



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes - 30 June 2022



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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

Flavia Pardini

Stephanie Ludekens

Amber Ugle Hayward

Gerard Siero

Councillor

Cr Peter Devereux

Councillor

Cr Jesvin Karimi

Manager Community

Paul Gravett

Coordinator Community Development

Stacey Hutt

Meeting Secretary

Megan Jaceglav

Presenters

Nil.

Observers

Ali Sumner

Apologies

Xanthe Shaw

Jordanna Rebbeck

Cr Vicki Potter

3 Presentations

Nil.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Reconciliation Action Plan

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

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

Outcome

To provide the group with an update on the community engagement process for the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and to outline next steps in the development of the Innovate RAP Action Plan.

Discussion points

- Update on community engagement process underway for the Innovate RAP
- Next steps towards the development of the Town's Innovate RAP
- Update on Matagarup Bridge

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 appreciation 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

- Officers provided updates on the progress of the Town's community engagement process, including a community survey and several community activities occurring from National Reconciliation Week to NAIDOC week.
- The group reflected on and discussed the challenges and engagement fatigue at this time, although note the positive uptake of the Community Wishing Well as an alternate form of engagement.
- Discussion was had surrounding the role of the Town in progressing and recognising recent national themes in social media and in the development of the Innovate RAP, particularly the Uluru Statement of the Heart.
- Discussion was had around the significance of recognising Fanny Balbuk in the pedestrian bridge project; the Matagarup Bridge which is adjacent to the causeway.

Actions

- 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.
- Officers to investigate incorporating commitment to the Uluru Statement of the Heart in the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Officers to organise a meeting with Mindeera members and Place Planning to discuss next steps and Town engagement with the Matagarup Bridge and recognition of Fanny Balbuk.

4.2 26 January

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meetings.

Outcome

To clarify next steps following community feedback. Identify time frame for concept forum.

Discussion points

- Concept Forum
- Next steps following survey outcomes

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 appreciation 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

- Discussion was had around the development of a Concept Forum for 26 January and strategic directions forward from this point.
- Agreement was reached that the 26 January is a key tenet of Reconciliation that needs to be carried forward in the development of the Innovate RAP.
- Agreement was reached that the approach to this issue should be clear and direct.
- Discussion was had on posing a question on the 26 January to the community, via the Town's social media channels.

Actions

- Group to workshop ideas for the Concept Forum at the next Mindeera meeting.
- Officers to investigate participating in Danjoo Koorliny events and networks.

4.3 Consultation of Noongar Language

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion on significant renaming projects in the Town.

Outcome

- Update the group on Welcome to Country (WTC) formalities
- Clarification/ discussion of future opportunities

Discussion points

- Welcome to Country at Town events
- Koolbardi park signage
- Future projects/ initiatives

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 honoured.

Next steps

Update group on progress of discussion items.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Group was updated on the status of WTC at Town events, which is now preceding any other formalities at Town events.
- Officers clarified to the group the status of signage development at Koolbardi Park.
- Officers updated the group on other Reconciliation projects taking place in the Town.

Actions

- Officers to investigate budget allocation and budget options for implementing the interactive signage at Koolbardi Park in 2022-2023.

4.4 Planning National Days

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
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

- National Reconciliation Week feedback and discussion
- NAIDOC week planning, communications and networking

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 appreciation 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

- Communication and networking for forthcoming events.
- For the group to be engaged, consulted, and informed around the progress and planning of these days.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Discussion was had and positive feedback given on the Town's events for National Reconciliation and NAIDOC weeks.
- Discussion was had around an all-day collaborative National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week idea for next year engaging schools.
- Discussion was had around extending the Wishing Well project.
- Agreement was reached on working with internal communications team to establish increased coverage of future Reconciliation events.

Actions

- Officers and Mindeera group members to circulate news of and encourage participation in, forthcoming NAIDOC week events.

