

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee held 12noon, Friday 28 April 2023 at the Town Hall Meeting Room.



1	<p>Declaration of Opening of Meeting In the absence of Shire President, Cr. PO (chair), and as agreed by members in attendance GIC Chaired the meeting. GIC declared the meeting open at 12:02am</p>
2	<p>Acknowledgement of Country delivered by GIC 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.</p>
3	<p>Attendance / Apologies</p> <p>ATTENDANCE: Cr. Cliff Winfield G. Ipsen Cutts (Shire of Manjimup) S. Griffiths (ATSI Community Stakeholder) K. May (ATSI Community Stakeholder) F. Sinclair (Community Representative) W. Eiby (Community Representative) W. Herdigan (ATSI Community Stakeholder) <i>left 1:00pm</i></p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cr. P. Omodei V. Dei-Tos (Shire of Manjimup – Proxy) S. Kelly (ATSI Community Stakeholder)</p> <p>ABSENT: B. Cornwall (A&TSI Community Stakeholder)</p> <p>GUESTS: K. Brown (Shire of Manjimup) Minute Taker</p>
4	<p>Declaration of Interest WE declared that she was a Shire Cr., noting that her position on the Committee was as a community member. within the Committee.</p>
5	<p>Confirmation of Minutes Minutes from the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting on 24 February 2023 were accepted at this meeting as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Moved: KM Seconded: SG CARRIED</p>
6	<p>Council Decisions on Committee Recommendations Nil</p>
7	<p>Business Arising from Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on Suzanne Fisher - Principal of Northcliffe District High School attendance for future meetings. Discussions of membership at next meeting. • Shire advertised vacant youth positions for this committee and didn't receive any nominations. FS brought up potential of mentorship bringing in youth members to committee. Potential to be flexible with meeting times. FS to approach young aboriginal artist on one of her board meetings. SG to approach son. WH follow up with previous youth members to attend next meeting. • FS couldn't find Noongar graphic designer. WE (Nani Creative) to forward contact. • No progression with KM actions. • Manjin Park signage mock ups to be presented to Committee once available.
8	<p>General Business / New Matters Presentation by Cr. CW on Welcome & Trailside Plaques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint presentation with welcome panel and trailside interpretation panel examples to be used for future Manjimup Heritage Park and Manjin Park. Suggested

that the Shire already have an existing design for interpretation signs and that we should keep with current design. Discussions had around location of proposed signage in the Manjimup Heritage Park. GIC suggested we further develop what we want displayed on the signage and stated the primary focus is Manjin Park as the signage has significantly worsened over time. CW suggested maybe SK can lead the language process for the signage due to her knowledge. CW happy for the Shire to use his already existing content. GIC to develop further with the assistance of H Rose who is currently doing work placement with the Shire. KB to send out copy of the slideshow with minutes.

Action: KB

Reconciliation Week Activities & Events

- NRW Virtual Breakfast 25 May 2023 from 8am to 10am. Proposal to have event at the Wellness Centre due to more space. Proposal to do reconciliation walk through the Manjimup Heritage Park following the park. Advertising to be organised for the papers. This event fall on a Council meeting date, therefore no senior staff or Cr's after 10am. Flyer likely to be finalised within the week and will be disturbed to the group.
- Sponsored Reconciliation Banners to be installed in each town entry on existing banner frames in May.
- Reconciliation Choir potentially being used for the breakfast event 'Voices for generations choir'. FS has offered to help to advertise and offered to do weaving workshop post event.
- Reconciliation walk in Bunbury for all to attend on Friday 26 May 2023.
- Artworks by Noongar Artist Natalie Clark in collaboration with children from Northcliffe District High School on the 6 Noongar Seasons. Artworks have been transferred digitally and are being printed on banners to display outside the school. FS mentioned that the plan to launch artwork during Reconciliation Week. GIC suggested they may like to be displayed as part of the Noongar art exhibition in the Manjimup Art Gallery. FS to follow up with the school and report back.

