



**CITY OF VINCENT**

**RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP (RAPWG)**

**Monday, 29 April 2019 at 6.00pm**

**Venue: Noongar Radio Boardroom**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

City of Vincent Councillors

Cr Dan Loden (Co-Chair)  
Cr Roslyn Harley (Co-Chair)

Community Representatives

Gordon Cole (GC)  
Jade Dolman (JD)  
Sarah Janali (SJ)  
Marilyn Lyford (ML)  
Maria McAtackney (MM)  
Phil Walley-Stack (PWS)

City of Vincent Officers

Michael Quirk – Director Community Engagement (MQ)  
Sandra Watson – Manager Community Partnerships (SW)  
Karen Balm – Senior Community Partner (KB)  
Gayatrii Surendorff – Community Partner (GS)  
Wayne Grimes – Senior Community Project Officer (WG)

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

The meeting was opened at 5.55pm with Phil Walley-Stack Welcoming the Group to Country and Cr Loden delivering the Acknowledgement of Country.

**2. Apologies**

Cr Josh Topelberg and community representative Kathy Kickett (KK).

**3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes – 25 February 2019**

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 25 February 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

**4. Business**

**4.1 Leederville Masterplan**

- WG provided an overview of the project and discussed the master plan with the RAPWG and requested their comments and feedback relating to ways that Noongar culture and tradition could be celebrated at the site. He also asked if there were any external stakeholders the City should engage with regarding Noongar stories, history or significant events at the site. WG mentioned that GS had contacted the Whadjuk Working Party to alert them about the project and GS provided the Whadjuk Working Party with a link to the online survey for their comments and feedback and has requested the City be put on a future Party's Agenda to discuss the Masterplan.
- GC suggested that Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sport should be contacted and a discussion should take place about relocating the organisation to the City.

- GC suggested that Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sport could be an anchor tenant at Leederville Oval and that their involvement with the Masterplan should begin at the start of the consultation process. GC also discussed the possibility of Aboriginal Elders and artists having residence at Leederville Oval in the future.
- PWS agreed that Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sport would be an ideal anchor tenant at Leederville Oval and that the location of the site would allow Aboriginal people to easily access services and events at the site. PWS and GC suggested that the oval be renamed with a Noongar word and that the future scoreboard could include an Aboriginal name or artwork.
- Cr Loden recommended that the significance of the area should be investigated when re-naming the site and that other RAP deliverables could be implemented into the new design and look of Leederville Oval including native vegetation. PWS suggested that Yellagonga's cultural ties to the area could be investigated during the consultation. Cr Harley agreed and said that the fact Lake Monger had previously existed across the freeway and into Leederville before it was drained could also be acknowledged.
- Cr Harley spoke of the significant opportunity that the City has to utilise Leederville Oval and attract large crowds to the space due to the closure of Subiaco Oval. She stated that the City had an opportunity to genuinely embed Aboriginal culture into the Leederville Oval Masterplan. MQ highlighted the opportunity the City had to activate the Oval during the AFL off season and to bring more people to the area over summer.

- ACTIONS:**
- (1) PWS recommended ethnographic mapping and research to determine location of wetlands, burial sites and Yellagonga path.
  - (2) GC recommended Whadjuk Stadium naming rather than commercial sponsorship.
  - (3) GC to contact Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sport to discuss the Leederville Oval Masterplan and the potential of their organisation relocating to the City of Vincent. GC to introduce GS to Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sport and then GS liaise with City Managers, Directors and Project Team.
  - (4) RAPWG to provide feedback regarding the Leederville Oval Masterplan to the City's Community Projects team by Monday 6 May 2019.
  - (5) GS to send a follow up email to the Whadjuk Working Party regarding the Leederville Masterplan.

#### 4.2 Action Item Review

The City conducted the final community consultation for the draft 'Innovate' RAP for 14 days during April 2019, and then presented the document to Council for endorsement. The 'Innovate' RAP was endorsed by Council on 30 April and will be forwarded on to Reconciliation Australia for final endorsement.

#### 4.3 Specific Projects and Initiatives:

##### *Local Government Aboriginal Network Meetings*

GS informed the RAPWG that City Officers attend meetings with fellow WA local government Officers working in the reconciliation space. The City hosted the February 2019 meeting at Kudjij Café and it was attended by over 12 Officers from various local governments.

##### *Close the Gap Day*

- GS spoke of the successful staff event the City held on Close the Gap Day. A Welcome to Country from Aunty May McGuire opened the event and Vaughn McGuire held a Smoking Ceremony that staff and special guests partook in. Maar Koodjal performed a dance which the Mayor and staff participated in. Bindi Bindi Dreaming catered for the event and staff and special guests were able to enjoy local bush spiced foods.

- The event also saw staff shirts designed by Kevin Bynder launched. These shirts will be worn by City and Noongar Radio staff to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and acknowledge the meaningful partnership the City and Noongar Radio have.

#### *Aranmore Catholic College Traineeships*

- Two students from Aranmore Catholic College started their traineeships with the City in March 2019. They have begun working on projects with the Community Partners team and have also worked with Library and Marketing and Communications staff. Students will work towards completing a Certificate II in Business during their traineeships.

