

# Reconciliation Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

<b>Meeting Name</b>	Reconciliation Committee Meeting	<b>Meeting No.</b>	D-14-77395
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Tuesday 03 June 2014		
<b>Meeting Time</b>	3.30pm - 4.30pm		
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Committee Meeting Room		
<b>Attendees</b>	Cr Richard de Tafford (Chair)		<b>By Invitation</b>
	Nola Gregory	NG	Jamie Strickland
	Janell Kopplhuber	JK	Craig Thompson
	Andrea Selvey	AS	<b>Apologies</b>
	Cr Tarleah Thomas	TT	
	Miranda Rounsevell Department of Housing & Works	MR	
	Lou Tatsciore Community Member	LT	
	Shauni Downes (Minute Taker)	SD	
			<b>Distribution</b>
			As above

<p><b>1. Welcome &amp; Apologies</b></p> <p>All welcomed and apologies noted.</p>	
<p><b>2. Port Authority RAP Presentation</b></p> <p>Port appreciate the opportunity to present the City, 6 months ago they begun the process to create a RAP. They are seeking guidance and have an interest in how the Committee works and would appreciate the opportunity to work together and share initiatives.</p> <p>The Port Authority has conducted internal assessments of performance to comply with the minimum elements for inclusion along with policies, programs and partnership plans. Their internal working group have created formal statement of commitment for presentation to Reconciliation Australia with planned endorsement by January 2015.</p> <p>AS noted the City are in the final stages of developing their second RAP and would be more than happy to share relevant information as a part of the City's engagement process.</p>	
<p><b>3. Action Log &amp; Previous Minutes</b></p> <p>RC21: AS noted Wicherina Dam is outside of the City's control, she advised Phil Melling, Director of Sustainable Communities has had conversations with Water Corp in relation to the Dam and will follow up with him for an update. Cr TT provided</p>	

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<p>contact details for Jos Mensink 9420 3007 or (jos.mensink@watercorporation.com.au).</p> <p>RC39: On agenda.</p> <p>RC42: On agenda.</p> <p>RC43: Completed.</p> <p>RC44: Completed.</p>	
<p><b>4. Draft RAP Update</b></p> <p>NG advised the revised version of the RAP has a lot more content than the previous version. An internal workshop will be run for each department to inform staff of their role and make them aware they have a responsibility in completion of actions. Plans for Cultural Awareness training are being negotiated with Bundiyarra which will possibly be delivered around the same time. The employment strategy review is still being worked on with meetings to coincide with the MATES program which will now be targeted in the Midwest area. AS noted NG and RE have completed a lot of work with the community and are trying to understand and collate the information into the plan, the procurement section will be required to alignment with the legislative laws and in terms of what we can do with clear guidelines while respecting the information that has come out of the community engagement. The Chair noted Cultural Orientation training had been completed with his organisation online though a free training program. Chair to send link to NG. The next steps from here are holding the internal workshop and collate the community engagement information for review by the Committee for recommendation to Council. JK advised the RAP questionnaire will be on the Your City Your Say website which is accessible by the public.</p>	
<p><b>5. Aboriginal Community Engagement</b></p> <p>NG held 2 engagement sessions in the Geraldton suburbs. The information and suggestions provided will be linked into the RAP. NG noted the Aboriginal women's group with Streeties and MAOA presented at the engagement session and took draft RAP away for feedback. Mullewa was scheduled but due to unforeseen events had been postponed, in the interim NG had sent the questionnaire to Jim Sandy for actioning. NG follow up with Mr Sandy.</p>	
<p><b>6. Welcome to Country</b></p> <p>The draft has been reviewed by community members, lawyers and organisations with no negative comments received, all are eager to receive the guide and begin using it to its potential. NG has met with Media and Marketing to align with City branding and put the guide into the corporate temple. AS noted if the Committee agrees on the guide it will go to the City's Executive Management Team (EMT) for recommendation to Council Concept Forum and be sent for endorsement at the formal meeting of Council in December. The Chair suggested the last page should be an online document and have a link due to it being a working document. NG to follow up and action.</p> <p>Cr TT noted the current acknowledgement of country carried out at the Formal Meeting of Council differs from the acknowledgement in the guideline and questioned the process of having it changed. AS to research into if the Mayor's wording can be changed and advised it can be included into guideline for discussion at the Council meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7. RAP questionnaire</b></p> <p>The RAP questionnaire has been actioned for 2013/14 with slight alterations from the previous review.</p> <p>NG referred to the Community Inclusion Workshop notes which outlined concerns the Aboriginal people have with procurement, employment, racism, representation on Council, Reconciliation Week and how to address these concerns within the City.</p>	

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<p>LT noted one of the things the Committee could assist in is holding the meeting in locations that are accessible or less formal for the community representation; he noted it is something the Committee is aware of but questioned how to make it happen. NG suggested holding BBQ's a few times a year in suburbs to gain higher attendance from the community. Cr TT advised the Crime Prevention and Heritage Committee hold meetings once a year in Mullewa and suggestion for the committee to travel Mullewa could be an option to review.</p>	
<p><b>8. Spalding Project</b></p> <p>AS advised the Committee of the "Our Home Our Streets" projects being planned for Spalding. The City is planning social capacity building for the community to help improve the social outcomes of the suburb. MR noted the Department of Housing are in partnership with the City and have been working with Bundiyarra in Bogle Way by holding community BBQ's, she noted it has been beneficial in gaining what the community want to achieve and plan a common objective. AS noted the large number of stakeholders that are on board and are working together to come up with the program. The role out of the project is to begin next year with stakeholder and the City is applying for funding and grant applications.</p> <p>JS made reference to the bushy area behind the Family Centre which poses hazards due to a recent occurrence he suggested getting that area cleared or trimmed.</p> <p>MR noted that area is partly City owned and partly the Department of Housing, which is under negotiations for future development, in the interim MR will take the information back for review with mangers and liaise with the City for clearing or clean up to make it safer for the community.</p>	
<p><b>9. General Business</b></p> <p><b>9.1 Proposed Capital Works 2014/15</b></p> <p>AS advised the Committee of the planned projects that have been adopted by Council as a part of the Participatory Budget, she noted the relevant projects in relation to the Mullewa Youth Centre, funding for a Geraldton youth centre, investigations into an Aboriginal cultural centre and the West End project public art master plan, which will involve investigation for places of significance and recognition for artwork to be created.</p> <p>JS brought his concern to the Committee from a recent funeral service, which had inaccurately measured the burial site. He made suggestion for a formal apology to be made to the family from the funeral service which he will follow up on.</p>	
<p><b>10. Close &amp; Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Suggestion for a tentative social meeting to be held on 09 December 2014.</p>	