

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP

Monday 30 November, 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)
Maxine Brahim (MB)
Gordon Cole (GC)

City of Vincent Officers
Virginia Miltrup – Executive Director Community & Business Services (VM)
Greg Hire (Community Partner)

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

The meeting was opened at 5.31pm with Gordon Cole giving a Welcome to Country

2. **Apologies**

City of Vincent Councillors
Cr Joshua Topelberg
Cr Jonathan Hallett

Community Representatives
Ian Hale
Marilyn Lynford
Roslyn Harley

City of Vincent Officers
Rossling Ellis

3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes** – 05 October 2020

The Minutes from the previous meeting held on 05 October 2020 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

3.1 **Action Items – Update**

GH gave an update on Action Items:

- GH will request Nathan Stokes, Executive Manager Human Resources to attend the next RAPWG Meeting to discuss potential Cultural Education program (CATonline)
- Potential dates will be sent for Stretch RAP planning day shortly. Planning day will need to be held in February 2021
- Due to changes in the Marketing Team, future opportunities for Aboriginal artists have been postponed until the New Year.

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Reflection of NAIDOC Week 2020

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

- Screening of the *Bran Nue Dae* & *The Australian Dream* at The Backlot Cinemas with educational insight from Naomi Pigram, Kim Farmer and Des Headland. Aboriginal owned business Kuditj Café provided catering and there was an Aboriginal Dance Performance
- The Pickle District hosted an Art Exhibition at Linton and Kay with Sculptures by the Freeway hosted by Vox Pop.
- Mikayla King facilitated a workshop on Aboriginal Learning in Education
- Partnered with East Perth Football Club & Polly Farmer Foundation for the AFL Carnival at Leederville Oval.

VM remarked that the feedback received from stakeholders involved in NAIDOC Week and from the community was tremendous. The Community Partnerships team were commended numerous times with the priority placed on NAIDOC Week this year being overwhelmingly positive.

JB commented for future to increase the marketing strategy promoting individual events. GC remarked that a designated landing page on the City of Vincent webpage would help promote this and would provide increased visibility. JB also suggested that it was difficult to find events on our webpages and to promote City of Vincent Social Media channels. GC suggested enlisting the help of NAIDOC Youth Ambassadors to be advocates of our event(s) and to make to the City of Vincent more inclusive and welcoming to our Aboriginal residents; one suggestion was a dinner for our Aboriginal residents.

ACTION: 1) GH to explore potential dates and explore opportunity for dinner for Aboriginal residents

4.2 Consultation for Projects in the City of Vincent

A formal approach has been made for GC to assist with a number of City of Vincent projects. These projects will need insight from our First Nation's people and GC will lead this project which will consist of facilitation of workshops with Traditional Owner's in the City of Vincent.

GC mentioned that planning of the Stretch RAP needs to be of an engaging nature but also one of action.

4.3 Uluru Statement from the Heart

The RAPWG was advised that a report was being presented to Council regarding the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Cr Loden provided an insight into this request.

The recommendation being presented by Administration is:

That Council

1. *SUPPORTS the Uluru Statement from the Heart with the following actions:*
 - 1.2 *acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the Traditional Owners of this country and pay respect to their ongoing spiritual and cultural connections with it;*
 - 1.3 *recognises the need for constitutional change that goes beyond the symbolic, and gives breath to the benefits that a treaty offers all Australians as we move towards a reconciled Australia;*
 - 1.4 *endorses submitting a letter of support from Council to request WALGA to embrace the Uluru Statement from the Heart and further request WALGA to confirm their position through the Central Metropolitan Zone meetings;*
 - 1.5 *endorses submitting a letter of support from Council to the Prime Minister and Federal Leader of the Opposition showing our support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart; and*
 - 1.6 *requests that as part of the annual NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week events there is a focus on community engagement and awareness surrounding the Uluru Statement from the Heart.*

Overwhelmingly the RAPWG supported the recommendation and encouraged the City to progress with this course of action. GC, MK, JB and MB suggested that this was a very positive step by the City of Vincent.

ACTION: 1) GH to provide additional information on Council dates for the Uluru Statement from the Heart Council Report.

4.4 Planning for Stretch RAP

GH informed the RAPWG that the Community Partnerships team had begun work on planning for the development of the Stretch RAP, whilst simultaneously achieving the deliverables within the Innovate RAP. GH had met various LGAs and organisations regarding their Stretch RAP and is in constant communication with Reconciliation WA and Reconciliation WA.

JB suggested that a Local Aboriginal Youth Voice would be fantastic in planning for the Stretch RAP. GH advised that this would be considered. MK suggested Danny Ford as a facilitator for a planning day. The RAPWG decided that a Sunday in February would be a preferable date.

ACTION: 1) GH to provide potential dates in February to RAPWG for Stretch planning day.

5. General Business

MB suggested looking at suitable sites in the City of Vincent for statements in which GH instructed was currently happening as it was a deliverable in the Innovate RAP

GC suggested exploring an Indigenous Forum promoting the Noongar Chamber and Aboriginal Businesses to businesses/organisations within the City of Vincent.

ACTION: 1) GH to explore opportunities for the City to host an Indigenous Forum

6. Close/Next Meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.12pm. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 25 January 2021.

Signed

Councillor Dan Loden (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 private statement.	30 July 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	Ongoing
GH will explore potential dates for Cultural Immersion Workshops for COV Council and Leadership Team and inform the RAPWG	30 November 2020	In progress
GH to invite Executive Manager Human Resources to next RAPWG meeting	15 January 2021	In progress
GH to research and explore future opportunities for Aboriginal artists.	30 November 2020	In progress
GH to explore potential dates and explore opportunity for dinner for Aboriginal residents	24 January 2021	In progress
GH to provide additional information on Council dates for the Uluru Statement from the Heart Council Report.	3 December	Completed
GH to provide potential dates in February to RAPWG for Stretch planning day.	30 December 2021	Not commenced
GH to explore opportunities for the City to host an Indigenous Forum	15 January 2021	Not commenced