



TOWN OF  
VICTORIA PARK



# Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 11 August 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)  
Amber Ugle Hayward  
Jordanna Rebbeck  
Gerard Siero  
Roni Forrest

### **Elected Members**

Cr Peter Devereux  
Cr Jesvin Karimi

### **Manager Community Coordinator Community Development**

Paul Gravett  
Stacey Hutt

### **Meeting secretary**

Megan Jaceglav

### **Presenters**

Michal Lowenhoff  
Stephen Szydlowski  
Pierre Quesnel  
Nick Churchill

### **Observers**

Nil

### **Apologies**

Cr Vicki Potter  
Flavia Pardini  
Murray Masters  
Xanthe Shaw  
Stephanie Ludekens

## 3 Presentations

### 3.1 Update on Ed Millen Project

<b>Time</b>	10 minutes
<b>Presenter</b>	Strategic Projects Manager
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

To update the group on the Ed Millen Project.

#### Outcome

To ensure the project is aligned and informed with objectives from the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

#### Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN4 - Increasing and improving public open spaces.	To ensure that opportunities for cultural are made available to the community.

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To engage the community in the decision-making processes of key initiatives. To have the community take pride in and ownership of changes they have helped create.

#### Outcome

- Mindeera group members were updated on the development of the Ed Millen project.
- Group members were advised that they could provide input regarding the cultural heritage of this area, to the Strategic Projects Manager. This could help inform the forthcoming design and artistic interpretation of this space.
- A Request for Quote (RFQ) will be released soon for the Town for find a suitable artist for the space; the Strategic Projects Manager asked the group to share any recommendations for an Aboriginal artist to be included in the RFQ process.
- The agreement was had that this area was likely to have been a significant area for Noongar people, prior to colonization.
- Concern was shared, regarding the potential loss of trees in the development process of the site.

## Actions

- The Strategic Project Manager agreed to investigate concerns around tree loss.
- Mindeera group members agreed to investigate Noongar history of site.
- Mindeera group members to share any recommendations for an Aboriginal artist to be included in the RFQ process.

### 3.2 Update on Jirdarup/Bird Waterer Project

<b>Time</b>	10 Minutes
<b>Presenter</b>	Urban Ecosystems Supervisor
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

To provide the group with an update on the Jirdarup/Bird Waterer Project.

#### Outcome

To ensure the project is aligned and informed with objectives from the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

#### Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN1 - Protecting and enhancing the natural environment.	To encourage and educate the community, ongoing appreciation and respect for natural environments.

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	To ensure that opportunities for cultural appreciation and understanding are made available to the community.

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#### Outcome

- Mindeera group members were updated on the development of the Jirdarup bird watering innovation, and the proposal to name the waterers, "Jirdarup".
- Mindeera group members were asked for feedback on naming these waterers, "Jirdarup". Members agreed that this was an appropriate name.
- Mindeera group members were informed that certain paths in Jirdarup bushland were named in 2003. These names were English and referred to flora and fauna in the area. The Urban ecosystems supervisor proposed that these paths are renamed to reflect the Noongar names for this flora and fauna. This received endorsement from the group.

#### Actions

Nil.

### 3.3 Indigenous wrapping of vehicles and uniforms update

<b>Time</b>	10 Minutes
<b>Presenter</b>	Coordinator Parks and Rangers
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

#### Purpose of the item

To provide an update to the group on Indigenous Art for Ranger Vehicles and uniforms.

#### Outcome

To ensure the project is aligned and informed with objectives from the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

#### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S1 - Helping people feel safe.	Providing spaces for community to feel safe represented in decision making for Aboriginal Culture.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Providing opportunities for residents to engage in events that promote cultural heritage and knowledge.

#### Outcome

- The Coordinator Parking and Rangers updated the Mindeera group members on the development of the vehicle wrapping and uniform production projects.
- Mindeera members were encouraged to give feedback on translating the vehicle wraps to uniforms for multiple service areas in the town. All Mindeera members were supportive of this.

#### Actions

Nil.



## 4 Items for discussion

### 4.1 On the Table

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	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

- Feedback on recent projects
- Conversation from the Table

### Strategic outcomes

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	
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.

<b>Social</b>	
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

- **Main Roads Causeway Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridges:** The Town's Strategic Projects Manager updated the group on project planning for the footbridge at Matagarup, and recognition herein, of Noongar elder Fanny Balbuck and other Noongar sites of significance, such as the Mindeera spring.
  - Mindeera members expressed concern that they have not been engaged in this project to date.
  - Group members proposed that an inquiry is commenced, into how the Mindeera Spring can see daylight.
  - Discussion was had around, how Noongar history, of the important Matagarup 'crossing' site may be thematically recognised in the footbridge design. Proposals included a narrative inscribed into the structure of the bridge.
  - The group agreed to conduct a site visit with the Town's Strategic Projects Manager and Community Manager to consider next steps.
- **Uluru Statement from the Heart:** Mindeera group members communicated the desire for the Town and Council to formally recognise and endorse, the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Discussion was had around incorporating the Uluru statement into the Town's next Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and it was agreed this would be discussed with the facilitator at the upcoming RAP workshop likely to be held in September.
- **Group membership and terms:** Officers updated the group on changes to membership in the Mindeera group, change in meeting day, and pending expiration and renewal of the group's term – more information to come at the next meeting.

