

Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes



Thursday 9 March 2023

6pm-8pm

Queens Park Room – Council Chambers

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor WY Kanak acknowledged country.

Present

Councillors	
Clr Dominic WY Kanak	Councillor (Chair)
Clr Ludovico Fabiano	Councillor
Council Officers	
Emily Scott	General Manager
Annette Trubenbach	EM, Community Programs
Rebecca Rodwell	Manager, Community Planning & Partnerships
Matilda Brown	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Development Officer
Elizabeth Reidy	Curator and Visual Arts Coordinator
Community Member/Organisations	
Michael Mahoney	Resident
Walangari Karntawarra	Resident
Damien Barnes	Resident
Gene Ross	Resident
Dr Sarah Jane Moore	Resident

2. Apologies

Clr Paula Masselos (Mayor of Waverley), Clr Leon Goltsman, Clr Tony Kay, Clr Angela Burrill, Clr Will Nemesh, Sharon Cassidy, Ben Thompson



3. Welcome to new member and introduction

The committee welcomed Damien Barnes to the group. Damien is a Murri man from Central QLD and has lived in Sydney for many years. He is an engineer and lawyer, and he has been involved in setting up Indigenous businesses, on boards and advisory committees.

The remaining committee members briefly introduced themselves.

4. Acceptance of previous minutes (via email) and matters arising

Minutes 30 March 2022

Moved – Michael Mahoney **Seconded** – Walangari Karntawarra **Carried**

Minutes 19 October 2022

Moved – Dr Sarah Jane Moore **Seconded** – Gene Ross **Carried**

Minutes 28 Nov 2022

Moved – Gene Ross **Seconded** – Dr Sarah Jane Moore **Carried**

5. Aboriginal Public Art

Elizabeth Reidy, Curator and Visual Arts Coordinator presented about the process to date of the Aboriginal Public Art which is being commissioned for the Bondi Pavilion (presentation attached).

Feedback from the committee included;

- Documentation of the creation/process of the Pav artwork is really important
- Artwork story should also be heard in language utilising a QR code
- Story behind the artwork can be explored through different mediums, song, dance, book etc

Liz also let the committee know that all artists had been paid for their proposals.

6. Reconciliation Action Plan

As there is a lot happening with the Voice to Parliament education campaign, the committee will address the RAP process at the next meeting in June. However, the committee would like the following considered;

- An Aboriginal led workshop to address what the Aboriginal community would like to see in the new RAP
- Upskilling or training around the process of creating a RAP, and processes with council
- Sub committee of First Nations only members

7. Voice to Parliament – Community Education

Council held a community breakfast on the 25th of Feb with Eddie Synot, Clr Paula Masselos, Mayor of Waverley, Allegra Spender MP and Senator Tim Ayres spoke at the event. Council worked with the Uluru Dialogue and From the Heart Organisation to host the event.

A page on Council's website has been created to provide information, resources and links to events which will be taking place as part of the Waverley Community Education Campaign.



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https://www.waverley.nsw.gov.au/community/cultural_diversity/aboriginal_and_torres_strait_islander_people/uluru_statement_from_the_heart

Council will be organising a community forum in mid May with a panel of speakers, and a series of Walking Together Workshops at the end of May/early June.

Committee members will be sent information and resources for sharing.

8. Event Planning and Review

The committee members provided positive feedback about the January 26 dawn reflection including;

- Feeling healed
- Felt spiritual
- Great effort by Council – thank you
- Culturally reclaiming the beach
- Never expected to witness the silence and respect
- Brought energy

For next year, hope to get more Aboriginal people in attendance and to offer a BBQ following the reflection.

9. Other Items

- Chapel by the Sea Mural – for discussion at the next meeting
- The committee would like to set up a Whatsapp group with members
- The original committee term is up in June, therefore Council will be actively recruiting for a new term. Council to consider increasing the number of members.

10. Meetings in 2023

Thursday June 22, 2023

Wednesday September 6, 2023

Thursday November 30, 2023