

Minutes

Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, 17 November 2025



**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, 17 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Larrakia Nation - David Kurnoth (Chair)
Councillor Peter Pangquee
City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer - Simone Saunders
Community Member - Alinta McGuire
Community Member - Adrian Rotumah
NT Primary Health Network - Joline Bouwer
NT Indigenous Business Network - Hakon Dyrting

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services - Angela O'Donnell
Coordinator Reconciliation - Ineke Wallis

APOLOGY:

Nil

GUESTS:

Lord Mayor Peter Styles
Community and Customer Liaison Assistant - Theresa Clarke

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1 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.

David Kurnoth from Larrakia Nation gave a warm Acknowledgement to country.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC025/25

MOVED: NT PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK JOLINE BOUWER

SECONDED: COMMUNITY MEMBER ADRIAN ROTUMAH

THAT DAVID KURNOTH IS APPOINTED AS CHAIR FOR THE MEETING.

CARRIED 7/0

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC026/25

Moved: NT Primary Health Network Joline Bouwer

Seconded: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1:38pm.

CARRIED 7/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC027/25

Moved: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the Committee note that pursuant to Section 95 (43) of the *Local Government Act 2019*, the following member(s) was granted permission for Electronic Meeting Attendance:

- Community Member Alinta McGuire
- NT Primary Health Network Joline Bouwer

CARRIED 7/0

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**5.1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC028/25**

Moved: Community Member Adrian Rotumah
Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Hakon Dyrting

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 19 May 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 7/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING**19.1 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC040/25**

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire
Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report titled Membership Update be received and noted.
2. THAT the committee note Ironbark's acceptance of membership to this committee.
3. THAT agenda item titled "Membership Update" be discussed at the next meeting.
4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019.
5. THAT the report remain confidential and that this decision is moved to into open at the end of the meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

21.1 CONFIDENTIAL GENERAL BUSINESS**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC041/25**

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire
Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Hakon Dyrting
THAT the following Member Reports be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0**8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC029/25**

MOVED: COMMUNITY MEMBER ADRIAN ROTUMAH
SECONDED: CITY OF DARWIN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIMONE SAUNDERS
THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED INTRODUCTION TO THE 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL
BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 7/0**9.2 NOMINATION OF CHAIR****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC030/25**

MOVED: COMMUNITY MEMBER ADRIAN ROTUMAH
SECONDED: COMMUNITY MEMBER ALINTA MCGUIRE

1. THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED NOMINATION OF CHAIR BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.
2. THAT THAT RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATE DAVID KURNOTH AS THE CHAIR FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.

CARRIED 7/0

9.3 MEETING DATES 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC031/25

MOVED: NT INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORK HAKON DYRTING

SECONDED: COMMUNITY MEMBER ALINTA MCGUIRE

1. THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED MEETING DATES 2026 BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.
2. THAT THE RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SETS ITS MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026 UP TO 30 JUNE 2026 AS FOLLOWS:
 - A) MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON MONDAYS
 - B) MEETINGS TO BE HELD FROM 12:00PM TO 1:30PM
 - C) MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT CIVIC CENTRE AND ELECTRONICALLY VIA TEAMS
 - D) MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON:
 - I. 16 FEBRUARY 2026
 - II. 18 MAY 2026

CARRIED 7/0

9.4 RECONCILIATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC032/25

MOVED: COMMUNITY MEMBER ADRIAN ROTUMAH

SECONDED: NT INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORK HAKON DYRTING

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED RECONCILIATION COORDINATOR UPDATE BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 7/0

9.5 CLOSING THE GAP - INDEPENDENT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LED REVIEW

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC033/25

MOVED: NT INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORK HAKON DYRTING

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR PETER PANGQUEE

THAT THE REPORT ENTITLED CLOSING THE GAP - INDEPENDENT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LED REVIEW BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 7/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC034/25

MOVED: NT INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORK HAKON DYRTING

SECONDED: CITY OF DARWIN CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SIMONE SAUNDERS

THAT THE MEMBER REPORTS ARE TO BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 7/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC035/25**

MOVED: COUNCILLOR PETER PANGQUEE

SECONDED: NT INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORK HAKON DYRTING

THAT GENERAL BUSINESS BE RECEIVED AND NOTED.

CARRIED 7/0**12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC036/25**

MOVED: COUNCILLOR PETER PANGQUEE

SECONDED: NT INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORK HAKON DYRTING

THAT THE NEXT RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE BE HELD ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 12:00PM TO 1:30PM.

CARRIED 7/0*ADRIAN ROTUMAH AND JOLINE BOUWER LEFT THE MEETING AT 2:26PM.***13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC037/25**

MOVED: COMMUNITY MEMBER ADRIAN ROTUMAH

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR PETER PANGQUEE

THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 99 (2) OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019* AND REGULATION 8 OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT (GENERAL) REGULATIONS* THE MEETING BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER THE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF THE AGENDA.**CARRIED 5/0****RECOMMENDATIONS**THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERS THE CONFIDENTIAL REPORT(S) LISTED BELOW IN A MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 99(2) OF THE *LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2019*:**16.1 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

THIS MATTER IS CONSIDERED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL UNDER SECTION 99(2) - 51(C)(IV) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, AND THE COUNCIL IS SATISFIED THAT DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER IN AN OPEN MEETING WOULD, ON BALANCE, BE CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST AS IT DEALS WITH INFORMATION THAT WOULD, IF PUBLICLY DISCLOSED, BE LIKELY TO SUBJECT TO SUB REGULATION 51(3) – PREJUDICE THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNCIL OR SOME OTHER PERSON.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC038/25

MOVED: NT INDIGENOUS BUSINESS NETWORK HAKON DYRTING

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR PETER PANGQUEE

THAT THE OPEN SECTION OF THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 2:29PM.

CARRIED 5/0

THAT THE OPEN SECTION OF THE MEETING BE RESUMED AT 3:01PM.

THAT THE CHAIR DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 3:01PM.

**THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE RECONCILIATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2026.**

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CHAIR