



Minutes

Reconciliation Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 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 Eleanor Freeman and Councillor Janet Giles

Strategic Agency Representatives:

Ian Liddy

Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Representative:

Tim Agius

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives:

Ivan-Tiwu Copley and Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

Proxies:

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

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 Adalaidelru 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.'

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith Acknowledged the contribution of Mitzi Nam and Dennis Rigney during their time on the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee and welcomed Tim Agius and Allan Sumner as the new Committee members representing Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation.

Apologies -

Councillor Siebentritt

Jason Downs

3. Moment Silence in Remembrance of Departed Community Members

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

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Ivan- Tiwu Copley,

Seconded by Councillor Freeman -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Nil

6. Reports

6.1 National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week Activity for 2026

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Deanne Hanchant- Nichols,

Seconded by Ian Liddy -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the City of Adelaide's proposed activities to celebrate the 2026:

1.1. National Reconciliation Week, between 27 May 2026 and 3 June 2026, and

1.2. National NAIDOC Week, between 5 July 2026 and 12 July 2026.

Carried

6.2 Updated Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol

Discussion ensued

Undertaking

Ilia Houridis, Director City Shaping, gave an undertaking to further investigate ways in which to increase the recognition of pioneering Kurna Elders, including Kadlitpinna to inform future projects, including utilising historical information regarding and provided by Kurna Elders.

Tim Agius left the Colonel Light Room at 3.10pm

It was then –

Moved by Ivan- Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Ian Liddy -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Approves the Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 25 February 2026, to replace the Welcome to Country and Acknowledgement of Country Protocol adopted by Council on 26 June 2012.
2. Notes the associated resources as contained in **Attachment B** to Item 6.2 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 25 February 2026, to support implementation of the Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol.
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 25 February 2026.

Carried

6.3 World Heritage Bid - Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Update

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Ivan- Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Deanne Hanchant- Nichols -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the progress update on implementation of the Free, Prior and Informed Consent Process in relation to the World Heritage Bid for Adelaide and its Rural Settlement Landscapes (Tentative List Submission).

Carried

6.4 Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 - Quarter 2 (2025/2026) Progress Update

Tim Agius re-entered the Colonel Light Room at 3.20pm

Yvonne Agius left the Colonel Light Room at 3.27pm and returned at 3.30pm

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Tim Agius,
Seconded by Ivan- Tiwu Copley -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 Quarter 2 Progress Update for the period 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025 as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 6.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 25 February 2026.

2. Requests the Administration review the effectiveness of its current Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 to support the development of its next Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan in consultation with its Reconciliation Committee.

Carried

6.5 Revised Cultural Learning Model and Aboriginal Employment Update

Discussion ensued

It was then –

Moved by Deanne Hanchant- Nichols,
Seconded by Tim Agius -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the presentation to Panpapanpalya on the Aboriginal Cultural Learning Model as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.5 on the agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 25 February 2026.
2. Notes work undertaken to develop a new Cultural Learning Model and provides the following feedback:
 - 2.1. Inclusion of Cultural Reflective Practice and Supervision
 - 2.2. Consider how the Cultural Learning Model could extend to contractors
 - 2.3. Preference given to Face to Face learning for step one and step two and online for refresher modules
3. Notes progress towards Council's commitment to Aboriginal employment.

Carried

Kveta Vlotman left the Colonel Light Room at 4.06 pm and returned at 4.07pm

7. Any Other Business

Discussion ensued in relation to:

- The State Government initiative to install Statues of Aboriginal Elders in the City should have stronger Kaurna representation.
- There should also be greater recognition of Kaurna within the CBD.
- Noted that three members of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee will join the Project Steering Group for the proposed Kaurna Welcome Art Installation Project and this will include the KYAC Chair, Tim Agius.
- This provides an opportunity to inform how the proposed installation could be utilised to promote Kaurna recognition and increase awareness of Kaurna cultural heritage.
- Ivan-Tiwu Copley provided an update regarding Uncle Lewis O'Brien's health and suggested the Reconciliation Committee send well wishes.

It was then –

Moved by Ivan- Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Tim Agius -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Formally sends their regards and best wishes for a speedy recovery to Uncle Lewis O'Brien.

Carried

Discussion continued in relation to:

- Concerns regarding employment retention within the Aboriginal Employment Pathways.
- Councillor Giles noted the exhibition of Aboriginal Artist, Crista Bradshaw, in partnership with the City of Adelaide, 'Between the Archives: An Indigenous Perspective', which was located in the City of Adelaide Art Pod.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 May 2026, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Closure

The meeting closed at 4.22 pm

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