

KYAC Quarterly Pipeline Meeting – May and July 2026

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Reconciliation Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to outline key outcomes from the most recent City of Adelaide (CoA) and Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) Pipeline meeting.

The CoA and KYAC continue to meet regularly across Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (RAP) and Kaurna-related projects through quarterly Pipeline meetings. Two meetings were held during the period, on 20 May 2026 and 29 July 2026:

The 20 May 2026 meeting provided an opportunity to discuss updates on previous and current projects, including the development in Mary Lee Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27B) - West Adelaide Soccer Club, the Kaurna Welcome Artwork installation, and the engagement of a consultant to support the First Nations Heritage Values work for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout National Heritage Plan.

The meeting provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress of past projects and identify matters requiring continued collaboration between CoA and KYAC. The Kaurna Welcome Artwork project continues to progress, with Aboriginal Urban Design appointed to support the CoA and funding opportunities being explored to support delivery in 2028.

The 29 July 2026 meeting focused on a range of current reconciliation, cultural heritage and recognition initiatives. Key discussions included updates on the World Heritage Bid Tentative List Submission including continued engagement with Indigenous to Indigenous Global (i2i) and Traditional Owner language groups to progress the consent process using the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), and development of an Aboriginal Engagement Plan as a commitment under the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024–2027 (Stretch RAP) ([Link 1](#)).

The meeting highlighted progress across several cultural heritage initiatives; NAIDOC Week 2026 recognised seven Kaurna Elders and changemakers through the *50 Years of Deadly: Celebrating Kaurna Changemakers* initiative. Updates were provided on the Market to Riverbank cultural trail completion, First Nations Heritage Values work for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout National Heritage Place, the Adelaide Oval Community Land Management Plan and Tree Martin Management Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the update on the City of Adelaide and Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Pipeline meetings held on 20 May 2026 and 29 July 2026.
2. Notes the undertaking given at the 25 February 2026 meeting of the Reconciliation Committee to investigate ways to increase recognition of pioneering Kaurna Elders, including Kadlitpinna was actioned as part of the City of Adelaide's 2026 NAIDOC Week activities.

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 Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) pipeline discussions align with the 'Relationships' pillar in the City of Adelaide's (CoA) Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (Stretch RAP) (Link 1) and Council's enduring commitment that: 'Consultations with Kaurna community members are carried out regularly to ensure Council responds meaningfully to the advice and concerns of the Traditional Owners'.
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 occur on a broad range of CoA projects, including actions from the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (RAP). KYAC pipeline meetings are a way to engage with KYAC members outside of any formal commitment to take CoA discussion items to the KYAC board for discussion.
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 the CoA and KYAC to engage. KYAC Pipeline meetings provide an opportunity to strengthen relationships with Board Members.
26/27 Budget Allocation	The City of Adelaide has a 2026/27 operating budget allocation of \$9,700, for engagement with KYAC.
Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	The pipeline meetings will be held quarterly throughout 2026/27.
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

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to outline key outcomes from the most recent City of Adelaide (CoA) and Kaurna Yarta Aboriginal Corporation (KYAC) Pipeline meeting.

Background

2. KYAC and the CoA have a cooperative working relationship based on ongoing engagement about projects and their relationship to the Kaurna community.
3. Meetings with the KYAC Directors and CoA Administration are held quarterly, or more frequently, to discuss projects and seek advice.

