



Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes | 13th September 2023

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The Reconciliation Action Plan Committee Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2023, commencing at 10.00 am.

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10.01am.

“Before we start our meeting, I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Noongar/Ballardong land. We pay respect to the original custodians of the land...past, present and future. I welcome you all here today for this meeting.”

ITEM 2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Committee Members

Cr Peter Smith	Shire President
Mrs Marilyn Reidy	Nyoongar Representative – Yarran Family
Mrs Margaret Collard	Nyoongar Representative – Blurton Family
Mrs Janet Colbung	Nyoongar Representative – Colbung Family

Council Officers

Mrs Sarah Caporn	Executive Manager Works & Services
Natalie Ness	Executive Manager Economic Development
Miss Cynthia Yarran	Youth Engagement & Inclusive Officer
Brian Humphry	DFES Bushfire Mitigation

Observers

Jill Hayes	CRC Co-ordinator Wudjella Observer
Ms Pauline Wray	Principal QDHS
Mrs Mandeep Dhillon	Deputy Principal QDHS
Mr Norm Yarran	Nyoongar Observer
Mrs Judith Yarran	Nyoongar Observer
Mr Peter Hayden	Nyoongar Observer
Miss Debra Winmar	Nyoongar Observer
Mr Charlie Colbung	Nyoongar Observer
Mr Philip Winmar	Nyoongar Observer
Mrs Joanne Stantrom	Q Pub Manager

Apologies

Mrs Nicole Gibbs	Chief Executive Officer
Cr Trevor Stacey	Council Representative
Mrs Muriel Collard	Nyoongar Representative – Collard Family
Miss Edna Winmar	Nyoongar Representative- Winmar Family

ITEM 3 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Committee members are to verbally advise of any conflict of interest with items listed within this agenda and this conflict is to be formally minutes and managed.

ITEM 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes – 19th July 2023

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED Marilyn Reidy **SECONDED** Sarah Caporn

That the minutes of the Reconciliation Action Plan Committee Meeting held on 19th July 2023, to be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

Homeswest Community Housing

ITEM 5 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Community Park- Updated By Sarah Caporn

- Open to the public.
- Official opening, ribbon cutting on the 15th of September 2023 @ 3pm.
- CCTV has been approved and ready to be installed.
- Issues with the ablution blocks.
- Was a delay with power but is now working.
- Multiple kids jumping on trampoline.
- Injuries around the playground. Multiple accidents have occurred.
- Concerns about the steel metals around the park are too risky and dangerous.
- A suggestion about having some sort of rubber edging over the steel edging.
- Bikes should not be in the park (maybe some signage to let the public know).
- It's recommended that unsupervised children should not be allowed in the park.
- There was an issue with fighting in and outside of the park.

5.2 Youth Centre Update- Cynthia Yarran

- Basketball Competition- Hoping to have enough children age between 10yrs to 16yrs old, will be at the town basketball courts. Hoping to have basketball up and running by Term 4.
- Nat and I have applied for a grant for Children's Week of \$1000 for October 2023.
- The Shire has also applied for the Youth Week grant April 2024.
- Boxing Program - we have finally sorted Thomas's contract out. Waiting on him to come into sign his contract so that we can start advertising etc
- Have met with new Police in town. PCYC.

5.3 The Groves

- Vehicle access gate for emergencies.
- Fencing will commence either the end of September or beginning of October.
- Concerns about the gate being locked, will always be opened.
- The fencing is in place to protect the flora and fauna -this has been an area of significant concern.
- Prescribed burning.
- The Nyoongar community would prefer the front main entrance next to CBH to be open. But unable to open due to the cost of \$120,000.00+ to construct the required road/rail track crossing structure.
- The Shire is doing the best they can to work together with the Nyoongar community on The Groves.
- A suggestion raised is for the Nyoongar community to seek funding through Ballardong Corp to lobby State Agencies to open the main entrance.

5.4 Signages

- Kangaroo signages in and out of town all ways.
- Park signages, need more signages of park rules i.e. no bikes
- Park signages on main street and McLennan St i.e. children playing safety signs

5.5 Tourism Update

- Tourism working group has been disbanded.
- Two Town Hall Meetings will be held annually to update the community on tourism objectives and outcomes.

5.6 Reconciliation

- The Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) has expired.
- The Shire of Quairading RAP 2024-2026 is being drafted and will be presented at the November RAP Meeting for comment.
- Nat & Cynthia Y are working on the draft.
- Once finalised the RAP 2024-2026 will go to the December OCM for Council endorsement.

5.7 Toapin Weir

- Signs have been upgraded.
- Fire pits are done
- Now have running water.
- Charlie Colbung has asked about having a mural on the weir wall.
- Annette Bennell has asked for some trees to be removed on the left side.
- Shire installing balustrading hand rail on the rock face for improved safety.

5.8 Housing

- Nat has tried contacting community housing (Homeswest).
- Homeswest to meet with the CEO in October 2023
- The Shire have requested Homeswest attend the November RAP Meeting.

5.9 Sports and Recreation Precinct

- The Shire has submitted their grant application for the DLGSCI CSRFF grant program.
- Stage 1 of the Project includes dual purpose netball/basketball courts, electronic score boards for netball/hockey and football/cricket, fencing, shelter for players and officials.
- The Shire has applied to the CBH Community Grants Program to contribute to this project.
- Looking to have approval for both grant programs by the end of September/early October 2023 on funding approvals.
- Stage 2 of the Sports and Recreation Precinct Project will include a new multi-share pavilion, community function area, bar, gym, multi-use changerooms and accessible ablutions. The Shire will be applying for Commonwealth funding for Stage 2 of the Project.

ITEM 6 COMMUNITY AGENCY UPDATES

6.1 Community Resource Centre – Jill Hayes

- Car Park 'Trash and Treasure' Markets next Saturday, 23rd of September.
- Funding has been secured for Nyoongar Language classes - lessons will be available for free as of mid Oct TBC.

6.2 Quairading District High School – Pauline Wray

- NIL - (Principal Wray has to leave the meeting prior to the QDHS update).

6.3 Medical Practice

- Dr Jack has now started five days a week.
- Has come to attention that the management of the Surgery is lacking Cultural Awareness following the Practice Nurse's resignation.

ITEM 7 NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- The Shire has recommenced a local feral cat's control program. The Shire confirmed you must have firearms license to dispose of feral cats in the 'trap and shoot' program.
- Shire to investigate the possibility of a mural on the Toapin Weir wall.

ITEM 8 OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE MEETING

As raised by RAP participants / members and to be considered by the meeting

- Invite male Councillors to the next Ballardong Corp meeting.
- Roadhouse- Health inspector.
- Aboriginal Flag at Shire Office was upside down for over a week.
- Cultural Awareness lacking

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Reconciliation Action Plan Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8th November 2023, commencing at 10.00am in the Community Resource Centre.

ITEM 10 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 11:20am.