

Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes



Thursday 22 June 2023

6pm-8pm

Queens Park Room – Council Chambers

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor Masselos acknowledged country.

Present

Councillors	
Clr Paula Masselos	Mayor of Waverley (Chair)
Clr Ludovico Fabiano	Councillor
Council Officers	
Ben Thompson	Director, Community, Assets and Operations
Annette Trubenbach	EM, Community Programs
Rebecca Rodwell	Manager, Community Planning & Partnerships
Matilda Brown	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Development Officer
Community Member/Organisations	
Liz Tierney	Traditional Custodian/Gujaga Foundation
Kirsty Beller	Traditional Custodian/Gujaga Foundation
Earl Weir	Resident
Gene Ross	Resident
Dr Sarah Jane Moore	Resident

2. Apologies

Clr Dominic WY Kanak, Clr Angela Burrill, Emily Scott, Brad Franks, Damien Barnes, Michael Mahoney, Walangari Karntawarra

3. Welcome to new member and introduction

The committee welcomed new members Earl Weir, Liz Tierney and Kirsty Beller who introduced themselves.

The remaining committee members briefly introduced themselves.

4. Acceptance of previous minutes and matters arising

Minutes 9 March 2023

Moved – Sarah Jane **Seconded** – Gene **Carried**

5. Voice to Parliament

The Mayor provided some background to the committee regarding the Mayoral Minute and subsequent Council resolutions, and the Waverley Community Education Campaign.

Officers provided a summary of activities that have taken place to date, and of the Walking Together Workshops which will be taking place on July 29. They are aimed at non-Indigenous people and cultural safety may be an issue for any Aboriginal people attending.

Earl has the capacity to share information and events through his networks, including his radio program on Eastside Radio.

Suggestions for future activities included sharing more training, information, education and possible events such as a concert to engage people within our sphere of influence. There is misinformation and scare tactics circulating which should be contested/diluted.

6. Cultural Audit

Kirsty presented the Cultural Audit briefly, and outlined the 20 recommendations from the report.

Recommendation 1 – The committee supports and prioritises the re-naming of Eora Park to ‘Dharawal Park’.

Recommendation 2 – Analyse and group the remaining recommendations into categories and determine what is required to implement for prioritisation at September meeting.

Recommendation 3 - Review recommendations to action those which can be implemented within existing resources

Action – Prepare a report/plan to action the above recommendation at the September meeting.

7. Council Resolutions

The RAP Advisory Committee was established to support the implementation of Waverley’s RAP. However, through Council resolutions, the committee is frequently consulted on a range of other items which can change the focus of Councils priorities.



We need to manage/connect these priorities to ensure we can meet our obligations and priorities.

Three discussion areas have been raised at Council, and Council seeks guidance from the committee about addressing these. They include;

- Dual Naming
- Acknowledging the Frontier Was
- Local Treaties
- Aboriginal Heritage Study

Recommendation – There was a strong consensus that an Aboriginal Heritage Study is undertaken as a first priority to provide a strengthened approach when developing a new RAP, and a framework for managing key local priorities. The committee felt the other discussion points identified would be considered as part of a Heritage Study / future RAP.

8. Event Planning

NAIDOC – Details of Council's NAIDOC week activities were shared with the committee.

https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/recreation/events/events/naidoc_at_centennial_parklands

Film Screening 21 August 2023 – The Countryman

A preview of 'The Countryman' was shared. An invitation will be sent to the committee closer to the time.

<https://youtu.be/rYbhZus97Qk>

Dawn Reflection 2024

The committee felt that we got the event right, and next year we should keep the same respectful and reflective tone, but expand to enable more people to experience it.

Other suggestions included;

- Bigger amps to ensure speeches are heard
- Female representation through dancers/more diverse expression
- Encouraging/supporting more mob to attend
- Booking in Uncle Dean and the Gamay dancers now
- Provide points of information (QR code?) to attendees to facilitate learning and understanding

The Mayor also suggested that we have a second part to our January 26 activity, and connect to the Citizenship Ceremony which will have at least 200 attendees. This could take place in the courtyard following the event, or be incorporated into the citizenship. This will be explored at the September meeting.

9. Other Items

Mural – Chapel by the Sea

This was deferred as Michael Mahoney was not in attendance.

Ethical Storytelling

A brief video was shared around “Ethical Storytelling’ and Council’s commitment to this. Sarah Jane and Liz will be participating in some consultation about this. Further detail to be shared at the September meeting.



10. Meetings in 2023

Wednesday September 6, 2023

Thursday November 30, 2023