



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



# Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 9 June 2021



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## **1 Opening**

Murray Masters opened the meeting at 5:35pm.

### **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 kaaditjin, 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**

#### **Deputy Chair**

Murray Masters

Flavia Pardini

Roni Forrest

Wanjie Song

Xanthe Shaw

#### **Deputy Mayor**

Bronwyn Ife

#### **Councillor**

Luana Lisandro

#### **Councillor**

Vicki Potter

#### **Coordinator Community Development**

Katie Schubert

#### **Meeting secretary**

Megan Jaceglav

#### **Presenters**

Nil

#### **Observers**

Nil

#### **Apologies**

##### **Chair**

Kelsi Forrest

Dylan Collard

##### **Councillor**

Ronhhda Potter

##### **Community Development Officer (Inclusion)**

Lizzie Shepande

##### **Manager Community**

Paul Gravett

### **3 Presentations**

Nil.

## 4 Items for discussion

### 4.1 26 January

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Katie Schubert
<b>Origin of request</b>	Action from previous meeting
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Continue discussions from previous meeting to discuss next steps from here.

### Outcome

Future considerations for 2021/2022.

### Discussion points

- Cultural Awareness Training for Elected members was completed on 21 April 2021.
- Brief update from Concept Forum on 27 May 2021.
- Next steps from here.

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S03 - An empowered community with a sense of pride, safety and belonging.	To ensure our events are culturally appropriate, safe, and welcoming to all of community.

### Next steps

Nil

### Further information

Nil

### Outcome

- Discussions included an update from May concept forum, how it went and the general consensus from the workshop.
- Town officers provided details based on the internal governance advice that a revocation motion would need to be raised in order to revoke the 2017 Council decision.

### Action

- Action would be required by elected members to progress this item.

## 4.2 Planning National Days

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Katie Schubert
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing agenda item
<b>Attachments</b>	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

- National Reconciliation Week – reflection on what was delivered as part of 27 May – 3 June.
- Sorry Day – potential plan for next year?
- NAIDOC Week – plan for this year to include any additional feedback or advice.

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	To ensure our events are culturally appropriate, safe, and welcoming to all community.
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education and heritage.	The Town promotes positive influences on awareness and cultural appreciation of diverse cultures.

### Next steps

Planning celebrations and events for these national days.

For the group to be engaged and informed around the progress and planning.

### Further information

Nil.

## **Outcome**

- Group members identified that more recognition is suggested for Sorry Day, potential to include distributing flowers or seedlings throughout the town, as is done for Mental Health week. Also, could potentially utilise Town's social media platforms and/or Town waste calendars to recognise Sorry Day.
- Potential identified to highlight the success of the Friends of Jirdarup talk by the Town.

## **Actions**

- Sorry Day to be identified on the significant dates calendar and internal planning to ensure at least a social media post occurs in 2022.
- Town staff to provide details to Advisory group members around NAIDOC week event advertising and inviting to NAIDOC week events.
- The group suggested the NAIDOC week key event to be named NAIDOC Week Celebration.



### 4.3 Reconciliation Action Plan

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Katie Schubert
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing agenda item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

To provide the group with a brief update of the plan, progress and future implementation.

#### Outcome

To provide the group with a brief update of the plan, progress, and future implementation.

#### Discussion points

- New Community Development Officer – Reconciliation
- Progress over the last quarter
- Upcoming plans for this quarter
- Status of Reconciliation Action Plan

#### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education and heritage.	Implementation of the RAP to have a positive influence on awareness and cultural appreciation.

#### Next steps

- Regular updates on progress to be provided to the advisory group at bi-monthly meetings and via email.
- Report to July 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting on the update of the current RAP and how we will progress to a new RAP.

#### Further information

Nil.

#### Outcomes

- Discussions with Reconciliation Australia (RA) have occurred after a number of failed attempts. RA have encouraged the Town to continue to develop an Innovate RAP.

- The current Reflect RAP was conditionally endorsed by RA, and RA has advised that seeking formal endorsement is not something they can do at this stage as they only endorse plans for the future. Having said that, RA acknowledge that the Town's plan was taken through conditional endorsement and that the Town remains an active part of the RAP program.
- Report to head to Council in July 2021 with a full update on current status of our RAP and the plan for the development of our new RAP as the current extension from Council is only until July 2021.
- Quarterly report will also be part of July 2021 OCM and monthly updates to C-suite have been occurring.
- Consider coming on to country and working with Curtin University as part of the development of the Innovate RAP

## **Actions**

- Officers to consult with Curtin University as part of Innovate RAP engagement strategy.
- Officers to continue providing regular updates to the group.

## 4.4 Consultation of Noongar Language

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Katie Schubert
<b>Origin of request</b>	Actions from previous meeting
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meeting on specific naming projects occurring as well as streamlined approach for moving forward with these situations at the Town.

### Outcome

- Seek any additional feedback on specific projects.
- Continued work on work instructions document.

### Discussion points

- Noongar language naming work instructions.
- Update on naming Town Administration meeting rooms. Focus on Council Chambers naming.
- Zone 2x
- ROW 52 Laneway ROW 76

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education and heritage.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage with promote and learn Noongar language while ensuring language preservation and making sure to honour the language appropriately.

