



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Mindeera Advisory Group

Notes – 8 December 2021



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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)
Flavia Pardini
Roni Forrest
Xanthe Shaw

Councillor

Peter Devereux

Councillor

Jesvin Karimi

Manager Community

Paul Gravett

Coordinator Community Development

Katie Schubert

Meeting secretary

Megan Jaceglav

Presenters

Nil

Observers

Elizabeth Vlok

Apologies

Wanjie Song
Cr Vicki Potter

3 Presentations

Nil.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Reconciliation Action Plan

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
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 of the recent review of the RAP and seek feedback on the review and the RAP progress thus far.

Discussion points

- Review of the Reflect RAP implementation and progress
- Feedback activity – review of RAP
- Development of 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

- Mindeera group members participated in a review process for the Town's Reflect RAP.
- Conversations commenced regarding processes, collaborations and timelines for the development of the Town's Innovate RAP.
- Recommendation that senior Town leaders and the Mayor commit to attending one or more Mindeera Advisory group meetings.
- Recommendation that the Town adopts a bold leadership-oriented approach in advancing the reconciliation journey.
- Recommendation that reconciliation and awareness of culture and country, are integrated into all the Town's standard communication and outreach practices and procedures. These may include, social media commentary, 'your thoughts' surveys, website communications, regular Town events such as the Twilight Trio concerts and community grants outreach.
- Recommendation that the Town continues to actively collaborate, and where appropriate, partner with local schools, in advancing reconciliation and respect in the Town.
- Recommendation that the community are more actively engaged in the reconciliation process and in the cultivation of deepening awareness of First Nations culture and country.
- Recommendation that in the finalisation of the current RAP, the development of the next and the continuing reconciliation journey, the local Noongar population are meaningfully engaged in ways that are culturally appropriate.
- Recommendation that collaborations with Curtin University continue.

Actions

- Review and reflection on the RAP to continue as a standing agenda item.
- Reconciliation Officer to invite senior leaders to Mindeera meeting.
- Planning to commence on community engagement with Noongar populations in the Town.
- Planning to commence around further integration of reconciliation practices and processes into Town systems as part of the new RAP.
- Planning to commence around further engagement with local schools on shared projects.
- Town officers to collate all feedback and include in RAP review document to help support the development of the new RAP.

4.2 26 January

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
Origin of request	Actions from previous meeting
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose of the item

Continue discussion from previous meetings.

Outcome

Future considerations for community engagement/consultation in 2022.

Discussion points

- Vic Park Collective
- Next steps from here

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

- Mindeera group members continue to explore the 26 January as a reconciliation focal point.
- The new citizenship ceremony gifts – sample message sticks reflecting the six seasons – were shared to the group.
- Recommendation that the Town partner with local schools in bringing the 26 January conversation to the community.
- Recommendation that Mindeera members continue the 26 January conversation with the Vic Park Collective and key community members.
- Noted that Citizenship Awards are not held on January 26, and awards were given at the last Twilight Trio concert on 27 November.
- Noted that a normal Citizenship Ceremony will still be held on 26 January, as mandated by the Federal Government. This will be held upstairs in the Makuru Room, instead of being held outdoors in Memorial Park.

Actions

- Mindeera members to contact Vic Park Collective in the New Year, regarding next steps in bringing this conversation, and additional engagement opportunities, to the community.
- Message sticks to be purchased for Citizenship gifts, commencing mid-year 2022.
- Town officers to continue conversations with key local schools.

4.3 Consultation of Noongar Language

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
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
- Work instruction

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 reported that interpretive signage reflecting Wadjuk Noongar Boodjar history, previous known naming of the park, and the reconciliation/naming story, is being further researched, with a view to implementation in 2022. A launch ceremony will be planned after the installation of this signage.
- Officers reported that the production of signage for Bidi Walk, is pending on artist's deadlines. The group will be notified when signage designs are finalised, and planning for the launch will be actioned at this point.
- Officers reported that the work instruction continues as a working document.

Actions

- Officers to follow up on signage production for Bidi Walk.
- Officers to continue to investigate interpretive signage project for Koolbardi Park.

4.4 Planning National Days

Reporting officer	Megan Jaceglav
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

- Twilight Trio concert update and review
- Remembrance Day review
- NAIDOC and NRW 2022 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 days.
- For the group to be engaged, consulted, and informed around the progress and planning of these days.

