

# Minutes

## Reconciliation Advisory Committee

Wednesday 18 September 2024

*By signing these minutes I certify that they were confirmed at the Reconciliation Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 16 October 2024 by resolution of Council.*

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Cr Nat Latter  
**PRESIDING MEMBER**

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**Minutes** of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee of the Bayswater City Council which took place in the Committee Room, City of Bayswater Civic Centre, 61 Broun Avenue, Morley on Wednesday, 18 September 2024.

## 1 OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member, Councillor Nat Latter, declared the meeting open at 6.04pm.

Through the Chair, Bianca Sandri introduced Helen Smith who will be attending the Reconciliation Advisory Committee meetings as Acting Manager Community Development, following the resignation of Julie-Ann Gray from the City, effective as of 30 September 2024.

## 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

In accordance with the City of Bayswater's Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan November 2019-November 2020, the Presiding Member delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

### Noongar Language

*Ngalla City of Bayswater kaatanginy baalapa Noongar Boodja baaranginy, Wadjuk moort Noongar moort, boordiar's koora koora, boordiar's ye yay ba boordiar's boordawyn wah.*

### English Language Interpretation

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.*

## 3 ATTENDANCE

### Presiding Member

Cr Nat Latter

### Members

Cr Dan Bull  
Jim Morrison  
Dorothy Bagshaw

### Officers

Bianca Sandri	Director Community Services
Julie-Ann Gray	Manager Community Development
Helen Smith	Manager Statutory Planning and Compliance
Melissa Dias	Coordinator Community Development
Sherri Bagshaw	Community Development Officer - Reconciliation
Stephanie Barrett	Executive Assistant Support

### External Presenter

Sarah Weston Whadjuk/Wagyl Kaip/Ballardong Artist

### 3.1 Apologies

Cr Lorna Clarke  
Donna Moody  
Liz Narkle

### 3.3 Approved Leave of Absence

Nil

## 4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST SUMMARY

In accordance with section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995:

A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest -

- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or
- (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

The following disclosures of interest were made at the meeting:

Name	Item No.	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Cr Latter	Item 10.2 – Place Names Project Update	Impartial	In accordance with regulation 22 of the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021, Cr Nat Latter declared an impartial interest in this item as she knows the presenter Zali Morgan personally.

## 5 DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY COUNCIL

There are no items appearing in this agenda for which the Reconciliation Advisory Committee has been granted delegated authority by Council in accordance with section 5.23(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*; this meeting is closed to the Public.

## 6 TERMS OF REFERENCE

### Purpose

The purpose of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee is to advise Council on the development and implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) for the City of Bayswater, with the aim to help the workplace to facilitate understanding, strengthen relationships and trust with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People; promote meaningful engagement, increase equality and develop sustainable employment and business opportunities.

### Membership

Three Elected Members. A minimum of three is required under legislation.

Up to five community members who satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

1. Identify as a person of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Is a Whadjuk Noongar Elder;
3. Is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business partner representative; and/or
4. Is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative living in the City of Bayswater community.

The quorum for this Committee is four members.

All Councillors are appointed as Deputies.

Members must abide by the City of Bayswater Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates.

### **Delegated Authority**

This Committee does not have any delegated authority. The Committee will make recommendations to Council on report items. Report items will then be presented for Council's consideration at the next available Ordinary Council meeting.

### **Meetings**

Committee meetings are to be held in accordance with the *City of Bayswater Standing Orders Local Law 2021*.

The Committee shall meet monthly at the City of Bayswater Civic Centre.

### **Liaison Officer**

Director Community Services

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

**That:**

- 1. The Minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 24 July 2024, which have been distributed, be confirmed as a true and correct record.**
- 2. The Minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 21 August 2024, which have been distributed, be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**Cr Dan Bull Moved, Jim Morrison Seconded**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:4/4**

**For: Cr Nat Latter, Cr Dan Bull, Jim Morrison, Dorothy Bagshaw**

**Against: Nil.**

## **8 REPORTS**

Nil.

## 9 CITY UPDATES

### 9.1 Aboriginal Engagement Framework - Concept Design

The City of Bayswater sought Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal artists with a connection to Noongar Whadjuk Country to create an artwork that visually represents the City of Bayswater's Aboriginal Engagement Framework.

