



MINUTES

**Reconciliation Advisory Committee
Meeting**

Monday, 15 May 2023

**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, 15 MAY 2023 AT 1:30 PM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Peter Pangquee, ABC Radio Charlie King, NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo, NT Public Health Network Jace Berry, Community Member Leah Gardiner
- OFFICERS:** Lee Turner (Reconciliation Action Lead), Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services), Heather Docker (Community Development Officer)
- APOLOGY:** Simone Saunders CEO City of Darwin, Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth, NT Public Health Network Melinda Phillips, Community Member Nicole Brown
- GUESTS:** Jane Bland (City of Darwin Councillor and Committees Support Officer)

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Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation’s position around the upcoming Referendum.

Action: A discussion about the upcoming Referendum and for this topic to be included as an agenda item at the next Reconciliation Advisory Committee meeting.

Action: Consideration of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its inclusion in the 2023-2025 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Committee Members are to confirm by 26 May their position on the Uluru Statement of the Heart being included in the RAP by email to Reconciliation Action Lead. The draft RAP will be presented to Council on 30 May.

Action: Due to the resignation of the Committee Chair a new Chair will need to be recommended at the next meeting.

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.37 pm.

2 WELCOME TO COUNTRY**3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE****3.1 Apologies**

CEO City of Darwin Simone Saunders

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

NT Public Health Network Melinda Phillips

Community Member Nicole Brown

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

NIL

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members**

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

1.59 pm Charlie King arrived at the meeting

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC021/23**

Moved: Community Member Leah Gardiner

Seconded: NT Public Health Network Jace Berry

That the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED 5/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS**9.1 RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE - AMENDMENTS TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC022/23**

Moved: NT Public Health Network Jace Berry

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

1. THAT the report entitled Terms of Reference-Reconciliation Advisory Committee be received and noted.
2. THAT the Reconciliation Advisory Committee endorse the revised Terms of Reference at **Attachment 2.**

CARRIED 5/0

Actions: Reconciliation Action Lead to organise a presentation by Leeanne Caton, Acting CEO, Northern Territory Aboriginal Investment Corporation on Aboriginal Benefits Account (ABA) Grant Programs at next meeting 10 July 2023.
That the term First Nations be amended in the revised document under heading "Purpose"
That the term Territorian First Nations be discussed at the next meeting.

9.2 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC023/23**

Moved: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: ABC Radio Charlie King

1. THAT the report entitled Membership Update be received and noted.
2. THAT Reconciliation Advisory Committee thank Mark Munnich for his contribution to the Committee.
3. THAT Reconciliation Advisory Committee thank Nicole Brown for her contribution to the Committee.

CARRIED 5/0

Actions: Reconciliation Action Lead to organise thank you letters for outgoing members.
Reconciliation Action Lead to email Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APONT) to gauge interest in potential membership of Reconciliation Advisory Committee
Reconciliation Action Lead to circulate a call out for an additional Community Member to replace the vacancy left by Nicole. Suggestion to approach Larrakia Nation for additional community representative member.

9.3 2023 RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC024/23

Moved: Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: Community Member Leah Gardiner

1. THAT the report entitled 2023 Reconciliation Week COD events be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

Actions: Recommend that for next year consideration be given to a Market in Civic Park with support from Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network who can assist with names of First Nation businesses.

City of Darwin Reconciliation Week events is for internal City of Darwin staff only. No external participants.

9.4 UPDATE ON MIRRAGMA GUNUGURR-WA

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC025/23

Moved: Community Member Leah Gardiner

Seconded: ABC Radio Charlie King

1. THAT the report entitled Update on Mirragma Gunugurr-wa be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

NT Public Health Network – Jace Berry spoke about how they are continuing to develop their Draft Reconciliation Action Plan.

City of Darwin – North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) and National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) membership as Committee Members from both organisations had resigned. NAAJA and NIAA have since been approached and invited to nominate a member for the Reconciliation Advisory Committee. Committee were advised of the resignation from Committee Chair Nicole Brown.

Leah Gardiner - is now working at Aboriginal Justice Unit is and will continue to be a community member on the Committee. Leah is also the co-chair for NAIDOC week with Attorney General and Justice.

Deb Anstess-Vallejo – Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN) now have hub offices in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs. The office in Darwin is at Development House, Level 1. NTIBN have a list of service providers to partner with if needed. For Reconciliation Week NTIBN are working with the Northern Territory Government painting a mural in the hub and will be holding a launch on 30 May for business networking. Blak Business Award Night is coming up.

Charlie King – National Court Judges will be travelling to Alice Springs in June to visit two First Nations communities. Half of the Judges will travel to Santa Teresa and the other half will travel to Hermannsburg Communities. The Chief Justice has requested that the Judges need to be informed to assist them when making decisions.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

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