

MINUTES

Minutes from the meeting of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee held 12.00 noon, Friday 30 June 2023 in the Control Room – Power Up Museum, Manjimup Heritage Park.



1	<p>Declaration of Opening of Meeting In the absence of Cr. Omodei and as agreed by members in attendance, GIC chaired the meeting. GIC declared the meeting open at 12:10pm</p>		
2	<p>Acknowledgement of Country delivered by Chair 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> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p><u>ATTENDANCE:</u> Cr. Cliff Winfield G. Ipsen Cutts (Shire of Manjimup) S. Kelly (ATSI Community Stakeholder) S. Griffiths (ATSI Community Stakeholder) F. Sinclair (Community Representative) W. Herdigan (ATSI Community Stakeholder) V. Dei-Tos (Shire of Manjimup – Proxy and Minute Taker)</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p><u>APOLOGIES:</u> K. May (ATSI Community Stakeholder) W. Eiby (Community Representative)</p> <p><u>ABSENT:</u> B. Cornwall (A&TSI Community Stakeholder) Cr. P. Omodei</p> <p><u>GUESTS:</u> J. Chapman (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions)</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><u>ATTENDANCE:</u> Cr. Cliff Winfield G. Ipsen Cutts (Shire of Manjimup) S. Kelly (ATSI Community Stakeholder) S. Griffiths (ATSI Community Stakeholder) F. Sinclair (Community Representative) W. Herdigan (ATSI Community Stakeholder) V. Dei-Tos (Shire of Manjimup – Proxy and Minute Taker)</p>	<p><u>APOLOGIES:</u> K. May (ATSI Community Stakeholder) W. Eiby (Community Representative)</p> <p><u>ABSENT:</u> B. Cornwall (A&TSI Community Stakeholder) Cr. P. Omodei</p> <p><u>GUESTS:</u> J. Chapman (Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions)</p>
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	<p>Declaration of Interest Nil.</p>		
5	<p>Confirmation of Minutes Minutes from the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee Meeting of 28 April 2023 were accepted with one amendment, the correction of the spelling of Susan Griffith's name.</p> <p>Moved: SG Seconded: FS 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"> • SK provided details of a graphic design artist in Bunbury – Summer Brinkworth – Myrtle Designs. 		
8	<p>General Business / New Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair noted that Jessica Chapman, the new Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator - Department of Biodiversity Conservation & Attractions (DBCA), was attending as a guest and asked her to provide an overview of her role and interest in the Committee. 		

- Ms Chapman advised that as the Aboriginal Engagement Coordinator for DBCA (Warren Region / Karri Karrak Indigenous Land Use Agreement Area) her role involved:
 - Executive Support for the Collaborative Working Group between DBCA and Karri Karrak Aboriginal Corporation.
 - Ensuring Aboriginal engagement in advising and informing high level strategic policy associated with the management of all conservation estate (including State Forest) so that Noongar interests regarding cultural and heritage values, economic development, employment strategies and customary activities and land access are promoted.
 - Assisting DBCA to adhere to their obligations under the Indigenous Land Use Agreement
- Ms Chapman said she was interested in understanding the role of the RAPAC with a view to working with the Committee on shared interests.
- Chair asked Committee members who were present to introduce themselves to give Ms Chapman an understanding of their interest in participating in the RAPAC.

NAIDOC Week activities in the area;

- The *Noongar Seasons: Nature in Transition* exhibition will be on display at the Manjimup Art Gallery.
- Shire Libraries will have a display of Indigenous authors/stories.
- Southern Forest Arts is conducting a *Reclaim the Void* weaving event on Sunday 2 July 2023.
- The Warren Health Service's (Manjimup hospital) Aboriginal Liaison Officer will host the annual NAIDOC Week lunch – 5 July 2023.
- Cr Winfield to provide an extended acknowledgement of country and information about NAIDOC Week at the Council Meeting on 6 July.
- Walpole Community Resource Centre has arranged an event that is an acknowledgement of country and cultural sharing with Mark Colbung and includes a walk in the bush followed by a free lunch – Thursday 6 July.
- Schools throughout the Shire have a wide range of events planned (most scheduled before the start of school holidays or immediately following their return). They include:

Manjimup Senior High School

- Dance Group School NAIDOC Assembly
- Kangaroo/Yonga stew
- Bag making and singing

Kearnan College – held their NAIDOC activities prior to the school holiday break

- FS noted that Sandra Hill is the recipient of 2023 Red Ochre lifetime achievement award for her contribution to First Nations art.
- Chair noted that despite range of NAIDOC week activities, Reconciliation Week seemed to attract more interest.
- VDT said perhaps more thought should be given to events that have wider community interest while still celebrating First Nations culture.
- Chair noted that perhaps there should be a greater effort to encourage local organisations to advise the Shire of planned activities so that a calendar of local events could be included on the Shire's website. This could be considered for future NAIDOC celebrations.