## Actions

- Reconciliation Officer to arrange staff and Mindeera group site visit to the outlet of the Spring where it meets the Derbal Yerrigan.

## 4.2 Reconciliation Action Plan

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

To update the group on the progress of the new Plan and the expiration of the previous plan.

### Outcome

To provide the group with an overview of the status of the Reflect RAP and communicate recent changes that impact actions and timeframes for progressing the development of the Innovate RAP. To solicit the group's feedback on both matters.

### Discussion points

- Status of Current plan
- Actions toward the Innovate RAP

### Strategic outcomes

<b>Civic Leadership</b>	
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.
<b>Social</b>	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S2 - Collaborating to ensure everyone has a place to call home.	To enable the community to be informed and engaged in the Town's reconciliation process.

### Next steps

Regular updates on progress to be provided to the advisory group at bi-monthly meetings and via email.

### Further information

Nil.

## Outcome

- Timelines and processes for the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan were communicated with the group.
- Mindeera group members were informed of the forthcoming processes for securing a facilitator to develop and deliver a workshop, for Mindeera group members, and for Council, towards clarification of the vision, values and priorities, for the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Group clarified the significance of making the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan unique to the Town of Victoria Park. Agreement was had that some of the means of doing this included identifying and including values and commitments, such as Caring for Country and endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

## Actions

- Officers will continue to update the Mindeera group on the progress of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.

### 4.3 26 January

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meetings.

### Outcome

Communicate feedback from community engagement, progress discussion/ objectives regarding actions surrounding 26 January.

### Discussion points

- Feedback from Community Engagement process
- Group's role and Town's role in progressing this item

### Strategic outcomes

<b>Social</b>	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	To ensure the community are kept informed and engaged on key stakeholder issues.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	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

- Agreement was had that a resource intensive action, such as an event, cannot at this point be organised for 2023. However, the group agreed to consider a form of symbolic recognition or statement by the Town that could encourage the community to reflect on the Noongar history and significance of this date.
- Mindeera group members agreed that the 26 January is an important item for consideration of inclusion in the Town's Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Mindeera group members agreed that the 26 January should be considered as a discussion item for the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan workshop.

## Actions

- Mindeera members and Town staff to investigate ways to symbolically recognise the 26 January in Town communications for 2023.

## 4.4 Consultation of Noongar Language

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	Nil

### Purpose of the item

Continue discussion on significant renaming projects in the Town.

### Outcome

Clarification / discussion of future opportunities

### Discussion points

Progress of this item in lieu of current status of RAPs.

### Strategic outcomes

Social	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Providing spaces for community education and the development of cultural literacies
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	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 identified the necessity for carrying over existing and specific projects related to this item to the next Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Group identified this item as an important and core value, to be included in the next Reconciliation Action Plan.

### Actions

Nil

## 4.5 Planning National Days

<b>Reporting officer</b>	Reconciliation Officer
<b>Origin of request</b>	Ongoing Agenda Item
<b>Attachments</b>	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

- NAIDOC week events, Choir and Flash mob
- Path to Reconciliation
- Future events/ strategies

### 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

### Further information

Nil.

### Outcome

- Officer updated the group on developments in this space

### Actions

Nil.



## **5 General business**

Nil.

## 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 September 2022
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		31 December 2022
Officers to investigate incorporating commitment to the Uluru Statement of the Heart in the development of the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan	Reconciliation Officer	n/a	In progress		31 December 2022
Group to workshop ideas for Concept Forum at the August Mindeera Meeting	Mindeera group and Town officers	Res 1	In progress		9 October 2022

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Officers to investigate participating in Danjoo Koorliny events and networks	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 5	In progress		31 December 2022
Officers to investigate budget allocation and budget options for implementing the interactive signage at Koolbardi Park in 2022-2023.	Reconciliation Officer and Manager Community Development	Res 5	In progress		31 December 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
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
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		31 December 2022
Mindeera group member to consult with Noongar community and report back to the Mindeera Advisory Group, on	Mindeera Member	Res 2	In progress		TBC

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preferred opportunities and processes for recognition of Noongar Elders in the Town.					
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 Reconciliation Action Plan.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 1	In progress	Investigation underway.	31 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 Communication Service Area	Rel 6	Ongoing		n/a
Officers to work with Town's communication team to maximise media presence during these weeks.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 3 Res 4	Completed	Communications team contacted and engaged.	31 July 2022
Officers to organise a meeting with Mindeera members and Place Planning to discuss next steps	Reconciliation Officer	O 2	Completed		31 September 2022

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and Town engagement with the new causeway bridge to be built at the Matagarup site, and recognition of Fanny Balbuck					
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	Completed		31 July 2022
Officers to co-ordinate a tiered approach for Mindeera group feedback on the Community Engagement process	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 1	Completed		30 July 2022
Planning to commence on community engagement with Noongar populations in the Town.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 5	Completed		31 December 2022
Officers to keep group informed on plans for National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week.	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 3 Res 4	Completed		31 July 2022
Officers and Mindeera group members to circulate news of and	Town Officers and Mindeera group members	Res 4	Completed		31 July 2022

encourage participation in, forthcoming NAIDOC week events.					
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**7 Close**

Meeting was closed by Chair at 7.35 pm.