



CITY OF VINCENT



INNOVATE

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN
REPORT 2024 - 2025



Noongar people are the Traditional Owners of the South West of Western Australia. While Noongar is identified as a single language, there are variations in both pronunciation and spelling – Noongar, Nyungar, Nyoongar, Nyoongah, Nyungah, Yungar and Noonga.

The City of Vincent use Noongar which is reflected throughout this document except when specifically referring to an external organisation that uses an alternative spelling.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Vincent kaadatj Whadjuk Noongar moort Whadjuk Noongar boodja-k. Ngalak koordookayin Noongar Boordiya koora koora, yeyi wer boordakan.

Ngalak koodjir kaadatj bandang Aboriginal wer Torres Strait Islander Boordiya ali ngalang nakolak-kadak wer malayin-kadak.

Whadjuk Noongar moort kalykoorl baalabang malayin wer nakolak yanginy. Ngalak kalykoorl Boordiya-kadak waangkaniny.

Noongar boodja baal kaalykoorl Noongar moort boodja.

The City of Vincent acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to the Elders past and present. We recognise the unique and innumerable contributions the Whadjuk people have made and continue to make to our culture and in our community.

We would also like to acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders for the hold they have on the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia.

We will continue to seek the input of the Traditional Owners.

The land on which we live, meet and thrive as a community always was and always will be Noongar land.



We have continued our commitment to reconciliation, understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with a specific focus on continuing to build relationships with Noongar Elders, businesses and the local community as well as ensuring further commitments to Aboriginal procurement and employment.

We have continued to advance our commitment to reconciliation, understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through the implementation of our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plans.

A key milestone this year was the renaming of Warndoolier, a significant step in our Truth Telling journey. The renaming acknowledges and restores the original Noongar name for the area, honouring the cultural heritage and stories of the Whadjuk people. This initiative involved careful research, consultation and cultural protocol, reflecting the City's ongoing commitment to recognising and celebrating Aboriginal language and history. By reinstating traditional names, the City is helping to strengthen cultural awareness, foster respect and embed reconciliation into the everyday experience of the community.

The City also continued to expand its sphere of influence by engaging Aboriginal cultural knowledge holders to deliver workshops, events and activities. These programs provide meaningful opportunities for the community to connect with Aboriginal culture, history and perspectives, contributing to bridging the gap towards reconciliation.

MAKURU (June – July)

- Hosted an Elders Truth Telling workshop for local school children
- Delivered a suite of workshops for NAIDOC Week including Makuru Aboriginal Message Stick Workshop with Noelene Regan, Yirra Yaakin performed Boodjar Kaatjin and Wirlomin Noongar Dream Time Stories in the Library
- Submitted the RAP Impact Survey 2024
- Submitted draft Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan to Reconciliation Australia for endorsement

DJILBA (August – September)

