



# Minutes

## Reconciliation Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday, 5 March 2025 in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall at 2.31 pm

### Committee Members Present:

Dual Chairpersons:

City of Adelaide Council Member:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative:

Yvonne Agius

City of Adelaide Council Members:

Councillor David Elliott (Deputy Lord Mayor) and Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt

Strategic Agency Representatives:

Jason Downs and Ian Liddy

Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Representative:

Mitzi Nam

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives:

Ivan-Tiwu Copley and Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

Proxies:

Lynette Crocker and Kveta Vlotman (proxy Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives)

## 1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies -

Councillor Janet Giles (City of Adelaide Council Member)

## 2. Acknowledgement of Country

Co-Chair, Ms Yvonne Agius read the Kaurna Acknowledgement.

*'The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

*City of Adelaidelru ngadlu Kaurna Yartangka tampinhi.*

*Kaurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku.*

*Ngadlurlu Kaurna Miyurna, puki-unangku, yalaka, tarrkarrila tampinhi.*

*We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.*

*We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.*

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

## 3. Moment Silence in Remembrance of Departed Community Members

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

## 4. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,

Seconded by Councillor David Elliot (Deputy Lord Mayor) -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee held on 4 December 2024, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Culture the Life of Our City - Public Consultation

Discussion ensued during which Mitzi Nam entered the Colonel Light Room at 2.38pm.

It was then –

Moved by Yvonne Agius,

Seconded by Ian Liddy -

#### THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Receives the Cultural Policy Discussion Paper – Culture: The Life of Our City for consultation, as detailed in Attachment A to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 5 March 2025, and provides additional feedback complementing insights from Panpanpalya in February 2025.
2. Authorises administration to draft feedback on the Cultural Policy Discussion Paper – Culture: The Life of Our City, incorporating input from Reconciliation Committee for circulation and review by the Committee outside of session
3. Notes that a consultation summary and draft Cultural Policy will be presented to Council for consideration and endorsement in April 2025, with a further opportunity for community feedback prior to adoption by Council.

Carried

### 5.2 World Heritage Bid - Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC)

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Mitzi Nam,  
Seconded by Councillor David Elliot (Deputy Lord Mayor)

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives and notes the report on the World Heritage Bid – Free, Prior and Informed Consent, as contained in Item 5.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 5 March 2025.
2. Notes that Administration will work with South Australian Native Title Services to lead the consultation with Traditional Owners and other Aboriginal stakeholders.

Carried

### **5.3 2025 NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week Activities**

Discussion ensued during which Ivan-Tiwu Copley left the Colonel Light Room at 3.18pm and re-entered at 3.21pm.

It was then -

Moved by Mitzi Nam,  
Seconded by Ivan-Tiwu Copley -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the City of Adelaide's proposed activities to celebrate the 2025 National Reconciliation Week, between 27 May and 3 June 2025, and National NAIDOC Week, between 6 and 13 July 2025.

Carried

### **5.4 Appointment of Co-Chair and Deputy Chair**

Nominations from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative members were called for the position of Co-Chair.

Discussion ensued during which Ian Liddy left the Colonel Light Room at 2.26pm and re-entered at 2.28pm.

Ivan-Tiwu Copley, Yvonne Agius and Deanne Hanchant-Nichols self-nominated.

There being three nominees for one position, a ballot was conducted, with Yvonne Agius being the successful nominee for the role of dual Chairperson.

Nominations were then called from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative members for the role of Deputy Chairperson.

Deanne Hanchant-Nichols self-nominated.

There being no further nominees, Deanne Hanchant-Nichols was the successful nominee for Deputy Chairperson.

Yvonne Agius, as the successful nominee for appointment to the role of dual Chairperson, declared a material conflict of interest in Item 5.4 (Appointment of Co-Chair and Deputy Chair), pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, as the successful nominee for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew her chair and left the Colonel Light Room at 3.32pm.

It was then –

Moved by Jason Downs,  
Seconded by Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Appoints Yvonne Agius (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative) to the role of Dual Chairperson from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2025 until the conclusion of the 2022-2026 Council Term, noting this representative will undertake this role alongside the Lord Mayor.

Carried

Yvonne Agius re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 3.33pm.

Deanne Hanchant-Nichols, as the successful nominee for appointment to the role of Deputy Chairperson, declared a material conflict of interest in Item 5.4 (Appointment of Co-Chair and Deputy Chair), pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA), as the successful nominee for appointment to a position with remuneration, withdrew her chair and left the Colonel Light Room at 3.33pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor David Elliot (Deputy Lord Mayor),

Seconded by Ian Liddy -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

2. Appoints Deanne Hanchant-Nichols (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative) to the role of Deputy Chairperson from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2025 until the conclusion of the 2022-2026 Council Term.

