



CITY OF VINCENT

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP (RAPWG)

Monday 2 May 2022
Venue: Online via Zoom

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendees:

City of Vincent Councillors

Cr Jonathan Hallett
Cr Suzanne Worner

City of Vincent Officers

Gemma Carter – Manager Marketing & Partnerships
Gaya Surendorff – Community Development Advisor
Courtney Aylett – Acting Coordinator Community Development

Community Representatives

Mikayla King

Guest

Kobi Morrison

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

Kobi Morrison opened the meeting at 5.43pm and delivered Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the Working Group.

2. **Apologies**

Cr Dan Loden (Acting Chairperson)
Roslyn Harley
Maxine Braham
Gordon Cole
Virginia Miltrup – Executive Director Community & Business

3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes** – 14 March 2022

The previous Minutes were accepted as a true and correct record by Mikayla King.

3.1 Kobi introduced himself to the group as a prospective member of RAPWG. Kobi advised that:

- he is a music specialist
- he draws on his Noongar family background and experience to help the community
- he is a conduit to connect people and ideas together
- ideas provided by Elders are not always listened to with many Elders having passed
- we can listen to each other to a fuller extent now and he wants to pass the message along, even if the person has passed
- reiterating the ideas of the past
- workshops with schools where culture through music and cultural facilitation and understanding can occur
- RAPs are important to motivate others to have a go

3.2 GS acknowledged Aunty Doolann is an Elder who recently passed, and we acknowledge their contribution. Aunty Doolann and Uncle Walter were a strong couple, and we have permission from the family to acknowledge her passing.

3.3 CA said thank you for being a part of the group and advised that she was standing in as the Coordinator for Community Development for 3 months. CA looks forward to learning more in this space over next few months.

4. Action items update

4.1 Review of Terms of Reference

Roles and Responsibilities of the Chairperson have been updated in the Terms of Reference made available to RAPWG members.

GS will check in with other group members for endorsement prior to sending report to Council.

4.2 Aranmore Traineeship Program

Christine Coyne will check in on the two Aranmore Catholic College students as part of her Aboriginal Employment Consultant work.

4.3 Bush Garden

GS advised that the bush garden had not proceeded as there was no budget in this financial year.

MK questioned why there was no budget as she was under the impression that it had been set aside.

GS advised that the bush garden had come in quite high and that other priorities such as the Employment Consultant had taken priority.

4.4 School Art project

GS advised that there is no budget remaining for this project this financial year. Following NAIDOC Week in July, there may be an opportunity to do the project as a reflection.

MK suggested Children's Day on 4 August 2022.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Strategic Community Plan

The Officer cannot be here tonight so information will be emailed out to the group.

5.2 Bridyas group

GS advised that the group has started working with Kambarang Consultancy and were provided with a second opportunity to comment on Draft RAP.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 4 May where further discussions will be held with the Bridyas about doing a bus trip of significant sites in City including Banks, Hyde, Robertson Park, Smiths and Britannia

Heritage Trail.

MK asked if Community Representatives from the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group could attend the upcoming bus tour and be introduced to Elders? MK feels that it would be good to put a face to the name and good for them to know the RAPWG.

GS advised that the RAPWG were welcome to join for lunch and that confirmation will be sought from Jon from Kambarang Services and come back to the group and arrange.

Action: GS to provide group with invites for Community Members

5.3 Christine Coyne – Aboriginal Employment Consultant

The Employment Consultant, Christine Coyne is visiting the City tomorrow to check in on atmosphere of our areas. Christine will be working on an Aboriginal Employment and Retention Strategy.

The new trainees Sienna and Bella have joined City and will be interviewed soon.

5.4 Moorditj Murals

Recently Moorditj Murals was launched.

KM enjoyed the event and Cousin Kendra aged 14 was chosen to take part. Whilst the minimum age requirement was 16, KM believed she would get a lot out of it. KM stated that a lot of his family were there, and it was wonderful to see more of this project happening.

KM stated that there was some mild concern over some people not respecting the space - in terms of driving past but felt fine. COV should be proud, let do more of it. Mural or arts in general.

GS stated that it was one of the most meaningful projects that provided opportunities for young people to be mentored by Jade. There was so much pride in them from their families and that it encouraged young artists to talk about their art and present in front of people.

KM said it was great to have representation from multiple bodies and that the Collaboration with Propel Youth Arts was important factor.

6. **Upcoming Events**

Last week KM played music at Banks Reserve online.

Reconciliation Week

- 27 May - Reconciliation Breakfast at Community Centre
 - Staff event and special guests
 - Streaming the Reconciliation virtual breakfast - Reconciliation WA
- 27 May - Aboriginal Spirituality Workshop with Marissa Verma online
- 29 May – Live music online with Kobi Morrison
- 30 May - Bush Tucker workshop with Dale Tilbrook
- 1 June – Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training for community with Jon Ford
- 2 June - Noongar Language class with Sharon Gregory

NAIDOC Week

- 5 July - Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training for community with Jon Ford
- 6 July - Bush Tucker workshop with Dale Tilbrook
- 7 July- Ron Bradfield - Yarning session
- 8 July - Aboriginal Warriors and their History with Marissa Verma
- 9 July - Welcome to Country and Music by Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, food, Charmaine Cole's artwork projection.

Noongar Names for meeting rooms

Sharon Gregory has provided the City with possible names for Community Centre. GS will send a short list around for comments.

KM recommends Sharon G as an excellent source.

Action : GS to send short list of Noongar names for Community Centre meeting rooms to RAPWG members

Kevin Bynder shirts

The Bridyas Group were given some of Kevin Bynders shirts. The shirts are no longer available as they have all gone so staff are in the process of placing another order.

7. General Business

KM advised that Mondays are the hardest with choir.

JH thanked everyone for hard work.

G S way to move forward in genuine and respectful way. The next meeting will be on 13 June and members will be provided with a Reconciliation Week debrief.

Closed meeting at 6.28pm

Summary of Actions

| Summary of Actions | Date | Status |
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| Confirm with Jon from Kambarang Services RAPWG attendance at next Bridyas Group meeting. | | |
| Send short list of Noongar names for Community Centre meeting rooms to RAPWG members | | |
| Investigate expanding traineeship program for Aboriginal people. | June 2022 | Commenced |
| Contact Transition Town Vincent regarding the establishment of a Noongar bush food garden. | 2 May 2023 | Commenced |
| Investigate opportunities to work with local primary schools on NAIDOC related projects. | 2 May 2022 | Commenced |

5. Close / Next Meeting

The meeting closed at 6.28pm. Next meeting to be held on 13 June 2022

Signed _____
Councillor Dan Loden (Acting Chairperson)

Date this _____ day of _____ 2022