

Reconciliation Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Reconciliation Committee Meeting		Meeting No.	D-13-65436	
Meeting Date	17 September		·		
Meeting Time	3.00pm - 4.00pm				
Meeting Location	Committee Meeting Room				
Attendees	Cr Chris Gabelish (Chair)	CG	By Invitation		
	Cr Des Brick Cr Neil Bennett Andrea Selvey Gordon Gray Lou Tatasciore Lynn McAuliffe (Proxy) Ron Bradfield Ross Oakley Wayne McDonald Tess Carmichael (Minute Taker)	DB NB GG LT LM RB RO WM TC	Apologies	Cr Peter Fiorenzea Barry Dodd Brendan Wilson Charmaine Green Derek Councilor Elise Ronan Jamie Strickland Jim Sandy Kevin Merritt Merrilyn Green Miranda Rounsevell Pail Ihanimo Renee Ellis Steven Jacobs	PF BD BW CG DC ER JS JSa KM MG MR PI RE SJ
			Distribution	As above.	

Item		Resp.
1.	Welcome and Apologies	
	NB welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.	
	CG entered the meeting at 3.10pm.	
2.	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	
	2.1. Action Log	
	#21 & 31 - Wicheria Dam	
	AS advised that Phil Melling was in the process of establishing connections with the relevant groups in relation to how the 1000 hectare piece of land can be best managed in the interest of the Aboriginal community with the City as a facilitator.	РМ
	#25 & 26 & 27 - ATC Guest Speakers	
	AS noted that the City has been working closely with ATC staff. ATC has been provided with a list of potential positions/opportunities within the City. Members agreed that the initial target of 12 people was too much of a stretch and that a more achievable target was required. City to work on target.	RE/AS
	#29 - Totem Poles	
	AS informed members that Rose Holdaway had provided information/photos	

 regarding the totem poles. The poles were located at the John Forest Memorial Park where the basketball court is now. Rose was given permission to put them up for 3 months from March 1996. The poles represented a friendship circle and people, young and old, indigenous and non indigenous were invited to help paint them as per the designs from workshops with kids from Beachlands and Rangeway Primary School. The Council donated six poles which stayed in the North-east corner of the park until August 2008 when Rose managed to rescue three of the poles before they were disposed of. NB suggested that Kath Weldon may have photos of the poles when they were on display in the park. AS to research the history of the site and provide background information at 	AS		
next meeting.	A3		
RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan)			
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AS noted that there was a need to update the RAP as it was a few years old. It was proposed that a workshop be held to go through the achievements, strengths and improvements of the RAP. It was suggested that the outcome of this workshop go to Council as a briefing note.			
Suggested attendees for the workshop included; Yamaji Marlpa, Media, MWCCI, The Department of Finance and Vicki Petersen.			
Members to send additional attendees to AS	All Members		
Workshop to be held in early December.			
3.2. RAP Report - attached			
AS advised that the report had been sent to Reconciliation Australia as a draft with the final due by the end of September. The report identifies areas of achievement and areas for improvement.			
Members to provide feedback on the report within a week.	All Members		
WM advised that he could supply a list of contacts for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses in regards to question 19.			
Terms of Reference - attached			
Members were provided with a draft Terms of Reference. Electronic copy to be sent out with minutes.	тС		
Terms of Reference to state that the RAP will be evaluated and continually updated.	AS		
A discussion was held around the process for engaging community members. The committee decided that 5 positions would be advertised and if the expression of interest was greater than expected the number of positions could be reviewed annually.			
Amendments made to the Draft Terms of Reference to be circulated with minutes.	ТС		
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6.	Emu Eggs	
	WM expressed concern about negative comments he had heard regarding the emu eggs and questioned whether something could be done to enhance the area.	
	AS responded that the emu eggs artwork had been designed according to the artists' interpretation. There are currently three plaques at the site which explain the meaning of the art in the words of the artists	
	DB noted that the importance of the art was shown by their position in the centre of the foreshore and that the positive feedback from the community outweighed the negative feedback.	
7.	Close and Date of Next Meeting	
	The meeting closed at 4.00pm	
	Next meeting to be confirmed.	тс