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Minutes

City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday, 2 December 2020 in the Colonel Light Room, Town Hall, Adelaide at 2.34 pm.

Committee Members Present:

Dual Chairpersons:

City of Adelaide Council Member:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor (Ex-Officio) and

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative:

Ms Yvonne Agius

City of Adelaide Council Members:

Councillor Helen Donovan and Councillor Franz Knoll

Kaurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association Committee Representative:

Mr Jeffrey Newchurch

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative:

Mr Ivan-Tiwu Copley (Deputy Chair) and Mr Eddie Peters

Proxies:

Ms Lynette Crocker for Mr Joel Bayliss and
Ms Deanne Hanchant-Nichols for Mr Ian Liddy

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies:

Councillor Robert Simms (City of Adelaide Council Member), Mr Joel Bayliss (Strategic Agency Representative) & Mr Ian Liddy (Strategic Agency Representative)

Acknowledgment of Country & Moment Silence in Remembrance of Departed Community Members

Co-Chair, Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor read the Kurna Acknowledgement.

'The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

The reading was followed by a minute of silence for departed community members

Confirmation of Minutes

The following decision was made by the Reconciliation Committee:

Item 4 - Confirmation of Minutes – 2/9/2020 [RC]

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee held on 2 September 2020 be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Committee Discussion

Discussion ensued in relation to:

- Item 5.1 – Stretch RAP 2018-2021 Implementation Progress Report - September to December 2020
 - Ms Nicole Gollan, Reconciliation Officer, City Wellbeing, City of Adelaide (CoA), provided Committee members with an update of progress in implementation of City of Adelaide's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2021 in particular Action 24 (Celebrate NAIDOC Week and provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and community members to engage with their culture and community), Action 12 (Work with Aboriginal media to tell the stories about what Council is doing), Action 20 (Broader representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in marketing collateral), Action 44 (Public reporting on the annual activities of the Stretch RAP) & Action 25 (Develop a suite of cultural awareness experiences for Adelaide residents, users and visitors) and displayed a 'Welcome to Country' video that was developed by the Adelaide Film Festival in partnership with the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) and supported by the City of Adelaide.
- Item 6.1 – Housing SA Aboriginal Advisory Committee
 - Ms Shona Reid, Executive Director, Reconciliation SA provided an update of Housing SA's Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Housing Strategy development, distributing an Aboriginal Housing Strategy Issues paper, noting the document was a strategic intent starting point and outlined how in response to feedback the strategy has moved on and is evolving with community consultation/involvement.
 - During discussion
 - The Reconciliation Committee noted that Ms Shona Reid would speak with the Committee in 2021 prior to finalisation of an Aboriginal Housing Strategy.
 - The Reconciliation Committee noted that Ms Shona Reid would provide further details

in relation to consultation with the Australian Bureau of Statistics and obtain the data and analysis of The Community Housing and Infrastructure Needs Survey (CHINS).

- Item 6.2 – NAIDOC Week 2020
 - Ms Nicole Gollan, Reconciliation Officer, City Wellbeing (CoA), provided Committee members with an update of Council's commitments to NAIDOC Week, inclusive of all 2020 activations across the CBD and displayed a video of the 2020 Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony.
- Item 6.3 – Draft Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2020 - 2035
 - Ms Therese Wills, Senior Heritage Architect, City Policy Heritage & Park Lands Coordination Services (CoA), utilising a PowerPoint presentation provided Committee members with an update and sought input in the draft Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2020 – 2035.
 - During discussion
 - Ms Yvonne Agius (Co-Chair) left the Colonel Light Room at 3.42 pm and re-entered at 3.45 pm
 - The Reconciliation Committee noted that the Draft Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2020 – 2035 would be distributed to Committee members to seek and provide feedback from the community.
 - The Reconciliation Committee noted that the Draft Strategy formed part of a three tiered process to be presented to the Committee for consultation at each stage, a process whereby the strategy would provide high level direction which would then inform an operational plan which would then inform funding models.
- Item 6.4 – Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021 – 2024 Build
 - Ms Nicole Gollan, Reconciliation Officer, City Wellbeing (CoA), provided Committee members with an an update of Council's consecutive Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021 – 2024 community engagement framework distributing a document outlining the Community Engagement Process.
- Item 6.5 – Public Art Key Projects Update
 - Ms Sarah Feijen, Senior Coordinator Arts & Culture, Culture & Lifelong Learning (CoA), utilising a PowerPoint presentation provided Committee members with an update and status on the Place of Reflection project and Honouring Female Leaders in the City of Adelaide projects.
 - During the presentation Ms Lynette Crocker left the Colonel Light Room at 3.52pm and re-entered at 3.54pm
- Item 6.6 – Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) update
 - Mr Jeffrey Newchurch, KYAC Chairperson, provided Committee members with an update on KYAC activity and priorities.
 - Ms Lynette Crocker provided Committee members with an update on a collaborative project in Holdfast Bay, an award winning exhibition titled 'TIATI *Truth* WANGKANTHI *Telling KUMANGKA Together*' exploring the true history of South Australia in collaboration with the Kurna Nation at the Bay Discovery Centre, Glenelg Town Hall, distributing a flyer and activity book for the exhibition.
 - During discussion Mr Jeffrey Newchurch left the Colonel Light Room at 4.14pm and re-entered at 4.16pm

Committee Decisions

The following decision was made by the Reconciliation Committee:

Item 5.1 - Stretch RAP 2018-2021 Implementation Progress Report – September to December 2020 [2018/04431] [RC]

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

That Council:

1. Notes the report.

Other Business

Nil

Next Meeting

Wednesday 24 February 2021, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm

The Reconciliation Committee noted that Mr Jeffrey Newchurch would be an apology for the February 2021 meeting.

