

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee held 12.00 noon, Friday 9 February 2023 in the Control Room – Power Up Museum, Manjimup Heritage Park.



1	<p>Declaration of Opening of Meeting Acting Chair CW declared the meeting open at 12:00pm.</p>
2	<p>Acknowledgement of Country delivered by Acting Chair CW. 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 and present.</p>
3	<p>Attendance / Apologies Members Present: Cr. C. Winfield (Proxy) Cr. D. Buegge (Shire President) [arrived 12.05] G. Ipsen Cutts (Shire of Manjimup) S. Kelly (ATSI Community Stakeholder) S. Griffiths (ATSI Community Stakeholder) F. Sinclair (Community Representative) V. Dei-Tos (Shire of Manjimup – Proxy) W. Eiby (Community Representative) K. May (ATSI Community Stakeholder) Apologies/Absences: Emily O’Neil (Shire of Manjimup – Non-Voting) Michelle Cornwall (A&TSI Community Stakeholder) W. Herdigan (ATSI Community Stakeholder)</p>
4	<p>Declaration of Interest Nil.</p>
5	<p>Confirmation of Minutes Minutes from the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting of 10 August 2023 were accepted at this meeting as a true and correct record with an amendment to the Roundtable ‘Warren District Hospital Advisory Board’ to state that it was Sue Griffiths not Sue Kelly who attended a meeting with the Board.</p> <p>Moved: WE Seconded: GIC CARRIED 7/7</p> <p>[DB arrived 12.05pm]</p>
6	<p>Council Decisions on Committee Recommendations That Council received the unconfirmed minutes of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee meeting held 25 August 2023.</p>
7	<p>Business Arising from Action Sheet</p> <p><u>Yarning Circle at the Manjimup Heritage Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FS is awaiting a decision of Council regarding the Manjimup Heritage Park Advisory Committee to present proposal. <p><u>Young Engagement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DB suggested students attending meetings could acquire community service hours towards their work placement/volunteering requirements to encourage youth representation.

Beyond 100 Project

- FS advised funding was not secured.

Kalyakoorl Ngalak Warangka Concert

- FS stated that the concert received 70 attendees and was a fantastic evening.

8 **General Business / New Matters**

- Shire non-voting representative E O'Neil has resigned from the committee due to a transfer to a new position. The Terms of Reference will be amended to reflect this.

Roundtable

- MC to be contacted regarding her position on the committee and if she would like to continue as a member.

Action: GIC

- A conversation was held around the vacancies within the committee and how to combat these to ensure functionality and progress. GIC moved the following motions for Council consideration;

That Council remove the youth representation positions within the Terms of Reference but amend the Functions of the committee to include consultation and collaboration with youth on relevant matters.

Moved: GIC Seconded: DB CARRIED 7/7

- VDT shared with the committee a video from the National Museum of Australia's *Walking Through a Songline* touring exhibition. The exhibition has been on show around the world and Australia. Manjimup has been successful in its bid to host the first ever exhibition in Western Australia. The exhibition is based on a Dreamtime story and will be displayed in the Manjimup Town Hall from September to November 2024.

GIC advised that the total cost for transportation and installation of the exhibition is around \$9500 (\$7,000 outstanding). Whilst anticipated that grant and sponsorship funds will be sought, it is likely additional funds may be required to meet any shortfall. The committee made the following recommendation;

That Council consider the allocation of funds in the 2024-25 budget to cover any funding shortfall for the presentation of the *Walking Through a Songline* touring exhibition.

Moved: DB Seconded: FS CARRIED 7/7

- VDT advised that the Koondarm Wangkiny (Dream Telling) exhibition would coincide with NAIDOC week in July. It is a joint exhibition featuring an established and an emerging artist.

Manjin Park Sign

- VDT updated the committee on the progress of the Manjin Park Sign, a revised draft for discussion had been circulated to the committee.
- The historical information being displayed on the sign has been reviewed and approved by Ian Wilson (Manjimup Historical Society) and the Indigenous history by Sue Kelly (RAPAC Committee member and Traditional Owner and Elder).
- VDT asked the committee to provide feedback on the design. Discussions were had regarding whether next steps should involve engaging an artist/graphic designer able to provide a more realistic/artistic design of the concept. The following was moved;

- That the committee support the progression of the Manjin Park sign concepts as presented with the addition of the language map and Yangett (Manjin) reed.

Moved: WE **Seconded:** DB **CARRIED 7/7**

- CW agreed to circulate a copy of work he had previously completed for the Minningup Pool (Collie), that might assist in informing our Manjin Park information and design.
- WE advised that she is now working for Landcare and has funding available for activities. Schools could be approached so that students could be involved.
- WE has been working with SK and VDT on arranging a cultural womens' workshop and bush medicine workshop.
- KM suggested a reconciliation walk should be held in the Shire. GIC recommended that the walk go along the linear path. The walk would take place during reconciliation week. Alternatively, participants could walk from Deanmill to the Heritage Park and end the walk with a barbecue.
- Conversations were had around who would take responsibility for arranging/managing the event, GIC suggested it would be a great opportunity for students to work in partnership with the Shire to learn additional skills and the event approval process. Committee agreed.
- FS advised that Sue and Bill will be attending schools in March to host cultural sessions. Workshops with indigenous artists will be held for terms 2 & 3.
- FS stated that she will be advertising for Aboriginal artists to create work for the Genestream Dream Sculpture in March/April.
- GIC advised the committee that the Shires Reflect RAP Reconciliation Australia registration has expired. GIC asked whether members wanted to recommend that the Shire progress to a Innovate RAP or implement an alternative style Aboriginal Engagement Plan. The committee made the following recommendation;
- That Council agree for the Shire of Manjimup to proceed to an 'Innovate RAP' registration.

Moved: GIC **Seconded:** DB **CARRIED 7/7**

- CW requested that if we need to have the RAP meeting at lunch time to accommodate working representatives then perhaps sandwiches could be provided.

Moved: KM **Seconded:** FS **CARRIED 7/7**

9	Meeting Closure & 2024 Meeting Dates The Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:20pm
	Next Meeting Date: 12.00noon, 10 May 2024 Remaining 2024 Meeting Dates: 9 August, 8 November 2024