

Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes | 8th of November 2023

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Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

The Reconciliation Action Plan Committee Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023, commencing at 10.00 am.

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10.11am.

“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 Jo Haythornthwaite	Shire President
Cr Trevor Stacey	Deputy Shire President
Mrs Margaret Collard	Nyoongar Representative – Blurton Family

Council Officers

Natalie Ness	Chief Executive Officer
Mrs Sarah Caporn	Executive Manager Works & Services
Miss Cynthia Yarran	Youth Engagement & Inclusive Officer

Observers

Jill Hayes	CRC Co-ordinator Wudjella Observer
Ms Pauline Wray	Principal QDHS
Mrs Mandeep Dhillon	Deputy Principal QDHS
Mr Peter Hayden	Nyoongar Observer
Mr Charlie Colbung	Nyoongar Observer
Mr Philip Winmar	Nyoongar Observer
Mrs Annette Bennell	Nyoongar Observer
Miss Danielle Hayden	Nyoongar Observer
Mr Matt Wilson	CEO of Ballardong Corp
Mr Ken Parker	Department of Community
Miss Kate Dixon	Department of Community

Apologies

Mrs Janet Colbung	Nyoongar Representative – Colbung Family
Mrs Muriel Collard	Nyoongar Representative – Collard Family
Miss Edna Winmar	Nyoongar Representative- Winmar Family
Mrs Marilyn Reidy	Nyoongar Representative – Yarran 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 – 13th of September 2023

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MOVED	Phillip Winmar	SECONDED	Margaret Collard
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That the minutes of the Reconciliation Action Plan Committee Meeting held on 13th of September 2023, to be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

NIL

ITEM 5 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Groves

- What was the outcome of the last meeting with the Nyoongar Community and Shire.
- Rabbit proof fence has been moved, due to the bushfire mitigation.
- Everything has been approved to go ahead with ablutions block.
- Had to maintain the flora & fauna, to be protected.
- There is an access gate near CBH.
- Access for fire risk.
- Access gate on Northern side has been done.
- The Reserve lease is under full management of the Shire.
- It is now classed as a camping location.
- Brian Humfrey has now moved location.
- Gates have been cleared and widened.
- Adam May will start working on the ablution block.

5.2 Youth Centre Update- Cynthia Yarran

- Basketball Competition has commenced, this week is round 2.
- We have 4 teams of 6 or 7 children in each team.
- Children's Week on Wednesday 25th October was very successful. Had over 50 children and parents attending.
- Youth Centre will be opening on Wednesday's 3pm to 4.30pm

5.3 Reconciliation

- The Reconciliation Action Plan – Innovative (The Plan) is still being finalised, and then will be handed over to Cynthia for editing.
- Will have documents ready for the next RAP meeting in January and will have community engagement with the Nyoongar Elders and Aboriginal community in the form a workshop to finalising The Plan and then will share with the wider community to 'Have Their Say' prior to going to Council for endorsement in February 2024.
- What does Reconciliation mean at a community level?
- Working together as a community.
- Do not have community back up when it comes to NAIDOC and any other Nyoongar events.
- Will need people to support to reconcile.

5.4 Sports Precinct

- Had a working group meeting about Stage 2 of the Project – Scope of Accommodation for the new Sports Pavilion.
- New basketball and netball courts, shade shelters, floodlighting, plus electronic scoreboards for AFL, netball and hockey – Stage 1 of the Project.
- There will be a new community building – Stage 2 of the Project.
- Will be a single-storey design.
- Will have about 4 change rooms.
- The tennis courts will eventually be located at the new Sports Precinct - Stage 3 of the Project.

5.5 Microgrid Synergy Project

- Fluid battery with Synergy.
- Could be a \$4–8-million-dollar project.
- Wanted to ask if there was any cultural significance in the area.
- On the 14th there will be a meeting with Synergy.
- There are 3 sites that they are looking at around town.
- Once the preferred site is established by Synergy and the Shire receives the map of the area, the Shire will work with the local Nyoongar community members to facilitate surveying.
- What's involved in the surveys, will there be training for locals who would like to do it?
- Surveying will need to be done, to see if there are any traditional spots or areas and any significant trees that can be used for Aboriginal artifacts.
- UWA Archaeology should assist with training.
- There is a course at TAFE to train people on surveying.
- Ballardong Corp will find someone in the community to help with surveying the site.

