

Reconciliation Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Name	Reconciliation Committee Meeting	Meeting No.	D-13-31541	
Meeting Date	Friday 3 May 2013			
Meeting Time	10.00am – 11.30am			
Meeting Location	Cathedral Avenue, South Wing Meeting Room			
Attendees	Cr Chris Gabelish (Chair)	CG	By Invitation	Ken Diehm
	Cr Peter Fiorenza	PF	Apologies	Ron Bradfield
	Cr Neil Bennett	NB		Merrilyn Green
	Gordon Gray	GG		Wayne McDonald
Patricia Delaney	PD	Renee Ellis		
Derek Councillor	DC	Miranda Rounsevell		
Elise Ronan	ER	Paul Ihanimo		
Andrea Selvey	AS	Lou Tatasciore		
Kimberley Clarke (Minute Taker)	KC	Distribution	as above	
Item	Resp.			
1. Welcome The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were noted. PD noted that Charmaine Green had not been receiving her invitations to the meeting. KC to confirm. Introduction by new CEO Mr Ken Diehm.	KC			
2. Business arising from previous Minutes Minutes noted as true and correct. It was noted that for Item 6 a collaborative newsletter was no longer being pursued. PD noted that the Cultural Awareness Training package had been fully developed and endorsed through Bundiyarra. PD to send package to KC for distribution with minutes. Mr Diehm enquired if the Aboriginal Employment Strategy had a mentoring program. AS responded it was currently being looked at in terms of whole workforce planning, mentoring was an element of overall workforce plan.	PD/KC			
2.1 Status Report on Aboriginal Traineeships and Aboriginal Employment Strategy The Chair advised that the Aboriginal Employment Strategy covers all levels of employment within the CGG. Mr Diehm left the meeting at 10.20am.	AS			
2.2 RAP Updates and Additions (i.e. Library, family and oral history projects and addition of Kardaloo, mainly under health component) NB enquired if a draft update had been submitted to Reconciliation Australia? AS responded that it had not been submitted and is still being processed. NB queried that as RAP was taking on Kardaloo, does RAP need to be modified? AS agreed that RAP was to include Kardaloo. AS to send RAP to committee.	AS			

2.3	Aboriginal Community Development Officer Position	AS
Position had been advertised and decision has been made to readvertise. AS noted advice from Committee that advertising was not as comprehensive as it should have been. The Chair advised that the position should also be advertised in the Mulga Mail.		
AS to send the advertisement for the position to committee members to distribute and to benchmark level and salary against other councils.		
3.	New Business	
3.1	Change of DIA to DAA after recent State Election	
DIA will be changed to the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. The name change will occur at some point in the future and DIA will advise when this occurs.		
3.2	Opening of Illgarijri Sky Stories artwork on Foreshore	
NB noted that the opening date is 27 May 2013 and was not aware when putting this item on the agenda.		
AS updated that the opening will be a highlight on the Reconciliation Week Calendar of Events.		
3.3	Yarning Circle Foreshore need for further interpretive work	AS
NB raised this item as something to look at in the future. On the far side of the Foreshore, there is a winding track that goes down to raised pavement which has an internal pathway that comes to a point, this was done for a purpose. People have informed NB that it was proposed something else go on the Yarning Circle.		
PD noted that she had a meeting with Kevin Merritt, Robert Ronan and that the two Elders explained a lot about the Foreshore and Mr Ronan was not aware that was the Yarning Circle, he was under the impression that the other end of the Foreshore near the Yacht Club was the place of significance. Mr Ronan also mentioned that the Footprints in the Sand, an oral history project highlighted areas that are significant to the Aboriginal Community. Mr Ronan had agreed to get a group of Elders together to discuss this if it was required. Another item that was raised is that the basketball courts are an area of significance. An art project several years ago had resulted in totem poles being installed in that area and people are enquiring where the totem poles are.		
NB Suggested contacting Kath Wheeldon to find out more about the approx. seven totem poles. .		
The Chair also suggested contacting the Parks Department to see if the staff may know where the totem poles were stored when removing them to lay the basketball court.		AS
AS to follow up Footprints in the Sand, that it was an oral history project and a report was produced and used by the Public Art Advisory Committee to develop art on Foreshore. AS to bring report to meeting with Elders.		AS
3.4	Wicherina Dam reconciliation drive for public access	
Phil Melling has advised that he was working with the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). The department was currently being restructured and Mr Melling would follow up which area was going to progress it.		
NB advised that the land is owned by the Water Authority.		
ER noted that a discussion was held and as there was asbestos on top of the dam it would be too unsafe.		
NB responded that was in the early stages and had progressed far beyond that. The Department of Water had approved the dam as safe; asbestos hadn't been an issue for 2 years. The Water Authority only requires 20% of the land, the whole purpose of the dam was not applicable for storing water for CGG. Could the Water Authority and DEC get together and work with the Aboriginal community to develop Aboriginal trails, visits from locals? NB Always thought that since CGG amalgamated with Mullewa, CGG was suitable for looking after this area.		
ER noted that CGG will have to contact Aboriginal Groups such as the Native Title Groups and MAOA to discuss this project with them before progressing it.		
Mr Melling will need to meet with the relevant groups and then progress an		

