



Record of Discussion

Reflect Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting, 9am Friday 24 February 2023,
Shire Training Room, Rose Street Manjimup

1. Declaration of Opening of Meeting

Due to the absence of the Chair and Councillor representative, with the consensus of the members, the Director Community Services chaired the meeting. The meeting the meeting open at 9:05am

2. Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

3. Attendance / Apologies

ATTENDANCE:

G. Ipsen Cutts (Shire of Manjimup)
S. Kelly (ATSI Community Stakeholder)
S. Griffiths (ATSI Community Stakeholder)
K. May (ATSI Community Stakeholder)
F. Sinclair (Community Representative) – (attended by Teams)
W. Herdigan (ATSI Community Stakeholder)

APOLOGIES:

W. Eiby (Community Representative)
V. Dei-Tos (Shire of Manjimup – Proxy)
Cr. Cliff Winfield (Council Representative)
Cr. P. Omodei (Chair)

ABSENT:

B. Cornwall (A&TSI Community Stakeholder)

GUESTS:

Suzanne Fisher, Northcliffe District High School Principal

4. Declaration of Interest - Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Move that the Minutes of 28 October 2022 meeting are a true and correct record.

Moved: S Kelly

Seconded: K May

CARRIED

6. Council Decisions on Committee Recommendations

Nil.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

7.1 Vacant Committee Positions

- GIC update re positions advertised [No nominations received]

8. General Business / New Matters

8.1 Significant Dates 2023:

- 26 May National Sorry Day

Remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'.

- 27 May – 3 June Reconciliation Week

Theme: "Be a Voice for Generations"

- 3 June Mabo Day

It commemorates Mer Island man Eddie Koiki Mabo and his successful efforts to overturn the legal fiction of 'terra nullius', or 'land belonging to no-one'.

- 2 July – 9 July National NAIDOC Week

Theme: "For Our Elders"

To celebrate and recognise the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

8.2 RAP Project Updates

8.2.1 Tourism Information Boards at Manjin Park Update

S Kelly provided the following information for inclusion on the Manjin Park Board:

Seasons: Birak – Bunuru – Djeran – Makuru – Djilba – Kambarang

The Pibulmun people of the Noongar Nations are the Traditional Custodians of the land within the Manjimup Shire. Their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important to them today.

There are many sites throughout the shire which show evidence of continuous occupation by Pibulmun people for over 7000 years.

The land is important for food, shelter, tools and medicine. Pibulmun have a spiritual connection to their culture and heritage through plants, animals, rivers, stars and country. They have strong values to care for country and the environment.

Songlines are traditional walking paths passed down by generations. Songlines link sites and locations of significance following the journeys of ancestral spirits during creation time.

Food sources:

Kangaroo	Emu	Possum	Bandicoot
Echidna	Birds	Eggs	Reptiles
Frogs	Tortoise	Fish	Shellfish
Insects	Roots	Bulbs	Seeds
Nectar	Gum	Fungi	*Zamia & Yanget

*Zamia collected end of March/April – soak for a time – buried for a time – eaten raw or roasted in May.

*Yanget leaves burnt in February - tubers dug up in April – cleaned – roasted and pound into mass and lneaded into cakes.

Common Flora to the Area (for pictures):

Kumak – bluebell – Sollija – Billardiera Liteaophylla

Red eyed wattle – Acacia cyclops

Yanget (Manjin Reed)

Manjimup Manjin Reed – proper name is Yanget.

F Sinclair suggested that an artist could be commissioned to do the artwork:

- Images to come from place;
- Artwork; or
- Photos.

F Sinclair to source some Noongar graphic designers with connection to Country

ACTION: F Sinclair

K May suggested that the MSHS students might be able to be involved in producing photographs or art works. Depending on what images might be preferred. K may to investigate further.

ACTION: K May

G Ipsen Cutts to arrange a mock up of the Panels, when available, and then to send out to group.

ACTION: G Ipsen Cutts

8.2.2 Bididi Virtual Trail and Reconnection Vision

Ongoing

8.2.3 Noongar Seasons: Nature in Transition (V Dei-Tos -written report presented by G Ipsen Cutts)

- We have received 18 original artworks for our Noongar Seasons project. We are particularly pleased with the variety of work which ranges from very traditional to very contemporary and a combination of both. The works also clearly reflect the seasons in our Karri Karrak area.
- On Tuesday 21 February 2023, three judges:

- **Suzanne Kelly**, Elder and Traditional Owner
- **Christine Latham**, Caucasian/Yamatji Artist
- **Sharon Williams**, Exhibition/Curating Supervisor, ArtGeo

viewed the 18 artworks received via the project and selected six works, each one depicting one the Noongar Seasons in the Karri Karrak area.

- We are now working on advising the successful Artists and organising payment for the purchase of those works.
- Once this process has been finalised, the next step will be to arrange for the six selected works to be printed onto the street banners for display in Giblett Street later this year.

G Ipsen Cutts advised that she was also working with V Dei-Tos to see if artwork could be purchased for the purpose of creating office shirts. For example, artwork on back with a badge in the front that had Noongar Boodjar, Shire of Manjimup wording.

[S Kelly further suggested if the Manjin 'Yanjet' Reed could be illustrated on the background of the badge]. G Ipsen Cutts will investigate.

8.2.4 Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June Theme: *Be a Voice for Generations*

F Sinclair advised that Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, touring between Wednesday 24 May - Sunday 9 July 2023 <https://www.circuitwest.com.au/production/kalyakoorl-ngalak-warangka-forever-we-sing/>. Southern Forest Arts to liaise with Shire of Manjimup regarding cost, venue and securing a booking.

F Sinclair also suggested that she could organise a 'Reclaiming the Void' workshop during the week. The weaving workshops are essentially about yarnning and storytelling. Will liaise with K May.

F Sinclair advised that 'Dating Black' was currently showing at the BREC 27 April. Possible opportunity to provide a bus trip for anyone interested in attending.

8.2.5 NAIDOC Week

K May has networked with schools regarding what is happening during NAIDOC Week. Her aim is to encourage participation and see if a more coordinated approach can be achieved. Will investigate further funding options. NIAA finding closed in February.

8.5 Round Table:

8.5.1 W Herdigan – NA.

8.5.2 S Kelly

- Seeking update on Bidji Trail. G Ipsen Cutts advised that still committed to project but limited resources at present are hindering progress.
- Would be good to see a yarnning circle in the Heritage Park.

8.5.3 K May

- Aboriginal Advisory Group established at MSHS. Hoping to get all schools together.
- New Noongar design staff uniforms signed off by Tracy Hansen / Joan Smart.

8.5.7 S Griffiths – NA.

8.5.8 F Sinclair - NA.

8.5.9 Gail Ipsen Cutts

- Update on staff recruitment and challenges to fill gaps in Community Services. The limited resources are impacting on the Teams ability to progress any new projects at this stage.

9. Meeting Closed – 10.20am

10. Next Meeting: 28 April 2023

2023 Meeting Dates: 30 June 25 August and 27 October