Project Updates

Rivers of Thirst (SFA)

- FS advised that she is submitting an application to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for \$8,000 in funding for a project to raise awareness of traditional relationships in the use and management of rivers. FS will discuss best use of the grant once the funds are confirmed, e.g. could be used to assist in developing the Bidji Map or a project to assist people in understanding the impact of Climate Change and how it can be managed.
- SFA interested in working with DBCA on future art projects.

Boodja Ni Project (SFA)

- FS advised that *Boodja Ni* is an inter-school arts project designed to create awareness of local Bibbulmun/Pibelmun Noongar culture and the processes of cross-cultural collaboration through a fun, creative and educational participatory experience that provides the foundation for future cultural exchange.

Noongar Seasons: Nature in Transition (Shire)

- VDT advised that the *Noongar Seasons: Nature in Transition* exhibition opened on 1 June and has been well-received. The six winning works depicting the Noongar Seasons in Karri Karrik have been professionally photographed and forwarded to the company making the new street banner hardware for Giblett Street. The company will prepare the Seasons banners in coming weeks so that they will be ready to hang in September/October 2023.

Project Update First Nations Information Signage for Manjin Park (Shire)

- Chair advised that Helen Rose is completing a work placement with the Shire as part of her tertiary studies. Chair circulated Helen's draft outline of an updated version of the Manjin Park signage. It is based on Helen's discussions with SK.

Committee agreed that:

- Tree-shaped idea for the sign was appropriate.
- Welcome and other text on sign needs to be shorter and more succinct. Chair read SKs revised welcome as an example:

*Wanju bah Bibbulmun Country (Welcome to Bibbulmun Country)
Bibbulmun people have walked this area on ancient bidji (pathways) for thousands of years*

The land has been cared for by generations of families with strong cultural connections to Country

Country provided them with all their food and clothing and in return much care was taken to protect it enabling the land to remain sustainable for future generations

Enjoy your visit to Bibbulmun Country

Take your photographs and memories and leave only your footprints

- A further decision will be made on whether to feature 2 or 4 panels.
- CW suggested including a language map.
- CW also noted that it needed to be less Manjimup-specific and perhaps introduce or reflect on the Shire region as a whole.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS suggested inclusion of information on activities taking place in each season. • Discussion following on whether similar signage should be developed for each Shire town. It was agreed that the update of the current signage should be the priority and signs for other towns should be considered once this was completed. • Chair advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - once RAPAC agreed on a final draft (design and text), it would be presented to the Senior Management Team and then Council for approval for the project to proceed. - she would arrange a mock-up of proposed design to which text and images could be added so that the concept is clear. - she would obtain a quote on the development of the sign. <p>Roundtable Fiona Sinclair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalyakoorl musical event will take place at the Manjimup Town Hall on 1 September 2023. • Some works from BRAG's Noongar Country exhibition will be displayed at the Painted Tree from 24 October-10 December 2023. <p>Cr. Cliff Winfield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked SK if she will be involved in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (ACH) Act. SK noted that nothing has been decided regarding the ACH Act as yet. SK advised that Karri Karrak has applied for Local Aboriginal Cultural Services (LACHS) funding. She assumed she would be involved when the time comes but it is too early for further details at this stage.
9	<p>Meeting Closure GIC declared the meeting closed at 1:35pm</p>
10	<p>Next Meeting Date: 12.00noon, 25 August 2023</p> <p>Remaining 2023 Meeting Dates: 27 October</p>



RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Status:	Advisory Committee
Members:	<p>2 Councillor Director Community Services (Proxy) RAP Project Officer (Non-Voting) 5 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander - Community Members/Key Stakeholders 2 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander – Youth Representatives 2 Community Representatives (Total 12)</p>
Proxies:	1 for Council and Shire
Quorum:	At least 5 voting committee members
Term of Appointment:	To October 2023
Officer Responsible:	Director Community Services
Meetings:	Bi-monthly. Additional meetings may be called for when required.
Reporting:	Direct to Council
Delegated Powers:	Nil

FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE

1. To provide guidance and support to the Shire of Manjimup for the implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan.
2. To provide advice and make recommendation to Council in regard to matters concerning the Reconciliation Action Plan and its implementation.
3. To be available and to provide a focal point for connection with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
4. Representative Members acknowledge and accept their role as a representative of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and to act as a key liaison for the broader community.
5. Communicate and inform represented groups and the local community regarding activities of the Committee; and
6. Play an active role in the promotion and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural awareness across the Shire of Manjimup.

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MEMBERS FROM 27 July 2023

Vacant	Councillor
Cliff Winfield	Councillor
Gail Ipsen Cutts	Director Community Services
Vanda Dei-Tos	Manager of Libraries & Cultural Services (Proxy)
Emily O'Neil	Community Development Officer (Non-voting)
Wayne Herdigan	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community/ Stakeholder
Suzanne Kelly	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community/ Stakeholder
Susanne Griffiths	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community/ Stakeholder
Betty Michelle Cornwall	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community/ Stakeholder
Katrice May	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community/ Stakeholder
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Wendy Eiby	Community Representative
Fiona Sinclair	Community Representative