Ms Yvonne Agius (Co-Chair) wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with a request that all be and stay safe.

Closure

The meeting closed at 4.22 pm

The Lord Mayor Sandy Verschoor & Ms Yvonne Agius
Dual Chairs
City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee

Information/Document attached for reference

Item 6.1 – Housing SA Aboriginal Advisory Committee – Aboriginal Housing Strategy Issues paper document

Item 6.2 – NAIDOC Week 2020 - Video Link to the 2020 Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/18Eft21LrYnNV7Qptqu2elvaMldYciWWr/view?usp=sharing>

Item 6.3 – Draft Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2020 – 2035 - PowerPoint Presentation

Item 6.4 – Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021 – 2024 Build - Community Engagement Process document

Item 6.5 – Public Art Key Projects Update - PowerPoint Presentation

Item 6.6 – Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) Update - 'TIATI *Truth* WANGKANTHI *Telling KUMANGKA Together*' Exhibition flyer and activity book

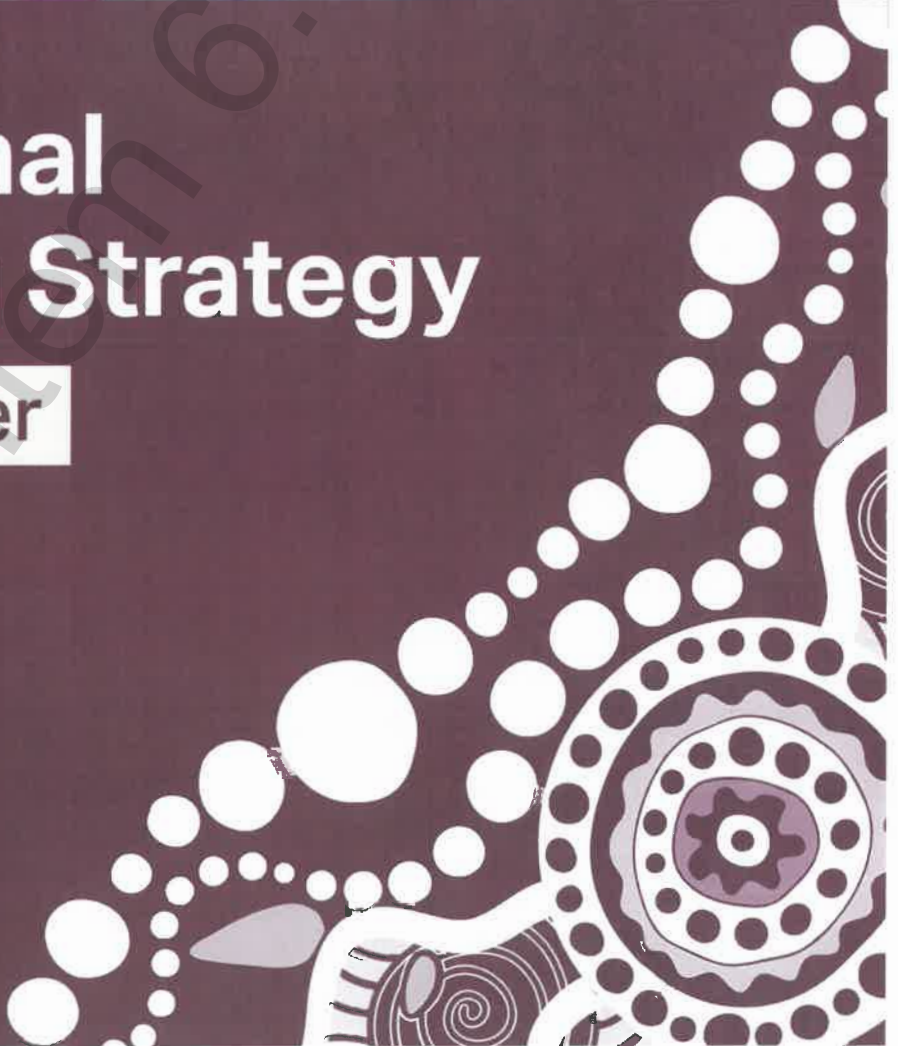


Aboriginal Housing Strategy

Issues paper



Government
of South Australia



Introduction

Aboriginal¹ South Australians make up about 2% of the population, living in metropolitan, regional, remote and discrete communities across South Australia. Culture and lore remain strong and central to the lives of Aboriginal people with connection to land and country as a defining element of thriving cultures. Housing plays a fundamental role in supporting this connection.

