



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 13 April 2022



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1 Opening

Meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

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

Xanthe Shaw (Acting Chair)
Flavia Pardini
Jordanna Rebbeck
Flavia Pardini

Councillor

Cr Peter Devereux

Manager Community

Paul Gravett

Meeting secretary

Megan Jaceglav

Presenters

Pierre Quesnel

Observers

Apologies

Wanjie Song
Cr Vicki Potter
Gerard Siero
Kelsi Forrest
Murray Masters
Roni Forrest
Amber Ugle Hayward
Cr Jesvin Karimi

3 Presentations

ED Millen development proposal – Pierre Quesnel

Outcomes

- Project Officer provided updates on Edward Millen grounds proposal, which included discussions surrounding incorporation of Noongar culture and heritage.

Actions

- Project Officer to send project plans to Mindeera group for further consideration
- Project Officer to organise a site visit with Mindeera group and Noongar elders

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 actions implemented in the RAP and developments with the community engagement process for the Town's subsequent Innovate RAP.

Discussion points

- Progress on actions within the RAP
- Proposal for engagement on Draft Innovate RAP

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 status of the Reflect RAP and the RAP review to date.
- Officers provided the group with a draft overview of the Community Engagement process for the development of the Innovate RAP.

Actions

- 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.
- Officers to co-ordinate a tiered approach for Mindeera group feedback on the Community Engagement process.
- Officers to develop, with the Mindeera Group, an 'Ideas Bank' as a repository for ideas to be sourced for current or future projects. Where relevant, this is to be integrated into the Innovate RAP to ensure ideas are aligned with the Town's strategic intent and are considered for resourcing.

4.2 26 January

Reporting officer	Reconciliation Officer
Origin of request	Actions from previous meeting
Attachments	

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meetings.

Outcome

Future considerations for community engagement/consultation in 2022.

Discussion points

- Vic Park Collective
- Concept Forum

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

- Acting Mindeera Advisory Group chair informed group of the development of Vic Park Progressives (VPP). This included key aims and objectives of the group, their role and strategic direction. Members invited to join VPP.
- Officers discussed the formation of a Working group to progress the conversation and change process for 26 January. Group to be formed from Mindeera members and other interested parties.
- Officers reported the need to reschedule the proposed concept forum date due to likely impacts from delivery and analysis of the Innovate RAP community engagement process.

Actions

- Mindeera group member to circulate contact details for Vic Park Progressives.
- Officers to circulate relevant information regarding Working Group for 26 January.
- Officers to keep group updated on Concept Forum development.

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 progress of renaming projects
- Seek feedback on forthcoming initiatives

Discussion points

- Koolbardi Park signage and launch
- Signage and Launch of Bidi Walk
- Welcome to Country

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 honored.

Next steps

Update group on progress of discussion items.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers provided updates on the status of Koolbardi Park signage and communications.
- Officers provided update on the status of Bidi Walk signage and the launch of NRW to be held on May 27.
- Officers provided feedback on consultation regarding the primacy of Welcome to Country (WTC) at Town Events.

Actions

- Officers to communicate progress of Koolbardi Park signage and audio-recording processes, when closer to finalisation.
- Officers to keep the group informed on plans for the opening of National Reconciliation Week and Bidi Walk.
- 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.

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

- NRW Planning
- NAIDOC week planning

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

- Planning celebrations and events for these national weeks
- For the group to be engaged, consulted, and informed around the progress and planning of these days.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers communicated plans for NRW, NAIDOC week and the Community Engagement process.
- Group shared feedback on plans to date.
- Identification of part-time capacity of Reconciliation Officer and the need to check plan delivery capacity against time constraints.

Actions

- Officers to send updated plans to Mindeera group for further feedback.
- Mindeera members to share contacts with officers to progress and promote NRW and NAIDOC week actions.
- Mindeera group to be engaged in the promotion of NRW and NAIDOC week events, sharing with their networks and relevant others.
- Officers to send an invitation for Mindeera group members for NRW interviews.

General business

- Officers provided updates on Town projects including progress on the yarnning circle at Jirdarup sandpit, and plans for indigenous artwork wrapping of Rangers vehicles and uniforms.
- Mindeera member highlighted the need to address escalating homelessness issues for First Nations people in the Town. Information was provided regarding the role of the Town and other stakeholders, plus links to 'Support for You and Your Family' brochure, and access to Emergency Support Relief information on the Town's website:
<https://www.victoriapark.wa.gov.au/Around-town/Community-development/Families-and-children/Emergency-relief-support>

5 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Officer	Link to RAP Action(s)	Status	Comment	Close Date
Reconciliation officer to work with Town staff and Mindeera group to coordinate the opening of Bidi Walk and Koolbardi Park.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	In progress	Bidi Walk is scheduled for opening on May 27. Koolbardi opening to be determined.	End Dec 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
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

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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	Preliminary feedback provided, detailed feedback contingent on plan development.	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	Initial planning commenced, more detailed planning pending development of RAP.	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
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
Message sticks to be purchased for Citizenship gifts, commencing mid-year 2022	Events Officer	Res 3	Completed	Message sticks have been purchased and will be used at the next in-person Citizenship Ceremony	End December 2022

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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	.Officers working with Comms team to profile NRW and NAIDOC week in the Town.	n/a
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 continue to investigate interpretive signage project for Koolbardi Park.	Project Officer and Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	Completed	Signage has been investigated, next steps are purchasing and implementation.	n/a
Officers to investigate the option of consulting with Reconciliation WA and the Waalitj Foundation to assist the Innovate RAP community engagement process.	Reconciliation Officer	Tr and Pr 2	Completed	Officer awaiting feedback	End of July 2022
Officers to provide a draft Community Engagement Plan, to the group for feedback prior to the next Mindeera meeting	Reconciliation Officer and Social Policy Specialist	Tr and Pr 1	Completed	Draft provided	April 13 2022
Officers to keep group updated on progress of Koolbardi Park signage and audio-recording processes.	Reconciliation Officer	Res 5	Completed	Group continues to be updated	n/a
Reconciliation Officer to invite senior leaders to Mindeera meeting	Reconciliation Officer	Rel 5	Completed	Senior leaders to be invited to the June Mindeera Meeting	End June 2022

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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	

6 Close

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.27pm.