Further information

Nil.

Outcome

- Officers provided updates, and group provided feedback on, the recent Heal Country Twilight Trio concert and the Remembrance Day event. Positive feedback from the group was received for both these events, particularly the Heal Country concert.
- Recommendation that each Twilight Trio concert series, going forward, includes one Indigenous based concert.
- Recommendation that planning for 2022 NAIDOC and NRW keeps focus on actions that will engage the community and bring more visibility to the practice and process of reconciliation in the Town.
- Recommendation that planning for 2022 NAIDOC and NRW to potentially include collaboration with local schools.
- Suggested resources for choir and storytelling provided by group.

Actions

- Town officers to commence planning for 2022 NRW and NAIDOC week events and continue to keep the group updated.
- Officers to explore integration of Indigenous component to Twilight Trio concert series.
- Officers to engage with local schools in planning of 2022 NRW and NAIDOC week events.

5 General business

Update on Town Projects.

Brief updates were provided on the traffic light box artwork project with the artwork examples provided with positive feedback from the group.

6 Actions from previous meetings

Action	Responsible Action Officer	Status	Comment	Close Date
Town officers to coordinate Mindeera Advisory Group and community members visit to Jirdarup bushland.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	Community and Mindeera members, visited the site with Town Officers on October 4, 17 and 25.	
Officers to identify and contact Aboriginal food vendors/suppliers for November Twilight Trio concert.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	Unable to secure Aboriginal food vendors for the event due to timing, costing and supply limitations.	20-11-21
Town officer to reach out to relevant organisations to assist with historical records of Aboriginal soldiers.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Town officers has commenced research in this space.	
Town Reconciliation officer to invite Noongar Elders to NAIDOC themed Twilight Trio concert.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	Noongar elders invited via email, in October and again in November. Local elders also contacted in person.	20-11-2021
Town officers to send a draft of Innovate RAP timeline to Mindeera group members.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	A draft of the Innovate timeline will be shared with the group as part of the agenda item.	01-12-21
Town officer to progress work instruction and present to Mindeera Advisory group for consideration.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	Draft document has been completed and has been circulated to Chair and Vice-Chair of the Mindeera group, for consideration and feedback. Town officers are progressing internally and awaiting feedback before progressing further.	
Town officer to work with Mindeera group members to identify and make contact and recognising Noongar Elders for guidance regarding Noongar language, culture.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Officer has spoken with group members, and is awaiting advice on Elder networks.	

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Reconciliation officer to work with Town staff to facilitate development of artwork/signage for Bidi Lane.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Draft artwork to be circulated via email to the group once designs have been provided by the artist.	
Reconciliation officer to work with Town staff and Mindeera group to coordinate the opening of Bidi Lane and Koolbardi Park.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Town officers have worked with artist to finalise the timeline for completion of artwork, that will thus enable the opening ceremony of Bidi Lane to be scheduled. Town officers have met with Chair, Vice-Chair of Mindeera group and Noongar Elder, to plan for opening ceremony of Koolbardi Park.	
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.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress		
Town officers to liaise with Town library staff regarding research directives in identifying Town Noongar history.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Officer has spoken with library staff (November). Additional work in the space needs to occur based on current priorities deliverables.	
Town Reconciliation officer to consult with Mindeera group members on list of Noongar Elders and to circulate working list of Elders and service providers to the Mindeera Advisory Group.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	This list has been circulated. Further updates are beneficial to the development of a comprehensive archive.	
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.	Kelsi Forrest	In progress		
Town officers to continue progress for inclusion of item of historical/cultural significance in new citizen gifts.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	New citizen gifts have been presented and selected (message	

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			sticks reflecting the six Noongar seasons). Finalisation of this process will take place in the December meeting.	
Mindeera Advisory Group members to provide Town officers of details of potential local suppliers for Message Sticks, and or other items for potential consideration for inclusion as citizenship ceremony gifts.	Megan Jaceglav	Completed	Details provided to Town officers, supplier has been identified and message sticks have been selected.	
Town officer to work with group members and Elders to adapt Acknowledgment of Country templates.	Megan Jaceglav	In progress	Additional considerations to be discussed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of the word 'emerging' 2. Notion of doing a Welcome to Country, <i>before</i>, anyone is introduced, and/or before proceedings have commenced. 	

7 Close

Meeting closed at 7:31pm.