



AGENDA

Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, 19 May 2025

I hereby give notice that a Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Monday, 19 May 2025

Time: 1:30 PM

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

**Simone Saunders
Chief Executive Officer**

RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Peter Pangquee

City of Darwin Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

Community Member Charles Briston

Community Member Patrik Ralph

Community Member Alinta McGuire

Community Member Adrian Rotumah

NT Public Health Network Jace Berry

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

NT Indigenous Business Network Cherie Reid

Alternate Councillor Morgan Rickard

OFFICERS

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services Angela O'Donnell

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9.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

Author: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: Nil

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.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to nominate a Chair.

KEY ISSUES

- The Committee chair is vacant due to the resignation of Milika De Santis, Community member.
- Per the Reconciliation Advisory Committee's terms of reference, the chair is appointed by Council.
- At this meeting the Committee will nominate a Chair.

DISCUSSION Per the Reconciliation Advisory Committee's terms of reference, the chair is appointed by Council. At this meeting the Committee will nominate a Chair.	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION At the 20 May 2024 meeting the Reconciliation Advisory Committee resolved: COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC031/24 Moved: NT Public Health Network Jace Berry Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee 1. THAT the report entitled Election of Chairperson be received and noted. 2. THAT that Reconciliation Advisory Committee elect Milika De Santis as the Chairperson for the term 19 August 2024 to 30 August 2026.	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Policy: Advisory and Other Committees Policy No. 0093.100.E.R
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Nil
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).

9.2 NAIDOC 2025 AND RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026 GRANT PROGRAM

Author: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Authoriser: General Manager Community
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on City of Darwin's NAIDOC 2025 and Reconciliation Week 2026 Grants program.

KEY ISSUES

- On 1 March 2025 City of Darwin opened our NAIDOC 2025 and Reconciliation Week 2026 grant program. This is the second year of this program which grew out of our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan August 2023 – July 2025.
- On 31 March applications closed.
- The first round in 2024/25 received 4 eligible applications.
- This second round in 2025/26 received 8 applications.
- The NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week grant program runs alongside City of Darwin Community Grants and has up to \$50 000 quarantined under the NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week category.
- Applications are currently being assessed, with recommendations to go to Council in late May.

DISCUSSION

As part of City of Darwin's commitment to strengthening relationships with First Nations organisations, advancing reconciliation and celebrating NAIDOC in 2024 we created a new program for NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week Grants.

On 1 March 2025 City of Darwin opened our NADIOC 2025 and Reconciliation Week 2026 grant program. This is the second year of this program. On 31 March applications closed.

The first round in 2024/25 received 4 eligible applications. This 2025/26 round received 8 applications, showing an increase in activity and knowledge of these grants.

The NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week grant program runs alongside City of Darwin Community Grants and has up to \$50 000 quarantined under the NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week category. Applicants to this category must be First Nations businesses or organisations and registered with NT Indigenous Business Network or Supply Nation.

Applicants can apply for \$5 000 - \$10 000 to deliver activity across NAIDOC or Reconciliation Week.

The priority areas across these grants include activities that:

- Celebrate Larrakia or other First Nations achievements or history
- Connect community and encourage participation
- Actively promote Reconciliation
- Have broad community engagement and participation

A panel of assessors are trained across the organisation to assess applications for both Community Grants and the NAIDOC and Reconciliation Week Grants with representation from First Nations staff.

Applications are currently being assessed, with recommendations to go to Council in late May.

Applications received covered a wide variety of activity including Cultural and Family Fun Days, Sporting activities, Leadership Development, Sewing workshops, services anniversary event. Once recommendations have been endorsed by Council the Committee will be updated on the status of successful applications.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 April meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD154/24

1. THAT the report entitled Community Grants Round 1 and Reconciliation/NAIDOC Week Program Recommendations 2024 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council approve the following 7 projects for funding in the Community Grants Program Round 1 2024/25, for a total of \$50 000.

Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
YWCA Australia	Barista training workshops for young mothers participating in Connected Families and Young Mums Strong Mums programs. The young mothers are under 30 years old, unemployed, and most have experienced domestic and family violence and trauma.	\$7 600	\$7 600
Alliance	French language classes through	\$2 977	\$2 977

Française de Darwin Incorporated	song, reading, and play for babies, children, and their parents. An opportunity for interested English French bilingual families to meet and connect.		
Corrugated Iron Youth Arts	Youth Performing Arts Festival – Futures Collide includes workshops, parade and 40 th Birthday celebrations for children, young people and emerging and early career artists.	\$10 000	\$10 000
Multicultural Seniors Social Club	Gathering of intergenerational individuals from different community organisations to share in the understanding of each other's culture through performances, singing, dancing, fashion shows, food and music.	\$5 000	\$5 000
Multicultural Multigenerational Mainstream Dance	The Afrobeats Dance Project provides opportunities for people of African backgrounds to learn, practice and perform their dances by connecting them with dance-leaders of the African community and providing them with safe spaces, equipment, supervision, and administrative services.	\$9 640	\$8 140
Darwin Community Arts	A series of workshops creating interactive, multi-sensory, immersive performances made with, by and for people with neurodiversity and disability, children and families.	\$10 000	\$9 678
Jocelyn Tribe (Tangan Collective)	Project Wanga will create a podcast (8 x 45 mins) led by First Nations artists interviewing Arts Industry members from diverse cultural backgrounds.	\$9 965	\$6 605

2. THAT Council approve the following 4 projects for funding in the Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week program for a total of \$30 606.

Applicant	Activity	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Enterprise Learning Projects	Impact North Reconciliation Week Change Maker Event.	\$10 000	\$10 000
Mayala-Bol	Community Engagement Program NAIDOC Week – Blak history, resilience and joy at Browns Mart.	\$9 061	\$9 061
Shaun Francis	NAIDOC Week mural celebrating dual Nichols medallist Ted Cooper at Wanderers Football Club.	\$4 545	\$4 545

Ironbark Aboriginal Corporation	NAIDOC Week event with Berrimah businesses.	\$7 000	\$7 000
<p>4. THAT this report and any attachments be deemed confidential documents and be treated as such in accordance with Section 293 (1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>5. THAT the documents remain confidential and that this decision be moved into Open at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>CARRIED 9/0</p>			
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City</p> <p>5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</p>		
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Budget/Funding: \$50 000</p> <p>Is Funding identified: Yes</p>		
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Policy:</p> <p>City of Darwin Funding Guidelines</p>		
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>Engagement Level: Inform</p> <p>Tactics:</p> <p>Grants were promoted through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postcards • Media release • Vibrant Community newsletter • Social media • Direct email communication • City of Darwin Website • Customer services screens 		
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>		

9.3 RECONCILIATION WEEK PROGRAM 2025

Author: Executive Assistant Community
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the committee with an overview of City of Darwin's Reconciliation Week events.

KEY ISSUES

- Reconciliation Week dates for 2025 are 26 May to 31 May, this year's theme is Bridging Now to Next.
- This year City of Darwin have engaged Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN) member XhalEvents as an event delivery partner for 3 key activities across Reconciliation Week.
- Activities include Monday 26 May lunchtime event at Raintree Park, Thursday 29 May staff only Breakfast BBQ event at Operations Centre and Saturday 31 May Family event at Casuarina Library.
- In addition to the Reconciliation Week events programs City of Darwin have supported a Pre event – Darwin Beach Choir – Voices for Reconciliation at Darwin Ski Club on 11 April.

DISCUSSION

Reconciliation Week dates for 2025 are 26 May to 31 May, this year's theme is Bridging Now to Next. As part of our Reconciliation Action Plan City of Darwin is committed to organising at least one National Reconciliation Week event each year.

This year City of Darwin have engaged NTIBN member XhalEvents as an event delivery partner for 3 key activities across Reconciliation Week.

Activities include:

- Monday 26 May lunchtime event at Raintree Park
- Thursday 29 May staff only Breakfast BBQ event at Operations Centre
- Saturday 31 May Family event at Casuarina Library

All activities are free and the activities on Monday and Saturday will be advertised widely through networks and the marketing, communications and engagement team of City of Darwin. Promotions include direct email campaigns, electronic screens in customer services and libraries, postcards, social media and media releases.

Each event engages First Nations facilitators and providers as a priority.

Monday 26 May Raintree Park will include a performance by singer songwriter Jaxon De Santis, the Thursday 29 Operations Staff closed event will also have guest speakers from 1% - Jaidah Vigona and Dante Rodrigues highlighting mental health programs for young First Nations men and the Casuarina Library event on Saturday 31 will include creative and cooking workshops by artists Shaun Lee and Danella Lee as well as a smoking ceremony and the Darwin Beach Choir teaching a First Nations song to children.

