



Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

Minutes | 14th February 2024

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The Reconciliation Action Plan Committee Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2024, commencing at 10.00 am.

ITEM 1 OPENING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10.08am.

“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
Miss Edna Winmar	Nyoongar Representative – Winmar Family
Mrs Marilyn Reidy	Nyoongar Representative – Yarran Family

Council Officers

Ms Natalie Ness	Chief Executive Officer
Cr Trevor Stacey	Deputy President / Council Representative
Mrs Sarah Caporn	Executive Manager of Works
Mrs Jen Green	Acting Executive Manager Economic Development
Miss Cynthia Yarran	Youth Engagement & Inclusive Officer

Observers / Invited Guests

Ms Jill Hayes	Quairading CRC / Wudjella Representative
Cynthia Dann	NDIS
Kate Dowling	QDHS Deputy Principal
Michelle White	Community Arts Network Executive Producer
Miss Siobhan Bishop	Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator
Mr Ben Davies	CESM
Michelle White	Community Arts Network

Apologies

Blake O'Halloran	QDHS Principal
Revd. Canon Dr Phillip Raymont	Anglican Church
Matt Wilson	Ballardong Corp CEO
Kylie Tame	Ballardong Corp
Mrs Janet Colbung	Nyoongar Representative – Colbung Family
Mrs Muriel Collard	Nyoongar Representative – Collard Family
Ms Margaret Collard	Nyoongar Representative – Blurton 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

SECONDED

That the minutes of the Reconciliation Action Plan Committee Meeting held on 8th of November 2023, to be confirmed as a true and correct record of that Meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 Business Arising

- Burn out around cemetery car park.
- CEO Danielle Antaki and Executive Producer Michell White from Community Arts Network are doing a project on Nanna Winnie McHenry called 'Unfinished Business'. It will be on record about Winnie's life story. Workshops of Winnie's life will showcase her through an art exhibition in both Quairading and Perth in conjunction with the Perth Museum. Hopefully will have the community support.
- Works- Jason has had issues, due to his resignation. Conducting surveys on exiting workforce (exit surveys).
- Management rapprochement.
- There are outside survey's through WALGA for complaints. CEO took on Notice to confirm with WALGA.

ITEM 5 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Groves

- Shire's EMWS researching modular concepts for ablution/showers.
- Costing a BBQ and kitchen area.
- Jeert Mia CEO, originally based in Katanning, investigating funding opportunity with the 2024 Preserve, Promote and Protect our Aboriginal Sites grants.
- Would like to have at campsite area.
- There is a budget for The Groves, that we could possibly have a BBQ area, ablution block outdoor kitchen area.
- Up to \$50,000 available to preserve and protect registered Aboriginal sites.
- The Groves is currently not a registered site with Registrar of Aboriginal Sites within the meaning of Section 5 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (isn't even lodged).
- Kenneth Kelly, Dept. of Planning, Lands & Heritage is looking to lodge the reserve but won't be in time before current grant program closes on 29 March 2024.
- Shire 's Manager Works and Services has raised the access gates to The Groves are being left open allowing kangaroos to leave the reserve and enter the onto the York-Quairading Road.
- Shire's Manager Works and Services has raised the interior fencing is being cut.

5.2 Youth Centre Update- Cynthia Yarran

- Youth Centre will be opening on Monday's and Wednesday's 3pm to 4.30pm.
- Cynthia has changed workdays to Mon, Wed and Fri.
- Pool party 23rd of February. 4pm to 6.30pm. All children under the age of 17 years are welcome to attend, free entry also. Children under 10 will need adult supervision. Adults will have to pay if they want to swim.

5.3 Reconciliation

- Shire of Quairading Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2026 (RAP) being drafted.
- RAP Workshop held 23 January 2024 to inform the draft RAP.
- Charlie Colbung has agreed for three artworks to be incorporated into the design of the RAP.
- TOR to be reviewed.
- RAP need to have a stronger voice.
- RAP have a working group budget.
- To organise a Reconciliation Day in May, on Reconciliation Day.
- Reconciliation should have other Wudjella's from the community as well as the Nyoongar's.

5.4 Sports Precinct

- Sports & Recreation Working Group have met and finalised the Master Plan for the Sports & Recreation Precinct.
- Concept Plan for new Pavilion is close to being finalised – attached Concept Plan for comment.
- Design has been flipped around.
- There will be a function centre, footy, hockey tennis and gym.
- Circulate the project to the Elders.
- Noone has heard much from the Working Group.
- There are new plans for all sporting teams (locally).

5.5 Microgrid Synergy Update

- Synergy, in consultation with Western Power and the Shire of Quairading has undertaken a high-level assessment of sites potentially available for the provision of electrical utility services to the town, including the incorporation of battery energy storage system (BESS).
- The aim of the project is to enhance the local community's access to reliable power and bolster the area's resilience in case of power outages, ensuring a more robust system.
- The infrastructure proposed to be installed is also expected to serve as a virtual power plant when the grid is functioning normally, thus contributing to the overall efficiency and sustainability of the energy infrastructure in the region.
- Preferred site is Crown Reserve 50111 and the current purpose of Reserve 50111 is 'Recycling Centre and Buffer'.
- At the December OCM the Shire has sought Council approval to request to the Minister for Lands to amend the existing purpose of the Reserve to include 'battery energy storage system and ancillary uses under section 51 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA).
- At the December OCM the Shire has sought Council approval to amend the existing Management Order K884662 under section 46 of the LAA to reflect the new Reserve purpose and grant the Shire of Quairading the power to lease or licence for up to 30 years.
- Synergy is preparing the Business case to submit to State Treasury for funding for the project.
- Sick and tired of power outages.
- When power outages arise the local town hall will be open and available to the community if in need of power or A/C.
- Should have a generator at our local CRC.
- To see if we can increase pockets for an in-town generator.
- The last town generator we had here was only 1 or 2 in the whole State.

5.6 Mitigation Works- Siobhan Bishop

- Siobhan Bishop is our new Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator.
- Mulching that will need to be put in around town.
- Mulch puffer will also be placed around the buildings at the airport.
- It will help fire breaks. Reduces fire and will burn so much slower.

ITEM 6 COMMUNITY AGENCY UPDATES

6.1 Community Resource Centre – Jill Hayes

- Nyoongar lesson will be up and running again this year. Just don't have the dates as of yet.

6.2 Quairading District High School – Deputy Principal Kate Dowling

- Would like to work with the community.
- Have around 170 students. Last year enrolments were around 150.
- Are looking for housing for teachers. Would need at least two houses if students grow and then would also need more teachers.
- What are the numbers with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students? Deputy Dowling doesn't know but took on Notice and will have the answer for the next meeting.

6.3 Medical Practice

- Surgery is now open 5 days a week, have 1 full time Practice Manager and 2 casual Medical Receptionists.

ITEM 7 NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- Gophers- Drivers are drinking and driving.
- What are the ages for driving gophers?
- Concerns about the smell around the BBQ area at Kwirradang Koort.
- Foodworks to be selling alcohol. What to do if we don't want this to happen at our local foodworks, not everyone wants to see alcohol where they shop.
- Have a trainee from the high school to train with the Shire.
- Education and Training.

ITEM 8 OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE MEETING

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

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ITEM 10 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 11:44am.