What we know:

Aboriginal people experience disproportionate levels of disadvantage in comparison to the non-Aboriginal population. A range of complex issues continue to challenge the overall wellbeing of Aboriginal people. These include health, housing, education, income and employment, law and justice, child protection, interaction with government systems, mental health conditions and drug and alcohol influences as well as loss of connection to community, country and language. Aboriginal people are over-represented in a range of social indicators, including living in social housing, and have lower rates of home ownership.

Census 2016 data indicates that Aboriginal South Australians are:

- Twice as likely to be renters;
- Half as likely to own a home;
- Four times as likely to live in social housing; and
- Six times as likely to be homeless.

A Shelter SA survey (2019) reported that 80% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced racial discrimination in private rental.

It is widely accepted that economic inclusion through home ownership is a critical step in closing the gap. Over the past 40 years the Indigenous Home Ownership Program (delivered through Indigenous Business Australia) has assisted close to 20,000 Aboriginal peoples into home ownership and helped build economic independence for them and their families. It is estimated that the IHOP has generated \$900 million in social and economic benefits to its participants since 1975.

Closing the Gap

[Closing the Gap on Indigenous Disadvantage](#) (Refresh 2018) highlights the importance of securing appropriate, affordable housing as a pathway to better lives. A new housing target has been drafted by Council of Australian Governments (COAG) as part of Refresh 2018, which aims to increase the proportion of Aboriginal people living in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing to 82% by 2028. Refresh 2018 also highlights the importance of collaboration, transparency and accountability in the way business is done with Aboriginal people.

Reform drivers, vision and outcomes

The housing system must address structural and generational disadvantage for Aboriginal people.

The Aboriginal Housing Strategy is a commitment under the [South Australian Government Aboriginal Affairs Action Plan 2019-2020](#) and action 3.8 in the state's housing and homelessness strategy ([Our Housing Future 2020-2030](#)). The strategy will be created in consultation with Aboriginal people and communities, and will include home ownership, affordable housing and social housing.

It charts a way forward for greater self-determination in housing. Aboriginal communities can set their priorities, design housing services and be supported to strengthen their own housing management frameworks.

The Aboriginal Housing Strategy will:

- develop evidence-based reforms by applying current data, research and best practice;
- align with the Our Housing Future 2020-2030 housing and homelessness strategy, and build on the feedback and ideas provided through its development;
- be informed through a statewide engagement of Aboriginal stakeholders, that is led by an Aboriginal Business Enterprise (ABE); and
- be guided by the Aboriginal Advisory Committee (to the South Australian Housing Trust Board).

Guiding the engagement activities throughout the Our Housing Future 2020-2030 was a [Primer: Aboriginal Housing](#) document. Feedback received in response to the Primer document, and advice from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee, identifies several key themes for further development to ensure that, at all levels, the housing and homelessness system is delivering for Aboriginal people.

This feedback and advice also informed the development of the Strategic Intent Framework, which sets the vision and four key outcome areas for the Aboriginal Housing Strategy.

Vision: Aboriginal South Australians can secure safe and affordable housing.

Questions:

The questions below are linked to the four priority areas identified in the Strategic Intent. Responses and ideas can be shared with us in the following ways:

Need to insert details here once the Engagement Implementation plan and the Communication plan is finalised.

1. Culturally responsive services: Housing and support services are delivered by a range of generic and Aboriginal specific service providers. Service providers tend to respond ineffectively to the unique and complex needs and housing aspirations of Aboriginal South Australians, and they can overlook cultural or family obligations.

Outcome: Social housing and support services in South Australia are respectful of the unique interests of Aboriginal people, delivering meaningful and effective outcomes.

Questions:

- What should culturally informed housing and services look like?
- How do we build the cultural capability of the workforce delivering services to Aboriginal people?
- How do we attract, develop and retain Aboriginal people to work in the housing sector and support agencies?
- How do we deliver a more tailored service to Aboriginal communities that are in line with community priorities?

2. Transitional housing: There are a range of transitional housing options and programs in South Australia which aim to support Aboriginal people who may be experiencing a housing crisis, are homeless or mobile, to access appropriate housing and accommodation. Other transitional housing programs provide an opportunity for remote and outer regional residents to live in locations where jobs, education and community services are available and present.

Outcome: Transitional housing in South Australia responds effectively to the unique needs and aspirations of Aboriginal people, and is modelled on best practice.

Questions:

- Are the current transitional housing programs delivering services responsive to the needs of Aboriginal people?
- Are there transitional housing models from other jurisdictions that are transferable to the South Australian context?

3. Partnered approach: Partnerships and collaboration across governments, services and Aboriginal communities are critical to supporting Aboriginal people to secure housing across the continuum, from crisis services to home ownership. These partnerships provide consistency and reduce service duplication and gaps across the housing system.

Outcome: Partnerships are established with community housing providers, support agencies and Aboriginal communities to provide services to Aboriginal people and to promote a vested interest in shared outcomes.

Questions:

- What opportunities exist for partnerships and collaboration?
- How can service providers and Aboriginal communities better work together to deliver culturally informed services and improved housing outcomes for Aboriginal people?
- How can this work in remote locations where service agencies are often working to capacity with limited resources?
- How can we promote a vested interest in shared outcomes across agencies and communities?

