

# Standing Item: KYAC Pipeline Discussions

Wednesday, 6 September 2023  
Reconciliation Committee

Strategic Alignment - Dynamic City Culture

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on discussions with the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) on Council projects in the City of Adelaide.

KYAC and the City of Adelaide (CoA) have a cooperative working relationship based on ongoing engagement about projects and their relationship to Kaurna Native Title. Meetings of the KYAC Directors and CoA Administration are held quarterly, or more frequently, to discuss projects and seek advice.

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## RECOMMENDATION

### THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the update on the KYAC pipeline discussions to the period ending 31 July 2023.
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## IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	<b>Strategic Alignment – Dynamic City Culture</b> 3.1 Support, promote and share Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and pay homage to the Kaurna people as traditional owners.
Policy	The KYAC pipeline discussions align with the 'Relationships' pillar in the City of Adelaide's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2021-2024 and Council's enduring commitment that: <i>'Consultations with Kaurna community Members are carried out regularly to ensure Council responses meaningfully to the advice and concerns of the Traditional Owners'</i> .
Consultation	KYAC pipeline discussions are held quarterly, or more frequently, to inform Council projects. Since the Reconciliation Committee meeting in May 2023, KYAC pipeline discussions were held on 28 June 2023 and 23 August 2023, with a further meeting was held with Members of the KYAC Board on 9 August 2023.
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	The pipeline discussions recognise the significant work of KYAC across Kaurna Native Title lands and provide regular opportunities for City of Adelaide and KYAC to engage.
23/24 Budget Allocation	City of Adelaide has a 2023/24 budget allocation of \$30,000 for engagement with KYAC.
Proposed 24/25 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The pipeline meetings will be held throughout 2023/24.
23/24 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

# DISCUSSION

1. KYAC and the City of Adelaide (CoA) have a cooperative working relationship based on ongoing engagement about projects and their relationship to Kaurna Native Title.
2. Meetings of the KYAC Directors and CoA Administration are held quarterly, or more frequently, to discuss projects and seek advice. Meetings were held on:
  - 2.1. 28 June 2023,
  - 2.2. 9 August 2023, and
  - 2.3. 23 August 2023.
3. This report outlines projects discussed with KYAC since the last meeting of the Reconciliation Committee on 3 May 2023.
  - 3.1. Adelaide Park Lands Community Land Management (CLMP) Workshop
    - 3.1.1. Administration met with KYAC on 28 June 2023 and reviewed the Community Land Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands and its relationship with other Council strategic documents including Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan.
    - 3.1.2. Specific sections of the CLMP referring to cultural significance and cultural practices were discussed including Kaurna cultural significance, Cultural heritage significance, and Aboriginal cultural uses.
    - 3.1.3. KYAC supported consultation on the Draft CLMP and requested a further workshop with additional Board Members to improve the content listed above and ensure Native Title Determination descriptions are replicated for clarity.
    - 3.1.4. Correspondence was sent to South Australian Native Title Services on 10 July 2023 inviting KYAC to a workshop on the Draft CLMP.
  - 3.2. Botanic Creek Upgrade – Creek of Cultural Connection
    - 3.2.1. Administration and KYAC discussed a potential grant application to Green Adelaide which combines a series of City of Adelaide projects near the Botanic Creek Rehabilitation project area under the title of the 'Creek of Cultural Connection' ([Link 1](#)).
    - 3.2.2. The grant submission was supported by KYAC and was successful in receiving funding from Green Adelaide. The projects will be delivered in 2023/24 and 2024/25 including:
      - 3.2.2.1. Kaurna Kardla event in Tuthannga (Park 17).
      - 3.2.2.2. Botanic Creek Rehabilitation to naturalise the watercourse and upgrade existing infrastructure and assets including bridges.
      - 3.2.2.3. Community planting events in the Adelaide Park Lands.
    - 3.2.3. KYAC will continue to be engaged during the life of the project.
  - 3.3. Kaurna Voices
    - 3.3.1. Administration and KYAC discussed the first stage of the Kaurna Voices project which is intended to deliver a web based interactive map that provides an insight into Kaurna Culture as it relates to the Adelaide Park Lands.
    - 3.3.2. Further information on the Kaurna Voices project is available from the [Reconciliation Committee meeting agenda of 3 May 2023](#).
    - 3.3.3. KYAC will continue to be engaged during the life of the project.
  - 3.4. Red Ochre – Torrens Weir Retaining wall upgrade
    - 3.4.1. A meeting was held with the Chair of KYAC and other First Nations representatives on 9 August 2023 at the Torrens Weir to discuss a proposed project to build a retaining wall on the Karrawirra Parri Riverbank.
    - 3.4.2. This site is significant as it may contain burial grounds, artefacts or remains. RAW Group and Neale Draper and Associates are involved in site discussions.
    - 3.4.3. Neale Draper and Associates will be preparing a report about the site and the recommendations going forward which will be shared with KYAC at future quarterly pipeline meetings.

## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1** – Creek of Cultural Connection

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## ATTACHMENTS

**Nil**

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