

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

Monday, 27 July, 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)  
Cr Joshua Topelberg  
Cr Jonathan Hallett

Community Representatives  
Mikayla King (MK)  
Jodey Brockhurst (JB)  
Gordon Cole (GC)  
Roslyn Harley (RH)  
Ian Hale (IH)

City of Vincent Officers  
Virginia Miltrup – Executive Director Community & Business Services (VM)  
Rosslind Ellis – Manager Marketing & Communications (RE)  
Greg Hire (GH)

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

The meeting was opened at 5.37pm with Gordon Cole Welcoming the Group to Country.

### 2. Apologies

Maxine Brahim (MB)  
Marilyn Lyford (ML)

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 25 May 2020

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 25 May 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Cr Topelberg commented about the opportunity of the Cultural Awareness Training workshops and enquired about it being available for residents of the City of Vincent. This was discussed at the last RAPWG meeting on the 25 May 2020. VM commented that the exploration of Cultural Engagement/Awareness Training was initially targeted for Council employees, and would be part of an ongoing employee training program.

Cr Topelberg recommendation was for it to be a local service provider and it to reflect the culture of the Whadjuck Noongar people.

### 4. Items for Discussion

#### 4.1 Summary of Reconciliation Week activities

GH provided a summary of Reconciliation Week activities that were undertaken by the City.

- Online video of Welcome to Country from Uncle Noel with Acknowledgement of Country from Mayor Emma Cole. The video also highlights the City's 9 registered Aboriginal sites;
- Online cooking classes with Marissa Verma from Bindi Bindi Dreaming with recipes;
- Online musical performance by Aboriginal Artist, Dan Riches;

- Internal Q & A with Carol Innes from Reconciliation WA; and
- Beaufort Street Sign and North Perth Common lights lit up in Reconciliation Week colours and traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Colours.

VM commented that the City had received fantastic feedback from residents and community members and that the Community Partnership team should be commended on the work that was done, especially given it was delivered under lock down conditions during COVID-19.

#### 4.2 Discussion and suggestions of NAIDOC Week activities

GH provided an update on NAIDOC Week ideas. The original date has been shifted to 8 November 2020 – 15 November 2020. The official theme for NAIDOC Week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be'.

GH suggested building on the Kambarang Sports and Cultural Showcase to work with existing stakeholders due to uncertainty regarding budgets. The proposed idea was for a NAIDOC Festival to be hosted at Leederville Oval, engaging with stakeholders within the City and to have AFL games with music, arts and entertainment. Possible opportunities to partner with Aranmore Catholic College, East Perth & Subiaco Football Clubs, WAFC & Stephen Michael Foundation.

MK enquired as to the reason for a sporting event and there was discussion on what is traditionally done for events in NAIDOC Week. GH responded that there would be educational workshops throughout the day that can be delivered with a strong community engagement approach.

RE mentioned that there would be an opportunity for Public Arts Funding to be utilised in NAIDOC Week to engage Aboriginal artists.

MK proposed an opportunity to be created for a lunch and learn, internally and externally. VM said this was possible to do using Zoom technology.

RH suggested that Arts, Literature and Culture to be all tied in and advised of a listing of Aboriginal authors suggesting the opportunity to build the City's catalogue of Aboriginal books and have this incorporated into NAIDOC Week events.

VM advised that as part of the Economic Rebound, the Town Teams will have a strong focus on Community Engagement. There was discussion on how this could work with NAIDOC Week, and what opportunities could be created through the Economic Rebound Plan.

GH stated that he was in discussions with the Town Teams on how local businesses could be involved in NAIDOC Week Planning. Discussed the idea of having restaurants in Leederville incorporate traditional Aboriginal food into their menu for the week.

RH mentioned that Cultural Appropriation would need to be considered in this matter. The City would need businesses to identify themselves of being supportive of the concept and Aboriginal advisors would be required. VM suggested we request businesses to express interest in participating and select on the basis of meeting criteria.

JB asked what makes it inclusive. MK commented that intellectual property was quite important for this concept and commented that there was sufficient time to consider how this could be done.

RH recommended utilising the services of Noongar Radio and mentioned the Kaya Wandjoo Festival which had live music and Aboriginal Stalls/Foods. RH commented on the fantastic atmosphere generated by the festival.