Action: FS

NAIDOC Week Activities & Events

- Kangaroo Stew, Johnny Cakes & Damper at Manjimup Senior High School with Home Economics team. Well attended previous years. Potential to run similar for the whole community at the Wellness Centre. Theme 'For our Elders'. GIC to discuss with Liz Lockyear, Home & Community Care. Event hosted in Term 3. 'Our Elders, Our Time of Life' Poem created by Sharon Roebourne (Bunbury based). Potential to be performed as part of NAIDOC Week Celebrations. KM to ask for permission to read our poem as part of proposed above event.

Action: GIC & KM

- GIC suggested committee to forward any information on events to Shire so they can be sent out through social media channels.
- Bindjared Middars Dance Mob invited to the Manjimup Senior High School.

Project Updates

- Update provided by GIC on behalf of Vanda on Noongar Seasons: Nature in Transition Project on behalf of VD. Winners selected by judging panel on 21 February. The 6 winning artists have been advised. Artist purchasing agreement has been prepared, cleared through appropriate channels and emailed to artists for review and signature. Currenting working through payment process. Once this has been finalised, the Shire will arrange for the 6 selected works to be printed on the street banners and move forward with preparations for an exhibition in the Manjimup Art Gallery of all the artwork received as part of this project.

Roundtable

Fiona Sinclair

- Attended 'Yes Campaign to Canberra' talk. Discussions on what the Local Government responsibility with a RAP and their responsibilities around information dissemination and advocacy for the yes vote. Presenter is happy to visit Manjimup and provide information on the topic. GIC suggested it might need to be raised to Council for further direction on the matter. GIC mentioned our role as a local government is to provide accurate information about what it is – non bias. Awaiting information from Reconciliation Australia on further advice. GIC to forward information as it is made available from the Federal Government and Reconciliation Australia.

Action: GIC

- Art sculpture (\$135K) proposed to be installed outside the Northcliffe Visitor Centre. Funding application in with the Shire and Lotterywest. Sculpture is about evolution and will be linked into other existing sculptures.
- Southern Forest Arts in partnership with the Shire of Manjimup to deliver Gina Williams and Guy House performances on August 26 to be held at the Manjimup Town Hall. Ticketed event.

Wendy Eiby

- Bibbulmun Track's 25th Anniversary Walk is passing through Northcliffe on 21 and 22 August. Holding community celebrations in Northcliffe. Sourcing someone for Welcome to Country and requested committee clarification on who is able to deliver this. Suggestion of WH or SK.

Katrice May

- Planning is underway for NAIDOC Week celebrations. Awaiting funding outcome from Tallison to assist with funding dance mob.
- Spotlight is currently selling indigenous fabrics. Students are making handbags out of the fabrics.
- SWAMS have approached MSHS and want to be involved with planned celebrations.

Susanne Griffiths

- In contact with the Stephen Michael Foundation in regard to rolling out program through primary and high school to provide students with an opportunity to learn and participate in traditional Aboriginal games.

Cr. Cliff Winfield

- Project brief needs to be developed for the interp signage at Manjin Park. CW offered to assist with this.
- Mentioned that any future Heritage Park works need to be raised with the Heritage Park Advisory Committee. Noted that there is not currently any Aboriginal Representatives on the committee. GIC mentioned that the vacancies were advertised in Jan/Feb and no applications were received. CW suggested Marika & Sean may be suitable representatives for this committee and he will approach them to discuss.

Action: CW

Gail Ipsen Cutts

- The Shire is receiving increasing requests from the community for contacts of people who can deliver a Welcome to Country. GIC has developed a spreadsheet over the years and would like committee input and advice. CW suggested maybe the Karri Karrak could assist or provide further direction. GIC noted she had approached Land & Sea Council for assistance in the past.

	<p>Wayne Herdigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will follow up with previously mentioned 2 young people and their potential to be involved with the Committee. GIC mentioned it might be better to invite as a guests so there is no initial commitment. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: WH</p>
9	<p>Meeting Closure GIC declared the meeting closed at 1:48pm.</p>
10	<p>Next Meeting Date: 12noon, 30 June 2023 at Power Up Museum Meeting Room, Manjimup Heritage Park. Remaining 2023 Meeting Dates: 25 August, 27 October</p>