4. Affordable housing and home ownership:

The data establishes that in comparison to the non-Aboriginal population, Aboriginal people attain lower proportions of home ownership. The data also shows that a large proportion of Aboriginal people have experienced racial discrimination in the private rental sector.

Outcome: Aboriginal people have increased opportunities to access private rental and home ownership. Aboriginal people are appropriately informed and supported to access home ownership products.

Questions:

- How do we work with landlords and real estate agents to remove the racial barriers to private rental?
- How can home loan products be better designed and delivered to ensure they are inclusive of Aboriginal people?
- What information and support do Aboriginal people need to improve access to private rental and home ownership?

Next steps

Engagement will be undertaken across the State, led by an Aboriginal Business Enterprise, to ensure that the Strategy is informed by as many Aboriginal voices and key stakeholders as possible. All input from this engagement will be considered when developing the Strategy, which will be released in December 2020.

More information

For more information about the Aboriginal Housing Strategy, visit www.housing.sa.gov.au or call SA Housing Authority on 0459 853 348, or 0467 738 566.

For more information about Our Housing Future 2020-2030, visit www.housing.sa.gov.au/ourhousingfuture

Draft Heritage Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2035

Reconciliation Committee
Presentation
2 December 2020

Why Now?

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- 30 years since the program began
- Adopt contemporary approaches to heritage management
- Incorporate storytelling
- Respond to community expectations
- Realise economic and heritage tourism opportunities





Kaurna, European and natural

- **Tangible**
Buildings, places, objects, landscapes, cultural sites.
- **Intangible**
Aboriginal knowledge systems, truth telling, rituals and cultural performances, creative arts, skills and techniques, cultural festivals, ordinary histories and traditions.

The Value of Heritage

Past studies show that:

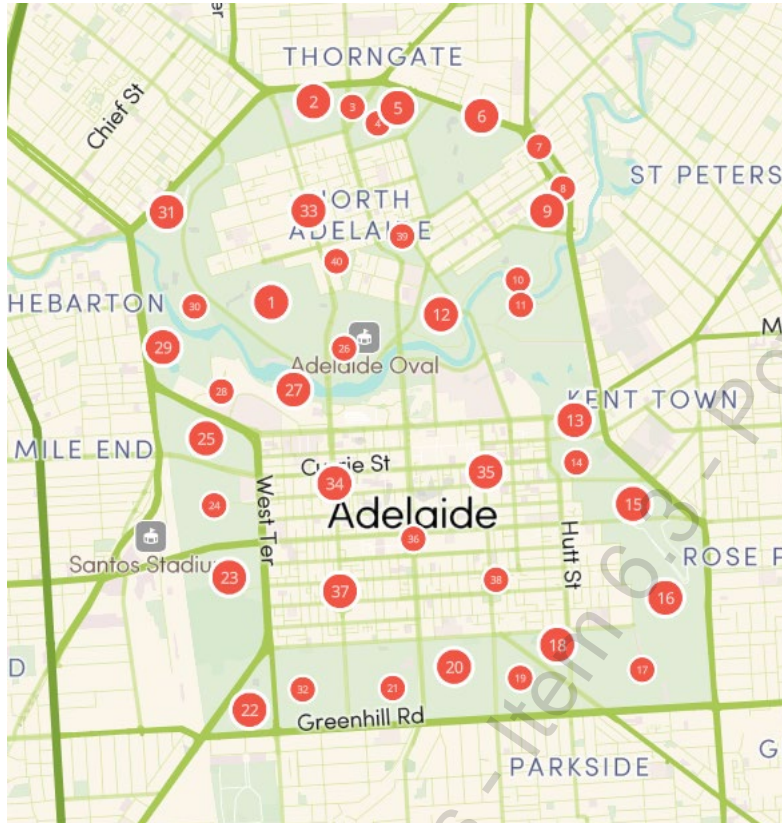
- Direct cultural tourism expenditure in the City of Adelaide is conservatively valued at \$375m/annum
- An average of 27% of total visitor spending in Adelaide is directly attributed to cultural heritage related tourism [Economic Value of Heritage Tourism Study \(2015\)](#).
- Opportunities for Kaurna
- Cultural tours



Heritage Strategy Principles

- A planned approach to heritage that is proactive - not reactive.
- Embed heritage within the City's future growth and development
- **Enable the Kaurna story to be told, where appropriate**
- Enable innovation and collaboration with our heritage partners
- Enable the best use of people, thinking, emerging technology and funds
- Protect, preserve and promote our heritage assets

Heritage Strategy Key Ideas



1. Tried and True

Continuing to do what we do well

2. World Heritage listing

Park Lands and City Layout

3. Making Heritage Places

Focussing on heritage area improvements rather than individual buildings

4. Sharing our Heritage Information

Collating our historical information and creating a publicly accessible data base

