



CITY OF VINCENT

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP (RAPWG)

Monday, 20 March 2017 at 6.00pm

Venue: Committee Room
City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors
Cr Dan Loden (Acting Chairperson)

City of Vincent Officers
Michael Quirk – Director Community Engagement (DCE)
Lucinda Keillor – Community Development Officer (CDO)

Community Representatives
Paul Willaway
Marilyn Lyford
Sarah Janali
Kathy Kickett

1. Welcome / Declaration of Opening – Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor Loden opened the meeting at 6.13pm and Marilyn Lyford delivered Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the Working Group.

2. Apologies

Cr Roslyn Harley – Chairperson
Kirsty Schnitzerling – Manager Community Partnerships
Veronica Divincenzo – Community Representative

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 14 November 2016

The previous Minutes were unanimously accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business

4.1 Draft RAP Feedback – Reconciliation Australia

- Draft RAP (track changes version) was circulated to demonstrate amendments made following feedback from Reconciliation Australia.
- CDO noted that suggested changes by Reconciliation Australia were taken into account and changed in the Draft RAP. The Draft RAP has been submitted back to Reconciliation Australia for conditional endorsement.
- Discussion around the 'Previous and Recent Reconciliation Activities' heading to find out if there is any events to fill the gap between 2000-2005. Paul suggested to include when the Vincent Reconciliation Group (VRG) was formed (2000) and when the Talking Rock at Smiths Lake was installed (2003).

- The Working Group discussed the spelling of Noongar throughout the document. There are many different spellings and pronunciations to take into account. It was agreed to utilise the spelling of 'Noongar' except in the case of business names as this is consistent with the Native Title claim group spelling.

Actions:

1. Paul to advise of any other VRG reconciliation activities for inclusion with the Draft RAP.
2. CDO to include note in Draft RAP explaining the different spellings of Noongar and which one the City has chosen to use.

4.2 RAP Formal Council Endorsement

- DCE acknowledged the importance of adhering to the timeframes to enable endorsement at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 4 April 2017. This will ensure the launch can proceed during Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June. The Council Briefing will be held 28 March and RAPWG members are welcome to attend; and
- CDO noted the order of endorsement is; 1) Conditional endorsement from Reconciliation Australia 2) City of Vincent Council endorsement 3) Complete endorsement from Reconciliation Australia.

Action: DCE to ensure report outlines that any minor changes by Reconciliation Australia after Council endorsement are not required to go back to Council. Council will be endorsing the actions and not any minor administrative grammatical or formatting changes.

4.3 RAP Design and Graphics

- CDO acknowledged that the Draft RAP may be endorsed by Council with the graphics, or possibly just as a draft Word document; and
- CDO advised graphics coming along well and to be finalised in the coming week.

Action:

1. RAPWG to provide any suggested changes to graphics to CDO by COB Wednesday 22 March.
2. Final RAP Graphic Design version to be circulated to RAPWG when complete.

4.4 RAP Launch – Reconciliation Week

Suggestions provided by the Working Group in relation to the launch event included:

- To be held on the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Referendum – Saturday 27 May 2017.
- Paul Willaway provided an update to the Group that Kuditj, formerly known as the Aboriginal Advancement Council is available as a significant venue for the launch.
- Participation/performance by local schools such as North Perth Primary School:
 - Will need to be provided with incentive/compensation for time/transport/props.
 - Likely only available during school hours.
- Aboriginal dance group performance.
- Welcome to Country by Doolann-Leisha and Walter Eatts or McGuire family.
- Theme to be 'Past, Present, Future' with each component of the day comprising of the following:
 - Past: Welcome to Country and speech about 1967 Referendum.
 - Present: 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum and the launch of the City of Vincent's first RAP.
 - Future: Performance by school children who are the future generation.
- Speech by a local Elder about 1967 Referendum.
- Storytelling component.
- Promotions/Invitations – considerations to be undertaken if it is to be an open event or RSVPs required.

It was noted by the Group to book stakeholders early as they are likely to book out early for Reconciliation Week.

Actions:

1. CDO to confirm venue booking with Kuditj;
2. Sarah Janali to have informal chat with North Perth Primary School teacher about interest of a class performance;
3. CDO to formally contact North Perth Primary School about performance at event;
4. CDO to book stakeholders as many people and venues are likely to book out early as it is a significant week; and
5. CDO to write event proposal for RAP launch during Reconciliation Week.
6. RAPWG to be kept informed as RAP Launch planning progresses.

4.5 RAP Implementation and 2017/18 Council Budget

- DCE updated the Working Group on the new structure of the City's Community Engagement directorate and a move to community partnerships from community development.
- The new structure will have a dedicated officer who will be responsible for RAP implementation.
- Funding has been allocated in Council's Draft 2017/18 Budget for RAP implementation.
- Sarah Janali informed the Group LGMA will host a RAP forum at the City of Stirling for Local Governments to share their experience with development and implementation of RAPs. The City of Vincent will receive a formal invite in the coming weeks.

5. Close / Next Meeting

The Acting Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.10pm. Next meeting to be held on 1 May 2017.

Signed _____
Councillor Dan Loden (Acting Chairperson)

Date this _____ day of _____ 2017