

Reconciliation Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Reconciliation Committee Meeting	Meeting No.	D-13-14203	
Meeting Date	Friday, 1 February 2013			
Meeting Time	9.30am to 10.30am			
Meeting Location	Cathedral Avenue, Councillors Committee Meeting Room			
Attendees	Cr Chris Gabelish (Chair)	CG	By Invitation	Ron Bradfield (observer)
	Cr Des Brick	DB		Apologies
	Cr Peter Fiorenza	PF	Tom Hartman	
	Cr Neil Bennett	NB	Lou Tatasciore	
	Kevin Merritt	KM	Jamie Strickland	
	Merrilyn Green	MG	Distribution	as above
	Paul Ihanimo	PI		
	Miranda Rounsevell	MR		
	Gordon Gray	GG		
	Patricia Delaney	PD		
	Wayn McDonald	WM		
	Jim Sandy	JS		
	Derek Councilor	DC		
	Elise Ronan	ER		
	Steven Jacobs	SJ		
	Andrea Selvey	AS		
Renee Ellis	RE			
Wendy Cowley (minute taker)	WC			

1. Welcome & Apologies The Chair welcomed all members and apologies were noted.	
2. Meeting Logistics It was noted that the meetings of this committee would be held bi-monthly. WC to arrange suitable dates with members. Members to please confirm contact details to WC if incorrect.	WC
3. Audit of RAP Progress It was noted that a significant amount of work had been done over and above RAP. Bereavement Package: SJ is in the process of developing a bereavement package which had started in Mullewa with a plan to roll out to the whole City. Package to be available to the community which would include everything family members would need to do and know with regards to arranging funerals. Input was being received from Bundiyarra and the Police. MR noted that they had also been providing some information to the community.	

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<p>a cross section of the organisation, customer service facing with some outside and inside administration trainees. The City is working in conjunction with Apprenticeships Traineeships Cadetships. AS acknowledged the great work SJ and Sara Walker (Organisational Development & Reform Coordinator) have done on the project.</p>	
<p>6. Status of Partnership Discussions with Bundiyarra</p> <p>AS reported that there was collaboration between Bundiyarra, GG as Chair of MAOA and the City and investigations into possible opportunities for City funding to be used as leverage to obtain further funding was ongoing. It was noted that the logistics for the two positions needed to still be worked out and a formal presentation to MAOA will be made in February. The grant application would require formal endorsement from MAOA. The reason the City would be the grant applicant was due to funding from the City. GG to arrange a meeting between the MAOA Board, AS, RE and SJ.</p> <p>NB advised that their Lotterywest grant would be a fixed term of three years resulting in one ongoing position and one position targeted for three years.</p> <p>RE noted that the City and Bundiyarra would be looking at producing a collaborative newsletter which would be distributed to the community.</p>	GG
<p>7. Assistance with National Sorry Day Celebrations</p> <p>The City through the grants process had received \$880 for National Sorry Day and would be displaying the 2029 and Beyond information and banners on the day. The City would receive formal acknowledgement of participation and CG would be speaking on the day.</p>	
<p>8. Updating Committee Membership</p> <p>It was noted that the committee membership had errors in it and the contact list would be amended and recirculated by WC to members for any updates.</p>	WC
<p>9. Update on Planning (Brand Highway / Eastward Road Aboriginal & Social Housing Project)</p> <p>NB noted an update that Brian Robartson (Manager Land Development) was working on Brand Highway / Eastward Road Aboriginal & Social Housing Project and there were significant historical links.</p> <p>An update provided by the Land Development team is that the City facilitated discussions between State and the Aboriginal Land Development Corporation however although the City were still being updated they were not involved in any great detail.</p> <p>DC advised that cultural tours of the area were being provided. It was suggested that Councillors and Executives be invited to the tours. RE to arrange the invite to Councillors and Executives with the possibility of including the Reconciliation Committee on the tour. AS noted that as part of the 2029 & Beyond and Rangeway, Utaarra, Karloo precinct planning projects the City had partnered with Weeara Tours to deliver cultural awareness tours.</p>	RE
<p>10. Aboriginal Components in City's Draft Heritage Strategy / Draft Community Development Plan and Draft City Cultural Plan</p> <p>Items 10 and 11 on the agenda were to be joined.</p> <p>NB noted that Councillors put a strong importance on Aboriginal heritage and it was important to understand that as a Committee.</p> <p>The City's commitment flows from the community vision and aspiration that came through strongly in the 2029 & Beyond process which has evolved into our community strategic plan. There has been some prioritisation but essentially celebrating and promoting Yamaji culture are the main priorities for Council. The planning has been happening concurrently but is reflected in the Heritage Strategy which is a draft document. It is also included in our Creative City Plan where</p>	

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<p>contemporary Yamaji culture is being acknowledged and promoted.</p> <p>The ten year plan, four year plan and annual plans all relate to our vision which the community have given us. Councillors had choices about where the priorities were to be and they selected five key areas. The plans will be put to the community for comment and agreement.</p> <p>SJ noted that discussions were taking place with Joanne Panter (Events & Bookings Officer), regarding providing cultural awareness information on Australia Day.</p>	
<p>11. Aboriginal Representation on Council Approved Visit to China</p> <p>Council had made a brief trip to China in 2012 where gifts were exchanged at official meetings with the City presenting gifts of Yamaji paintings. Following discussions and subsequent visits by delegates it was identified that there is a clear interest with the Aboriginal culture.</p> <p>The Chair reported that there would be a further delegation around 20 March 2013 for approximately one week and noted that it would be a good opportunity for representation from the Committee could be included. The fee per delegate was approximately \$4000. AS advised that other possible delegates could include a delegate from Yamaji Art. AS to discuss with Alison Yearwood and the Chairman. AS noted that there was a very positive video of DC talking about Yamaji country where he says we would give a proper welcome to country when you visit. This was a three minute video and this might be an opportunity to use the video in China. AS to discuss with Tony Brun.</p> <p>There were opportunities for a joint telecast from the Queens Park Theatre of the Chinese cultural dances and vice versa.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>AS</p>
<p>12. Update on Department of Indigenous Affairs Strategic Framework</p> <p>No update was provided.</p>	
<p>13. Any Other Business</p> <p>WM - DIA RAP Supporting Regional Area: WM to forward information to WC to distribute with the minutes and to add as an agenda item for the next meeting (Department Structure). Members were asked to please comment on the attachment.</p> <p>NB - Wicherina Dam: The dam had a wealth of Aboriginal history and culture attached to it. There had been planning issues and capacity, resourcing, priorities and funding needed to be discussed. It was agreed that WC add this to the next meeting's agenda to discuss further and Phil Melling to be invited to the meeting.</p> <p>DC noted that as a Yamaji the difference can be seen and recognition is being made and would like to thank the City.</p>	<p>WM/WC</p> <p>WC</p>
<p>14. Next Meeting</p> <p>WC to schedule the next meeting and notify members.</p>	<p>WC</p>