



MINUTES

**Reconciliation Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Monday, 26 February 2024

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM BIDJPIDJI (MEETING ROOM 1), LEVEL 1, CIVIC CENTRE,
HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Peter Pangquee
City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders
Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth
Community Member Charles Briston
Community Member Milika De Santis (Chair)
Community Member Patrik Ralph

OFFICERS:

Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community & Cultural Services)
Kylie Hampton (Reconciliation Action Lead)
Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)

APOLOGY:

NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo
NT Public Health Network Jace Berry
NT Public Health Network Melinda Phillips

GUESTS: Nil

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

MILIKA DE SANTIS IS APPOINTED AS CHAIR FOR THE MEETING.

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.43 pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.

3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 Apologies

NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo (Chair)

NT Public Health Network Jace Berry

NT Public Health Network Melinda Phillips

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Councillor Peter Pangquee

Community Member Charles Briston

Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community & Cultural Services)

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC016/24**

Moved: Community Member Milika De Santis

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

That the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 UPDATE ON PROJECTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC017/24**

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report Update on Projects be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 RECONCILIATION WEEK AND NAIDOC WEEK**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC018/24**

Moved: Community Member Milika De Santis

Seconded: Community Member Charles Briston

1. THAT the report on Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0**9.3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC019/24**

Moved: Community Member Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Membership Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0**9.4 REVIEW TERMS OF REFERENCE - RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC020/24**

Moved: Community Member Charles Briston

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

1. THAT the report entitled Review of Terms of Reference – Reconciliation Advisory Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT the Reconciliation Advisory Committee endorse any proposed changes to the Functions and Membership sections at **Attachment 1** and refer these to Council for approval.

CARRIED 6/0**10 MEMBER REPORTS****10 MEMBER REPORTS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC021/24**

Moved: Community Member Milika De Santis

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

That the member reports be received and noted, noting the following:

Community Member Milika De Santis requested consideration of other key dates for First Nations people ie. Apology Day, and an update on the Sister City Relationship with Milikapiti.

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth informed new 2IC appointed and City of Darwin arrange to meet.

Community Member Patrik Ralph informed starting new role as Executive Assistant to Deputy Chief Minister Chansey Paech.

CARRIED 6/0**11 GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

12 NEXT MEETING

20 May 2024

The Chair declared the meeting closed at: 3.02pm

Unconfirmed

Attachment 1

1 Functions

The functions of the Reconciliation Action Committee are to:

- Guide the implementation of City of Darwin's Reconciliation Action Plans (RAP)
- Represent the reconciliation needs of the Darwin community to the City of Darwin
- Advise Council on ways to actively contribute to the development and implementation of best practice policies, procedures, planning and programming to support reconciliation outcomes
- Identify actions that City of Darwin may take to improve reconciliation within its facilities, services and programs
- Identify gaps, issues and challenges in achieving reconciliation that City of Darwin can advocate for and/or partner with businesses, services and organisations to address
- Advocate for reconciliation as an active goal by providing education and information to improve community awareness of the importance of reconciliation, by promoting the histories, cultures and contributions of First Nations people to the City of Darwin, and
- Keep Council informed of industry developments, standards and legislation which can improve reconciliation within City of Darwin services, facilities, and programs.

2 Membership

The domains of expertise relevant to this Committee are:

Understanding and experience of issues impacting on First Nations communities
Community services and cultural development
Education, employment, and training
Recruitment and/or human resourcing, and
Safety and well-being services

Membership Provisions

Up to four (4) community members, and

Up to six (6) organisational memberships consisting of representation from:

Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation

Larrakia Development Corporation

Organisation with a higher status RAP than City of Darwin ('Stretch' or 'Elevate')

Commonwealth or Northern Territory Government

Education, Employment or Training provider, and

Community or Not-for-Profit organisation

One Elected Member (and one Alternative Elected Member)

City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer

Any other peak First Nations organisations that the majority of members agree to approach

[A variation of this section will be across all Advisory Committees:](#)

Membership will expire if a member does not attend three (3) consecutive regular meeting occasions without an approved leave of absence.

Representatives shall be nominated by a member organisation and are required to send a briefed alternative delegate should the nominee be unavailable.

The Term of Membership for Community members is two (2) years. Community members if absent, are unable to send a proxy.

Observers with specialist skills and experience may also attend by invitation of the Committee and/or Council.