



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



# Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 14 April 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  
Flavia Pardini  
Roni Forrest  
Wanjie Song

#### **Deputy Mayor**

Bronwyn Ife

#### **Councillor**

Luana Lisandro

#### **Councillor**

Ronhhda Potter

#### **Chief Community Planner**

Natalie Martin Goode

#### **A/Coordinator Community Development**

Katie Schubert

#### **Community Project Officer**

Aleisha Hunter

#### **Meeting secretary**

Lizzie Shepande

#### **Presenters**

#### **Observers**

#### **City of Fremantle**

Brendan Moore

#### **Apologies**

#### **Councillor**

Vicki Potter

#### **Manager Community**

Paul Gravett

#### **Deputy Chair**

Murray Masters

Dylan Collard

Hannah McGlade

Xanthe Shaw

#### **Town of Victoria Park Trainee**

Ebony Kirkup

### **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

Plan for April Concept Forum presentation.

Discuss with City of Fremantle officer about the learnings and challenges from their changing the date experiences.

### Outcome

Finalise planning for April Concept Forum presentation.

### Discussion points

Actions from previous meeting for discussion:

- Group currently listed to present at the 27 April 2021 Concept Forum from 5:30pm (specific time to be confirmed).
- Additional Cultural Awareness training for Elected Member training scheduled for mid-April 2021.
- Town officers to arrange a briefing for the advisory group from the City of Fremantle regarding their Australia Day activities.

### 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

Finalise details and presentation for concept forum 27 April 2021.

### Further information

Nil.

## Outcome

Brendan Moore from the City of Fremantle attended the meeting to give an overview of the history, current, and future occurrence of 26 January in Fremantle.

- The City of Fremantle has not celebrated 26 January since 2016. Australia Day is celebrated on alternate days and is called - "One Day" which has normalised inclusivity.
- A joint approach by the Mayor, Elected Members, and community members guided the discussions and drove the change.

## Actions

Mindeera Chairperson and representatives to present at April's Concept Forum to help inform the way forward for this topic.

Elected members to attend Cultural Awareness Training prior to Concept Forum.

## 4.2 Planning National Days

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

### Purpose of the item

Plan events and celebrations for national days in the Town.

### Outcome

Seeking thoughts and feedback from the group regarding the planning and celebrations as part of these national days.

### Discussion points

- Reconciliation Week
  - o Naming of Town Administration meeting rooms including plaques - Noongar six seasons (as previously proposed by the Towns Aboriginal Engagement Group)
  - o Whole staff morning tea to launch the renaming with the inclusion of a guest speaker.
  - o Participating in Reconciliation Week Street Banner Project through Local Government, Sport and Cultural Initiatives.
  - o NRW collateral, featured email signature and social posts
  - o Little library cultural book inclusion and other initiatives as confirmed.
- Sorry Day
- NAIDOC Week
  - o Urban Forest Community Planting Day - Kent Street Reserve, Sunday 4 July- Welcome to Country and cultural activities.
  - o Cultural Cooking classes with a local Noongar chef featuring everyday recipes containing bush tucker found in local Bushland. Including a recording to greater promote post event.
  - o Dance / music performance delivered in John Macmillan Park by the Library and potential additional components for an event.
  - o Vic Park Community Centre-TBC- Story telling/yarning initiative, opportunity to collaborate with the Arts Centre.
  - o Wirrpanda Foundation- TBC- Currently in discussions. Potential to collaborate.
  - o Boorn stories social feature.
  - o Senses Australia- TBA potential to collaborate.
- Harmony Week



## Strategic outcomes

Social	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact.
S02 - An informed and knowledgeable community.	Provide 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 and planning.

## Further information

Nil.

## Outcome

- Incorporate other local organisations to have larger events during these significant days.
- Town staff to engage with the Mindeera group members as part of the planning for these events.
- Mindeera group is supportive of the individuals currently used at the Town for Welcome to Country.
- Explore funding for NAIDOC Week 2021.

## Actions

Town officers to consult with Advisory Group members while planning and finalising suppliers for NRW and NAIDOC week including:

- Exploring Sorry Day flowers
- Book list for NRW.
- Guest speaker for NRW staff morning tea.

### 4.3 Reconciliation Action Plan

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Katie Schubert
<b>Origin of request</b>	Council Resolution/ Request from Advisory Group Member.
<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 an update on key actions within the last quarter and future implementation.

#### Discussion points

- 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 RAP to have a position 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.

#### Further information

Nil.

#### Outcome

- Monthly and quarterly reports on the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) progression to be sent out to C-suite and the Mindeera group members.
- Keep this item on the future agendas for the group members to be kept informed on the progress of the (RAP)
- Mindeera group members are supportive of continuous communication via email on current/upcoming proceedings.

## Actions

- Town officers to continue to send through emails and updates to the group.
- Town staff continue to work with Reconciliation Australia on the progression of the current RAP and understand the next step.

## 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.
- Begin group engagement on work instructions document.

### Discussion points

- Noongar language naming work instructions.
- Naming Town Administration meeting rooms.
- Update Zone 2x naming
- ROW 52
- Laneway ROW 76

### 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

- This item to be kept for future agendas.
- Continue working with the group on the naming process in the Town.
- Landgate have confirmed the approval of Koolbardi Park as the name for Zone 2X.
- The Town are awaiting feedback for the commemoration of City of Perth Councillor Tom Wright, in the naming of a structure in the park, before celebrating the new park name.
- An event is intended to recognise the new name for the park.

- Other educational signage in the park will address the explanation of Whadjuk Noongar language being oral and that the phonetic spelling of aboriginal language words may be different due regional differences.
- Row 52 - no progress at this stage due to acting arrangements. This item should be progressed in the coming months.
- Laneway Row 76- A community member has suggested Noongar names. To discuss this more with the Mindeera group and obtain Noongar name suggestion from the group.

## Actions

- Draft the Noongar Naming Work Instruction to be brought back to the group.
- The group to be part of the event for Koolbardi Park.
- Town officers to share location and suggested names for Laneway 76 for the group to provide their suggested names.

## 5 General business

- Some Mindeera group members met with the Town's CEO to address some concerns which have since been resolved and are satisfied with reconciliation being prioritised.
- Regular meetings with the Community Development Coordinator and Mindeera chairperson and other group members to continue taking place monthly and two weeks prior to the bi-monthly meetings.

## 6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status	Comment	Close Date
Town officers to provide updates of Reconciliation Action Plan.	Katie Schubert	On going	Requested by the group to keep in actions.	N/A
Keep the naming process on the agenda during the term of the current Mindeera group for updates on this topic.	Katie Schubert	On going	Requested by the group to keep in actions.	N/A
Details of the Noongar naming work instruction to be brought back to the group at the next meeting.	Katie Schubert		Detailed due to officer vacancy.	
The Town's project manager will include the Groups preferred naming and spelling details in the Council report for Row 52	Katie Schubert		Ongoing – project detailed due to acting arrangements	
Mindeera group to go to Concept forum.	Katie Schubert		Planned for 27 April 2021	
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	On going	For citizenship ceremonies	
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	On going	For citizenship ceremonies	
Town officers to explore future possibilities for larger celebration events for national days	Katie Schubert	Ongoing	Budget considerations have been included during the budgeting process	

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Town officers to keep the Advisory Group informed on the recruitment process and potential engagement as part of the recruitment process.	Katie Schubert		Updated provided at meeting. Recruitment process underway.	N/A
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**7 Close**

The chairperson closed the meeting at 7:16 pm.