



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group
Notes – 11 May 2023



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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

Kelsi Forrest (Chair)
Murray Masters (Deputy Chair)
Roni Forrest
Stephanie Ludekens
Cr Jesvin Karimi
Cr Peter Devereux

Manager Community

Paul Gravett

Meeting secretary

Katie Sabatini

Presenters

Natalie Martin Goode
Lauren Kitis (Metronet)
Brenton Turner (Metronet)

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Annie Withrow
Flavia Pardini
Jordanna Rebbeck
Gerard Siero
Amber Ugle-Hayward
Cr Vicki Potter

3 Presentations

3.1 Metronet Presentation - Noongar Place Names

Time	20 minutes
Presenter	Lauren Kitis and Brenton Turner
Attachments	1. METRONET Noongar Place Names- Stage 2 Town of Victoria Park slide deck [3.1.1 - 15 pages]

Purpose of the item

To engage First Nations stakeholders in the Town in key planning projects and developments that impact on culture and country.

Outcome

Cultural engagement and advice on the Metronet Noongar place names.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	Engage the Community in Town priorities.

Outcome

- The Metronet staff shared a video and presentation with the group around the process taken for the place naming project for the new train stations.
- They also shared the names for the two stations in the Town of Victoria Park: Oats Street Station – ‘Mundee’ and Carlisle Station – ‘Djoorolup.’
- Mindeera members provided their thoughts and feedback concerning the process. Members advised the overall process and details are very exciting.
- Members did provide feedback concerning Djoorolup actually being quite far from the Carlisle station though. They highlighted that it would be important to include these type of details and information in the content created and showcased as part of the project.
- The group also discussed the opportunity to name additional stations and even the Victoria Park Bus Station highlighting the Mindeera Spring in these names. Metronet staff offered to meet with Mindeera members outside of this forum to discuss potential Mindeera naming in the future. This included the potential to attend one of the monthly Metronet reference group meetings.

Actions

- Town staff to share video and naming details along with the notes to members.
- Mindeera members and Town staff to share any emerging artists contact details with Metronet as they are looking for expressions of interest as part of the project roll out.

- Town staff to share details across the Town to incorporate and promote the naming as part of any other projects, social media and events where appropriate.

3.2 Planning and Feedback in the Town

Time	20 minutes
Presenter	Natalie Martin Goode
Attachments	1. Mindeera Referrals [3.2.1 - 12 pages]

Purpose of the item

To clarify the preferred process for planning decisions in the Town and the optimal space for Advisory Group Engagement.

Outcome

Timely and appropriate Advisory Group engagement in Town planning initiatives.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	Engage the Community in Town priorities.

Outcome

- Town officer provided details around Town planning types and processes to help clarify the groups preference of what items they would like to be across and provide feedback on.
- To generate discussion, Town officers recommended the following items come to the group:
 - Works adjacent to the Swan River or any other site significant known to be of Aboriginal significance.
 - Council projects involving significant works
 - Significant State-led infrastructure works that are accessible to the public.
- The Mindeera members in attendance agreed with the recommendation and including the additional comments:
 - The big-ticket things and not the minor things.
 - Anything to do with waterways and requiring significant tree clearing.
 - It is not always about what is coming to the group but about how the information is provided, presented and what type of feedback is being requested.
 - Would like the rest of the group to be able to comment on the item and their preferences.
- Mindeera members also inquired about the Town's understanding and thoughts on the new Heritage Act and how this would impact the planning process.

Actions

- Officers to add this item to the next agenda so those not present can provide feedback.
- Officers to provide thoughts and the Town's approach moving forward concerning the new Heritage Act as part of the item at the next meeting.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 On The Table

Reporting officer	Manager Community
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	1. Acknowledgement of Country – Sharon Gregory [4.1.1 - 1 page]

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

- Mindeera Membership (put forward by Mindeera Member)
- Acknowledgement of Country for review
- 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

- Officers provided the group with details concerning the membership timelines and EOI process. The group raised concerns around some membership not attending for a number of meetings. The membership is in line with Election timeframes, and the EOI process will commence to align with the election process.
- Mindeera members requested details concerning the Town's process for Noongar naming which was previously discussed. Town officers had put this process development on hold until Noongar formalised bodies were in place to best determine the way forward. Officers now understand this group is well established as the Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation and officers should be progressing with them development of this process.
- Mindeera members discussed the Acknowledgement of Country suggested changes from Sharon Gregory after a language training with elected members. Members agreed to keep the current Acknowledgement of Country as is until Town officers have formalised a Noongar naming/language process, and other group members have had a chance to provide input.
- Town officers provided the group with an update on the Reconciliation officer role recruitment.
- Officers mentioned the potential of using a Noongar naming for the Vic Park Community Space. The group would be happy to discuss possibilities once the naming process has been put into place.
- Town officers shared draft signage as part of the Causeway Alliance for the Mindeera members to provide feedback. The group provided some initial feedback with officers to meet with memberships outside of the meeting for additional feedback.

Actions

- Town officers to review previous draft process and update process for Noongar naming in the Town to bring back to Mindeera members for consideration.
- Town officers to bring back Acknowledgement of Country revised draft to Mindeera members once naming process has been confirmed.
- Town officers to provide feedback internally regarding the wording of the proposed Causeway Alliance document. Town Project Manager to contact specified Mindeera member directly for additional feedback if required.

4.2 Reconciliation Action Plan

Reporting officer	Manager Community
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 RAP progress and next steps in consultation.

