



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group
Notes – December 8, 2022



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1 Opening

Meeting Opened at 5.30pm

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaadijin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

Mindeera Group Representatives

Murray Masters (Deputy Chair)
Roni Forrest
Stephanie Ludekens
Gerard Siero
Roni Forrest
Jordanna Rebbeck (from 7pm)

Councillor

Cr Peter Devereux

Manager Community

Paul Gravett

Meeting secretary

Megan Jaceglav

Presenters

Brendan Nock
Jaclyn Ward
Leigh Parker
Pierre Quesnel
Nick Churchill

Observers

Ali Sumner

Apologies

Cr Jesvin Karimi
Cr Vicki Potter
Kelsi Forrest
Xanthe Shaw
Amber Ugle-Hayward
Flavia Pardini

3 Presentations

3.1 Update on Jirdarup Yarning Circle

Time	10 minutes
Presenter	Environment Officer
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To update the group on the Jirdarup Yarning Circle.

Outcome

To ensure the project is aligned and informed with objectives from the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Discussion points

- Progress of the Artwork development and signage
- Cultural elements and Stakeholder groups

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN4 - Increasing and improving public open spaces	To ensure that opportunities for cultural learning are made available to the community

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To engage the community in the decision-making processes of key initiatives. To have the community take pride in and ownership of changes they have helped create.

Next steps

Nil.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers provided updates on the detailed design of the Jirdarup sand-pit redevelopment.
- Officers informed group of consultation with Friends of Jirdarup Bushland and discussion surrounding pathway design, cultural and ecological considerations.
- Mindeera Advisory group confirmed the need for two pathways in the design surrounding the Jirdarup yarning circle.

Actions

- Officers to keep the Mindeera group updated on progressions in this space.

3.2 Update on Albany Highway Precinct Redevelopment

Time	10 minutes
Presenter	Place Leader
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide the group with an update on and opportunities to engage with the Albany Highway Precinct Redevelopment.

Outcome

To ensure the project is aligned and informed with objectives from the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Discussion points

- Mindeera group participation in project development
- Redevelopment as potential RAP Action

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN3 – Increasing and Improving Public Open Spaces	To demonstrate ongoing appreciation and respect for the cultural and ecological dimensions of place.

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture, and education.	To ensure that opportunities for cultural appreciation and understanding are made available to the community.

Next steps

Nil.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers presented a detailed overview of plans for, and values that are relevant to the future growth and development of the Albany Highway Precinct.
- Officers clarified the constraints that attend to this project insofar as they sit within State Government Planning Policy and Precinct Design Guidelines.
- Officers requested input from Mindeera Members and Noongar community members, on the Aboriginal stories, historical and current, on this area and surrounds. Officers also sought input on how these stories should be told and how culture should be acknowledged and respected.
- Feedback was provided by Mindeera Group members, on the need to integrate and preserve current green space, mature trees, and space for fauna, in forthcoming changes to this area. Suggestions were made to amend the private land policy so that mature trees could be protected on private land, from infill development.
- Emphasis was given by Mindeera group members that stories of this area are not particular to the highway, as this was not a Noongar boundary, but traverse areas that extend beyond the parameters of suburbs and LGA defined areas.
- Advice was given by Mindeera Members and external consultants that genuine designing of country (including active address of decolonisation in 'place') needs to be central to the Structure Plan.

Actions

- Officers to coordinate a Workshop that continues this discussion to include Mindeera Members and Whadjuk Cultural Advice Committee members.
- Mindeera Member to circulate details of Whadjuk Cultural Advice Committee to Reconciliation officer.

3.3 Update on Ed Millen House redevelopment

Time	10 minutes
Presenter	Strategic Projects Manager
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide an update to the group on the progress of cultural dimensions of the development.

Outcome

To ensure the project is aligned and informed with objectives from the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Discussion points

- Mindeera group participation in project development
- Redevelopment as RAP Action

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity	Providing spaces for community to feel safe represented in decision making for Aboriginal Culture.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage in public spaces and events that promote cultural heritage and knowledge.

Environment	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN3 – Increasing and Improving Public Open Spaces	To demonstrate ongoing appreciation and respect for the cultural and ecological dimensions of place.

Next steps

Nil.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers updated group on the cultural dimensions of the Ed Millen House and land, redevelopment.
- Officers informed group on the delays that have occurred in the project due to various factors.
- Officers detailed the cultural research dimension of this project which will preface and inform, the Artist's brief, when a RFQ is advertised.
- Officers proposed that this cultural research could be a forthcoming requirement/best practice model, for all future public Art projects in the Town.
- Mindeera group members affirmed the need for addressing fragmentation of habitat in the landscape design of the area. Suggestions were given to provide safe passage for reptiles and other fauna who live in the area.