Copies of promotional material will be distributed via email with hard copies available in the meeting.

In addition to the Reconciliation Week events outlined City of Darwin supported a Pre event – Darwin Beach Choir – Voices for Reconciliation at Darwin Ski Club on 11 April. Support provided for this event included the engagement and payment for Welcome to Country and Didj playing by Uncle Roque Lee through Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation and the engagement of First Nation's Production Company Moogie Downs to develop the film clip for inclusion in the national Reconciliation Australia program – Voices for Reconciliation.

The final edit of this clip will be played at the meeting.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity						
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<table> <tr> <td>Budget/Funding:</td><td>Existing Reconciliation Budget</td></tr> <tr> <td>Is Funding identified:</td><td>Yes</td></tr> <tr> <td>Contractor:</td><td>XhalEvents</td></tr> </table>	Budget/Funding:	Existing Reconciliation Budget	Is Funding identified:	Yes	Contractor:	XhalEvents
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Contractor:	XhalEvents						

LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

9.4 2024 REPORTING

Author: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: 1. Summary reports 2024 [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled 2024 Reporting be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the 2024 reporting to Council on the actions achieved through the current Reconciliation Action Plan

KEY ISSUES

- Council receives reports on actions across Strategies every 6 months – these are referred to as their Tier 2 Performance Reporting
- Summary reports at **Attachment 1** provide members with highlights and information as received by Council regarding the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan August 2023 – July 2025

DISCUSSION

Council receives reports on actions across Strategies every 6 months – these are referred to as their Tier 2 Performance Reporting.

Tier 2 strategies are enabling plans which operationalise the main actions of the Strategic and Municipal Plan and contain deliverable actions which require reporting to Council and the community biannually.

City of Darwin has ten (10) active strategies and plans which have been classified as Tier 2:

- Climate Emergency Strategy
- Creative Strategy
- Customer Service Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Greening Darwin Strategy
- Movement Strategy
- Play Space Strategy
- Reconciliation Action Plan
- Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy
- Youth Strategy

Summary reports at **Attachment 1** provide members with highlights and information as received by Council regarding the Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan August 2023 – July 2025. These include:

- achievements for this reporting period
- activities planned for the next reporting period
- circular graphic for statistics
- observations and challenges which are currently being experienced or foreseen next period, if applicable.

The graphic represents the current year achievements against target only, however there is additional detail about items not due for commencement and items completed in previous years.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 25 February 2025 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD065/25

THAT the report entitled Tier 2 Bi-Annual Performance Report – July to December 2024 be received and noted.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Nil

LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan August 2023 – July 2025
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Inform
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

Reconciliation Action Plan

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Development

Period: 01/01/2024 – 30/06/2024

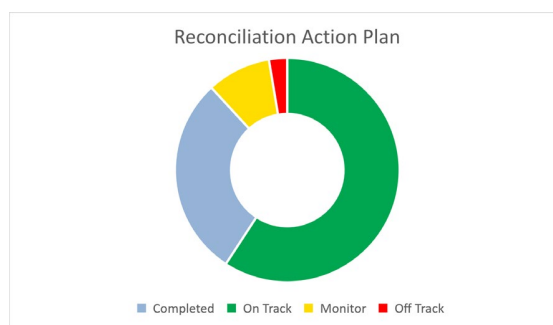
Highlights achieved in current period:

- Delivery of the Reconciliation Roadshow across City of Darwin.
- First Nations Staff Support Network participation in culturally appropriate Mental Health First Aid Training.
- Delivery of City of Darwin Reconciliation Week Program including external events at Casuarina Library and performances by Larrakia artists including Mill Youth and Auntie June Mills.
- New Reconciliation and NAIDOC Week Grants program delivered.
- New HR policy First Nations cultural safety, enrichment and inclusion.



Since the previous reporting period, actions which were reported across multiple years have been consolidated into single reportable actions and duplicates have been removed from the system. As a result, there are a total of 77 actions remaining for reporting against across the life of the 2-year Reconciliation Action Plan (2023 to 2025).

76 actions were active or due during 2023/24 and as per status graphic below: 22 actions have been completed, 45 are on track, 7 are listed as monitor, and 2 are listed as off track. One action is not due to commence until 1 July 2024.