Discussion points

- 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
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To enable community to be informed and engaged in the Town's reconciliation process.

Next steps

To continue to update and include group on plan developments.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Town officers provided an update on the RAP development with Stacey Hutt from The Collab Effect being engaged to progress the Innovate RAP after the Reconciliation officer's departure. Town staff have gathered feedback from internal stakeholders (RAP Working Group).
- Town officers provided tentative timeframes to the group around the development of the RAP including:
 - Draft plan to be disseminated to Mindeera on Friday 12 May 2023, allowing for approximately two weeks of review.
 - Additional meeting with the group to discuss and share feedback in the next two weeks. Proposed for Thursday 25 May 2023.
 - Town officers advised the draft will then go to elected members through the portal for feedback, then to Reconciliation Australia (RA), then to Council for endorsement to go out for public comment, public comment period, then back to Council for endorsement.
 - Throughout all these processes amendments will be made as required. Depending on the nature and degree of change associated with these changes, Officers will need to determine whether further engagement and feedback is required by Mindeera members and elected members.
 - Members were also offered the opportunity to provide feedback in writing, over the phone, one on one, and face to face, as required.

Actions

- Town officers to set up additional meeting to provide feedback on the draft, tentatively scheduled for 25 May 2023 @ 5:30-7:30pm.

4.3 Planning National Days

Reporting officer	Manager Community
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

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

Outcome

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

Discussion points

- National Reconciliation Week 2023
- NAIDOC Week 2023

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

- Town officers provided an update on the Town's plans for the national days. As agreed at last meeting, staff primary focus is progressing development of the Innovate RAP so events celebrating these significant dates will be scaled back this year.
- NRW: attempting to arrange Noongar Storytime / Rhymetime (one event happened on 9 and 11 May, hoping to organise another during NRW). Also planning to purchase Noongar author's books to place in nine Little Libraries across the Town.
- NAIDOC: Community Planting Day on 2 July at Rotary Park with NAIDOC theme and various culture

events (welcome to country and smoking ceremony, etc). Have reached out to Noongar artist to include community canvas painting activity.

Actions

- Mindeera members to share with Town staff any events or programs happening during these national days that the Town can help promote.

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		
Officers to investigate incorporating commitment to the Uluru Statement of the Heart in the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	In progress		31 March 2023
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	Suspended until resourcing available		

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<p>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.</p>	<p>Mindeera Chair</p>	<p>Res 2</p>	<p>In progress</p>		<p>TBC</p>
<p>Planning to commence around further integration of reconciliation practices and processes into Town systems as part of the new RAP.</p>	<p>Reconciliation Officer and Senior Social Analyst</p>	<p>Rel 5 TP 2</p>	<p>In progress</p>		<p>31 March 2022</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Mindeera Members</p>	<p>Res 1</p>	<p>In progress</p>		<p>TBC</p>

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Officers to coordinate workshop with Mindeera members and Whadjuk Cultural Advice committee to progress Albany Highway Precinct Redevelopment	Place Planning Officer and Reconciliation Officer	Rel 7	In progress		31 March 2032
Officers to work with the Town's communications team to increase the media profile of reconciliation processes and outcomes in the Town.	Reconciliation Officer and Communication Service Area	Rel 6	Ongoing		N/A
Officers to consult with Mindeera group members regarding cultural history and ecological design of Ed Millen House.	Strategic Projects Manager	Rel 7	In progress		N/A
Officers to keep Mindeera group updated on cultural research dimension.					
Officers to engage cultural heritage consultant for advice and guidance in the daylighting of	Strategic Projects Manager	Rel 7	In progress		N/A

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the Spring and/or present plans for the spring to the Whadjuk Cultural Advice committee					
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	Reconciliation Officer	Op 5	In progress		31 July 2023
Officers to discuss community courses in Noongar language with relevant Town staff.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 8	In progress		31 July 2023
Mindeera member to proceed with the registration of the Mindeera Spring as a cultural heritage site, within the next six months.	Mindeera Member	Op 2	In progress		31 July 2023

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Officers to investigate inclusion of 26 January as action item in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed		
Officers to update Mindeera group on progress with Jirdarup Bushland Yarning Circle	Environment Officer	Rel 7	Completed		
Reconciliation Officer to consider including Mindeera Spring as an action in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		
Officer to provide Mindeera Group comments to the WAPC for consideration	Manager Development Services	Rel 7	Completed		
Reconciliation Officer to integrate Culturally safe places as an Action in the Innovate RAP	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		

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Officers to consider Truth Telling as an Action to be included in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		
Officers to consider including, celebratory, as a key component of Culturally Safe places in the forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	TP 2	Completed		
Officers to consider including Dual Naming of the Town of Victoria Park as an Action / deliverable in the forthcoming Reconciliation Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	Completed		
Reconciliation Officer to progress coordination of staff awareness / education opportunity around 26 January.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed	Resources were unavailable for a Walk on Country. An address on the trauma associated with this date for First Nations people, was given at the 24 January All Staff Meeting.	

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Mindeera members to consider drafting a statement about 26 January to be shared on the Town's social media channels on this date.	Mindeera Members and Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Cancelled	Consultation was had with C-suite about this statement. A decision was reached that a statement could not be shared on social media without further direction from Council.	
Reconciliation Officer to include 26 January as an Actionable item in forthcoming Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed		
Officers to implement Noongar language, dual naming, and renaming as an Action in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	Completed		

7 Close

What time?