Discussion at the 20 May 2026 Pipeline meeting

4. The meeting held on 20 May 2026 included discussion about the following projects:
 - 4.1. Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kaurna Yarta Protocol
 - 4.1.1. An update on the implementation and use of the Protocol across City of Adelaide meetings, events and corporate settings.
 - 4.1.2. Sharing of an individual personalised acknowledgment with the KYAC Directors.
 - 4.2. KYAC Pipeline Terms of Reference
 - 4.2.1. An update on the development and drafting of the KYAC Pipeline Terms of Reference, to support a clear and effective framework for ongoing engagement between CoA and KYAC.
 - 4.3. Mary Lee Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27B) – Community Building
 - 4.3.1. Aboriginal Urban Design has been engaged to develop the narrative and design elements for Mary Lee Park / Tulya Wardli (Park 27B) - West Adelaide Soccer Club. The proposed design will incorporate Kaurna cultural narratives and elements, with further discussion and engagement with KYAC to inform the development.
 - 4.3.2. A historic survey report and Cultural Management Plan are in development to support the project and ensure cultural heritage considerations are appropriately incorporated throughout its development.
 - 4.4. Kaurna Welcome Art Installation
 - 4.4.1. Aboriginal Urban Design has been working over the past three months to identify and determine the most appropriate placement of a Kaurna Welcome Art installation, considering the broader design and cultural context.
 - 4.4.2. Aboriginal Urban Design will present a summary of its findings and recommendations to KYAC in September 2026 for consideration and feedback.
 - 4.4.3. The KYAC Chair has been allocated to the Project Steering Group, with a KYAC Director nominated as the Chair's proxy.

Discussion at the 29 July 2026 Pipeline meeting

5. The meeting held on 29 July 2026 included discussion about the following projects:
 - 5.1. Roll out of the Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kaurna Yarta Protocol
 - 5.1.1. The Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kaurna Yarta Protocol is in place and several CoA teams are now incorporating personalised Acknowledgements.
 - 5.2. Aboriginal Heritage process mapping
 - 5.2.1. An Aboriginal Heritage Operating Guideline is in discussion and if progressed will be presented to KYAC for further discussion.
 - 5.3. World Heritage Bid Tentative List Submission
 - 5.3.1. The report for the World Heritage Bid Tentative List Submission was discussed and is being scheduled to be presented to the Reconciliation Committee in December 2026.
 - 5.3.2. Engagement is continuing via the CoA, Indigenous to Indigenous Global (i2i) and other Traditional Custodian language groups to progress the consent process under the principles of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

- 5.3.3. the CoA is looking at additional ways to strengthen the use of FPIC in its practices including the potential development of an Aboriginal Engagement Plan.
- 5.4. Kurna recognition – NAIDOC Week
 - 5.4.1. At the 25 February 2026 Reconciliation Committee meeting, an undertaking was given to further investigate ways in which to increase the recognition of pioneering Kurna Elders, including Kadlitpinna to inform future projects, including utilising historical information regarding and provided by Kurna Elders.
 - 5.4.2. In response the CoA's 2026 NAIDOC Week theme, 50 Years of Deadly: Celebrating Kurna Changemakers, recognised seven Kurna Elders and changemakers, selected by the Reconciliation Committee and featured across the CoA's NAIDOC Week website and social media channels.
- 5.5. Kurna Welcome Art Installation – Corner of Sir Donald Brandman Drive and West Terrace
 - 5.5.1. CoA and KYAC continued discussions on a Kurna Welcome Artwork project including potential locations, and external funding opportunities.
- 5.6. Market to Riverbank Project Completion
 - 5.6.1. An update was provided regarding the Market to Riverbank art trail with cultural education completed in Pitt Street in July 2026, which concluded the project.
- 5.7. First Nations Heritage Values for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout National Heritage Place
 - 5.7.1. CoA and KYAC discussed the successful Federal Government grant application to research the Kurna Cultural Values of the Adelaide Park Lands to inform a future update to the National Heritage Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout.
 - 5.7.2. KYAC participated in the consultant selection process with site visits to places of significance to commence as the first stage of engagement with the Kurna community.
 - 5.7.3. A timeline for the project was discussed seeking completion by the external grant deadline of March 2027.
- 5.8. Adelaide Park Lands Projects
 - 5.8.1. General updates were provided on other projects in the Adelaide Park Lands including:
 - 5.8.1.1. Aboriginal Ranger program and opportunities for collaboration with KYAC.
 - 5.8.1.2. Community Land Management Plan for Adelaide Oval and public consultation process.
 - 5.8.1.3. Tree Martin project update and management measures.

Next Meeting

- 6. The next CoA and KYAC Pipeline meeting is scheduled for 30 September 2026.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 [Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027](#)

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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