

# Recommendations of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee - 25 February 2026

Tuesday, 10 March 2026  
Council

Strategic Alignment - Our Corporation

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Reconciliation Committee considered the following items at its meeting held on 25 February 2026 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- **Item 6.1** – National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week Activity for 2026
- **Item 6.2** – Updated Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol
- **Item 6.3** – World Heritage Bid – Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Update
- **Item 6.4** – Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (2024-2027) – Quarter 2 2025/2026 – Progress Update

## RECOMMENDATION

- Recommendation 1 – Item 6.1 - National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week Activity for 2026**  
THAT COUNCIL
  - 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.
- Recommendation 2 – Item 6.2 – Updated Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol**  
THAT COUNCIL
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- Recommendation 3 – Item 6.3 – World Heritage Bid – Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Update**  
THAT COUNCIL
  - 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).

4. **Recommendation 4 – Item 6.4 – Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (2024-2027) – Quarter 2 2025/2026 Progress Update**

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.

## DISCUSSION

1. The Reconciliation Committee met on Wednesday 25 February 2026. The Agenda with reports for the public component of the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. The following matters were the subject of deliberation:
  - 2.1. Item 6.1 – National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week Activity for 2026
  - 2.2. Item 6.2 – Updated Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol
  - 2.3. Item 6.3 – World Heritage Bid – Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Update
  - 2.4. Item 6.4 – Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (2024-2027) – Quarter 2 2025/2026 – Progress Update
  - 2.5. Item 6.5 - Revised Cultural Learning Model and Aboriginal Employment Update
3. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
4. Deliberations on Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 resulted in the following recommendations to Council:
  - 4.1. Item 6.1 - National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week Activity for 2026  
THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL  
THAT COUNCIL
    1. Notes the City of Adelaide's proposed activities to celebrate the 2026: National Reconciliation Week, between 27 May 2026 and 3 June 2026, and National NAIDOC Week, between 5 July 2026 and 12 July 2026.
  - 4.2. Item 6.2 – Updated Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol  
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.
  - 4.3. Item 6.3 – World Heritage Bid – Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) Update  
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).
  - 4.4. Item 6.4 – Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (2024-2027) – Quarter 2 2025/2026 – Progress Update  
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.

*Original Recommendation as Printed in the Reconciliation Committee Agenda*

*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.*

5. The Reconciliation Committee also deliberated on the following matters:

5.1. Item 6.5 - Revised Cultural Learning Model and Aboriginal Employment Update

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.

*Original Recommendation as Printed in the Reconciliation Committee Agenda*

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. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2.2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Notes progress towards Council's commitment to Aboriginal employment.*

5.2. Item 7 – Any Other Business

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

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

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## DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

**Link 1 – [Reconciliation Committee Public Agenda](#)**

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## ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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