



Minutes

Reconciliation Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 29 November 2023 in the Colonel Light Room,
Adelaide Town Hall at 2.32 pm

Committee Members Present:

Dual Chairpersons:

City of Adelaide Council Member:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith (Ex-Officio) and

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative:

Yvonne Agius

City of Adelaide Council Members:

Councillor Janet Giles and Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt

Strategic Agency Representatives:

Jason Downs

Ian Liddy (Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Department)

Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Representative:

Nil

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives:

Ivan-Tiwu Copley

Proxies:

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies -

Councillor David Elliott

Tim Agius

Allen Sumner [proxy Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation representative]

Absent –

Deanne Hanchant-Nichols (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative)

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 Adelaidelru 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 Kveta Vlotman,

Seconded by Ivan-Tiwu Copley -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee held on 6 September 2023 be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

5. Reports

5.1 Reconciliation Committee Terms of Reference Review

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu-Copley,

Seconded by Kveta Vlotman–

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Endorses the revised Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Committee contained in Attachment A to Item 5.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 29 November 2023, subject to the following changes:

- For Administration to investigate the Torres Strait Islander Community Representation and amend the designation of proxies in relation to community members.

During the discussion Lynette Crocker entered the Colonel Light Room at 2:40pm.

Carried

5.2 Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024 Review

Moved by Jason Downs,

Seconded by Ian Liddy -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Receives the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024 implementation progress update including review of existing action items to inform development of the Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2028.

Carried

5.3 Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden

The Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith declared a general conflict of interest [Item 5.3 – Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden] pursuant to section 74 of the *Local Government Act 1999 (SA)* as she is a Trustee of the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden Trust but would remain and participate in the discussion and did not participate in the vote on this matter.

Moved by Yvonne Agius,

Seconded by Councillor Janet Giles -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the intent of the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden Trust to seek advice about approaches and opportunities the potential inclusion of Kurna language in the title of the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden.
2. Authorises Administration in consultation with the Chair, to formalise feedback in writing from the Reconciliation Committee to inform the Pioneer Women's Memorial Trust on options and processes for naming approaches and any other opportunities for the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden.

Carried

5.4 Standing Item: KYAC Pipeline meeting

Moved by Jason Downs,

Seconded by Councillor Mark Siebentritt -

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Receives the update on the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation project pipeline discussions to the period ending 2 November 2023 and notes the Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Pipeline Discussions 2023/24 contained in Attachment A to Item 5.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 29 November 2023.

Carried

6. **Presentations**

Nil

7. **Any Other Business**

Councillor Mark Siebentritt withdrew his chair and left the Colonel Light Room at 3:44pm.

Discussion ensued in relation to:

- The decision by other South Australian Councils to remove the Welcome to Country.
- The Citizenship Ceremony will be moved to 25 January 2024, previously held on the 26th of January Australia Day public holiday.

- Yvonne Agius addressed the Committee to express disappointment regarding the media coverage surrounding the flying of the Aboriginal Flag at half-mast after the referendum. Yvonne Agius expressed her disappointment for the negative media coverage that resulted, noting her support for the approach to fly the flag at half-mast and apologised to the Lord Mayor for the public controversy caused by the decision. Yvonne Agius has extended an invitation to Council Members to attend future Reconciliation Committee Meetings.
- A question was raised seeking clarification of the Terms of Reference which was answered by Administration.
- The organisation Kurna Warra Pintyanthi should be contacted to seek advice on the use of Kurna Language for dual naming.
- A commitment was provided by Administration to inform the Committee about the decision-making process for the placement of Queen Iparrityi at Whitmore Square.
- An update on the Safer Places to Gather initiative and outreach services was provided to the Committee from Administration.

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 28 February 2024, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Closure

The meeting closed at 4.09 pm