Carried

Deanne Hanchant-Nichols re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 3.34pm.

## **5.5 Stretch RAP 2024-2027 Reporting Update**

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Jason Downs,

Seconded by Deanne Hanchant-Nichols -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Receives the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 progress implementation update for the period 1 July 2024 and 31 December 2024, as contained in Attachment A to Item 5.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 5 March 2025.

Carried

## **6. Presentations**

### **6.1 2024 Reconciliation Achievements Video report**

Discussion ensued during which the 2024 Reconciliation Achievements video was viewed.

It was then -

Moved by Deanne Hanchant-Nichols,

Seconded by Ian Liddy -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the 2024 Reconciliation Achievements Video report encapsulates the significant milestones and achievements from the 2021-2024 Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 5 March 2025.

Carried

## **7. Any Other Business**

Discussion ensued in relation to:

- The launch of a Kurna songbook, titled *Yurikurringa Ngadluku Paltirna: Listen to Our Songs*, the Kurna songbook is a contemporary reworking of the original Kurna Paltinna, created in the 1990s.
- A proposal to relocate LIV Golf to the North Adelaide Golf Course, associated discussions to date and next steps.

## 8. Exclusion of the Public

Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt left the Colonel Light Room at 3.46pm.

Moved by Ian Liddy,

Seconded by Deanne Hanchant-Nichols -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE:

1. Having taken into account the relevant consideration contained in section 90(3) (j) and section 90(2) & (7) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, this meeting of the Reconciliation Committee dated 5 March 2025 resolves that it is necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public as the consideration of Item 9.1 [Statues Commemorating South Australian Aboriginal Leaders Proposal] listed on the Agenda in a meeting open to the public would on balance be contrary to the public interest.

### Grounds and Basis

This item contains cultural and community information of a confidential nature which the State Government has requested be considered in confidence on the grounds that the details of the project, including locations, subjects, and design aspects, are still being resolved. The release of this information prematurely may be misleading. The disclosure of draft project details could reasonably be expected to prejudice the cultural sensitivity of the initiative and impact the State Government's ongoing consultation and negotiations with Aboriginal stakeholders and other external parties.

### Public Interest

The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because the disclosure of information may result in release of information prior to the finalisation of the matter by the State Government and the City of Adelaide. The disclosure of this information may materially and adversely affect the viability of the matter and prejudice the ability of the parties to discuss/participate or influence a proposal for the benefit of the State Government, the City of Adelaide and the community in this matter which on balance would be contrary to the public interest.

2. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* (the Act), this meeting of the Reconciliation Committee dated 5 March 2025 orders that the public (with the exception of members of Corporation staff and any person permitted to remain) be excluded from this meeting to enable this meeting to receive, discuss or consider in confidence Item 9.1 [Statues Commemorating South Australian Aboriginal Leaders Proposal] listed in the Agenda, on the grounds that such item of business, contains information and matters of a kind referred to in section 90(3) (j) of the Act.

Carried

There were no Members of the public nor Corporation staff not involved with Item 9.1 to leave the Colonel Light Room at 3.46pm.

**9. Confidential Items**

**9.1 Item 9.1 - Statues Commemorating South Australian Aboriginal Leaders Proposal [S90(3) (j)]**

The meeting re-opened to the public at 4.18pm

**Item 9.1 – Statues Commemorating South Australian Aboriginal Leaders [90 (3) (j)]**

Confidentiality Order

Authorises that, in accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* and because Item 9.1 [Statues Commemorating South Australian Aboriginal Leaders Proposal] listed on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 5 March 2025 was received, discussed and considered in confidence pursuant to Section 90 (3) (j) of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)*, orders that:

- 3.1. The Resolution, the report, the discussion and any other associated information submitted to this meeting and the Minutes of this meeting in relation to the matter remain confidential and not available for public inspection until 31 December 2026.
- 3.2. The confidentiality of the matter be reviewed in December 2025
- 3.3. The Chief Executive Officer be delegated the authority to review and revoke all or part of the order herein and directed to present a report containing the Item for which the confidentiality order has been revoked.

**10. Next Meeting**

Wednesday 7 May 2025, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Closure

The meeting closed at 4.28 pm

The Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith / Ms Yvonne Agius  
Dual Chair  
City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee