



Minutes

Reconciliation Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 in the Colonel Light Room,
Adelaide Town Hall at 2.38 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 Eleanor Freeman and Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt

Strategic Agency Representatives:

Jason Downs and Ian Liddy

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives:

Ivan-Tiwu Copley and Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

Proxy:

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Warning

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that these Minutes may contain names or references to deceased persons

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies -

Councillor Janet Giles

Absent –

Mitzi Nam

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Co-Chair, Ms Yvonne Agius 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, present and emerging.

City of Adelaiderlu ngadlu Kurna Yartangka tampinhi.

Kurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku.

Ngadlurlu Kurna 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 Kurna 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 Councillor Freeman,

Seconded by Councillor Siebentritt -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee held on 7 May 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Deanne Hanchant-Nichols will declare a material conflict of interest, pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) in relation to Item 6.4 Kurna Welcome Art Installation.

Ivan-Tiwu Copley will declare a material conflict of interest, pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) in relation to Item 6.4 Kurna Welcome Art Installation.

Lynette Crocker will declare a material conflict of interest, pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) in relation to Item 6.4 Kurna Welcome Art Installation.

6. Reports

6.1 Yamagigu – Aboriginal Engagement Framework - Free Prior and Informed Consent

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Jason Downs,

Seconded by Ivan-Tiwu Copley

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Reconciliation Committee supports the integration of Free, Prior and Informed Consent into City of Adelaide processes as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on Wednesday, 3 December 2025.
2. Receives the report on Integrating Free, Prior and Informed Consent into City of Adelaide processes as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on Wednesday, 3 December 2025.

Carried

6.2 Review of Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement Protocols

Discussion ensued

The Lord Mayor entered the Colonel Light Room at 3.00pm

It was then –

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Jason Downs -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Approves the *Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kaurna Yarta Protocol* as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
2. Notes the KSJ Consulting Report on the Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country Review Report as contained in Attachment B to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make minor typographical, technical and other amendments to the document as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025, including;
 - 3.1. The addition of historical context into the City of Adelaide *Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kaurna Yarta Protocol* and return the revised draft to the first Reconciliation Committee meeting in 2026.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to complete graphic design of the document as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 September 2025.

Carried

6.3 Park Lands Licence Request – Safer Place to Gather.

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Eleanor Freeman,
Seconded by Councillor Mark Siebentritt -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes that the Council has provided an additional licence for the operation of the Safer Place to Gather in Wirrarninthe / Edwards Park (Park 23) from 1 September 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Carried

6.4 Kaurna Welcome Art Installation

The Lord Mayor advised the Meeting, due to potential conflicts of interest, that the motion would be considered in parts.

The Lord Mayor then called for nominations.

Ivan-Tiwu Copley nominated Lynette Crocker. The nomination was accepted.

Yvonne Agius nominated Ivan-Tiwu Copley. The nomination was accepted

Councillor Siebentritt nominated Deanne Hanchant-Nichols. The nomination was accepted.

Ivan-Tiwu Copley nominated Mitzi Nam. Acceptance will be confirmed with the Chief Executive Officer at a later time.

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Jason Downs –

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Nominates four members of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee to be put forward to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration of appointment to a Project Steering Group for the Kaurna Welcome Art Installation, at least one of whom has significant ties to or is a representative of the Kaurna Yarta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC), as follows:

Carried

Deanne Hanchant-Nichols declared a material conflict of interest, pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) having been nominated for a remunerated position and left the Colonel Light Room at 3.39 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Jason Downs -

1.4. Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

Carried

Deanne Hanchant-Nichols re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 3.41 pm.

Ivan-Tiwu Copley declared a material conflict of interest, pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) having been nominated for a remunerated position and left the Colonel Light Room at 3.41 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Jason Downs -

1.2. Ivan-Tiwu Copley

Carried

Ivan-Tiwu Copley re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 3.42 pm.

