

Minutes

Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, 18 May 2026



**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, 18 MAY 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth, Chair
Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey
Community Member Adrian Rotumah
Councillor Peter Pangquee
NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

OFFICERS:

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

APOLOGY:

City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders
Community Member Jenna Cubillo
Community Member Alinta McGuire

GUESTS:

Nil

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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.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC015/26

Moved: Community Member Adrian Rotumah
Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo
The Chair declared the meeting open at 12:06 pm.

CARRIED 5/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC016/26

Moved: Community Member Adrian Rotumah
Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo
THAT an apology from City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders, Community Member Jenna Cubillo and Community Member Alinta McGuire be received.

CARRIED 5/0

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC017/26

Moved: Community Member Adrian Rotumah
Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo
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 Nancy Helen Jeffrey
- Community Member Alinta McGuire
- NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

CARRIED 5/0

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 RAC018/26

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 February 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 5/0

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

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 RECONCILIATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC019/26

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

1. THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Coordinator Update be received and noted.
2. THAT the Reconciliation Coordinator investigate opportunities to order Larrakia designed shirts for the Reconciliation Advisory Committee, including a high-visibility option for relevant areas.
3. THAT a follow-up conversation be organised by the Reconciliation Coordinator with NTIBN and the team regarding the development of the next RAP and Aboriginal procurement.
4. THAT the definitions within the First Nations Career Development Plan be reviewed to remove the wording 'accepted by the community'.

CARRIED 5/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC020/26

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

THAT the following Member Reports be received and noted.

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth, The Chair

- Welcomed new members to the Committee.
- It was noted that consideration should be given to engaging NTIBN BLAK Markets for major City events and potential future reconciliation activities. Members were also advised that the NTIBN Hub will be relocating to Winnellie in the coming weeks.

Community Member Adrian Rotumah

- Noted that the introduction of Larrakia polos is a positive initiative and expressed support for its continued expansion. It was suggested that this be considered as an action for inclusion in the next Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). It was further noted that members of the FNSSN would value the opportunity to wear and proudly represent a Larrakia-designed uniform, acknowledging the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the land.

CARRIED 5/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 MEETING DATES 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC021/26

Moved: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

THAT the Reconciliation Advisory Committee meeting sets its meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026 as follows:

- Monday, 17 August 2026 at 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm to be held in Meeting Room Bidjpidji
- Monday, 16 November 2026 at 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm to be held in Meeting Room Bidjpidji

CARRIED 5/0

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

The next Reconciliation Advisory Committee will be held on Monday, 17 August 2026, at 12:00 PM Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1), Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the 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*:

18.1 Developing our next Reconciliation Action Plan – Advisory Committee Focus Areas

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, be likely to prejudice the maintenance or administration of the law.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC022/26

Moved: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 12:53 pm.

CARRIED 5/0

The meeting be closed at 12:53 pm due to loss of quorum, and that the confidential report be deferred to the next meeting for discussion.

The minutes of this meeting are to confirmed at the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 August 2026.

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CHAIR