



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 17 December 2020



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1 Opening

Chair-Kelsi Forrest opened the meeting at 5:08pm.

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

Flavia Pardini

Xanthe Shaw

Councillor

Luana Lisandro

Councillor

Ronhhda Potter

Councillor

Vicki Potter

Manager Community

Paul Gravett

A/Coordinator Community Development

Katie Schubert

Community Development Officer (Inclusion)

Lizzie Shepande

Community Development Office (Aboriginal Engagement)

Reg Yarran

Strategic Projects Manager

Nicole Anson

Meeting secretary

Lizzie Shepande

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

Hannah McGlade

Wanjie Song

Trevor Vaughan

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Reconciliation Action Plan

Reporting officer	Reg Yarran/Katie Schubert
Origin of request	Council resolution/request from group member
Attachments	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 and information future implementation.

Discussion points

- New Aboriginal Engagement Officer and his experiences
- Current status and plans

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 be provided to the Advisory group at bi-monthly meetings.

Further information

Previous meeting minute actions to be discussed as part of this item.

Outcomes

- Continuing regular informing and engaging with the group on the implementation of the RAP
- Outcomes and deliverables to be demonstrated to the group by using reporting template with a traffic light system

Actions

- Continue with the implementation of the current RAP
- Town officers to work with Reconciliation Australia regarding the Town's Reflect RAP to help guide the way forward
- Mindeera group to be regularly updated at each meeting on RAP outcomes

4.2 Consultation of Noongar Language

Reporting officer	Lizzie Shepande/Reg Yarran
Origin of request	Mindeera Advisory Group members and Town officers
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

Discussion to address current processes for consultation process in relation to formalised naming using Noongar language.

Outcome

To have clear direction for all parties on processes in relation to using Noongar language for formalised naming.

Discussion points

- Future language queries – key contacts and processes
- Landgate, Advisory group, Elders and community members
- Naming processes of specific locations in the Town
- Spelling and need for recordings to ensure correct pronunciation

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.	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

An outlined process for everyone to be utilised for future projects and queries.

Further information

Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia link: Version 03:2017

https://www0.landgate.wa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/46421/1574-Geographic-names-policies-V3-November-2020.pdf

Outcome

- A clear process to be determined for consultation of Noongar language
- Advisory group would like to be consulted but not be the only form of consultation the Town conducts to assist with spelling, meaning and pronunciation
- The Town to utilise groups and resources available for consultation including Noongar Language Centre and Whadjuk Working Group as part of the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council

- Consideration to include oral recordings, phonetic information and additional historical information as part of the projects when using Noongar language for formal naming
- Review and suggestions were provided by the group to the Strategic Projects Manager around the renaming of ROW52.

Actions

- The Town to develop a management practice and process for consultation related to Noongar language
- The practice to include the following:
 - ensuring the advisory group is informed and engaged as part of the development, including the most appropriate Traditional Owners group(s);
 - the potential of additional supplementary elements as part of these projects;
 - suitable time frames related to key activities and milestones.
- Town officers to reengage 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.

4.3 26 January

Reporting officer	Katie Schubert
Origin of request	<i>Reconciliation Action Plan and Previous advisory group notes</i>
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

For Town officers to seek to understand previous discussions about 26 January as day of celebration.

Outcome

Understanding of previous discussions and some minor suggestions of how the event can be more culturally appropriate in 2021. Then to explore further considerations for the future.

Discussion points

- Previous discussions
- Current plan for 2021 event
- Future considerations such as Concept forum and future planning

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

Explore suggestions and opportunities for future planning of 26 January.

Outcome

- Mindeera Advisory Group does not endorse Australia Day celebrations on 26 January.
- The group has discussed this topic for a number of years and would like to progress forward with a plan.
- Suggested potential partnerships to be explored in the future with the City of South Perth and/or Curtin University
- Acknowledge the history of Aboriginal people as part of the citizenship ceremony

Actions

- 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

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- 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.

5 General business

- Friends of Jirdarup Bushland – Have requested the advisory group to assist with consultation for recent funding they have received.

Action: Share information with the Chair and invite the group to present their project at the next meeting.

- Names of meeting rooms - Work in progress and to be included in RAP reporting
- Aboriginal database and records of Whadjuk people living in the Town

Action: Roni to send details to Town staff to be recorded in the Town's Record Management System

- Circulate proposed dates of Mindeera meetings for the 24 month term

Action: To be circulated with minutes for group to provide feedback.

- Sharing Chair and Deputy Chair details

Action: To be circulated with minutes to the group.

Next meeting- 5:30pm Wednesday, 10 February 2020

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Status/Comments	Closed Date
Town Officer to liaise with Town of Victoria Park Governance team to determine appropriate protocol on resignations, appointments, proxy attendance and proxy voting.	LS/KS	Completed	17/12/2020
Town Officer to circulate Terms of Reference with amendments via email for Mindeera Advisory Group members to endorse.	LS/KS MAGM	Completed	17/12/2020
Town Officer to submit amended Terms of Reference to December 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) for endorsement by Council following Mindeera Advisory Group approval.	KS	Completed and going to December OCM	17/12/2020

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Town Officers to liaise with Group members and Communications team to update all forms of communication following recommendations related to naming of the park and appropriate terms / spelling to be used.	KC/LS	Completed and items for discussion at MAGM meeting	17/12/2020
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7 Close

Chair- Kelsi Forrest closed meeting at 7pm.