5.6 Housing

- Department of Communities (DoC) is trying to expand housing.
- There are only 4 people listed on the homeswest list.
- 2 people are awaiting transfers.
- 50% owned by DoC and 50% owned by the Shire
- DoC aren't looking to buy established houses due to ageing assets and maintenance issues nor building new homes – preferred model is a joint venture with a housing provider.
- The wheatbelt area is the oldest area in the State.
- DoC would prefer to have a joint venture with the Shire like they have already at Gingin and surrounding towns.
- Could possibly get funding from Ballardong Corp to fund more housing.
- Stone Street house under refurbishments and assessment.
- Just a matter of filling out a application for a DoC house and DoC will prioritise with the need of tenant.
- DoC Housing Forms will be available at the local CRC office.

ITEM 6 COMMUNITY AGENCY UPDATES

6.1 Community Resource Centre – Jill Hayes

- It is the last week of Nyoongar language lesson, will have another opportunity next year.
- Tanya Garlett will be here at the CRC for anyone in need of a resume or anything to help get employment.
- Centrelink will be here on the 21st Nov at the CRC car park. 10am to 4pm.
- Drop-in clinics for legal advice will be here on the 13th of December.

6.2 Quairading District High School – Pauline Wray

- The Year 10s are out doing work experience, will see them at the Shire, CRC, Book Post.
- Career day was yesterday, free haircut from a student with help from a Barber.
- Pre Kindy lessons are coming soon.
- Karla and a few Nyoongar kids have been attending the Nyoongar lessons at the CRC.
- Had Paul Eaglestone here for a visit. Have met with the Nyoongar Playgroup and other Nyoongar families and Elders.
- Karla and Mrs Garrett will be attending the EALD Southwest to recognise the two way learning languages.
- Have had other Elders coming over to visit the school
- Swimming lessons will start soon.
- Slime Day fundraising activity on the last day of the school term, a great opportunity to slime a teacher. \$20 per family.
- Mrs Dhillon will be leaving Quairading to go back to Thornlie.
- Mrs Wray will be leaving Quairading for a year.
- Blake O'Halloran from Newman will be the new Principal commencing 2024.

6.3 Medical Practice

Quairading Medical Practice will not have a Doctor on the following days in November.

- Wednesday 8/11 from 12:30pm onwards no GP
- Thursday 9/11
- Friday 10/11
- Monday 13/11
- Tuesday 14/11

Practice Staff will still be able to answer phones and help with any inquiries during this time, but for all medical emergencies please call 000 or please attend the Quairading Hospital.

Quairading Medical Practice will be closed over the Christmas period for the following days.

- Monday 25/12
- Tuesday 26/12
- Wednesday 27/12
- Thursday 28/12
- Friday 29/12
- Monday 01/01/2024

During the Christmas closure of the Medical Practice if anyone requires medical attention, please attend the Quairading Hospital, or call 000.

For any further queries regarding the following services.

- Podiatry
- Diabetes educator and dietician
- Physiatrist
- Females visit GP.

Please call the surgery if you would like any information regarding these services.

ITEM 7 NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- Kwirradig Koort - Dog should be on leash signage.
- Kwirradig Koort - No big bikes in park.
- Main Road on entrances to Quairading - Kangaroo signs.

ITEM 8 OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE MEETING

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

- Nurse being bullied from co-workers - Natalie will follow up on report.
- Cultural awareness background.
- Thanks Matt and Kate and Ken for attending.
- Congratulations to Natalie Ness on being our new CEO.

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Reconciliation Action Plan Committee meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 10th January 2024, commencing at 10.00am in the Community Resource Centre.

ITEM 10 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 11:29am.