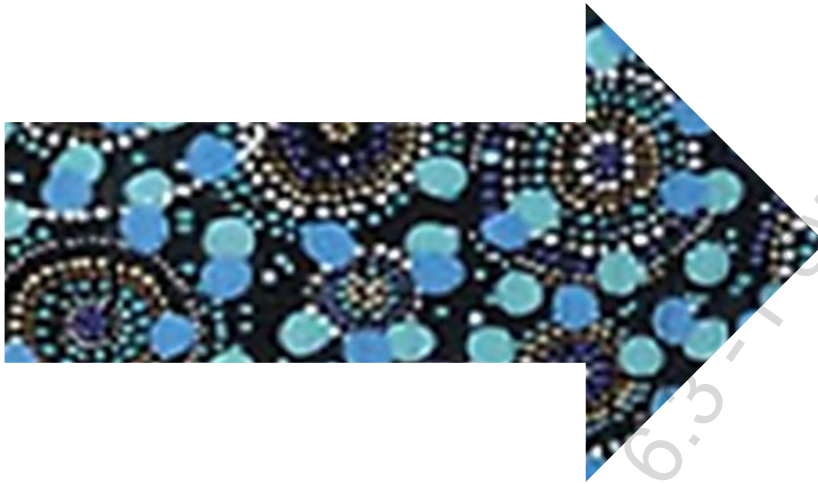
2. World Heritage Listing ¹⁵



- The City and Park Lands layout
- Opportunity to showcase Adelaide's qualities and to encourage others to come and share
- World Heritage listed places experience economic benefits as a result of more visitors



Heritage Strategy Actions¹⁶



- Initiate
- Partner/Participate
- Review
- Continue
- Develop

Heritage Strategy Actions¹⁷



1. Improve heritage legislation



2. Improve criteria for identifying and listing heritage



3. Increase protection for existing places



4. Review existing places and themes



5. Identify 'at risk' heritage places



6. Identify new areas



7. Advance world heritage listing



8. Encourage reuse of underutilised places



9. Heritage Incentives Scheme



10. A significant project



11. Focus on clusters of buildings

Heritage Strategy Actions¹⁸



12. Continue existing internal program



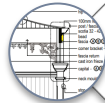
13. Continue existing external program



14. Showcase council assets



15. Develop an electronic DB



16. Provide heritage information for building owners



17. Enable Aboriginal storytelling 'truth telling'



18. Develop heritage tourism



19. Share heritage information



20. Develop conservation knowledge

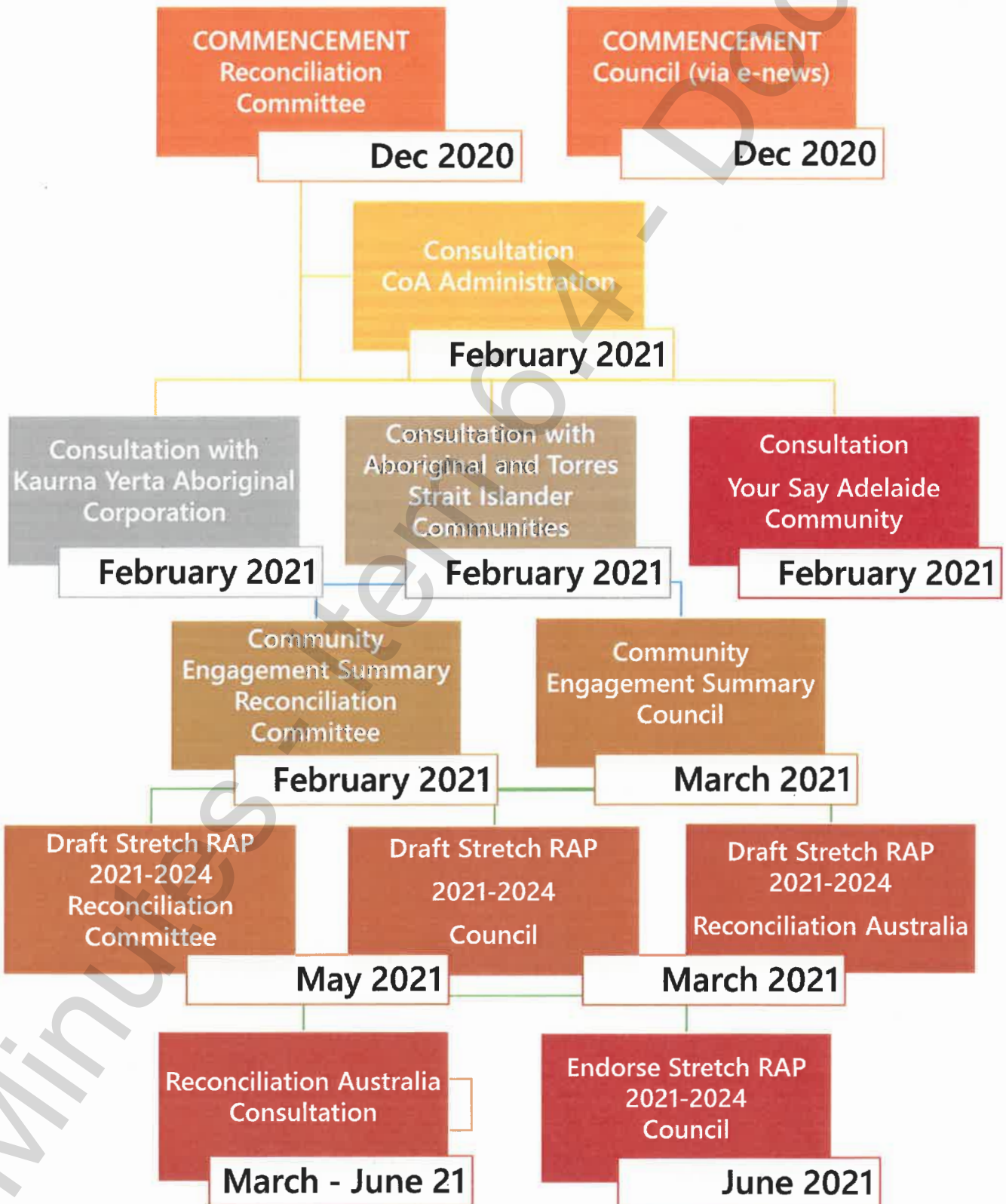
Questions

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City of Adelaide Stretch RAP 2021-2024