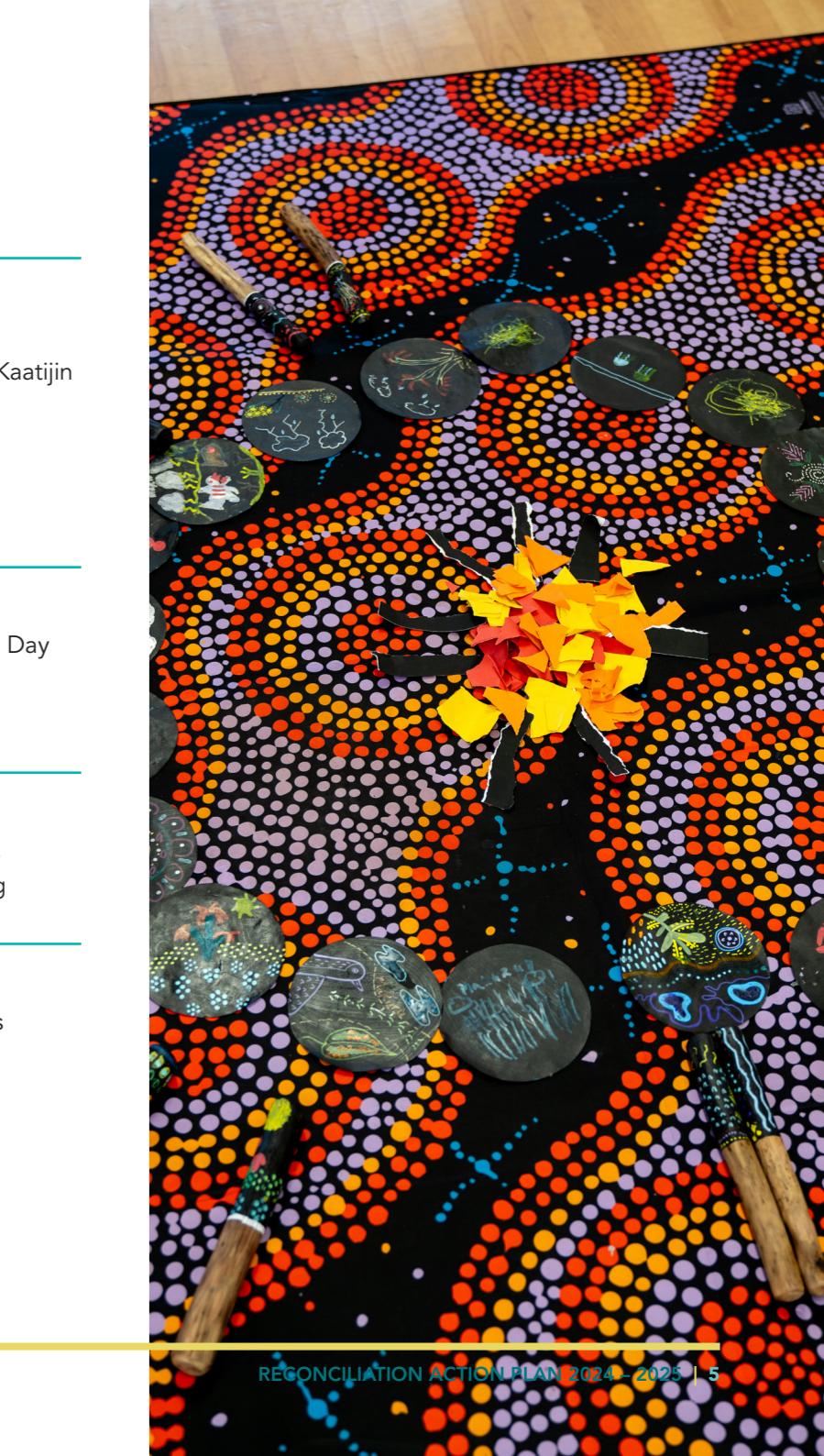
- Internal Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group Meeting
- Library acknowledged National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day with a craft activity
- Representation on the Local Government Aboriginal Network

