



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 2 August 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
Gerard Siero
Cr Jesvin Karimi
Cr Peter Devereux

Manager Community

Paul Gravett

Meeting Secretary

Annie Withrow

Presenters

Jaclyn Ward

Observers

Nil.

Apologies

Stephanie Ludekens
Cr Vicki Potter
Amber Ugle-Hayward
Jordanna Rebbek

3 Presentations

3.1 Albany Highway Precinct Structure Plan project

Time	30 minutes
Presenter	Place Leader – Strategic Planning
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. July 2023_Albania Highway PSP Mindeera Update and PSP Strategy [3.1.1 - 10 pages] 2. Page 50 - Draft Public Realm Strategy (AHPSP) [3.1.2 - 1 page]

Purpose of the item

To engage First Nations stakeholders in the Town in key planning projects and developments that impact on culture and country. The Town is currently developing a Precinct Structure Plan for Albany Highway (AHPSP) - A Precinct Structure Plan guides how a place will grow and change into the future.

In 2021, we progressed stage 1 of the Shape Albany Highway project, where we heard from a broad range of our community through listening posts, surveys and stakeholder interviews. Findings were summarised and refined into a set of 18 central ideas. Idea 3 being to 'Recognise Aboriginal Connection to Country'.

We have now progressed to Stage 2 'Concept Design' and are seeking further stakeholder feedback on three draft strategies (Transport, Public Realm and Built Form) that will guide preparation of the formal PSP document, including Public Realm Guidelines.

Outcome

Cultural engagement and advice on the Albany Highway Precinct Structure Plan project. The draft Public Realm Strategy recommends a range of interventions to reflect aboriginal culture, history and stories through material interventions, artistic detailing and endemic plantings.

The Town is seeking support for the strategic direction moving into the next phase of the project.

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.

Outcome

- The Town's officer explained engagement and planning involved in the redevelopment of the Albany Highway.
- Officer is seeking feedback from the Mindeera Advisory Group on draft Public Realm Strategy and the Albany Highway Precinct Structure Plan (PSP).
- Mindeera members provided feedback that they would like to see the PSP documentation Acknowledgement of Country in Noongar.

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- Mindeera members provided feedback that they appreciate that the PSP approach is working across LGA boundaries, noting that Noongar lands don't have the same boundaries.
- Discussion about Albany Highway being a former Noongar trading route.
- Feedback that it's important to acknowledge Noongar place names in PSP.
- Discussion about how to capture cultural elements and stories about Mindeera springs, historical camping areas, trade routes, etc.
- Suggestion to refer to Acknowledgement of Country that is within the current Community Strategic Plan.
- Officers noted there would be further engagement with Whadjuk groups, i.e. Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation.
- Suggestion to go out to tender to engage a culturally appropriate group to implement art and naming for PSP more broadly.
- Officers outlined how elements of the PSP would respond to the Town's Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Advice that recognition of Albany Highway as the track that honours the Rainbow Serpent needs to be referred to Whadjuk Elders, not appropriate for Mindeera to provide advice in this area.
- Mindeera supportive of PSP approach as outlined in presentation.

Actions

Nil.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 On The Table

Reporting officer	Manager Community and Coordinator Community Development
Origin of request	Ongoing Agenda Item
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MAG Noongar wording of song at citizenship ceremony [4.1.1 - 2 pages] MAG Planning and Feedback in the Town – Minutes except 11 May [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

- Seeking group feedback on inclusion of Noongar representation on the recording of the song 'I am Australian' to be played at the Town's citizenship ceremonies. [*Attachment 1*]
- Planning and Feedback in the Town – opportunity for Mindeera members to comment who were not present at 11 May 2023 meeting [*Attachment 2*]
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act
- 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

