



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



# Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 10 February 2021



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## **1 Opening**

### **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**

**Chair**

Kelsi Forrest

**Deputy Chair**

Murray Masters

Dylan Collard

Hannah McGlade

Flavia Pardini

Roni Forrest

Wanjie Song

Xanthe Shaw

**Deputy Mayor**

Bronwyn Ife

**Councillor**

Luana Lisandro

**Councillor**

Ronhhda Potter

**Manager Community**

Paul Gravett

**A/Coordinator Community Development**

Katie Schubert

**Meeting secretary**

Lizzie Shepande

**Presenters**

Klaus Backheuer (Friends of Jirdarup Bushland representative)

Vicki Caulfield (Friends of Jirdarup Bushland representative)

Charlotte McClure (Urban Planning Officer)

**Observers**

Nil

**Apologies**

Cr Vicki Potter

## 4 Items for discussion

### 4.1 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
- Begin group engagement on work instruction document.

#### Discussion points

- Row52 proposed naming options
- Zone 2X naming update
- Noongar language naming work instruction

#### Strategic outcomes

<b>Social</b>	
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

## Outcome

Inform the Advisory Group on updates regarding Row52, Zone 2X and Noongar Language naming work instruction.

The Advisory Group reviewed and supported the following Noongar language words for the renaming for Row52:

Koorliny (walking) Lane, Whadjuk (local Noongar traditional landowner) Way/Lane, Bidee (path) – Bidee with the preferred spelling – Bidi.

Bidi was the overall preferred name from the Group.

The Group did not support Wadju Bidee and Towindri.

Zone 2X - Koobardie had the highest vote of 59% out of the three selected names by community members.

The project manager for this project wanted to thank to Advisory Group for their support and efforts on this naming process.

Work instruction is in draft form and requires additional consultation internally.

## Actions

- The Town's project manager will include the Groups preferred naming and spelling details in the Council report.
- Town officers to seek clarity on who makes the final decision on the naming for Zone 2x and are three names still provided to Landgate.
- Keep the naming process on the agenda during the term of the current Mindeera group for updates on this topic.
- Details of the work instruction to be brought back to the group at the next meeting.

## 4.2 Reconciliation Action Plan Update

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Katie Schubert
<b>Origin of request</b>	Council resolution
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

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

### Outcome

To provide the group with an update on key actions within the last quarter.

### Discussion points

- Progress over the last quarter.
- Upcoming plans for this quarter.

### 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 the group at bi-monthly meetings

### Further information

#### Outcome

Item was passed over due to time and need to discuss additional agenda items.

Action Updates provided as attachment to Minutes for interim reference.

#### Actions

Town officers to provide update at next meeting.

### 4.3 26 January

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

### Purpose of the item

Continue discussions from previous meeting to plan for the next year around this topic.

### Outcome

Future considerations and planning for 2021/2022

### Discussion points

Actions from previous meeting for discussion:

- Town officers to organise for the group to present at a concept forum in the early 2021.
- Town officers to explore the potential of coordinating additional Cultural Awareness Training for elected members prior to the concept forum.
- Town officers to arrange a briefing for the advisory group from the City of Fremantle regarding their Australia Day activities.
- Advisory group members to provide Town staff with a statement from the group for consideration and potential inclusion as part of the Town's Australia Day social media offerings
- Town officers to explore the potential of inclusion of Aboriginal history story book or historical element as part of the packs/gift provided to new citizens.

### 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

Arrange a briefing with the City of Fremantle as part of the planning process.

Planning for concept forum in April 2021.

### Further information

Nil



## Outcome

- Town officers recognise and appreciate the work the group put into the statement submitted. This statement was shared with Elected Members and is a positive linkage into the conversations to come.
- Advisory Group is on the agenda for April Concept Forum to present details to Elected Members.
- Advisory Group was in support of the inclusion of Message Sticks or a book as part of the new citizen gifts as part of the citizenship ceremony.