Actions

- Officers to consult with relevant Mindeera group members as regards cultural history of this area and ecological design.
- Officers to keep Mindeera group informed and updated on cultural research and implementation of cultural knowledge/ story in the project.

3.4 Update on McCallum Park

Time	10 minutes
Presenter	Strategic Projects Manager
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide an update on plans to identify spring site, with the potential for daylighting Spring, at McCallum Park.

Outcome

To ensure the project is aligned and informed with objectives from the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Discussion points

- Mindeera group participation in project development
- Redevelopment as RAP Action

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity	Providing spaces for recognition of Indigenous culture and country.

Environment	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN3 – Increasing and Improving Public Open Spaces	To demonstrate ongoing appreciation and respect for the cultural and ecological dimensions of place.

Next steps

Nil.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers provided overview of plans for the McCallum Park area site redevelopment alongside explorations of the potential to daylight Mindeera Spring.
- Discussion was had surrounding cultural dimensions and processes that are to be included in the daylighting of the Spring.

Actions

- Officers to engage cultural heritage consultant for advice and guidance in the daylighting of the Spring.
- Officer to provide Mindeera Group comments to the WAPC for consideration.
- Reconciliation Officer to consider including Mindeera Spring as an action in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Officer to present to Whadjuk Cultural Advice Committee on plans for McCallum Park and daylighting of the Spring.

4 Discussion Items

4.1 On the Table

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide an opportunity for Advisory group members to share feedback, generate ideas and facilitate discussion on matters of reconciliation and indigenous significance in the Town.

Outcome

To provide space for deliberation and innovation.

Discussion points

- Feedback on Mindeera Advisory Group and Elected Members Workshop
- Public Art Projects
- Matagarup Bridge
- Conversation from the Table

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	To encourage and enable the community to actively take part in and contribute to Town and community led projects.

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To enable the community to be informed and engaged in the Town's reconciliation process.

Next steps

Nil.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Reconciliation Officer updated group on projects / requests that had come through in recent weeks.
- Conversation was had around access to broader Noongar Community in the Town of Victoria Park.
- Discussion was had around culturally safe places and the need for integrating this as an Action for the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.

Actions

- Officers to facilitate discussion with Noongar community members through outreach to AEO at local schools, with the view to maximizing Noongar engagement in Town and community led projects.
- Mindeera member agreed to act as Aboriginal advisor, where needed, for cultural input on public artwork concepts in the Town.
- Reconciliation Officer to integrate Culturally safe places as an Action in the Innovate RAP.

4.2 Reconciliation Action Plan

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To include the group in processes that inform the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.

Outcome

To provide the group with an update on the outcomes from the two workshops and to have an open discussion on processes and timelines for the first draft of the Innovate RAP.

Discussion points

- Workshop Outcomes
- Next Steps

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	To encourage and enable the community to actively take part in reconciliation initiatives.

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S2 - Collaborating to ensure everyone has a place to call home.	To enable the community to be informed and engaged in the Town's reconciliation process.

Next steps

Regular updates on progress to be provided to the advisory group at bi-monthly meetings and via email.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers provided updates on the progression of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Discussion was had on Workshop outcomes, and consensus on the Vision for the next Reconciliation Action Plan.

Actions

- Officers to consider Truth Telling as an Action to be included in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.
- The Vision statement, agreed upon by the group as the most appropriate, to be incorporated into the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Officers to consider including, celebratory, as a key component of Culturally Safe places in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Officers to consider including Dual Naming of the Town of Victoria Park as an Action / deliverable in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.

4.3 26 January

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meetings.

Outcome

Communicate feedback from community engagement, progress discussion/ objectives regarding actions surrounding 26 January.

Discussion points

- Follow up from RAP Vision, Values and Priorities
- Walk on Country/ Staff cultural education

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To ensure the community are kept informed and engaged on key stakeholder issues.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	To ensure opportunities are provided for the community to deepen their understanding of matters of shared cultural heritage.

Next steps

Nil.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Discussion was had around the significance of 26 January in the context of the Reconciliation Action plan and in the context of Town knowledge, education and identity.
- Proposals were shared around ways to grow community and staff understanding of this national narrative.
- Consensus was had to include 26 January as an Actionable item in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.

Actions

- Reconciliation Officer to progress coordination of staff awareness / education opportunity around 26 January.
- Mindeera members to consider drafting a statement about 26 January to be shared on the Town's social media channels on this date.
- Reconciliation Officer to include 26 January as an Actionable item in forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.

4.4 Consultation of Noongar Language

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion on significant renaming projects in the Town.

Outcome

Clarification/ discussion of future opportunities.

Discussion points

- Progress of this item in lieu of current status of RAPs

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Providing spaces for community education and the development of cultural literacies
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage with, promote, and learn Noongar language, whilst ensuring that the language is preserved and appropriately honoured.

