



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group
Notes – 11 August 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
	Roni Forrest
	Xanthe Shaw
Deputy Mayor	Bronwyn Ife
Councillor	Luana Lisandro
Councillor	Ronhhda Potter
Councillor	Vicki Potter
Manager Community Coordinator Community Development	Paul Gravett Katie Schubert
Meeting secretary	Megan Jaceglav
Presenters	Brendan Nock
Observers	Nil.
Apologies	Flavia Pardini Ebony Kirkup Xanthe Shaw

3 Jirdarup Sandpit Replanting

3.1 Jirdarup Bushland / Kent Street Sandpit Planting

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
Origin of request	Environment Officer
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

Inform the group about this initiative and pathways for collaboration.

Outcome

Noongar engagement in the replanting of the Jirdarup Bushland Sandpit and the cultivation of a Noongar place of cultural exchange and learning.

Discussion points

- Ecological needs of the site
- The site as a place for Aboriginal cultural exchange
- Feedback on site design

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN06 - Appropriate, inviting, and sustainable green spaces for everyone that are well maintained and well managed.	To encourage in the community, ongoing appreciation, and respect for green spaces.
EN07 - Increased vegetation and tree canopy.	To increase vegetation and tree canopy throughout the Town.

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S03 - An empowered community with a sense of pride, safety and belonging.	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.
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education and heritage.	To ensure that opportunities for cultural appreciation and understanding are made available to the community.

Next steps

Report to Environment Officer on group feedback

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Mindeera Advisory group to visit Jirdarup Bushland sandpit to reflect and feedback on Environment Officer's native vegetation and indigenous learning space proposals.
- Community members are encouraged to attend site visit.
- Suggestion to link Jirdarup bushland to Burswood island and other key ecological and Noongar sites of significance as a means of way finding, ecological connectivity and community learning.

Actions

- Town officers to coordinate Mindeera Advisory Group and community members, visit to Jirdarup bushland.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 26 January

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
Origin of request	Actions from previous meeting
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meeting to discuss progress of actionable items.

Outcome

Future considerations for 2021/2022.

Discussion points

- Revocation motion update
- Next steps from here

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	To ensure the community are kept informed and engaged on key stakeholder issues.
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education and heritage.	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

- Group to continue discussions on 26 January as a date to be reinterpreted.

Actions

- Revocation motion of the 2017 OCM decision, to celebrate 26 January as Australia Day, has been submitted for the August 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting.

4.2 Planning National days

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
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

- NAIDOC week update and analysis
- NAIDOC awards update
- Status of Sorry Pole
- Remembrance Day
- Reflection on Twilight Trio Concert

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.	Ensuring that the Town continues to be a place that promotes awareness, understanding and 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 of these days

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Significance of Aboriginal food vendor stalls at NAIDOC events established.
- NAIDOC week performers / Aboriginal theming to be represented at Twilight Trio concert held in November at John Macmillan Park. Primarily indigenous musicians and dancers to perform at this concert. Potential to align Bidi Lane renaming ceremony with this concert.
- Support for at least one Mindeera Group member and/or local Elders to address the audience at Twilight Trio concert. Discussion points to include awareness of the Mindeera Advisory Group.
- Further investigative action to be taken around Sorry Pole.
- Research to be conducted into Aboriginal soldiers from WW1 that were local to the Victoria Park area.

Actions

- Officers to identify and contact Aboriginal food vendors/suppliers for November Twilight Trio concert.
- Mindeera Community members to undertake research and consultation related to historical records of Aboriginal soldiers.
- Town Reconciliation officer to invite Noongar Elders to NAIDOC themed Twilight Trio concert.
- Officers to investigate if Town staff painted Sorry pole.
- Mindeera Group member to contact Sorry Day committee seeking feedback on Sorry pole.

4.3 Reconciliation Action Plan

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda item
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

To update the group on the progress of, and future direction, of actions and deliverables in the plan.

Outcome

To provide the group with a brief update on the plan, actions being progressed and future direction.

Discussion points

- Plans for this quarter
- Feedback from July report

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL02 - A community that is authentically engaged and informed in a timely manner.	To encourage and enable the community to actively take part in reconciliation initiatives.

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	To enable the community to be informed and engaged in the Town's reconciliation process.
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 the community's awareness and appreciation of Indigenous culture and the reconciliation journey.

Next steps

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

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- July 2021 report submitted to Council. July report adopted and extension of current RAP approved.
- Timeline of progress towards developing new Innovate RAP to be drafted.
- Annual reporting on the Town's Reflect RAP progressing.

Actions

- Town officers to send a draft of Innovate RAP timeline to Mindeera group members.
- Town officers to circulate quarterly report to the Mindeera Group.

4.4 Consultation of Noongar Language

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
Origin of request	Actions from previous meeting
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meeting on specific naming projects, update the group on developments and review modes of moving forward, towards a streamlined approach.

Outcome

- Clarify consultation processes for work instruction
- Update on Acknowledgment of Country templates
- Discussion on sites of significance

Discussion points

- Noongar Naming Work instruction progress
- Acknowledgment of Country progress
- Bidi Walk/ Row 52
- Sites of significance

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Providing spaces for community education and the development of cultural literacies.
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, whilst ensuring that the language is preserved and appropriately honored.

