



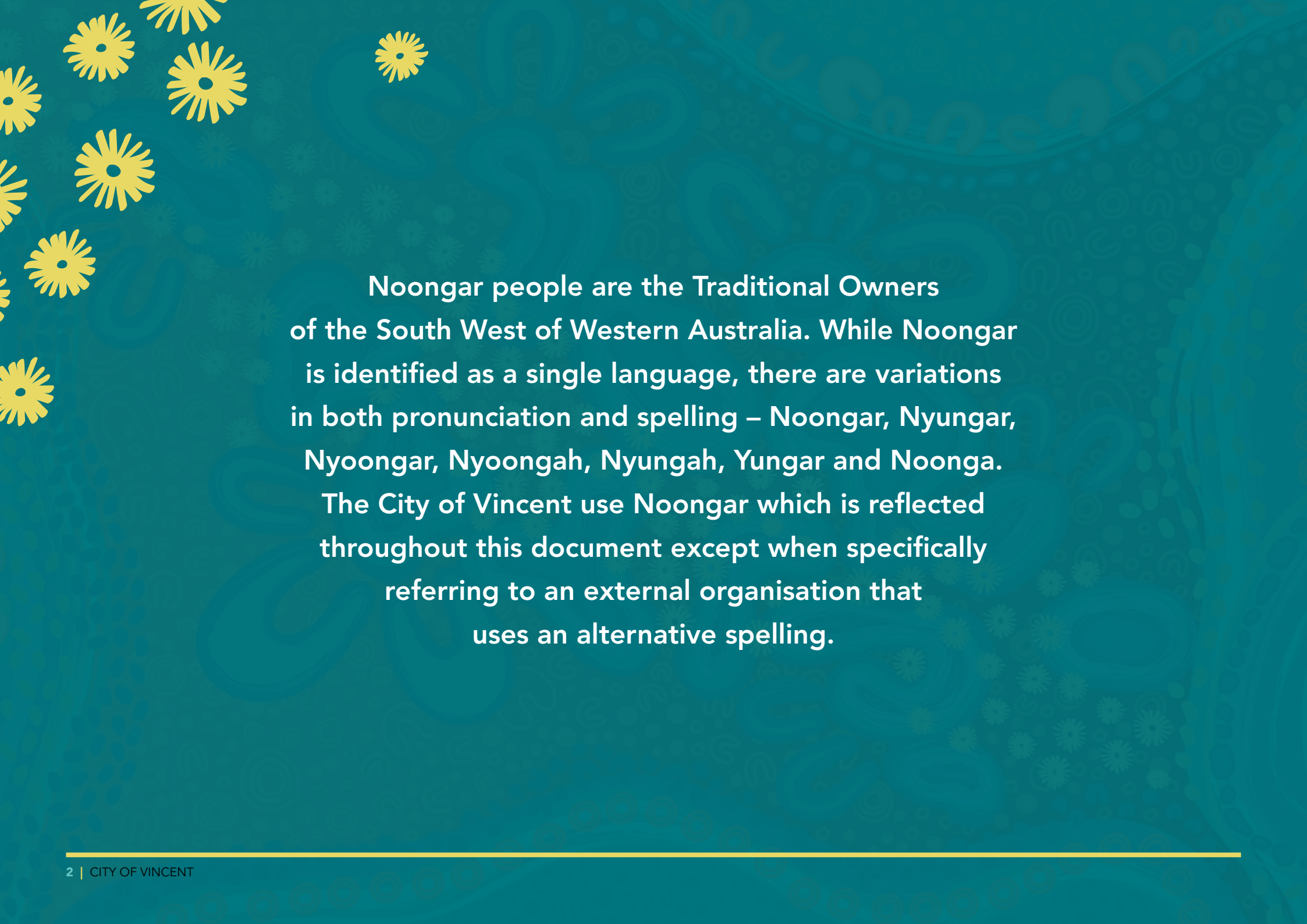
CITY OF VINCENT



STRETCH

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN REPORT 2025 - 2026





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 kalyakoorl baalabang malayin wer nakolak yanginy. Ngalak kalyakoorl 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 incomparable contribution 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 they hold the memories, 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 to build on our commitment to reconciliation by creating more opportunities for our community and staff to learn about and connect with Noongar culture, history and stories.

Through our Reflect, Innovate and Stretch Reconciliation Action Plans, we have taken practical steps to make reconciliation part of everyday life at the City. This has included cultural learning opportunities for staff, community events and activities, sharing Noongar language and culture and making Aboriginal culture more visible across our workplaces and public spaces.

We have continued to work with Aboriginal artists, cultural knowledge holders and organisations to deliver activities and events across Vincent. From basket weaving and storytelling to Noongar art, song and cultural experiences, these activities have given people opportunities to learn, connect and celebrate Aboriginal culture.

We have also continued to build our understanding through staff cultural learning, professional development and involvement in reconciliation networks and organisations.

