

Standing Item: KYAC Pipeline Discussions

Wednesday, 4 September 2024
Reconciliation Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

Public

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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 (CoA).

This report outlines the KYAC pipeline meeting agenda held on 20 June 2024, noting the last KYAC pipeline meeting was held on 3 September 2024 (after the publication of this report). A verbal update will be provided at the Reconciliation Committee.

KYAC and the 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 as required, to discuss projects and seek advice.

Discussions in the fourth quarter of 2023/24 focused on the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (RAP) and the Kaurna activity within the RAP.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the update on the KYAC Pipeline discussions to the period ending 20 June 2024.
 2. Notes that the 3 September KYAC Pipeline discussions were held following publication of this report and a verbal update was provided to the Reconciliation Committee.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment –Our Community An inclusive, equitable and welcoming community where people feel a sense of belonging
Policy	The KYAC pipeline discussions align with the ‘Relationships’ pillar in the City of Adelaide’s RAP and Council’s enduring commitment that: <i>‘Consultations with Kaura community members are carried out regularly to ensure Council responds meaningfully to the advice and concerns of the Traditional Owners’.</i>
Consultation	KYAC pipeline meetings are a way to engage with KYAC members outside of any formal commitment to take the City of Adelaide discussion items to the KYAC Board for endorsement.
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 Kaura Native Title lands and provide regular opportunities for the City of Adelaide and KYAC to engage. KYAC Pipeline meetings provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships with Board Members.
24/25 Budget Allocation	The City of Adelaide has a 2024/25 budget allocation of \$9,700, for engagement with KYAC. Kaura input to the Rymill Park Kiosk upgrade can be funded from a \$20,000 allocation in the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget for delivery of Kaura initiatives.
Proposed 25/26 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 2024/25.
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (e.g. maintenance cost)	Not as a result of this report
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

Background

1. Kurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) and the City of Adelaide (CoA) have a cooperative working relationship based on ongoing engagement about projects and their relationship to Kurna Native Title.
2. Meetings of the KYAC Directors and CoA Administration are held quarterly, or more frequently, to discuss projects and seek advice.
3. The last meeting was held on 20 June 2024 and discussions focused on Action 17 in the RAP whereby CoA commits to increase the profile of KYAC. Each deliverable was discussed and the following agreed:
 - 3.1. RAP Action 17.1: Promote on the City of Adelaide website a profile of Board Members of the KYAC
 - 3.1.1. KYAC Directors support the development of a board member profile on the City of Adelaide public webpage in 2024/25.
 - 3.2. RAP Action 17.2: Support with providing professional images of KYAC Board Members
 - 3.2.1. A photoshoot will be arranged for KYAC Board Members, to be uploaded on the KYAC section of the CoA's website.
 - 3.2.2. It was recommended that the photoshoot be conducted at Pirltawardli due to its significance to Aboriginal history and culture. Any alternative location may include an Aboriginal mural background.
 - 3.3. RAP Action 17.3: Include information online for educative purposes on the significant 2018 Kurna Native Title Determination.
 - 3.3.1. CoA has updated its website to include a dedicated page on Kurna Native Title Determination ([Link 1](#)), which was endorsed by KYAC Board Members at the pipeline meeting on 20 June 2024.

Draft Stretch RAP 2024-2027

4. The draft RAP and proposed activity for the next three years was tabled at the pipeline meeting for review and discussion. The actions discussed were:
 - 4.1. RAP Action 3: Kurna Representation – The City of Adelaide is dedicated to creating engagement protocols that enable the representation and partnership of the Kurna people.
 - 4.2. RAP Action 5: Kurna Land Management – Collaboration on management of the Adelaide Park Lands waterways and land practices.
 - 4.3. RAP Action 10: Kurna Visibility – Increase Kurna visibility with a focus on acknowledgement of the Native Title Determination.
 - 4.4. RAP Action 11: Kurna Ancestral Remains/Repatriation – Develop a process for repatriation of Ancestral remains.
 - 4.5. RAP Action 14: Cultural Burn – Imbed cultural burn practices.
5. The KYAC Directors supported the identified actions and offered project support during implementation.

Rymill Park Kiosk

6. Redevelopment of the Rymill Park Kiosk will begin construction from 1 October 2024 with an expected completion date of 1 May 2025, and an opening date by 1 June 2025.
7. At its meeting on 12 March 2024, the Council considered the Rymill Park Kiosk and supported KYAC's engagement to seek advice on culturally appropriate acknowledgment of the Kurna community's cultural and historical connections with Murlawirrapurka / Rymill Park.
8. KYAC Board Members sought clarification on the finalisation of the building's architectural design and the purpose of the site. Discussions ensued including that:
 - 8.1. There is the opportunity for a Kurna interpretation including an educational opportunity via Kurna artwork installation and storytelling space (including QR codes, signages, animations, etc). There was a consensus from Board Members to address historical and cultural perspectives of storytelling and truth telling, appropriate for a family-oriented space.
 - 8.2. It was proposed that a CoA working committee may be formed to guide the story telling and truth telling for adults and children; this group will include a lead Director from KYAC.

- 8.3. The City of Adelaide will develop an artist brief for a tender process is to be initiated, and KYAC will work closely with the artist to ensure a correct narrative.

Next meeting

9. The 3 September 2024 KYAC pipeline meeting was held after the publication of these agenda papers.
10. Items on the agenda to discuss are:
 - 10.1. Light Square / Wauwi Master Plan Stage 2 consultation.
 - 10.2. Kurna Business Register.
 - 10.3. Witness Tree - In the heart of the Adelaide Park Lands, an ancient pre-colonial tree has fallen, marking the end of an era that began long before modern civilisation touched the land. This tree is currently stored at the City of Adelaide's London Road Depot awaiting KYAC advice on storage and use (temporary and long term).
11. A verbal update will be provided at the Reconciliation Committee on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Link 1 – [City of Adelaide website - Kurna Native Title Determination](#)

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