Next steps

Update group on progress of discussion items.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Noongar Naming work instruction drafted and to be circulated to Mindeera members at working group meeting.
- Identification that Acknowledgment of Country has been adapted by Council but still needs further refinement.
- Agreement that a meeting of a group of Elders is required to facilitate refinement of Acknowledgment of Country.
- Agreement that Mindeera Group members will participate in public launch of Koolbardi Park and Bidi Lane.
- Potential for meeting room artwork by Aboriginal artist, to be used for plaque design in Bidi Lane.
- Agreement that renaming of Council Chambers and Laneway, Row 76, would progress once work instruction was finalized.
- Sites of Noongar significance to be researched and identified to facilitate processes of cultural recognition and renaming.

Actions

- Town officer to progress work instruction and present to Mindeera Noongar working group for consideration.
- Town officer to work with Mindeera group members to identify and make contact with Noongar elders for guidance regarding Noongar language and culture.
- Reconciliation officer to work with town staff to facilitate development of art-work / signage for Bidi Lane.
- Reconciliation officer to work with town staff and Mindeera group to coordinate the opening of Bidi Lane and Koolbardi Park.
- Town officers to work with Mindeera group members in identifying the potential for language learning opportunities for key Town stakeholders.

4.5 Identification and Recognition of Noongar Elders (Past and Present)

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
Origin of request	Request from Mindeera member
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

Planning and reflection on ways to identify and commemorate Noongar history and identity in the Town.

Outcome

Seeking feedback from the group on significant Noongar figures and ways to integrate their stories and values in the Town.

Discussion points

- Fanny Balbuck
- List of Elders
- Mapping of Country

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	To provide opportunities for the community to learn about the cultural significance of country and of Elders past and present.
S04 - A place where all people have an awareness and appreciate of arts, culture, education and heritage.	To enable the community to have daily opportunities for learning about culture, history and country.

Next steps

- For the group to be engaged and proactive in connecting with both archival histories and elders in the community
- The development of a working list of significant people

Further information

Nil

Outcome

- Recognition that 'Fanny' Balbuck is not Yooreel Balbuck's correct name, and henceforth she needs to be referred to by her Noongar name, Yooreel Balbuck.
- Agreement that the Town needs to give formal recognition, visual and historical prominence, to Yooreel Balbuck and other Noongar Elders.
- Agreement that this recognition could take a number of forms, included but not limited to; naming or renaming of geographical areas, localities and buildings, a statue memorializing Yooreel, the establishment of a walking trail tracing her most frequented paths or other yet to be determined approaches.
- Agreement that the site(s) of recognition of Yooreel and other Elders, needed to be situated in areas which were significant for the Elders.
- The reserve adjoining Derbal Yerrigan, near Belmont (Balbuck Reserve), was identified as one important site for recognition of Yooreel Balbuck.
- The land located near the Town's water pumping station, that was issued by the Aboriginal Lands Trust to the Aboriginal people, was identified as a potential area to be beautified and consecrated as a site of Noongar cultural remembrance.
- Identification that the Town's librarians are a resource that could be further utilized for researching the Noongar places and people of significance.

Actions

- Mindeera Group member to consult with Noongar community and to formulate a report to be delivered to the Mindeera Advisory Group, on preferred opportunities and processes for recognition of Noongar Elders in the Town.
- Manager Community to liaise with Town library staff regarding research directives in this space.
- Town Reconciliation officer to consult with Mindeera group members on list of Noongar Elders and to circulate working list of Elders and service providers to the Mindeera Advisory Group.
- 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.

5 General business

- The Coordinator Community Development is on leave for the next fortnight
- Next Mindeera Meeting to be held at Wirrpanda Foundation
- Next Mindeera Meeting after Caretaker period

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status	Comment	Close Date
Keep the naming process on the agenda during the term of the current Mindeera group for updates on this topic.	Megan Jaceglav	Ongoing	Requested by the group	N/A
Details of the work instruction to be brought back to the group at the next meeting.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Update as part of agenda item	
Town officers to provide updates of Reconciliation Action Plan.	Megan Jaceglav	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.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress		
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.	Megan Jaceglav	Complete	Roni is following up on citizen gifts	
Wirrpanda group to be invited to the August meeting	Katie Sabatini / Megan Jaceglav	Complete		
Town officers to continue to send through emails and updates to the group	Megan Jaceglav	Ongoing		
Town staff continue to work with Reconciliation Australia on the progression of the current RAP and understand the next step.	Megan Jaceglav	Ongoing	Update as part of agenda item	
The group to be part of the event for Koolbardi Park.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Update as part of agenda item	
Action required by elected members to progress 26 January discussions.	n/a	Complete	Update as part of agenda item	
Sorry Day to be identified on the significant dates calendar and internal planning to ensure at least a social media post occurs in 2022.	Megan Jaceglav / Katie Schubert	Complete	Date is included in the significant dates calendar.	
Town staff to provide details to Advisory group members around NAIDOC week event	Megan Jaceglav / Katie Schubert	Complete	Details were sent to the group.	

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advertising and inviting to NAIDOC week events.				
The group suggested the NAIDOC week key event to be named NAIDOC Week Celebration	Aleisha Hunter	Complete		
Town officers to share location and suggested names for Laneway 76 for the group to provide their suggested names. Town officers to resend email with details around Laneway ROW 76.	Katie Schubert	Complete	Email sent on 22 March 2021 and resent on 17 June.	
Town officer to work with group members and Elders to adapt Acknowledgment of Country templates.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress		
Town officers to follow up with providers and hopefully receive t-shirts in time for NAIDOC week.	Megan Jaceglav	Complete	Tshirts distributed to staff and advisory group members.	
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.	Megan Jaceglav	Complete		

7 Close

Meeting close at 7:30pm.