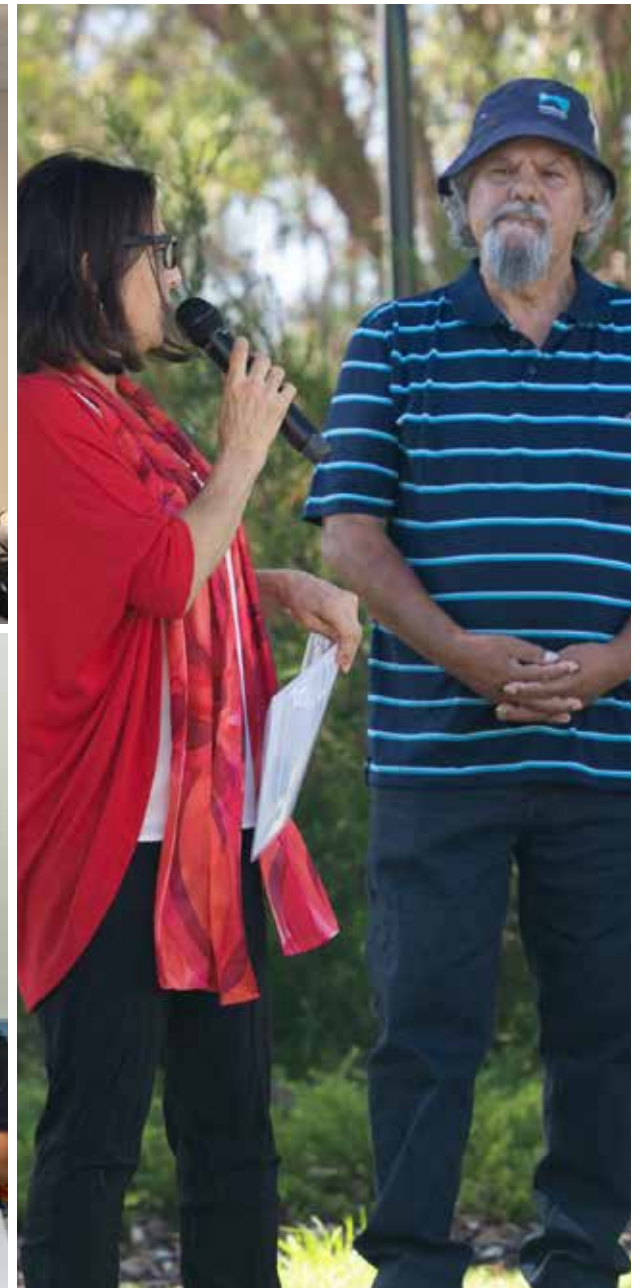
Together, this work reflects our commitment to reconciliation through meaningful action, helping to ensure Aboriginal culture, history and stories are recognised, respected and celebrated across Vincent while building stronger relationships with Aboriginal people for generations to come.



Season	Action
Makuru (June 2025 – July 2025)	- Held an internal RAP Working Group meeting to progress actions under the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan. - Delivered NAIDOC Week activities, including Makuru Aboriginal Tote Bag Art with Noelene Regan, Noongar Art and Craft Workshop with Belinda Cox and Kaarla Kaatijin by Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company. - Installed Noongar artwork by Buffie Punch on screens in all Administration Building meeting rooms, increasing the visibility of Noongar culture across the workplace. - Vaughan McGuire delivered a Welcome to Country at a Citizenship Ceremony. - Renewed the City's Reconciliation WA membership.
Djilba (August 2025 – September 2025)	- Delivered a community workshop on building a Mia Mia with Aunty Betty Garlett at Warndoolier. - Held an internal RAP Working Group meeting to progress actions under the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan. - Celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day with Dr Michelle Webb through storytelling and song. - Developed a flyer highlighting Registered Aboriginal Sites across the City. - Submitted the 2025 RAP Impact Measurement Questionnaire.
Kambarang (October – November)	- Vaughan McGuire delivered a Welcome to Country at the Pride Flag Raising and Citizenship Ceremony. - Hosted Yawuru artist, graphic novelist and author Brenton McKenna at the Library for a cartooning and illustration workshop. - Samuel Pilot-Kickett delivered a Welcome to Country and didgeridoo performance at the Rainbow Picnic as part of Pride Month. - Updated staff email signatures to include an Acknowledgement of Country in Noongar language. - Attended WALGA's Welcome to Kolbang Yanginy – Local Government Reconciliation Resource workshop. - Attended the Quarter 4 RAP Leadership Gathering, focused on economic empowerment. - Vaughan McGuire delivered a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony for the swearing-in of the new Council.
Birak (December – January)	- Vaughan McGuire delivered a Welcome to Country at a Citizenship Ceremony. - Developed a RAP tracker to monitor and report on progress against the City's RAP commitments. - Installed Acknowledgement of Country plaques across City offices and facilities.

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Bunuru (February – March)	- Highlighted the Noongar season of Bunuru in the Mayor's Message e-newsletter. - Held an internal RAP Working Group meeting to progress actions under the City's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan. - Delivered a Basket Weaving workshop using traditional coiling techniques with Whadjuk Noongar artist Julianne Wade. - Staff attended the WALGA Aboriginal Engagement Forum. - Staff participated in the WA Masterclass Series session Dabakarn Koorliny Going Slowly – Cultural Awareness Through Living Ritual with Modern Custodian. - Attended the Local Government Reconciliation Network meeting. - Staff attended the Reconciliation WA Masterclass Series session Activating Your Allyship
Djeran (April – May)	- Delivered Reconciliation Week activities, including a staff storytelling workshop with Gina Williams exploring Noongar language and song and a BBQ on Boodja with All Good Grub, creating opportunities for cultural yarning, connection and sharing. - The Mayor shared a community video highlighting the City's commitment to reconciliation. - The CEO spoke to staff about the importance of reconciliation and practical ways to get involved, alongside the Community Development team. - First Nations artworks were showcased in the Library, providing opportunities for the community to engage with Aboriginal art and culture. - Delivered a free screening of Genocide in the Wildflower State at Luna Cinemas, exploring the history and ongoing impact of WA's Stolen Generations.
Makuru (June – July)	- Highlighted the Noongar season of Makuru in the Mayor's Message e-newsletter. - Commenced a review of the City's Recognition of Noongar Boodjar, Culture and History through Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country. - Staff attended the Reconciliation WA Masterclass Series session A Whitefella's Learning from Ngardangarli: What Good Looks Like in Remote and Regional WA.





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