5 General business

- Monthly informal Mindeera member catch-ups discussed and endorsed as an important point of connection and tracking of projects.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Link to RAP Action(s)	Status	Comment	Close Date
Officers to develop, with the Mindeera Group, an 'Ideas Bank' as a repository for ideas to be sourced for current or future projects.	Mindeera group and Reconciliation Officer	Rel 6	In progress		30 July 2022
Officers to keep group informed on plans for National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 3 Res 4	Ongoing	Group is updated and included in processes and decisions.	End July 2022
Officers to communicate progress of Koolbardi Park signage and audio-recording processes, when closer to finalisation.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	In progress		31 December 2022
Officers to co-ordinate a tiered approach for Mindeera group feedback on the Community Engagement process.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 1	In progress		30 July 2022
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.	Mindeera Chair	Res 2	In progress		TBC

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Officers to investigate a Concept Forum regarding next steps for the 26 January, in August 2022, or subsequent month, pending collation of community engagement feedback.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	In progress	Investigation underway.	December 2022
Planning to commence on community engagement with Noongar populations in the Town.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 5	In progress	This will be highlighted as part of the Town's Community Engagement process for the Innovate RAP.	End Dec 2022
Officers to work with Town's communication team to maximise media presence during these weeks.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 3 Res 4	In progress	Communications team contacted and engaged.	End July 2022
Mindeera Advisory group to provide time-relevant feedback on the Town's programs and plans for National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.	Advisory Group	Rel 3 Res 4	In progress		End July 2022
Planning to commence around further integration of reconciliation practices and processes into Town systems as part of the new RAP.	Reconciliation Officer and Senior Social Analyst	Rel 5 Tr and Pr 2	In progress		End December 2022
Mindeera group member to consult with Noongar community and report back to the Mindeera Advisory Group, on preferred opportunities and processes for recognition of Noongar Elders in the Town.	Mindeera Member	Res 2	In progress		TBC

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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.	Mindeera Members	Res 1	In progress		TBC
Officers to investigate inclusion of the 26 January as an action item in the Town's Innovate RAP.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	In progress	Investigation underway.	End December 2022
Officers to work with the Town's communications team with the aim of increasing the media profile of reconciliation processes and outcomes in the Town.	Reconciliation Officer and Comms Officers	Rel 6	Ongoing		n/a
Officers to send an invitation for Mindeera group members for NRW interviews.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 3	Completed		27 May 2022
Officers to circulate an updated version of the Community Engagement strategy to group members, to reflect feedback and allow response time for Mindeera members not present.	Social Policy Specialist	Rel 1	Completed		24 May 2022
Mindeera group member to circulate contact details for Vic Park Progressives.	Mindeera Member	Rel 7	Completed		27 May 2022
Officers to circulate relevant information regarding Working Group for 26 January.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed		27 May 2022
Officers to keep group updated on Concept Forum development.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	Completed		27 May 2022

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Officers to follow up WTC discussion with an Elected Member portal, communicating the Town's intention to ensure that Welcome to Country has the first billing at any Town event, with introductions and other formalities, following Welcome to Country.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 8	Completed		27 May 2022
Officers to keep the group informed on plans for the opening of National Reconciliation Week and Bidi Walk.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 4	Completed		27 May 2022
Mindeera members to share contacts with officers to progress and promote NRW and NAIDOC week actions.	Mindeera Members	Res 4	Completed		27 May 2022
Mindeera group to be engaged in the promotion of NRW and NAIDOC week events, sharing with their networks and relevant others.	Mindeera Members	Res 4	Completed		27 May 2022
Message sticks to be purchased for Citizenship gifts, commencing mid-year 2022.	Events Officer	Res 3	Completed	Message sticks have been purchased.	

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Officers to co-ordinate Bidi Walk launch to coincide with start of National Reconciliation week.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5 Rel 3	Completed	Bidi walk launch scheduled for 27 May.	28 May 2022
Officers to update the group on developments with the community engagement process as it relates to events in National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 3 Res 4 Tr and Pr 2	Completed	Group updated.	
Officers to provide Mindeera Advisory Group's advice regarding, Welcome to Country, to key Town staff.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 8	Completed	Advice provided.	

7 Close

Meeting closed by Chair at 7.30 pm.