### Next steps

Update group on status of naming in the Town and language consultation process.

### Further information

Nil.

### Outcomes

- As part of National Reconciliation Week, the celebration for renaming of Town meeting rooms was a success and well attended by staff.

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- Further discussion and consultation required for naming of Council Chambers once the work instruction is completed.
- Zone 2 officially named Koolbardi Park. Launch of naming of Koolbardi Park to include Welcome to County and Smoking Ceremony.
- Report to Council for June 2021 OCM on preferred names for Row 52 (IGA Laneway) reflecting the groups feedback from previous meetings.
- Officers have not received a response from group members on previous email sent concerning Laneway ROW 76.

### **Actions**

- Town officers to progress the naming work instruction.
- Town officers to work with group members when planning the launch of naming of Koolbardi Park.
- Town officers to resend email with details around Laneway ROW 76.

## 4.5 Review of current Acknowledgement of Country templates

<b>Reporting officer</b>	<i>Katie Schubert</i>
<b>Origin of request</b>	<i>Request from Mindeera Member</i>
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

For the group to review the current Acknowledgement of Country templates that the Town uses for all meetings.

### Outcome

Identify any concerns and required changes to current templates.

### Discussion points

Review current templates:

#### Long

I am not a Noongar woman/man, I am a non-Indigenous woman/man. I am honoured to be standing on Wadjak - Noongar country on the banks of the Swan River.

Ngany yoowart Noongar yorga/maam, ngany wadjella yorga/maam. Ngany djerapiny Wadjak – Noongar boodja-k yaakiny, nidja bilya bardook.

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

I thank them for the contribution made to life in the Town of Victoria Park and to this region. Ngany youngka baalapiny Noongar birdiya wer moort nidja boodja.

#### Medium

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land the Wadjak Noongars from the Noongar nation and pay my respects to past present and emerging leaders, their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with this land which still continues today.

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

#### Short

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land the Wadjak Noongars from the Noongar nation of Australia and pay my respects to past present and emerging leaders.

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort kenya kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda.

Note Alternative Spellings:

- Whadjuk/Wadjak
- Nyungar/Noongar/Nyoongar

## Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	The Town promotes preservation of Aboriginal history which promotes positive influence on the community.
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education, and heritage.	The Town acknowledges Aboriginal culture and history.

## Next steps

Make any adjustments and/or seek additional advice that may need be needed.

## Further information

Nil.

## Outcomes

First sentence of long acknowledgment is inappropriate if spoken in English.

## Actions

Town officer to work with group members and Elders to adapt Acknowledgment of Country templates.

## 5 General business

- T-shirt images and designs for NAIDOC week were circulated and voted on.  
**Action:** Town officers to follow up with providers and hopefully receive t-shirts in time for NAIDOC week.
- **Action:** Town officers to explore the opportunity for identification and recognition of previous group members; and for group members to assist with identification of individuals if required.

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Close Date</b>
The Town's project manager will include the Groups preferred naming and spelling details in the Council report for Row 52.	Katie Schubert	In progress/ Completed	Update as part of agenda item	
Keep the naming process on the agenda during the term of the current Mindeera group for updates on this topic.	Katie Schubert	Ongoing	Requested by the group	N/A
Details of the work instruction to be brought back to the group at the next meeting.	Katie Schubert/Megan	In progress	New officer to assist and complete	
Town officers to provide updates of Reconciliation Action Plan.	Katie Schubert	Ongoing	Requested by the group	N/A
Town officers to continue progress for inclusion of historical/cultural significance item to be included in new citizen gifts. Potential options: Message sticks with explanation of item, books such as Little Red Yellow Black Book or Dark Emu.	Katie Schubert	In progress	Suggested books were included as part NRW	
Advisory Group members to provide Town officers of details of potential local suppliers for Message Sticks, and or other items for potential consideration for inclusion as citizenship ceremony gifts.	Katie Schubert	Not started		
Mindeera Chairperson and representatives to present at April's Concept Forum to help inform the way forward for this topic.	Advisory Group Members	Completed	Update as part of agenda item	25 May 2021



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Elected members to attend Cultural Awareness Training prior to Concept Forum.	Katie Schubert	Completed	Elected members attended training by Danny Ford in April 2021	21 April 2021
Town officers to consult with Advisory Group members while planning and finalising suppliers for NRW and NAIDOC week including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exploring Sorry Day flowers - Book list for NRW.</li> <li>- Guest speaker for NRW staff morning tea.</li> </ul>	Katie Schubert/Aleisha Hunter	Completed	Sorry Day flowers to be explored for next year.	
Town officers to continue to send through emails and updates to the group	Katie Schubert	Ongoing		
Town staff continue to work with Reconciliation Australia on the progression of the current RAP and understand the next step.	Katie Schubert	Ongoing	Update as part of agenda item	
The group to be part of the event for Koolbardi Park.	Katie Schubert/Kevin Cunningham		Update as part of agenda item	
Town officers to share location and suggested names for Laneway 76 for the group to provide their suggested names.	Katie Schubert	Completed	Email sent on 22 March 2021	22 March 2021.

## 7 Close

Murray Masters closed the meeting at approximately 7pm.