

Reconciliation Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name	Reconciliation Committee Meeting	Meeting No.	D-14-60786
Meeting Date	Tuesday 9 September 2014		
Meeting Time	3:30-4:30pm		
Meeting Location	Committee Meeting Room		
Attendees	Cr Richard de Trafford (Chair)	RD	By Invitation Catherine Belcher – Museum of WA
	Cr Des Brick	DB	Apologies Cr Tarleah Thomas TT Chris Budhan CB Merrilyn Green - G'ton Streetwork Aboriginal Coop Leza Radcliffe - Department of Child Protection Ross Oakley - Chair of Bundiyarra Elise Ronan - Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs Kate Killen - Department of Education Paul Ihanimo - Mulga Mail Miranda Rounsevell - Department of Housing & Works Donna Murdock - YMAC
	Cr Simon Keemink	SK	
	Renee Ellis	RE	
	Nola Gregory	NG	
	Andrea Selvey	AS	
	Wayne McDonald - Dept. of Aboriginal Affairs		
	Lou Tatsciore - Community Member		
	Caroline Carson (Minutes)	CC	
		Distribution	As Above

1. Welcome & Apologies All welcomed & apologies noted.	
2. Catherine Belcher – WA Museum A \$14 million redevelopment of the Museum is to be undertaken. This is an opportunity to present Aboriginal stories at the Museum as well as open up more community exhibition space. The Mid West Gallery will be moved from the waterfront area, and the waterfront will become community space available for events etc. The redevelopment hopes to open up employment for Aboriginal people as guides, interpretative officers, exhibition curators and volunteers. Feedback from the MWDC is very happy with the direction of the business case. Catherine has spoken to MAOA about these opportunities. Welcome to Country aspect will be re-addressed in the new museum, and Reconciliation Action Plan is being worked on for the museum. Deanne Fitzgerald has just been appointed as Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisor and will be coming to Geraldton in mid-late October to introduce herself – ommittee will be advised of dates closer to October.	
3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes 2.1 Action Log RC-21: Phil Melling has been working with Water Corp. No further actions. RC-39: See Item no 6. Welcome to Country. RC-40: See item no 4. Draft RAP & Workshop Review RC-41: See item no 5. Aboriginal Community Engagement	

<p>4. Draft RAP & Workshop Review NG & RE to prioritise the RAP high, medium and low. The internal RAP to also have some resourcing indication. Reconciliation Australia sent an email of appraisal to NG, NG forward to committee.</p>	<p>NG, RE NG</p>
<p>5. Aboriginal Community Engagement 17th & 18th of September dates to be rescheduled for the RAP.</p>	
<p>6. Welcome to Country It is suggested that this document be circulated in the wider community for feedback – needs endorsement by the community not just CGG and the Committee. Ensure that the wording of acknowledgement in this document is consistent with the wording used in Council meetings. If the acknowledgement used at Council is to be updated this will need to go through Council RE/NG. NG to add disclaimer to Native Title Claimant Group list advising that the back page must be used in conjunction with the maps. When thanking a specific person add in the name of the group RE to mail Welcome to Country document electronically to all members. Feedback to be provided to RE within one week. Background document regarding protocols will be circulated to members once it is in final draft form. This guide was written with consensus of the legal advisors of the groups. Is intended to be used as a referral for community events – a good point of reference.</p>	<p>RE, NG NG RE RE RE</p>
<p>7. Member Attendance Need a new engagement strategy as member attendance has been low with the current approach. A more creative and informal gathering such as a meal or different venue (Football Academy, Bundiyarra or Streeties). The Committee meeting could follow the fortnightly Reconciliation meetings held at MAOA. Development of the RAP needs input from the Aboriginal community and some of the 13 Aboriginal organisations in the Midwest need to be able to prove the Committee are connecting with others. One idea on the Reconciliation Australia website for engagement is to have an Aboriginal member elected to council by the Aboriginal community.</p>	
<p>8. Other Business 8.1 Proposed Capital Works 2014/15 Deferred to next meeting</p>	
<p>9. Next Meeting Invite Jamie Strickland to next meeting.</p>	
<p>10. Close Meeting close 4:45pm</p>	