

Subject:	Reconciliation Action Working Group – Minutes of Meeting	Page 1 of 4
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Venue:	Via MS Teams	
Date:	Wednesday, 30 th June 2021	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.04pm Closed at: 7.24pm
Chair:	Alison Salt	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith – EA to the Mayor and Councillors	
Staff Convenor:	Sean Willenberg	
Circulation:		

Working Group Role:

The role of the Reconciliation Action working group is to:

- Provide advice, input and feedback for the City of Ryde Council's Reconciliation Action Plan
- Assist in the implementation and review of Council's Reconciliation Action Plan.
- To work with Council to develop and promote appropriate celebrations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture including Sorry Day, National Reconciliation week and NAIDOC week.

Working Group Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
	✓	Mayor Jerome Laxale	Councillor	City of Ryde
✓		Clr Penny Pedersen	Councillor	City of Ryde
✓		Clr Christopher Gordon	Councillor	City of Ryde
✓		Clr Bernard Purcell	Councillor	City of Ryde
	✓	Clr Edwina Clifton	Councillor	City of Ryde
✓		Alison Salt	Chairperson	
		Michelle Lawrence	Community Representative	
✓		Jessica Herder	Community Representative	
✓		Guarav Patni	Community Representative	Royal Rehabilitation
		Lilian Hong	Community Representative	
✓		Kylie Tarleton	Community Representative	Carers NSW
✓		Sue Verhoek	Senior Coordinator Community Services	City of Ryde
✓		Sean Willenberg	Community Project Officer Social Inclusion	City of Ryde
✓		Linda Smith	EA to Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

Details**Action**

1.	<p>Welcome and apologies and Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all present and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.</p> <p>Those present and apologies are as noted above.</p> <p>It was noted that Julie Crane may be able to suggest additional people who would like to join this Committee.</p>	Noted.
2.	Minutes from the meeting dated 31st March 2021	Noted

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The minutes from the meeting held on 31 st March 2021 were adopted.	
<p>3. Code of Conduct and Terms of Reference for the Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A suggestion was made to increase the number of non-Indigenous members on the Committee - It was noted that there needs to be a 50% representation by Indigenous members on this Committee. This means that if the overall number of members should increase, there must be an increase in the number of Indigenous members also - There was a suggestion that the position of Chair be shared between an Indigenous and non-Indigenous member i.e. that it be a co-shared position - A change as above, would need to be endorsed by Council - It was also suggested that perhaps more non-voting members could be invited to join the group - A further suggestion was made that rather than having people join this committee, that a group known as RAP champions could be formed. 	<p>Noted.</p> <p>That the Terms of Reference be amended to include a position of Deputy Chair.</p> <p>It was suggested that the position of Deputy Chair be filled by a non-Indigenous person</p>
<p>4. Working Group – Expressions of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At the March meeting it was noted that due to a quorum, a decision on this item would need to be deferred to the next meeting. - It was suggested that all members of this Committee seek interest in joining the working group through their contacts. - It was noted that people who work, reside or study in Ryde are eligible. - The expression of interest could also be included in the Koori Mail and on Council's facebook page and website - Sean has contacted Julie Crane and Melanie Gould re this matter 	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>5. National Reconciliation Week – feedback from events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Held three events – “High Ground” the movie which was sold out - Truth Telling event at North Ryde School of Arts was a great success - Over 120 people attended including a large group of school students from St Josephs School - The students that attended reported they really enjoyed the night and thought it was great to be included in an event that wasn't arranged by the school - There was also an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women's only event where culture was discussed in a safe and inclusive environment. - Macquarie University also arranged events which were well received - For next year, it was suggested that a larger venue be sought so that an even larger event can be held. - It was also suggested that more funding be provided by Council for the event 	<p>Noted</p>
<p>6. NAIDOC Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All events have been postponed due to lockdown - NAIDOC week will still be celebrated and information will be placed on Council's website and social media - Guided walking tours along the Parramatta River will be held at a later date - A film screening “Firestarter” about the Bangarra Dance Company will also be held at a later date - Events at Macquarie Uni have also been postponed. - TAFE will be holding events on line - The TAFE procurement strategy is being highlighted by TAFE to encourage involvement by Indigenous groups - It was noted that in some regional areas the TAFE Is a major organiser of NAIDOC and holds bbqs, smoking ceremonies etc - Dept of Planning, Industry and Environment also arranges Regional bbqs etc 	<p>The information was noted.</p>

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7.	<p>RAP action items completed to date</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 of 36 actions have been completed - More will be completed by the end of the year - One action to be completed is Community Consultation for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander members re next RAP 	<p>The information was noted. Sean to send his presentation to all Committee members</p>
7.	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clr Purcell has received an email from “your mob learning” - He asked if anyone had heard of them – the answer was no - Alison thanked Council for the “goodie bags” provided for students studying Audiometry at Macquarie Uni - It was noted that many Aboriginal students suffer hearing issues. The program being run through a scholarship program is doing a great job to train people to work in this field. - Success in this course can lead to a full Audiology degree through University - Alison is working with the students and will also complete her own course is Audiometry - Kylie thanked Council for establishing this group and its work with the RAP - Jessica asked if there is budget to bring Chris Tobin to an event. - Sean advised that Uncle Chris has been unwell. He is booked to come to Council on 28th July to speak about the wind sculpture if he is well enough and COVID allows. - Sean noted that Council’s website has been updated to show the “wellmob link” - This is a site dedicated to keeping healthy and safe, even during COVID - Alison asked what resources Council has re Wallumedegal Clan? - Is there a map – what does Council have? - She said there is a lot of confusion and it’s important to have the correct information - She said this was important for Welcomes etc - Kylie said this is a question she has asked for a long time especially through her involvement with St Josephs school - The Snapper Fish is apparently the totem for the Wallumedegal - Clr Gordon advised that he asked staff to commission an update to a book by Keith Vincent Smith which is about the Wallumedegal - This book is ready to be released - The history of the area is confusing due to the arrival of different groups historically 	<p>The information was noted</p>
	<p>Next Meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of this Committee will be held on Wednesday 29th September 2021</p>	<p>Noted.</p>