IH proposed to engage the services of The Pickle District to host NAIDOC activities. He mentioned that The Pickle District would be supportive of such an event. Proposed ideas included Street Art created by Aboriginal artists and a Short Film Festival hosted by Aboriginal Film Makers. It was agreed this would be an opportunity to engage with the group Young Aboriginal Creatives and that The Backlot Cinemas could support such a venture.

RH suggested having live music in a capacity to which IH proposed Soggy Bones and Justin Ward as a potential venue. Capacity of 120 people.

Cr Loden proposed that The Pickle District could be a focal point of NAIDOC Week and the hub of all events. Commented that they don't want to split people in terms of locations of activity. JB suggested Lunch and Learns within the area and Cultural Walks.

**ACTION: 1) GH to provide Project Plan for NAIDOC Week at next RAPWG Meeting**

#### 4.3 Robertson Park Development Plan

GH asked for feedback regarding previous consultations with the Whadjuk Working Group.

Cr Loden and RH both remarked that future consultations would need to have a different approach. GH advised he would make contact with RAPWG Members individually for guidance.

**ACTION: 1) GH to contact RAPWG Members individually guidance on how to consult with the Whadjuk Working Group**

#### 4.4 Danjoo Koorliny Walking Together Elder-Leader Briefing

GH informed the RAPWG that Mayor Emma Cole requested that the RAPWG members be forwarded an invitation for their participation in the Danjoo Koorliny Walking Together Elder-Leader Briefing. Correspondence regarding the event was passed on.

#### 4.5 Discussion on suitable premise for Whadjuk Northside in the City of Vincent

GC provided information to the RAPWG on Whadjuk Northside and the organisation's future plans and direction. He advised that he had approached the City on behalf of Whadjuk Northside to establish a community centre. The community building at Woodville Reserve was identified as a potential location. The proposal was to run different programs, such as barista courses, and to work closely with the City.

IH offered his support and advised that the establishment of Whadjuk Northside at Woodville Reserve premises would improve relationships between the City of Vincent and Aboriginal residents. A proposed lease has been provided to Whadjuk Northside and a decision will be made by their board on 12/08/20.

#### 4.6 Name the Lanes – Hyde Park Lake Naming

GH advised the RAPWG that the City have a 'Name the Lanes' initiative and after a discussion with a Land Project Officer it was suggested that there could be an opportunity for Dual Naming to occur at Hyde Park. An extensive process and consultation would need to occur.

GC proposed Hyde Park be dual –named to its original name of Woodjamalling. GC advised he considered that it wouldn't be a contentious issue because up until 1899 there was already an established name. There was a strong endorsement from all RAPWG Members. MK suggested a potential date in NAIDOC Week for this to occur.

RH remarked that this was the path of least resistance and was the right thing to do. MK commented that it would be subject to the right cultural protocols

**ACTION: 1) GH to provide Hyde-Park Dual-Naming update at next RAPWG and begin consultation with stakeholders**

### 5. General Business

GC informed the RAPWG he is the Chair of the Noongar Chamber of Commerce and is looking to establish an Innovation Hub encouraging Aboriginal people in business. Asked if there were any potential locations and discussed the potential of an Innovation Hub and the vibrancy it would bring to a community.

IH mentioned he would be happy to assist in regard to film makers. GC stated ambition to have a green room, and eco-system of technology. Cr Loden asked whether he would need this location exclusively. GC responded that it could be co-shared and is hoping to have something secured within the next 3-6 months. RE asked whether a temporary home was suitable and suggested that the City's Community Centre on Loftus Street could be a potential location.

RE advised that next week was a Council Workshop and as part of the next phase of the Community Rebound plan that the social wellness of community groups, sporting clubs and Aboriginal volunteer groups was a priority. RH remarked that the Bridge and Women's Refuge would be great organisations to make contact with in regards to rebounding from COVID-19

**6. Close/Next Meeting**

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 6:47pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 28 September 2020.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**Councillor (Chairperson)**

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

Summary of Actions	Date	Status
GH to continue placing RAP Tracker on Agenda for next meeting.	30 June 2020	Ongoing
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 private statement.	30 July 2020	In progress
GH to provide Project Plan on NAIDOC Week to RAPWG	30 September 2020	In progress
GH to contact RAPWG Members individually guidance on how to consult with the Whadjuk Working Group	30 September 2020	In progress
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	On going
GH to work with GC in obtaining a facility for Whadjuk Northside in City of Vincent	30 July 2020	In progress
GH to provide Hyde-Park Dual-Naming update at next RAPWG and begin consultation with stakeholders	30 September 2020	In progress