Community Engagement Process



Dynamic City Culture

Update on Public Art projects

Community & Culture
Sarah Feijen



Place of Reflection

A high-profile memorial that will promote healing for members of the Stolen Generations, their families and friends and the wider community.

To be created in the South West corner of Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) alongside Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

The artist brief has been shared with 12 local and national Aboriginal artists with a connection to South Australia. We are seeking their interest in developing an artist team to deliver a sculptural and landscape integrated artwork.

Artists and concepts will be considered by the Public Art Reference Group



Inspirational image in the artist brief

Adelaide Town Hall Chamber Curation

Early in 2020, Council approved a project to include portraits of women that have contributed significantly to shaping our city and state.

Council has approved six female leaders, all of whom have all achieved significant firsts in local political, social and cultural spheres:

- The first portrait of Wendy Chapman AM has been completed and hung in the Chamber
- The next portrait will be of Aunty Shirley Peisley AM, first Co-Chair of the Reconciliation Committee

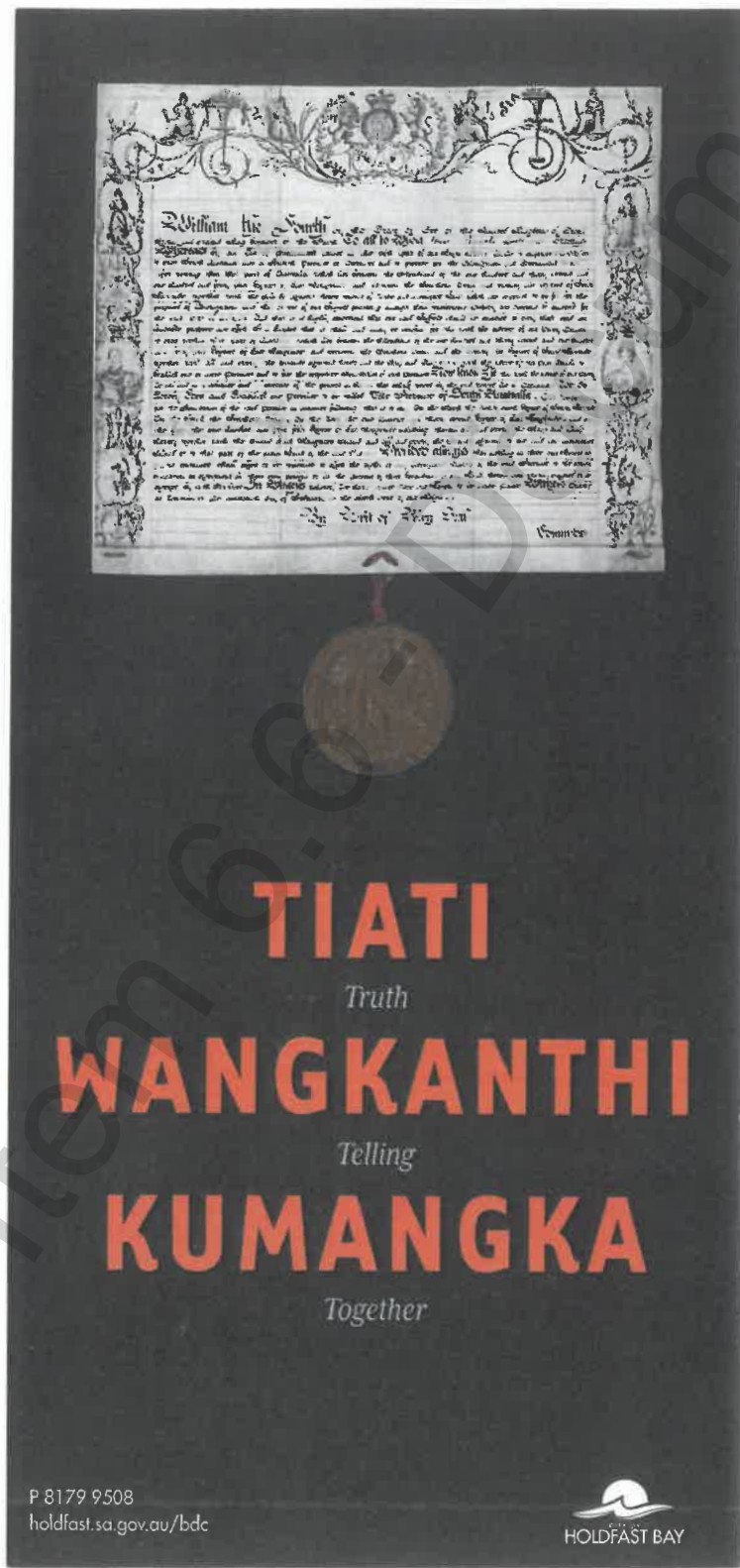
Planning will commence in early 2021 in respect to a portrait of Iparrityi, last fluent speaker of Kaurna.