What will be achieved next period?

- Internal training for City of Darwin Staff as part of the new LMS on First Nations History and Culture.
- Participation in Reconciliation Australia's Workplace Barometer.
- Continue to develop First Nations workforce.



Reconciliation Action Plan

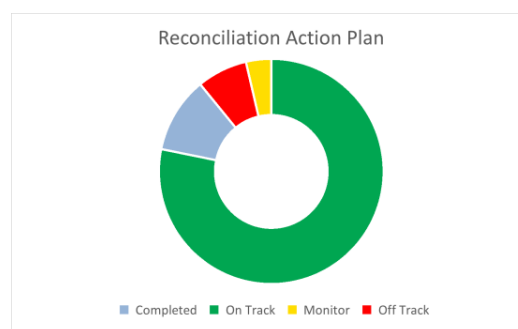
Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Development

Period: 01/07/2024 – 31/12/2024

Highlights achieved in current period:

- New LMS course on First Nations history and culture.
- Participation in Reconciliation Australia's Workplace Barometer.
- Delivery of NAIDOC program including stall at NAIDOC March.
- Development of internal Reconciliation frameworks and First Nations Directory.

There are 55 actions active or due during 2024/25 and as per status graphic below, 6 actions have been completed, 43 are on track, 2 are listed as monitor, and 4 are listed as off track. A total of 22 actions were completed in the previous year.



What will be achieved next period?

- Recruitment of Reconciliation Coordinator.
- Continue to develop First Nations workforce including offering of leadership training.
- Engage First Nations local provider to deliver Reconciliation Week program.

9.5 NT RECONCILIATION NETWORK

Author: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Authoriser: General Manager Community

Attachments: 1. NT Reconciliation Network Inaugural Minutes [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the Northern Territory Reconciliation Network Inaugural Meeting from 14 April 2025.

KEY ISSUES

- As part of its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan City of Darwin is committed to supporting the development of an NT RAP Network.
- On 14 April an Officer attended the inaugural meeting of the Northern Territory Reconciliation Network.

DISCUSSION <p>As part of its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan August 2023-July 2025 City of Darwin is committed to supporting the development of an NT RAP Network.</p> <p>On 14 April an Officer attended the inaugural meeting of the Northern Territory Reconciliation Network. Attachment 1 provides the minutes of that meeting. The meeting was convened by Cross Cultural Consultants Jason Elsgood and Nicole Brown.</p> <p>Attendees included representatives from Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, Power and Water Corporation, Inpex, Anglicare, and the Education sector. From the attendees gathered the intent is to form a working group to drive the development of an NT Reconciliation Network, with support from interstate networks and Reconciliation Australia.</p>	
PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION <p>Nil</p>	
STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	<p>5 A Vibrant and Creative City</p> <p>5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity</p>
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	<p>Nil</p>
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	<p>Policy:</p> <p>Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan August 2023-July 2025</p>
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	<p>Engagement Level: Inform</p>
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	<p>The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter.</p> <p>If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).</p>

Inaugural Reconciliation Network Meeting

Minutes – 14/04/2025

Minutes of the Inaugural Reconciliation Networking Meeting

Date: Monday, 14 April 2025

Time: 2 pm – 3pm

Location: 116/5 McCourt Road Yarrowonga NT 0830

Facilitator: Jason Elsegood

Minute Taker: Jason Elsegood

Attendance:

Nicole Brown
Jason Elsegood - CCC
Willem Rocket – EEPM,
Christina Jenkin, Craig Kelly – Anglicare NT,
Daniella de Koster-Hill – Haileybury,
Angela O'Donnell – City of Darwin,
Natalie Gibbs, Kirrily Freson Carpentaria,
Robyn Craig – catholic Education,
Sarah Peris – Kentish,
Jason Chin - YNT,
Shannon Cowdrey-Fong -NTPHN,
Wynonna Young, Kelvin Costello, Chris Langworthy - INPEX,
Jenna Cubillo, Carmen Douglas – Power water,
Ross Springolo- naif,
Toni Williams – Winc,
Sandra Alley Anglicare

Apologies: Justine Williams – Care flight, Paul Royce – mission Australia

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Nicole Browne delivered a Welcome to Country, acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land and paying respects to Elders past and present.

