



# **MINUTES**

## **Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Monday, 19 May 2025**

**Date: Monday, 19 May 2025**

**Time: 1:30 PM**

**Location: Meeting Room Bidjpidji (Meeting Room 1)  
Level 1, Civic Centre  
Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin**

**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, 19 MAY 2025 AT 1:30 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor Peter Pangquee  
City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders  
Community Member Patrik Ralph  
Community Member Alinta McGuire  
Community Member Adrian Rotumah  
NT Primary Health Network Jace Berry  
Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

**OFFICERS:**

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services Angela O'Donnell  
Senior Administration Officer Karen Long

**APOLOGY:**

Nil

**GUESTS:**

NT Primary Health Network Joline Bouwer

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*Community Member Patrik Ralph was not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

*NT Primary Health Network organisational representative Jace Berry and Joline Bouwer were not present at the commencement of the meeting.*

## **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC012/25**

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

THAT City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders is appointed as chair for the meeting.

**CARRIED 5/0**

## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.33 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**

Nil

### **3.2 Leave of Absence**

Nil

### **3.3 Leave of Absence Notified**

Nil

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE**

## **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 RAC013/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 17 February 2025 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 5/0**

## 7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

## 8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC014/25

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Seconded: Community Member Adrian Rotumah

THAT the introduction by Councillor Peter Pangquee to the new members be received and noted.

**CARRIED 5/0**

*Community Member Patrik Ralph joined the meeting via Teams at 1.42 pm*

## 9 OFFICER REPORTS

*Moved Item 9.2 as the first item of business to allow time for those members that are on their way before considering Item 9.1 Nomination of Chair.*

### 9.2 NAIDOC 2025 AND RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026 GRANT PROGRAM

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC015/25

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

THAT the report entitled NAIDOC 2025 and Reconciliation Week 2026 Grant program be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

*NT Public Health Network organisational representative Jace Berry and Joline Bouwer joined the meeting at 1.47 pm.*

*Community Member Patrik Ralph left the Teams meeting at 1.53 pm and rejoined the meeting at 1.53 pm.*

### 9.3 RECONCILIATION WEEK PROGRAM 2025

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC016/25**

Moved: NT Primary Health Network Jace Berry

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

1. THAT the report entitled Reconciliation Week Program 2025 be received and noted.
2. THAT the Committee promote and attend Reconciliation Week Program events.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 9.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination of Chair be received and noted.
2. THAT that Reconciliation Advisory Committee nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as the Chair for a two-year term.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC017/25**

Moved: City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

Seconded: NT Primary Health Network Jace Berry

THAT this matter lay on the table and be brought back to the next meeting.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 9.4 2024 REPORTING

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC018/25**

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

THAT the report entitled 2024 Reporting be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

### 9.5 NT RECONCILIATION NETWORK

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC019/25**

Moved: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled NT Reconciliation Network be received and noted.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 10 MEMBER REPORTS

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC020/25

Moved: City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

THAT the following verbal member reports be received and noted.

- NT Primary Health Network organisational representative Jace Berry informed the committee that this was his last meeting as the organisational representative and that Joline Bouwer will be the representative.

The committee thanked Jace for his contribution and wished him well.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 11.1 UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC021/25

Moved: Community Member Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Community Member Alinta McGuire

Councillor Peter Pangquee noted that currently there are two First Nations elected members on the City of Darwin Council and encouraged others to consider nominating, outlining that Council elections take place in August this year.

**CARRIED 7/0**

## 12 NEXT MEETING

1:30 pm

Monday 17 November 2025

**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 Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

**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 subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC022/25**

Moved: City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

Seconded: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

The chair declared the Open meeting closed at 2.53 pm.

**CARRIED 7/0**