Aunty Shirley Peisley AM, image: State Library of South Australia



Iparrityi, image: South Australian Museum



An exhibition exploring the true history of
South Australia in collaboration with
the Kaurna Nation.

Bay Discovery Centre
Glenelg Town Hall
10am-4pm Daily

Educational Resources

The King's Seal
kingsseal.sa.gov.au

The Tale of No Heron
orls.monash.edu

Timeline of Aboriginal History,
European Settlement and Reconciliation
reconciliation.sa.gov.au


Coming to Land: Aboriginal Title in South Australia
Edited by Shaun Berg, 2010


Dark Emu or Young Dark Emu
Bruce Pascoe, 2018


A History of South Australia
Paul Sandziuk, Robert Foster, 2019


Image: Letters Patent, 1836
State Records of South Australia, GRG2/64

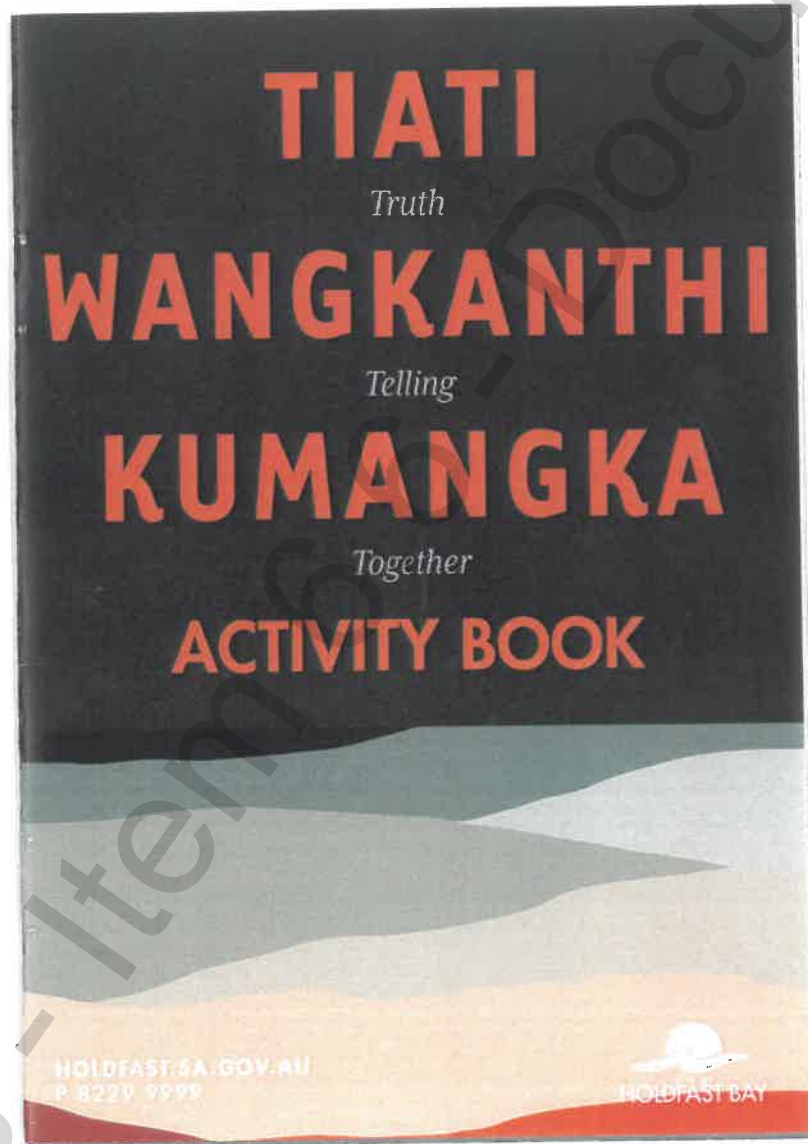
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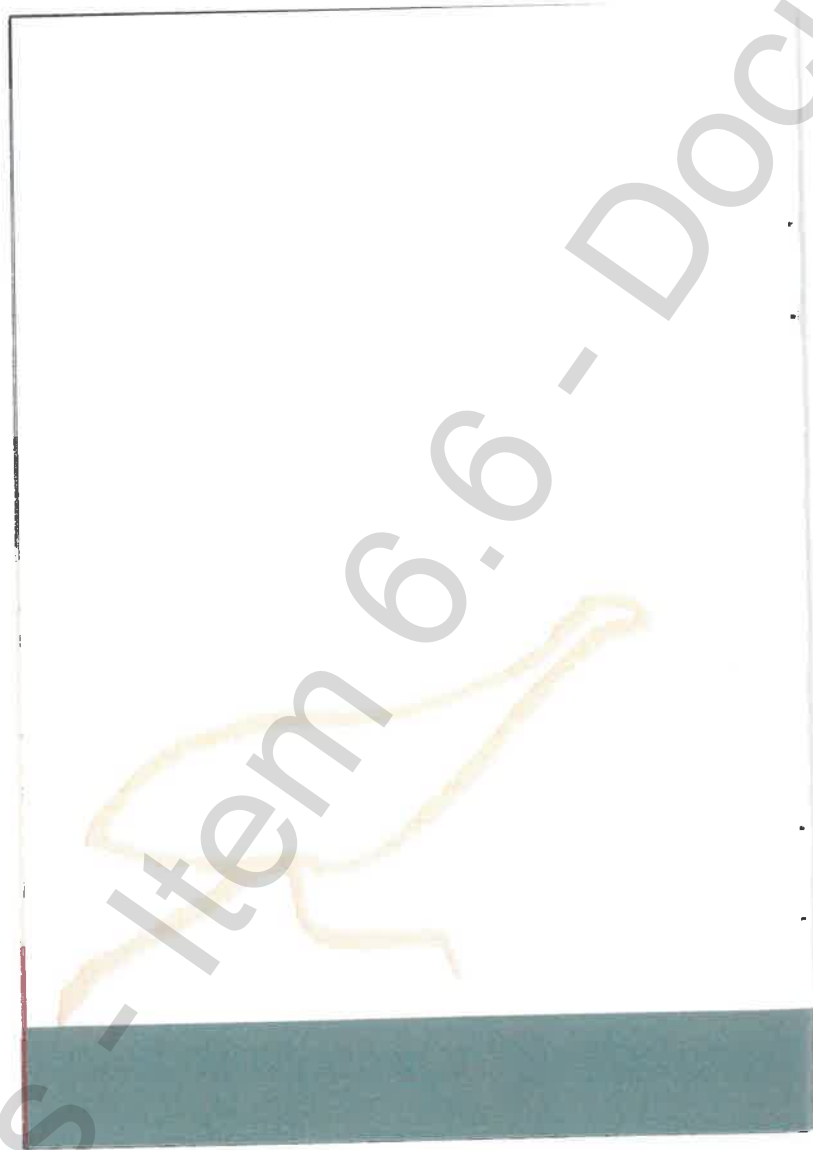
 **HOLDFAST BAY**

 **HISTORY TRUST OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

 **Government of South Australia**







Minutes - Item 6.6 - Documents

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA

Niina Marni!
(the Kurna word for "hello, how are you?")

Let's start discovering Kurna culture and the history of European settlement in South Australia.

Make your way through the exhibition reading text carefully, studying images and watching the films.

If you get stuck, make sure to ask one of our friendly volunteers for help.

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA ACTIVITY 1

.....
At least 65,000 years ago, Aboriginal ancestors first lived in parts of northern Australia before spreading out across Australia and occupying parts of South Australia.

**Can you find out what Aboriginal group are the custodians of the Adelaide Plains, including Glenelg?
Where are the boundaries of their land?**

Answer?

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA ACTIVITY 2

In Australian Aboriginal culture, life is based on a group of beliefs which are called the Dreamtime, or The Dreaming. The Dreamtime explains the intricate relationship between people, animals, plants and the land.

Find the animation The Tale of Two Hero's and watch the story to the end. Why do you think Tjilbruke's (Tjirbruki) nephew was killed?

Answer?

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA ACTIVITY 3

.....
The world has a long history of colonisation,
stretching back hundreds of centuries ago.

Can you find the meaning of the word colonisation?
*(perhaps ask an adult to help explain this word to
you if you don't quite understand)*

What country took control of Australia and in what year?

Answer?

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA ACTIVITY 4

.....
In 1836, most settlers would have arrived in South Australia with no idea about the conditions they would encounter. All would have been hoping for a better life on the other side of the world.

Find John Michael Skipper's painting, Landing at Holdfast Bay, 1836.

Who do you think might be coming off this ship, the *Africaine*? What do you think they may have seen as they set foot on land for the first time?

Answer?

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA ACTIVITY 5

.....
The Governor of South Australia is appointed by the Queen to be her representative in Australia. In 1836, it was the job of the Governor to officially announce South Australia a new Province or, as we know it today, a state of Australia.

**What was the name of South Australia's first Governor?
What ship did he come on and on what date did he arrive?**

Answer?

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA ACTIVITY 6

Can you find the meaning of the word dispossession?

(perhaps ask an adult to help explain this word to you if you don't quite understand)

In 1836, arrival of British settlers in South Australia changed the lives of Aboriginal Australians forever. Their lands and everyday freedoms were taken from them.

Can you think of a time you have had something taken from you unfairly, or perhaps you took something from someone when you shouldn't have? Can you explain how this made you feel? Or perhaps you remember how you made the other person feel?

On the back of this page, tell us in words or even draw a picture of your memory.

On your way out, place your memory in our Truth Box. Make sure to visit us soon to see what becomes of your story!

Ngaitalya (thank you) for sharing with us.

TIATI WANGKANTHI KUMANGKA

Our Libraries have a large range of fun books to further explain all of the topics and activities we have covered in this booklet.

We especially recommend;

Young Dark Emu
Bruce Pascoe, 2018



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