Lynette Crocker declared a material conflict of interest, pursuant to Section 75 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (SA) having been nominated for a remunerated position and left the Colonel Light Room at 3.43 pm.

It was then –

Moved by Councillor Freeman,
Seconded by Jason Downs -

1.3. Mitzi Nam

1.1. Lynette Crocker

Carried

Jason Downs left the Colonel Light Room at 3.44 pm and returned at 3.44 pm

Lynette Crocker re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 3.44 pm.

6.5 Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan Progress Reports- Quarter 1 Update 2025/2026

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Ian Liddy,
Seconded by Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2024-2027 Quarter 1 progress update for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
2. Notes the Cultural Burn Operating Guideline as contained in Attachment B to Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.

Carried

6.6 Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan Progress Report - Annual Report 2024/25 and Year 2 Achievements

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Jason Downs -

THAT'S THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2024-2027 Quarter 4 progress update for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.6 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
2. Receives the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 Annual Report 2024/25 as contained in Attachment B to Item 6.6 for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
3. Notes the Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2024-2027 priorities for 2025/2026 as contained in Attachment C to Item 6.6 for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
4. Notes the Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2024-2027 as endorsed by Reconciliation Australia as contained in Attachment D to Item 6.6 for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate to make minor technical, typographical and other amendments to the documents contained in Attachment A and Attachment B to Item 6.6 for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025, for the purposes of finalising the documents.

Carried

Councillor Siebentritt left the Colonel Light Room at 4.18pm

Ian Liddy left the Colonel Light Room at 4.28pm and re-entered at 4.30pm

6.7 North Adelaide Golf Course Redevelopment - Consultation under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1998 (SA)

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes that the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon Kyam Maher MLC, has granted authorisations under section 21 and section 23 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA) as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.7 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025, in relation to the State Government's proposal to redevelop the North Adelaide Public Golf Course to provide conditional approval for ground disturbing works.

Out of Session Resolution – 4 September 2025

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the following out of session decision as resolved by majority vote of the Reconciliation Committee on 4 September 2025:
'THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE'
 1. *Notes the update on the State Government's engagement under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA) relating to North Adelaide Public Golf Course Redevelopment.*
 2. *Endorses the submission to the State Government's engagement under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA) relating to North Adelaide Public Golf Course Redevelopment as provided in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee adjourned on 3 September 2025.*
 3. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to make minor, technical and typographical amendments to the submission to the State Government's engagement under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA) relating to North Adelaide Public Golf Course Redevelopment as provided in Attachment A to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the*

Reconciliation Committee adjourned on 3 September 2025, for the purposes of finalising and making the submission.

4. *Endorses the addition of the following reference to Free, Prior and Informed Consent into the submission to the State Government's engagement:*

'The City of Adelaide has taken important steps to embed Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) into the organisation's processes, recognising it as a foundation for respectful and equitable engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This commitment has set an important precedent.

City of Adelaide's Reconciliation Committee requests that the Government of South Australia follow this lead by embedding FPIC into its own policies and decision-making processes. Doing so would ensure that Aboriginal voices are genuinely included and empowered in shaping outcomes that directly impact their communities, lands, and cultural heritage.'

Carried

7. Presentations

7.1 Workshop - Aboriginal Ranger Program

Precis of Item:

The purpose of this workshop is to provide an opportunity to shape the development of the Aboriginal Ranger Program as a strategic initiative that advances reconciliation, cultural heritage protection, environmental sustainability, and Aboriginal employment.

7.2 Presentation - Community Wellbeing Strategy Development

Precis of Item:

The administration seeks the feedback and any recommendations of the Reconciliation Committee in the development of the Community Wellbeing Strategy to ensure that the Strategy reflects the priority needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the City of Adelaide.

8. Any Other Business

1. Discussion ensued in relation to the re-introduction of the Platypus into the Torrens River and the complexities that would need to be overcome.

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday 25 February 2026, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Closure

The meeting closed at 4.39 pm

The Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith / Ms Yvonne Agius

Dual Chair
City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee