

2024 Reconciliation Achievements Video Report

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PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

The 2024 Reconciliation Achievements Video Report (2024 Video Report) (**Attachment A**) encapsulates the significant milestones and achievements from the 2021-2024 Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). These include:

NAIDOC Week:

The City of Adelaide proudly joined the nation in celebrating NAIDOC Week as time to honour the rich history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The video features the 2024 celebrations in which the Lord Mayor hosted the annual NAIDOC Awards event, recognising contributions to the community and hosted NAIDOC in Runde Mall, featuring traditional performances, specially commissioned artwork, and a range of engaging activities. These events bring the community together to celebrate the diverse and vibrant heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The City of Adelaide's NAIDOC commitment in 2024 included supporting the Royal Australian Mint to launch a 50 Years of NAIDOC commemorative coin.

Kaurna Artefact Ceremony:

In a significant moment of cultural exchange, the City of Adelaide supported the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation's request to host a handover and smoking ceremony at Possum Park / Pirltawardli (Park 1), the original resting place of Kaurna artefacts. The ceremony was attended by Aboriginal Elders, Minister for Foreign Affairs Senator the Hon. Penny Wong, and Germany's Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Annalena Baerbock. The event symbolised the return of important cultural items to their rightful custodians and reinforced the ongoing commitment to Kaurna heritage and cultural preservation.

Kaurna Voices:

In partnership with the Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation, the City of Adelaide developed the *Kaurna Voices* project, an initiative that maps the city's culturally significant Kaurna sites. The project showcases sites through historical text, archival images, oral histories, and video interviews with Kaurna Elders and community leaders. Launched during National Reconciliation Week 2024, the *Kaurna Voices* website is a digital platform to educate and inspire the broader community, preserving and amplifying Kaurna knowledge and heritage.

The 2024 Video Report reflects the City of Adelaide's ongoing commitment to fostering understanding, respect, and collaboration between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Peoples. The video format aims to enhance accessibility, foster emotional connections, and reach a wider audience within the community.

The video will be publicly hosted on the City of Adelaide website.