#### *Upcoming Workshops*

- GS outlined the planned workshops the City will host over the coming months.
- During Reconciliation Week Marissa Verma, Esther McDowell and Vivienne Hansen will host workshops at the Vincent Library to celebrate Noongar culture and tradition. The City will also partake in the Department Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' annual Reconciliation Banner Project and fly banners in North Perth and Mount Hawthorn.
- PWS suggested that in the future local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students become involved in creating street banners. GC added that the City could increase Aboriginal procurement by seeking contractors to be involved in printing the banners and installing them. Cr Harley asked if there was a way the City could connect with more local Aboriginal residents. GC mentioned that a dinner or lunch hosted by the Mayor could be organised to introduce Aboriginal residents to City staff and Councillors.
- Noongar Six Season workshops have been planned for the next twelve months. Sessions for the community will be facilitated and catered by Marissa Verma and will take place at various locations throughout the City. City staff in the Parks and Urban Green team will also undertake Six Season training commencing in May 2019. Facilitated by Jason Barrow, the workshops will be held over twelve months to highlight each of the seasons and their significance to Noongar people. Cr Harley commented that the City's reconciliation workshops are generally held on week days and in order to not exclude certain community member the City should look to host weekend workshops.
- The City has partnered with Jade Dolman to host workshops for Aboriginal youth in the lead up to NAIDOC Week. The initial session will feature a panel of Noongar business owners that will speak to young people about forging a career as an artist or workshop facilitator and the final two sessions will allow attendees an opportunity to work under Jade Dolman's guidance to produce artwork that will be featured at the City's 2019 NAIDOC Festival. GC suggested sending official invites to people and organisations to purchase the art at the Festival. He also discussed how the workshops could become regular youth Aboriginal sessions with various business owners and entrepreneurs facilitating and mentoring young people. GC foresees Perth becoming a hub for Noongar people working in digital technology industries.
- The City will host a cultural awareness session for community members during NAIDOC Week that will be facilitated and catered by Marissa Verma. The City will also seek a facilitator to hold a session for children in the Library during NAIDOC Week.

#### *NAIDOC Festival*

The City will host a NAIDOC Festival with Noongar Radio on 6 July at North Perth Town Hall. The Festival will celebrate Noongar culture and NAIDOC Week, as well as Noongar Radio's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the launch of the City's 'Innovate' RAP. Cr Harley suggested the City investigate the closure of View Street during the Festival and SJ encouraged GS to work alongside North Perth Primary School students and the P&C to include them in the celebration.

- ACTIONS:** (1) GS to work with the Community Partner - Youth and Children to facilitate banner making sessions for local students for Reconciliation Week 2020.
- (2) GS to organise an event hosted by the Mayor for local Aboriginal residents.

- (3) GS to contact Marissa Verma and reschedule some/all workshops so that they are held on weekends.
- (4) GC and GS to invite organisations and individuals to purchase Aboriginal youth art at the NAIDOC Festival.
- (5) GC, JD and GS to meet and discuss regular Aboriginal youth workshops hosted by the City.
- (6) GS to forward details to the City's Art Officers regarding Aboriginal youth art classes to ensure the City's Arts Advisory Group are aware of the planned workshops.
- (7) GS to organise a session in the Vincent Library for children during NAIDOC Week.
- (8) A sub committee to be formed to plan and coordinate regular Aboriginal youth workshops.
- (9) GS to discuss funding opportunities with PWS for the Aboriginal youth workshops.
- (10) JD to seek Aboriginal mentors for Aboriginal youth workshops.
- (11) GS to investigate the potential closure of View Street in North Perth during the NAIDOC Festival.
- (12) SJ to introduce GS to North Perth Primary School P&C.

#### 4.5 Other Business

Nil.

#### 5. **Close / Next Meeting**

Cr Loden closed the meeting at 7.10pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, 24 June 2019.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor Roslyn Harley (Co-Chair)

Date this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019

Summary of Actions	Date
GC to contact Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sport to discuss the Leederville Oval Masterplan and the potential of their organisation relocating to the City of Vincent. GC to introduce GS to Nyoongar Wellbeing and Sport to enable discussions with the Project Team.	May 2019
PWS recommended ethnographic mapping and research to determine location of wetlands, burial sites and Yellagonga path.	May 2019
GC recommended Whadjuk Stadium naming rather than commercial sponsorship.	May 2019

Summary of Actions	Date
RAPWG to provide feedback regarding the Leederville Oval Masterplan to the City's Community Project team by Monday 6 May 2019.	31 May 2019
GS to send a follow up email to the Whadjuk Working Party regarding the Leederville Masterplan.	2 May 2019
GS to work with the Community Partner - Youth and Children to facilitate banner making sessions for local students for Reconciliation Week 2020.	January to June 2020
GS to organise an event hosted by the Mayor for local Aboriginal residents.	October 2019
GS to contact Marissa Verma and reschedule workshops so that they are held on weekends.	6 May 2019
GC and GS to invite organisations and individuals to purchase Aboriginal youth art at the NAIDOC Festival.	20 June 2019
GC, JD and GS to meet and discuss regular Aboriginal youth workshops hosted by the City.	18 May 2019
GS to forward details to the City's Art Officers regarding Aboriginal youth art classes to ensure the City's Arts Advisory Group are aware of the planned workshops.	2 May 2019
GS to organise a session in the Vincent Library for children during NAIDOC Week.	10 July 2019
A sub committee to be formed to plan and coordinate regular Aboriginal youth workshops.	June 2019
GS to discuss funding opportunities with PWS for the Aboriginal youth workshops.	18 May 2019
JD to seek Aboriginal mentors for Aboriginal youth workshops.	18 May 2019
GS to investigate the potential closure of View Street in North Perth during the NAIDOC Festival.	6 June 2019
SJ to introduce GS to North Perth Primary School P&C.	18 May 2019