

KYAC Quarterly Pipeline Meeting – April 2026

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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Reconciliation Committee

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the recent appointment of Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) representatives to the Reconciliation Committee and to outline key outcomes from the most recent City of Adelaide and KYAC Pipeline meeting.

KYAC and the City of Adelaide continue to meet regularly across Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (RAP) and Kaurna-related projects through quarterly Pipeline meetings. The most recent meeting, held on 13 April 2026, was the first with the current KYAC Board and covered governance arrangements and Terms of Reference development, updates on current and upcoming projects, and feedback on the draft Wellbeing Strategy, including a suggestion for a dedicated Kaurna-led community space in the city.

The Visitor Experience Centre Project Team sought KYAC's advice on artist selection and project direction. KYAC nominated Darren Wanganeen and Allan Sumner to the project group to provide ongoing cultural guidance.

The next KYAC pipeline meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the update on the City of Adelaide and Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Pipeline discussions at the meeting held on 13 April 2026.
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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	Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 <i>5. Co-design engagement protocols with KYAC that formalise and strengthen the existing partnership.</i>
Consultation	KYAC holds recognised cultural authority on Kaurna matters. CoA formally respects this authority and seeks KYAC’s input at the Pipeline meetings. Advice and engagement occurs on a broad range of CoA projects, including actions from the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (RAP).
Resource	Not as a result of this report
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	The CoA maintains an ongoing and collaborative relationship with Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC), engaging regularly on matters connected to Kaurna community, culture and Country.
25/26 Budget Allocation	The City of Adelaide has a 2025/26 operating budget allocation of \$9,700, for engagement with KYAC.
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Subject to Council decision on its Annual Business Plan and Budget, the City of Adelaide operating budget allocation in 2026/27 for engagement with KYAC is proposed to remain at \$9,700.
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	Pipeline meetings are held quarterly.
25/26 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

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Kurna Representative Appointment to Reconciliation Committee

2. In accordance with the Reconciliation Committee's Terms of Reference the process to determine KYAC nominees to the Reconciliation Committee has been completed.
3. The following KYAC Directors have been appointed to the Reconciliation Committee:
 - 3.1. Tim Agius (Chair) as Representative
 - 3.2. Allan Sumner (Director) as Proxy.

Discussion at the April 2026 Pipeline meeting

4. KYAC and the City of Adelaide (CoA) maintain a collaborative working relationship, grounded in ongoing engagement on projects connected to Kurna community and Country.
5. Meetings of the KYAC Directors and CoA Administration are held quarterly to discuss projects and seek advice. The last meeting was held on 13 April 2026 and discussion included:
 - 5.1. **Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kurna Yarta Protocol**
 - 5.1.1. Discussion on the draft Protocol, including sharing its development and outlining the key changes introduced.
 - 5.1.2. The Reconciliation Team delivered a personalised Acknowledgement, highlighting the Adelaide Park Lands revegetation project and sharing the planting of Sweet Apple Berry (*Billardiera cymosa*) seedlings.
 - 5.2. **Governance and Terms of Reference**
 - 5.2.1. A Terms of Reference (ToR) is currently in development for the City of Adelaide and KYAC Pipeline meetings and was tabled for discussion on formalising governance arrangements.
 - 5.2.2. The ToR aim to provide an agreed structure, forward planning and defined processes for the KYAC Pipeline as distinct from other engagement points including the Reconciliation Committee and Kadaltilla / Adelaide Park Lands Authority.
 - 5.2.3. It was agreed that KYAC Pipeline meetings are an advisory forum to Administration, with minutes tabled with the full KYAC Board.
 - 5.2.4. A 12 month calendar of meetings is being developed to align with the timing of KYAC Board appointments.
 - 5.3. **Projects Previously Discussed**
 - 5.3.1. An update was provided on the City of Adelaide's redevelopment of community sports buildings in Golden Wattle Park / Mirnu Wirra (Park 21 West) and Mary Lee Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27B). This included Kurna Heritage and its application within project planning including going beyond the minimum requirements of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (SA).
 - 5.3.2. Updates were provided on upcoming work, including internal Kurna Heritage process mapping for infrastructure projects, and a proposed NAIDOC social media campaign.
 - 5.4. **Community Wellbeing Strategy**
 - 5.4.1. The Community Wellbeing Team presented a series of emerging priorities under the Community Wellbeing Strategy.

5.4.2. A key outcome of the discussion was KYAC's suggestion for a dedicated physical space for community within the city. This was framed as a Kaurna-led, culturally grounded and welcoming place where all Aboriginal people feel safe, respected, and a genuine sense of belonging.

5.4.3. It was noted that establishing such a space could be explored through community building leasing opportunities, supporting long-term access, sustainability, and community-led use.

5.5. **Yanun Project Services– Visitor Experience Centre**

5.5.1. The Visitor Experience Centre Project Team sought KYAC advice and representation regarding the artist selection process and broader guidance on the project's future direction. This includes ensuring Kaurna voices are appropriately represented in decision-making and that cultural considerations continue to inform the project as it progresses.

5.5.2. KYAC nominated two Director representatives for the Project Group:

5.5.2.1. Darren Wanganeen, and

5.5.2.2. Allan Sumner.

5.5.3. Both representatives will be invited to participate in the project group and provide advice through the life of the project.

Next meeting

6. The next City of Adelaide and KYAC Pipeline meeting is scheduled for 20 May 2026.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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