	<p>Agenda Item. Committee would like something back by August Council Meeting. The Chair requested that AS get an update from Mr Melling to do an Agenda Item.</p>	AS
3.5	<p>National Sorry Day and NAIDOC Day activities AS presented the draft program for Reconciliation Week.</p>	
3.6	<p>Reconciliation Week Events AS presented the program. There will also be a Cultural Awareness Tour on 28 May 2013. All Executives and Councillors on Reconciliation Committee have been invited. NB/Chair responded that there is no invitation in their diary, KC to check with Sheri Moulds on the progress of invitations being sent out. KC noted that invitations will be sent once the itinerary has been confirmed. DC suggested Saint Georges Beach for morning tea during Cultural Awareness Tour. PD noted that Bundiyarra did National Sorry Day in February as the weather in May was unpredictable, that's not to say other organisations shouldn't hold their own event in May. NAIDOC falls on school holidays and the cultural day will be on 3 July 2013, Bundiyarra will be having barbecues and story time. PD has a meeting next Wednesday, after which the program will be sent out. Having the celebrations the week before school holidays was important so children can be included.</p>	KC
3.7	<p>Cultural Connections – Cultural Awareness Training PD advised that the complete package had been developed. The Cultural Awareness Training package was recognised with Reconciliation Australia.</p>	
3.8	<p>Bundiyarra and City Partnership AS met with PD last week to make sure that it was clear in the community that Bundiyarra and CGG have a close working partnership. AS suggested that both organisations consider a partnership agreement or letter of intent. The Chair advised that there was already one in place with the Environmental Health Program. The Chair also noted there was still a MOU from the old Greenough Shire / City of Geraldton that could be revised. AS to organise a meeting that includes Ken Diehm. PD noted that Bundiyarra does not sign off for other Aboriginal Organisations, and that would need to go through MAOA. AS queried if starting point was MOU and progress into partnership agreement, do we have one with MAOA and one from Bundiyarra? The Chair responded that when talking about issues on a global level, MAOA was the organisation that was the umbrella for other groups. Committee suggested an overarching MOU with MAOA and Partnership Agreements with individual organisations.</p>	AS
4.	<p>General Business GG provided an updated on work of Dr Don Prigmore who has an ability to find dream trails. Dr Prigmore wants to prove the science of dream trails. Think trails need to be documented; Dr Prigmore was very keen to come back and continue the work. PD noted that Bundiyarra had put in for an Oral History program, will know by mid-June if this is going to happen. AS noted that this could have relevance in terms with precinct planning. It could be captured if a map becomes available. GG to send GPD map to ER to check overlapping of significant sites. GG to organise meeting with Phil Melling, Dr Don Prigmore, AS and DAA.</p>	GG/ER GG
5.	<p>Next Meeting Friday, 5 July 2013, South Wing Conference Room.</p>	