



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group

Agenda – 8 October 2025



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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 kaadijtin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect Elders past, present and emerging, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

Mindeera Group Representatives

Roni Forrest (Chair)
Murray Masters (Deputy Chair)
Rachel Collard
Kelsi Forrest
Jesvin Karimi
Patrick Keeffe
Kenneth Latham
Sylvia Nelson
Leandro Stewart Usher

Elected Members

Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife
Cr Sky Croeser
Cr Peter Devereux

Manager Community

Coordinator Community Development

Sarah Vader
Annie Withrow

Meeting secretary

Nichola Tomkins

Presenters

Shauna Weeks, Department Culture, Industries,
Tourism and Sport
Tara Schwarze, Coordinator Events, Arts and
Funding
David Lappan, Strategic Projects Manager

Observers

Kris Shannon, West Coast Eagles

Apologies

Amanda Morcom

3 Presentations

3.1 Update on the Australian Hockey Centre site at Curtin University

Time	30 minutes
Presenter	Shauna Weeks, Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To update the Mindeera Advisory Group on how Aboriginal culture has been embedded into designs for the new Australian Hockey Centre site.

Outcome

To inform group members on how feedback from the Mindeera Advisory Group has been incorporated into the final designs.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	That Traditional Owners and the local Victoria Park community are engaged in major infrastructure developments in the Town.

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S2 - Collaborating to ensure everyone has a place to call home.	That Traditional Owners are involved in the design process for the new Australian Hockey Centre site.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	That the designs for the Australian Hockey Centre reflect the cultural history of the area.

3.2 Annual Events Plan

Time	30 minutes
Presenter	Coordinator Events, Arts and Funding
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual- Events- Plan [3.2.1 - 11 pages] 2. Events- Strategy-2022-2026 [3.2.2 - 28 pages]

Purpose of the item

For the Mindeera Advisory Group to provide feedback on the Annual Events Plan for 2025/2026, including:

- Major events
- Civic events
- Days of Significance

Outcome

Input and ideas are sought on ways to embed First Nations culture into events within the Annual Events Plan.

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	That First Nations culture is recognised and celebrated with the community in a range of events delivered by the Town.

3.3 Update on Mindeera Spring

Time	30 minutes
Presenter	Strategic Projects Manager
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To update the Mindeera Advisory Group on additional information that has been found relating to location points for Mindeera Spring.

- Mindeera Spring is an Aboriginal Heritage site located in Victoria Park nearby McCallum Park
- One location point for the Spring has been confirmed in an underground stormwater drain which empties into the Swan River at McCallum Park
- A second location point for the Spring has been investigated as part of regular underground maintenance undertaken by the Town
- The Town is exploring the possibility of daylighting/rewilding the Spring as part of the update to the McCallum Park and Taylor Reserve Masterplan
- Cultural mapping of McCallum Park will be undertaken to inform updates to the Masterplan

Outcome

The Mindeera Advisory Group is kept informed on the feasibility studies relating to Mindeera Spring.

Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Mindeera Spring is a culturally significant site for the area. Opportunities to visually highlight the Spring in the public domain and to share knowledge and stories about the Spring with the community are important to the Town's reconciliation journey.

3.4 Progress update on the Innovate RAP

Time	30 minutes
Presenter	Reconciliation Officer
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

The current Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) expires in December 2025. At the last meeting the Group discussed the options to develop a new reconciliation document. At that meeting the Group agreed that developing a new Innovate RAP was the preferred approach.

This item will provide a summary of progress against all actions in the current RAP. It is intended to give an overview and status report for the Group.

Town officers are planning to review the current Innovate RAP in 2026, with the aim of submitting a revised RAP to Council for approval in late 2026 or early 2027. In the meantime, staff will continue working towards the goals set out in the existing Innovate RAP.

As part of the review, staff will need to balance the time required for this process with the opportunity to build on the strong momentum currently underway in the community around reconciliation. The review of RAP actions will be undertaken in collaboration with Mindeera and the relevant internal stakeholders (i.e. the teams responsible for delivering RAP actions).

Outcome

That the Mindeera Advisory Group support a report to go to Council by February 2026 outlining the intended approach to develop a new Innovate RAP in 2026.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	The Mindeera Advisory Group are the community reference group of Elders, Traditional Owners and community reconciliation advocates. It is important that they guide the approach taken by the Town for a reconciliation document.

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	A reconciliation document is an important roadmap for the Town to facilitate community connections, develop and raise awareness for a shared history and foster an inclusive community.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 On the Table

Reporting Officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Ongoing agenda item
Attachments	Nil

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

- Conversation from the Table
- Change of use planning application – Curtin University for an Indigenous Art Gallery

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.

5 General business

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Link to RAP Action(s)	Status	Comment	Close Date
Review the current Innovate RAP to inform development of a new Innovate RAP in 2026.	Reconciliation Officer	Governance 3.4	In progress		February 2026
P&C to investigate alternative cultural awareness training options focused on face to face delivery	Coordinator People & Culture	Opportunities 1.2	In progress		December 2025
Invite staff from the Healing Country Centre to present information from the monitoring at Hill View Bushland	Reconciliation Officer	Relationships 4.1	In progress		February 2026
Reconciliation Officer to progress actions related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. dual naming at McCallum Park 2. a holistic approach to plan for dual naming all other sites in the Town including budget and funding implications 	Reconciliation Officer	Respect 4.3 and 5.1	In progress		December 2025
Circulate examples of Aboriginal Engagement/Reconciliation Strategies	Reconciliation Officer	Governance 2.1	Completed		September 2025
The Town to provide ongoing updates to the Mindeera Advisory Group on the Community Benefits Strategy	Reconciliation Officer	Relationships 3.4	Completed		December 2025
Future Mindeera Advisory Group agendas to have a standing item to discuss implementation of Innovate RAP actions	Reconciliation Officer	Governance 3.4	Completed	Item added to Mindeera Advisory Group template	September 2025
The Town to send a letter to the WAC about the cultural mapping project at McCallum Park.	Reconciliation Officer	Relationships 5.1	Completed		September 2025
P&C to liaise with identified Mindeera Advisory Group members on opportunities	Coordinator People & Culture	Opportunities 1.2	Completed		December 2025

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to talk with staff as part of cultural awareness training.					
The Town's People and Culture Team provide clarity about how they will achieve the actions and targets relating to the Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan (linking to the RAP).	Reconciliation Officer	Opportunities 1.1	Completed	Invite the People and Culture Team to a future Advisory Group meeting. To be invited to November 0024 meeting. Item deferred to February 2025 Deferred until August 2025	June 2025
The Town's Place Planning Team to liaise with Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DGLSC) to keep the group updated on plans relating to the Hockey Stadium at Curtin University and how they will manage cultural input going forward.	Place Leader, Strategic Planning	Relationships 3.2	Completed	DGLSC presenting at the October Mindeera meeting.	November 2025

7 Close