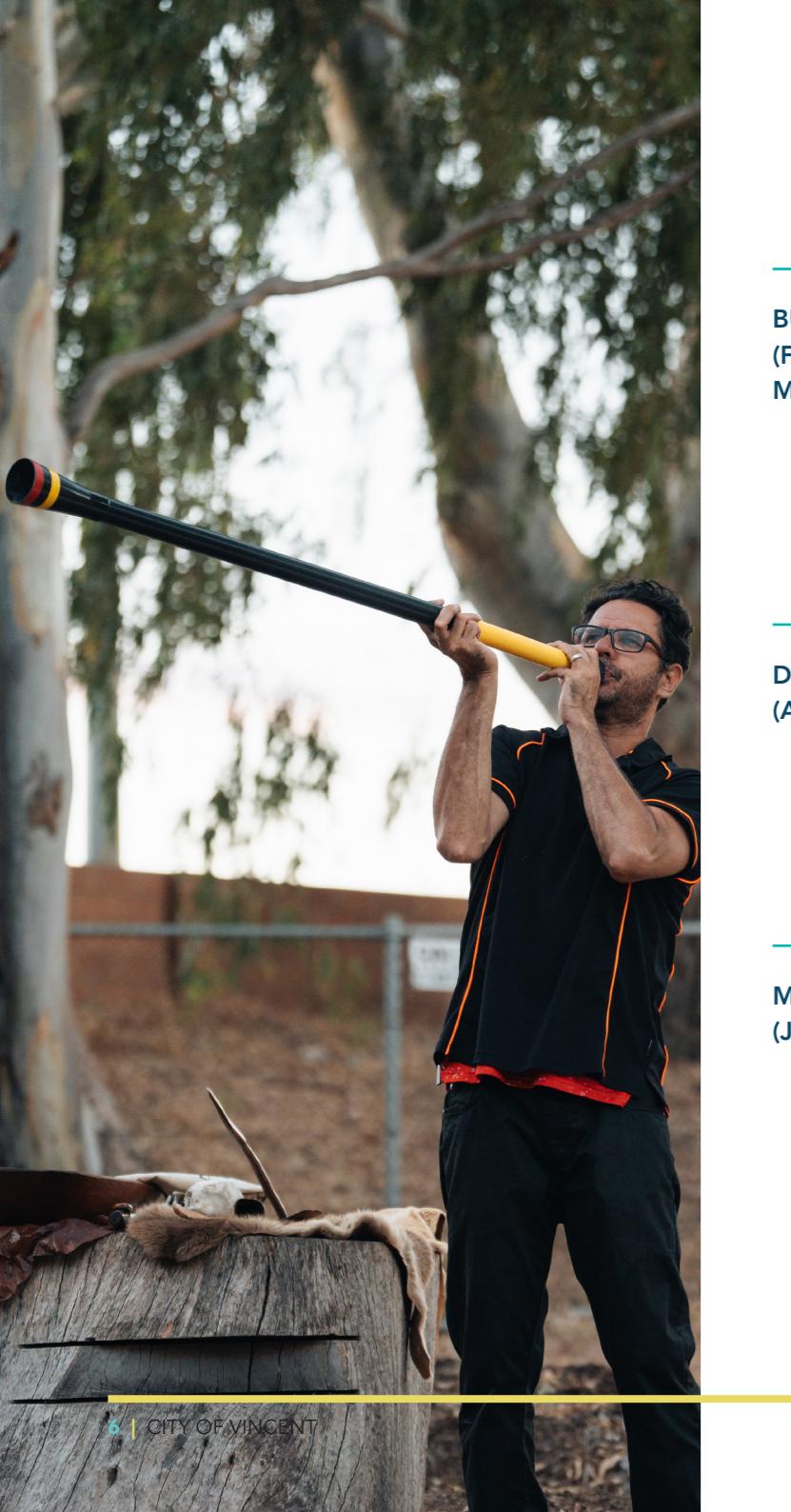
KAMBARANG (October – November)

- Welcome to Country delivered by Uncle Ben Taylor at Citizenship Ceremony
- Conducted consultation on the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan deliverables
- Welcome to Country delivered by Uncle Ben Taylor at Robertson Park opening

BIRAK (December – January)

- Welcome to Country delivered by Vaughn McGuire at Citizenship Ceremony
- Acknowledgement of Country signs installed in City of Vincent meeting rooms





BUNURU
(February – March)

- Enhancements made to internal Aboriginal Culture website to provide additional information on guidelines and protocols for Aboriginal cultural engagement
- Endorsement from Landgate for the reviving of Warndoolier
- Delivered Sounds of Warndoolier community event
- Australian Human Rights Commission Anti-Racism training for City leaders
- Recognised Close the Gap Day through social media campaign
- Welcome to Country delivered by Samuel Pilot at Festival of Culture during Harmony Week

DJERAN
(April – May)

- Welcome to Country delivered by Vaughn McGuire at Citizenship Ceremony
- Attendance at the WALGA Aboriginal Engagement Forum
- Reconciliation Week suite of events delivered including Damper Making with Kaya Carson, Quandong Jewellery Making with Djinda Kaal and Noongar Language Class with Dylan Collard
- Kierp Bilya artwork by Noongar Yorga woman, Buffie Punch placed on Library Membership card

MAKURU
(June – July)

- Acknowledgement of Country included along with artwork by Noongar Yorga woman, Buffie Punch on screens in all meeting rooms in Main Administration Building
- Welcome to Country delivered by Vaughn McGuire at Citizenship Ceremony
- Reconciliation WA Membership renewed
- Acknowledged 50 years of NAIDOC through social media campaign



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