- Mindeera members were supportive of the Town including Noongar representation on the song 'I am Australian' that is played at the Town's citizenship ceremonies. Mindeera members informed officers that this song has already been translated and gave contact details of Noongar artist who has previously recorded the song.
- An opportunity was given for Mindeera members not present at the 11 May 2023 meeting to comment on the type of information that was presented to the group. It was noted that it's important to consult the group on the preservation of ecology, care for country and ecological urbanism.
- An update was given to group members about the Town's approach to the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act. It was explained that the Town is in the process of developing and embedding processes related to the Act, i.e. due diligence templates, quick guides, and process maps. It was explained that the Act is being explored more broadly as a sector, with the Town taking guidance from WALGA on interpretations of the Act. It was noted that Mindeera members are comfortable with consultations that have occurred to date in Town projects, i.e. Kent Street Sand Pit. The Act stipulates that in the absence of a Local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Service (LACHS), consultation of the local Aboriginal Corporation is appropriate. It is important to keep timeframes in mind if/when the Town needs to consult with Aboriginal corporations.

Actions

- Town officers to pass on suggestions of Noongar artists that have previously recorded the 'I am Australian' song to relevant Town staff.

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

- Update and 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

Draft Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan submitted to Reconciliation Australia in June 2023. Officers are waiting to hear back with first round of edits.

Actions

Nil.

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 & 2024
- NAIDOC Week 2023 & 2024

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. For the group to give feedback on events and days of significance that have recently occurred.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

Officers requested feedback on the Town's approach to National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week in 2023 and sought suggestions for forward planning these significant dates in 2024.

Actions

Feedback provided by the group to be considered as part of the NAIDOC and NRW acknowledgements, as well as for the launch of the Innovate RAP once endorsed.

5 General business

Outcome

- Officers advised that the Town is aligning all Advisory Groups to the same schedule, therefore Mindeera membership will roll over until next year (2024), when call outs for EOIs will commence. Mindeera requested the Town consider appointing new members to the group prior to the next intake to rebuild its numbers in the interim.
- Mindeera members suggested that it may be worth considering adding attendance requirements to the Terms of Reference.
- Officers gave Mindeera members an update on Reconciliation Officer recruitment.
- Update provided by officers on antisocial behaviour at John Macmillan Park.

Actions

- Town officers to inquire with Governance about the process of appointing new members, either through a previous applicant list or independent EOI process.
- Town officers to check in with current members to gauge interest in remaining on the group.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Link to RAP Action(s)	Status	Comment	Close Date
Town officers to inquire with Governance about the process of appointing new members, either through a previous applicant list or independent EOI process.	Coordinator Community Development		In Progress		Sept 2023
Town officers to check in with current members to gauge interest in remaining on the group.	Coordinator Community Development		In Progress		Sept 2023
Town officers to pass on suggestions of Noongar artists that have previously recorded the 'I am Australian' song to relevant Town staff.	Coordinator Community Development		Completed		7 Aug 2023
Officers to bring back Acknowledgement of Country revised draft to Mindeera members once naming process has been confirmed.	Reconciliation Officer, Coordinator Community Development, Manager Community		On hold until naming process is finalised.		

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Officers to review previous draft process and update process for Noongar naming in the Town to bring back to Mindeera members for consideration.	Reconciliation Officer, Coordinator Community Development, Manager Community		On hold until new RO on board		
Officers to provide thoughts and the Town's approach concerning the new Heritage Act.	Reconciliation Officer, Coordinator Community Development, Manager Community		In progress		
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 budget allocation and budget options for implementing the interactive	Reconciliation Officer and Manager Community Development	Res 5	Suspended until resourcing available		

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signage at Koolbardi Park in 2022-2023.					
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
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 coordinate workshop with Mindeera members and Whadjuk	Place Planning Officer and Reconciliation Officer	Rel 7	In progress		31 March 2032

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Cultural Advice committee to progress Albany Highway Precinct Redevelopment					
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 the Spring and/or present plans for the spring to the Whadjuk Cultural Advice committee	Strategic Projects Manager	Rel 7	In progress		N/A

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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
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 TP 2	Completed		31 March 2022

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	Completed		31 March 2023
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7 Close