

Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes



Wednesday 20 September 2023

6pm-8pm

Bondi Pavilion Art Gallery

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Councillor Masselos acknowledged country.

Present

Councillors	
Clr Paula Masselos	Mayor of Waverley (Chair)
Clr Ludovico Fabiano	Deputy Mayor
Council Officers	
Emily Scott	General Manager, Waverley Council
Rebecca Rodwell	Manager, Community Planning & Partnerships
Matilda Brown	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Development Officer
Community Member/Organisations	
Kirsty Beller	Traditional Custodian/Gujaga Foundation
Earl Weir	Resident
Gene Ross	Resident
Dr Sarah Jane Moore	Resident
Michael Mahoney	Resident
Brad Franks	Resident
Walangari Karntawarra	Resident

2. Present/Apologies

Clr Dominic WY Kanak, Clr Angela Burrill, Ben Thompson, Damien Barnes, Liz Tierney

Brad Franks introduced himself as this was his first meeting.

3. Acceptance of previous minutes and matters arising



Minutes 23 June 2023 were moved and accepted via email

Moved – Sarah Jane **Seconded** – Earl **Carried**

No matters were raised.

4. Voice to Parliament – Community Education Campaign Update and Summary

Since the last meeting there has been;

- 2 more Walking Together Sessions with approximately 80 people at the general session, and 50 at the 'Train the Trainer'
- A BBQ is being held on Sunday the 24th in the Pavilion Courtyard with Karen Mundine and Michael Ingrey as guest speakers. Thanks to Earl for organising DJ's. WAYS will be running a BBQ.
- The Council website continues to be updated and resources shared.

A suggestion was made to work with the Comms team to share information about how and where to vote – linking to the electoral commission site.

5. RAP Reporting

Matilda and Rebecca are preparing the RAP Impact Measurement report for 2022/2023 which is due at the end of September. A summary of information was provided which will be shared with the minutes.

6. Bondi Story Room

Committee members spent some time in the Bondi Story Room engaging with the information. Earl raised a possible story to include – Aunty Ruby Hunter who had her first live performance at the Pavilion. This will be followed up with Todd Fuller.

7. Cultural Audit – Prioritisation Exercise

The committee reviewed in detail the recommendations from the Cultural Audit, and agreed on the priorities for the next 12 months. The prioritisation and comments are attached.

The committee recommended that;

- All land and site management items should be incorporated into an updated Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study (as referenced in the minutes of the previous meeting), and this is a high priority. The Executive Team will consider resourcing options to commission the study. An update will be provided once ELT have confirmed approach.
- The 3 place naming items are high priority and a report will be prepared to Council recommending changes, which would then be submitted to the Geographical Names Board.
- The high priority recommendations from the signage/education/activation grouping will be explored with an update at the next RAP meeting in November.

8. Event Planning & Feedback



NAIDOC Week

- Marang at Bondi Festival
- Elders Lunch at Bondi Pavilion
- The Last Daughter – Brenda Matthews
- Centennial Park event with Randwick Council and Centennial Parklands Trust
- Indigrow talk at the Library

Film Screening 'Countryman'

- The film by local filmmaker Peter Pecotic and Joseph Williams was screened on August 21 at the Bondi Pavilion Theatre with about 100 guests
- Thanks to Earl for promoting on Eastside
- Thanks to Walangari for playing the Didgeridoo with Ante Martic for a cross cultural performance

Dawn Reflection 2024

Last year we struck the right balance with the ceremony in terms of 'mood' and 'feel', however we need to improve the amplification and sound quality through a PA system that is more effective but also discreet.

Matilda and Rebecca will complete an event application form which will need to consider increased numbers, traffic management and other safety requirements.

The event will take place;

- Jan 26 at 5:30am
- On the sand in front of Bondi Pavilion. If weather is likely to be wet, we will consider moving to the Northern end of the beach
- When booking the Welcome and cultural performances, we will consider gender balance and connection to traditional owners (Kirsty to seek feedback from the Gujaga Foundation)
- We will encourage members of the La Perouse community to attend and provide support if possible

9. Other Items

Mural – Chapel by the Sea

The committee agreed that this was not within the remit or control of the committee.

10. Meetings in 2023

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Thursday November 30, 2023