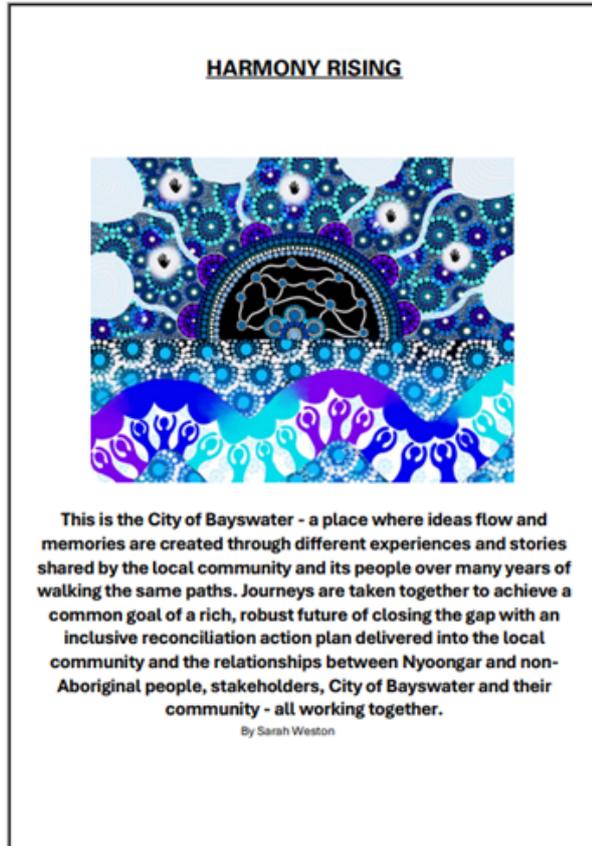
Whadjuk/Wagyl Kaip/Ballardong artist, Sarah Weston, was invited to the meeting to share the three concept designs she had developed and provide an opportunity for Committee Members to ask questions. The Committee members were asked for their views on the draft concept designs before the City progresses with the final design.

The final artwork will form part of the City's Aboriginal Engagement Framework. This will ensure a clear, consistent and culturally appropriate approach to engaging with local Aboriginal community members. Further text will be added to share with community how the Aboriginal peoples prefer to be engaged about Aboriginal cultural matters and other engagement.

As part of the City's Reconciliation Advisory Plan there are a number of deliverables for the City to work with the Aboriginal community to develop a framework.

The Committee Members in attendance, were supportive of the Harmony Rising design reflecting the people and hands as shown below.

Sarah Weston will also be the City's Artist in Residence at The Rise Cafe during the month of November offering free community workshops.



## 9.2 Place Names – Project Update

Place Names is a partnership project between Moodjar Consultancy, Community Arts Network WA, with support from the City of Bayswater. The next phase of the Place Names Bayswater project, Cultural Mapping has commenced with the group enjoying a bus tour of significant sites.

During this next stage, the group will share stories and memories that will expand further on the narratives that were uncovered in the decoding phase. These workshops have been led by Bruce Denny, a renowned Yamatji/Native American playwright, and the content will form part of the final celebration with a public art outcome. Two versions of the narrative are being developed, a 'reading' version and a 'script' type version which can be used for performance-based storytelling.

Zali Morgan, an emerging Noongar printmaker, led the creation of the 'map' with community members at the first of the workshops held on 18 September 2024.

The next stage will involve dying of a silk type material and using a steaming method to transfer inks from the wattle and other plants.

Clarification was sought on whether consultation had occurred with METRONET in naming the Bayswater Train Station and whether the Place Names project would have any impact on this location. City Officer advised that METRONET did consult with the City on the naming of the station directly through their advisory group. Moodjar consultancy was also used by METRONET, and determined that although the naming processes were similar, the City's Place Names Project is looking at place as a whole and not as individual locations.

## 9.3 Nominations for Community Representatives – Reconciliation Advisory Committee

Due to the resignation of Angus McGuire, the City recently advertised for Expressions of Interest to fill a vacant position on the Reconciliation Advisory Committee (RAC). Applications are currently being reviewed against the selection criteria and a report will be presented to the November 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 9.4 2024 NAIDOC Perth Award Update

On behalf of the Committee, the Presiding Member, Cr Nat Latter congratulated Sherri Bagshaw on receiving the Theme Award at the 2024 NAIDOC Perth Awards. The Theme Award recognised Sherri's dedication to the Perth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, and celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, culture and communities.