## Actions

- Town officers and Advisory Group members to organise a special meeting to meet the City of Fremantle to learn from their experiences early March.
- Town officers to explore possibility of organising additional cultural awareness training for Elected Members before the Concept Forum.
- 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*.
- 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.

## 4.4 Planning National Days

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Katie Schubert
<b>Origin of request</b>	Advisory Group Members
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Planning events and celebrations for national days in the Town.

### Outcome

Seeking thoughts and feedback from the group around the type of events and celebrations as part of these national days.

### Discussion points

- NAIDOC Week
- Reconciliation Week
- Harmony Day

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage in events that promote cultural heritage and knowledge.
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 of the planning.

### Further information

Nil.

## Outcome

- Reconciliation Week – The Town plans to take part in the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries Banner Project <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/reconciliation-week-street-banner-project>
- Harmony week - Twilight Trio #3 is planned for 14 March. A celebration of place, knowledge and culture, presented in original musical works based on the Noongar seasonal calendar. <https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Events-and-activities/Live-Lighter-Twilight-Concert-3-2021>
- NAIDOC Week – As part of our Urban Forest Strategy, the Town is already planning a cooking demonstration/event. More details to come.
- The Advisory Group provided suggestions for future events during national recognition days to be explored further with the Town's events team and Advisory Group members.

## Actions

- Town officers to explore future possibilities for larger celebration events for national days.
- Events officer to be invited to a future meeting to discuss potential to enhance celebration events for national days.

## 5 General business

*The first three General business items were presented at the start of the meeting to allow guests to exit the meeting after their items:*

**Friends of Jirdarup** – Klaus and Vicki provided the group with details around their group, future opportunities of working together and a requested support letter for a funding application.

**Action:** Town officers to connect the two groups to complete requested support letter.

**Draft Local Heritage Survey** – Brief information was provided to the group about the Draft Local Heritage Survey.

**Action:** Draft document to be shared with the group for feedback and considerations.

**Recent resignations of Aboriginal Engagement Officer** – Town officers informed the Advisory Group of the recent resignation of the Aboriginal Engagement Officer.

**Action:** Town officers to keep the Advisory Group informed on the recruitment process and potential engagement as part of the recruitment process.

**Mayor's recent statement on homelessness and RooForce** – Town officers provided a brief summary of the incident that occurred and details of current RooForce outreach services.

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status	Comment	Close Date
Continue with the implementation of the current RAP	Katie Schubert/Lizzie Shepande	On going	Please refer to the attached Actions Update table	N/A
Town officers to work with Reconciliation Australia regarding the Town's Reflect RAP to help guide the way forward	Katie Schubert/Lizzie Shepande	Not started		
Mindeera group to be regularly updated at each meeting on RAP outcomes	Katie Schubert	On going		N/A
The Town to develop a management practice and process for consultation related to Noongar language. The practice to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring the advisory group is informed and engaged as part of the development, including the most appropriate Traditional Owners group(s).</li> <li>the potential of additional supplementary elements as part of these projects.</li> <li>Suitable time frames related to key activities and milestones</li> </ul>	Katie Schubert	In progress		N/A
Town officers to re-engage with Advisory Group once public consultation closes on the renaming of ROW52 for the group to make a recommendation for the Council report. Then the suggested Noongar language names to be taken by the Town to the appropriate Traditional Owner group	Katie Schubert	Completed	Preferred names picked and correction on preferred spelling names given for decision through Landgate.	10 February 2021
Town officers to organise for the Advisory Group to present at a Concept Forum in the early 2021.		In progress	Discuss with City of Fremantle regarding January 26 options.	April 2021
Town officers to explore the potential of coordinating additional Cultural Awareness Training for Elected Members prior to the Concept Forum.		In progress	To arrange appropriate cultural trainer for elected members for concept forum.	March 2021

## 7 Close

Chairperson closed meeting at 7:33pm