cole
Ian Hale

City of Vincent Officers
Rosslind Ellis
Virginia Miltrup

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 27 July 2020

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 27 July 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

3.1 Action Items – Update

GH advised of completed Action Items

- GH to provide Project Plan on NAIDOC Week to RAPWG
- GH to work with GC in obtaining a facility for Whadjuk Northside in City of Vincent
- GH to provide Hyde-Park Dual-Naming update at next RAPWG and begin consultation with stakeholders

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Update on NAIDOC Week Activities

GH provided a summary NAIDOC Week Activities that will be undertaken by the City:

- Screening of *Bran Nue Dae* at Backlot Cinemas on 9 November with Welcome to Country by Uncle Noel Nannup with Q&A with Executive Director of the Bran Nue Dae musical Naomi Pigram.
- Screening of *The Australian Dream* at Backlot Cinemas on 13 November with Welcome to Country with Panel Discussion with Des Headland moderated by Lachy Reid. Dance performance by Andrew Beck and Co.
- Catering at both screenings by Kuditj Café.
- AFL Community Event at Leederville on 15 November. Exhibition games hosted by East Perth Football Club and Polly Farmer Foundation. Participation by Aranmore Catholic College students & Mount Hawthorn Cardinals FC. Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country by Vaughn McGuire. Dance performance by Andrew Beck and Co.
- Commissioning of artwork by Tamara Hayden.
- Mikayla King facilitating an Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives workshop.
- Beaufort Street Sign and North Perth Common lights lit up in NAIDOC Week colours and traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Colours.

MK remarked that the City of Vincent did a great job taking on feedback regarding creating a diverse suite of events for NAIDOC Week Events including Education, Arts and Sports.

RH suggested displaying Aboriginal Artists artwork at the The Backlot screenings with Cr. Loden suggesting that we continue exploring opportunities outside of NAIDOC Week for Aboriginal Artists.

4.2 Update on Hyde Park / Banks Reserve

GH provided an update regarding Dual-Naming Hyde Park and appropriate naming for Banks Reserve. GH informed RAPWG that he will seeking an Aboriginal community member to Project Lead consultation for various projects.

RH suggested making contact with State Library/State Archives as traditional links not common. MK encouraged female Aboriginal representation during consultation. Cr. Loden mentioned Identified Knowledge Holder of 9 Sites.

Agreement across the RAPWG that any RAP related projects requiring consultation need to be led by an Aboriginal community member.

4.3 Weld Square Co-Naming

At the OMC on 15 September 2020, it was asked:

The minutes of the Reconciliation Working Group indicate the group recently considered the co-naming of Hyde Park. Given that the council requested that the co-naming of Weld Square be progressed over 10 years ago, and the response from the administration on 8 March 2016, in response to a motion at the AGM, was that it would be referred to the Reconciliation Working Group, has the co-naming of Weld Square been referred to the working group and what is the status of the initiative?

GH informed the RAPWG that the City had presented to the Whadjuk Working Party on 2 May 2018 regarding the potential re-naming of Weld Square. The Party were supportive of changing the name and put forward two names, 'Coolbardi Park' and 'Noongar Park'.

The RAPWG advised that 'Noongar Park' wasn't an appropriate name and suggested GH list it as one of the projects to be added to the list for consultation.

ACTION: 1) GH to add investigation of dual naming of Weld Square to consultation project list.

4.4 Aranmore Catholic College & City of Vincent Collaboration

GH informed the RAPWG that the City of Vincent and Aranmore Catholic College through Maxine Brahim were pursuing projects which will be of benefit to Aboriginal students at Aranmore Catholic College. As Maxine was absent, she would provide an update to the RAPWG at the next meeting.

4.5 Arts Relief Grant – Sculpture

GH informed RAPWG that an artist had made contact with the Community Partnerships team regarding a proposed sculpture in Hyde Park as part of the COVID-19 Arts Relief Grant project. MK & RH remarked that with such a significant project on a significant Aboriginal site that an Aboriginal artist should be considered. Cr. Loden stated that the RAPWG wouldn't endorse the artist's submission to have their work displayed at Hyde Park and suggested finding another suitable site in the City of Vincent which isn't of Aboriginal significance. Cr. Loden asked GH to research and explore future opportunities for Aboriginal artists in the City.

ACTION: 1) GH to research and explore future opportunities for Aboriginal artists.

4.6 Cultural Learning Journey

GH asked for feedback regarding a Cultural Immersion Activity which would involve the Mayor, Elected Members, the CEO and the Executive. Advised that this would be a great opportunity to educate key stakeholders within the City and to gain an understanding into the significant Aboriginal sites located within the City of Vincent.

MK suggested a two-day camp facilitated by Uncle Noel Nannup, which GH remarked should preferably be held in the City of Vincent. JB suggested incorporating Cultural Immersion Workshops in Executive Planning Days and at the start of the year.

ACTION: 1) GH will explore potential dates for Cultural Immersion Workshops for COV Council and Leadership Team and inform the RAPWG.

5. General Business

RH asked if it would be possible to look at suitable dates for Planning Days and Workshops for the Stretch RAP, which GH advised he will do.

ACTION: 1) GH to advise the RAPWG of potential dates for Stretch RAP Planning.

6. Close/Next Meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 6:50pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 30 November 2020.

Signed _____
Councillor (Chairperson)

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20__

Summary of Actions	Date	Status
GH to continue to work with GC to connect and consult with the local Whadjuk residents and develop a voluntary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander database, accompanied by a privacy statement.	30 July 2020	In progress
GH to provide Project Plan on NAIDOC Week to RAPWG.	30 September 2020	Completed
GH to investigate a potential cultural awareness project with local Whadjuk Noongar Elders and community members.	30 September 2020	Ongoing
Human Resources to review the CATonline free demo .	30 July 2020	Ongoing
GH to work with GC in obtaining a facility for Whadjuk Northside in City of Vincent.	30 July 2020	Completed
GH to provide Hyde-Park Dual-Naming update at next RAPWG and begin consultation with stakeholders.	30 September 2020	Completed