Next steps

Update group on progress of discussion items.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Discussion was had around the significance of Noongar language, re-naming and dual naming, as it pertains to respect, relationships and reconciliation in the Town.
- Discussion was had around the timely use of resources and the prioritisation of high impact naming projects.
- Agreement was had on the proposal to include dual naming of the Town of Victoria Park in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Discussion was shared around the significance of having Welcome to Country as the first order of proceedings at Town events.

Actions

- Officers to discuss community courses in Noongar language with relevant Town staff.
- Officers to implement Noongar language, dual naming and re-naming as an Action in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.

4.5 Planning National Days

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Planning and reflection on events and celebrations for national days in the Town.

Outcome

Seeking thoughts and feedback from the group around planning and celebrations in the Town.

Discussion points

- Path to Reconciliation
- Future events/ strategies

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Ensuring that the Town continues to be a place that promotes awareness, understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage in events that promote cultural heritage and knowledge.

Next steps

- For the group to be engaged, consulted, and informed around the progress and planning of these days.
- Identification of collaboration opportunities within the Town.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Discussion was had around planning for the Path to Reconciliation and other potential actions that align with the launch of the Town's next Reconciliation Action Plan.

Actions

- Not applicable at this stage.

4.6 Mindeera Spring

Reporting officer	Mindeera Spring
Origin of request	Mindeera Member
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Deliberation on registering the Spring as an Aboriginal Heritage site and consideration of recognising/ daylighting the Spring.

Outcome

Seeking feedback and advice from the group around registering Mindeera Spring as an Aboriginal Heritage site.

Discussion points

- Registering Mindeera Spring
- Renewal and recognition of Mindeera Spring

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Ensuring that the Town continues to be a place that promotes awareness, understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage in events that promote cultural heritage and knowledge.

Next steps

Nil.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Discussion was had around cultural and local significance of lodging the Mindeera Spring as a cultural heritage site.
- Discussion was had around the importance of renewing and recognising Mindeera Spring and associated waterways.
- Discussion was had around changing the provisions in the property where the Spring is located, such that if this property is sold, the non-developed section of this reserve could be restored to the Town and the Spring here, daylighted.

Actions

- Mindeera member to proceed with the registration of the Mindeera Spring as a cultural heritage site, within the next six months.

5 General business

Nil.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Link to RAP Action(s)	Status	Comment	Close Date
Mindeera members to network with sporting groups in the Town and communicate details with the Reconciliation officer, to advance current and future, community engagement and Reconciliation partnership opportunities	Mindeera members	Rel 5	In progress		31 December 2022
Update Mindeera Group on outcomes from Reconciliation Workshops	Reconciliation Officer	Tr and Pr 2	In progress		8 December 2022
Officers to investigate incorporating commitment to the Uluru Statement of the Heart in the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	n/a	In progress		31 December 2022

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Officers to investigate budget allocation and budget options for implementing the interactive signage at Koolbardi Park in 2022-2023.	Reconciliation Officer and Manager Community Development	Res 5	In progress		31 December 2022
Officers to communicate progress of Koolbardi Park signage and audio-recording processes, when closer to finalisation.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	In progress		31 December 2022
Mindeera Advisory Group member to consult with the DLGSC regarding the Mili Mili Gnarla Boodja project and opportunities to continue this project to include Noongar country situated within the Town of Victoria Park.	Mindeera Chair	Res 2	In progress		TBC
Planning to commence around further integration of reconciliation practices and	Reconciliation Officer and Senior Social Analyst	Rel 5 Tr and Pr 2	In progress		31 December 2022

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processes into Town systems as part of the new RAP.					
Mindeera group member to consult with Noongar community and report back to the Mindeera Advisory Group, on preferred opportunities and processes for recognition of Noongar Elders in the Town.	Mindeera Member	Res 2	In progress		TBC
Mindeera members to contact Vic Park Collective in the New Year, regarding next steps in bringing the conversation, (around Jan 26) and additional engagement opportunities, to the community.	Mindeera Members	Res 1	In progress		TBC
Officers to investigate inclusion of the 26 January as an action item in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	In progress	Investigation underway.	31 December 2022

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Officers to work with the Town's communication s team with the aim of increasing the media profile of reconciliation processes and outcomes in the Town.	Reconciliation Officer and Communication Service Area	Rel 6	Ongoing		n/a
Officers to work with Town's communication team to maximise media presence during these weeks.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 3 Res 4	Completed	Communicatio ns team contacted and engaged.	31 July 2022
Group to workshop ideas for Concept Forum at the August Mindeera Meeting	Mindeera group and Town officers	Res 1	Completed		9 October 2022
Officers to investigate participating in Danjoo Koorliny events and networks	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 5	Completed		31 December 2022

7 Close

The meeting closed at 8pm.