## 9.5 Genocide in the Wildflower State – Reschedule of Film Screening

The City, in partnership with Vicinity Galleria, has planned a screening of Genocide in the Wildflower State. The original screening was to coincide with National NAIDOC Week 2024 celebrations however due to circumstances, the screening was rescheduled to Wednesday 23 October 2024. The screening will commence at 5.00pm for arrival - light refreshments and networking, a Welcome to Country, followed by the documentary screening. A panel, including Jim Morrison, will follow with stolen generation community members.

Tickets are available through Humanitix - ["Genocide in the Wildflower State" Screening at Galleria Morley | Humanitix](#).

## 9.6 Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2023 Information Update Report: March – July 2024

The Committee noted the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2023 updates for March – July 2024.

## 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 10.1 Showcase in Pixels 2024 Art Competition - Submission

The Showcase in Pixels 2024 competition is a Local Government Art Competition which is hosted by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) with entries from 139 member Councils.

This year's theme is 'Heroes Among Us' which aims to spotlight on those whose dedication and selflessness transcend the ordinary, contributing to the fabric of our communities. Entries close on 20 September 2024 with an awards ceremony in November 2024 which will be live screen for those unable to attend in person. Finalist artworks will be showcased on the iconic digital tower in the heart of Yagan Square.

The City has been working with the Moorditj Wirin Circle to produce an artwork to showcase in the competition. The piece depicts the Stolen Generation survivors who are heroes with our Aboriginal community and is in memory of all the children removed and all the mothers and family who lost children by the Government policy. The vines connect all the flowers together, just like all the Stolen Generation survivors across Western Australia are connected. There are 47 leaves coming from the vines which represent the 47 missions that were spread throughout Western Australia. The dots in the background represent the colours of the earth all over the State.



## **10.2 Tender for Disposal of Land by Lease - Olive Tree House**

Jim Morrison advised the Committee that Yokai had submitted a tender for the lease of Olive Tree House.

As members of the RAC would be part of the panel process via a report to Council, Mr Morrison was advised that the RAC was not an appropriate forum to discuss this matter.

Clarification on the tender process was requested with the following explanation provided:

- Expression of Interest was called.
- Tender was advertised with provisos attached relating to grant funding and intended purpose for the property. Submission closed 16 September 2024.
- A panel of City Officers will consider the submissions based on selection criteria.
- Officers prepare a report to Council with an Officer Recommendation for the preferred tenderer. Council would require sound reasoning to not accept the Officer Recommendation. It is anticipated that the report will be presented to Council by the end of the year.
- Tenderers will be provided with an opportunity to address Council when the report is presented.

## **10.3 Aged Care Facilities - First Nations People**

Jim Morrison informed the Committee that Yokai had Memorandum's of Understanding in place with four aged care services for First Nations residential and in-home care. He was keen to know if, through the Committee, there was an opportunity to look at First Nations aged care with facilities located throughout the City of Bayswater.

It was advised that as a local government, the City does not have involvement with the aged care industry, but suggested that Yokai could liaise directly with the service providers themselves to discuss.

As part of the City's Vulnerable Communities Plan, a Memorandum of Understanding was developed with each of the aged care providers within the City to support our vulnerable community. Officers would provide Yokai with contact details of the aged care services within the City.

There could be an opportunity to review the City's Vulnerable Communities Plan to include First Nations care. A copy of the Plan will be provided to Committee Members for review and feedback.

## **10.4 Review of Terms of Reference - Meeting Frequency and New Nomination**

Further to a report to Council in March 2024 to amend the Terms of Reference, a six-monthly review of the Committee's meeting frequency was required. The views of attending members were sought in relation to returning the meeting frequency to quarterly, and returning to quarterly meetings was supported.

A report will be submitted to the November 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council recommending that the Committee Meetings are scheduled quarterly.

## **11 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee will take place in the Committee Room, City of Bayswater 61 Broun Avenue, Morley, on 16 October 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

**12 CLOSURE**

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member, Cr Latter declared the meeting closed at 7.07pm.