2. Opening Remarks and Purpose of Meeting

Jason Elsegood, facilitator of the session, welcomed attendees and outlined the objectives of the inaugural meeting. The purpose was to bring together stakeholders interested in reconciliation across the Northern Territory and to begin shaping the structure and direction of a coordinated reconciliation initiative.

3. Presentation of Discussion Paper

Jason presented key points from the discussion paper, which explored:

- The current landscape of reconciliation activities in the NT
- Opportunities for coordinated action
- Possible structures for a representative reconciliation body
- Guiding principles and immediate priorities

Inaugural Reconciliation Network Meeting

Minutes – 14/04/2025

4. Discussion and Outcomes

4.1 Preferred Legal Structure

There was a unanimous consensus with all attendees that an Incorporated Association is the most appropriate legal structure.

Attendees agreed that this model:

- It is simple and accessible to establish
- Keeps compliance manageable
- Aligns with the group's early-stage needs and grassroots nature

4.2 Group Support and Engagement

Strong support was expressed for the formation of the group. Attendees were enthusiastic about having ongoing collaboration. All participants requested to be kept informed and involved as things progress.

4.3 Urgency and Reconciliation Week

The group voiced a strong desire to move forward quickly, with Reconciliation Week only six weeks away. The sense of urgency was supported by a shared commitment to begin creating visibility and action around reconciliation in the NT.

5. Agreed Interim Actions

Cross Cultural Consultants (CCC) will:

- Continue to coordinate and facilitate the group during the establishment phase.
- Act as the central point of contact for communication and administration.
- Receive and share Reconciliation Week events from members to support broader promotion and participation.

6. Next Steps

1. Letter of Commitment: Jason Elsegood will draft and circulate a Letter of Commitment for organisations to sign, pledging their support for the formation of the group and its objectives

2. Legal Entity Registration: Jason will initiate the process of registering an Incorporated Association under the name: Reconciliation Northern Territory

3. Communication and Planning: A follow-up meeting will be scheduled shortly to maintain momentum, coordinate Reconciliation Week activities, and progress the formal establishment.

7. Close of Meeting

Jason thanked all attendees for their engagement, insights, and enthusiasm. He reaffirmed the importance of the work ahead and the collective energy already building.

Meeting Closed: 3pm

Inaugural Reconciliation Network Meeting

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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.



MINUTES

Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, 17 February 2025

Date: Monday, 17 February 2025

Time: 1:30 PM

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

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM DARRANDIRRA (MEETING ROOM CHAMBERS), LEVEL 1,
CIVIC CENTRE, HARRY CHAN AVENUE, DARWIN
ON MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 1:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Peter Pangquee
City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders
Community Member Patrik Ralph
Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

OFFICERS:

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

APOLOGY:

NT Public Health Network Jace Berry
Community Member Charles Briston
Community Member Libby Collins

GUESTS:

Nil

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC001/25**

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

THAT David Kurnoth is appointed as Chair for the meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 1.38 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**

NT Public Health Network Jace Berry

Community Member Charles Briston

Community Member Libby Collins

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

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC002/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

THAT the minutes of the Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting held on 18 November 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 4/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services advised actions are incorporated in Officers Reports.

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC003/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: City of Darwin, Chief Executive Officer Simone Saunders

1. THAT the report entitled Nomination of Chair be received and noted.
2. THAT the nomination of Reconciliation Advisory Committee chair be deferred to the next meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

9.2 PROJECT UPDATES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC004/25

Moved: Community Member Patrik Ralph

Seconded: Councillor Peter Pangquee

THAT the report entitled Project Updates be received and noted.

CARRIED 4/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC005/25

Moved: Councillor Peter Pangquee

Seconded: Community Member Patrik Ralph

Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth raised the themes for NAIDOC (The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy) and Reconciliation Week (Bridging Now to Next) and the importance of how the messaging is shared in celebrating these events.

CARRIED 4/0

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION RAC006/25

Moved: Larrakia Nation David Kurnoth

Seconded: Community Member Patrik Ralph

Councillor Peter Pangquee informed the committee of the appointment of Mirella Fejo as the new City of Darwin Councillor.

CARRIED 4/0

12 NEXT MEETING

19 May 2025, 1.30 pm

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 52 of the Local Government (Administration) 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*:

13.1 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.

13.2 Reconciliation Frameworks and Policy Documents

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.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

The chair declared the Open meeting closed at 2.00pm.