

Minutes

Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, 17 August 2026

Unconfirmed



**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 AUGUST 2026 AT 12:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth
Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey
Community Member Adrian Rotumah
Councillor Peter Pangquee
Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation Kadeja James
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 Alinta McGuire
Community Member Jenna Cubillo

GUESTS:

Executive Manager Marketing, Communications and Engagement, Emma Jane Edwards
Communications & Engagement Officer, Harry Browell

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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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12:04 pm.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC023/26

Moved: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

THAT an apology from City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders, Community Members Alinta McGuire and Jenna Cubillo be received.

CARRIED 6/0

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC024/26

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

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 Adrian Rotumah
- NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

CARRIED 6/0

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 RAC025/26**

Moved: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18 May 2026 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 MOVING OF ITEMS**7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS**

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

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC026/26

Moved: Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation Kadeja James

Seconded: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

THAT the presentation from Marketing, Communications and Engagement team, in relation to the Civic Plaza stakeholder presentation, be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC027/26

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Action Plan Development be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

9.2 RECONCILIATION COORDINATOR UPDATE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC028/26

Moved: NT Indigenous Business Network Deb Anstess-Vallejo

Seconded: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Coordinator Update be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

The meeting was adjourned and moved into Confidential Section to consider Confidential Report 18.1 – Membership Update.

12 ADJOURNMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC029/26

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

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 at 12:29pm.

CARRIED 6/0

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 Committee 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 Membership Update

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(i) and 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Committee 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 cause commercial prejudice to, or confer an unfair commercial advantage on, any person and information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

Community Member Adrian Rotumah was not present at the resumption of the meeting and did not return.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC030/26**

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the meeting be resumed at 12:57pm.

CARRIED 5/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 COAT OF ARMS****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC031/26**

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

THAT officers prepare a discussion paper on City of Darwin's Coat of Arms for the Committee's next meeting.

CARRIED 5/0

13 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

THAT the next Reconciliation Advisory Committee will be held on Friday, 16 October 2026, at 9:00 AM (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1), Level 1, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC032/26**

Moved: Community Member Nancy Helen Jeffrey

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 1:12 pm.

CARRIED 5/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 12:56 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 1:12 pm.

The minutes of this meeting are to confirmed at the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 16 November 2026.

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CHAIR