



Minutes RAP Advisory Committee

13 April 2022

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Wednesday, 13 April 2022
Time	5.00pm to 6.30pm
Venue	MS Teams
Chair/Facilitator	Maddie Miller
Minutes	Blair Colwell

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

"Our meeting is being held on the Traditional Land of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and, on behalf of Banyule City Council, I wish to acknowledge them as the Traditional Custodians. I would also like to pay my respects to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders, past, present and emerging, and to acknowledge other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders joining us today."

Diversity Statement

"Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community."

Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Maddie Miller	RAP Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Julio Estorninho	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Uncle Charles Pakana	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Walley Johnson	Reconciliation Banyule
Shane Grigg	RAP Advisory Committee Member
Shelly Ware	RAP Committee Member
Tom Conley	RAP Committee Member
Sue Harris	RAP Committee Member
Terry Makin	Reconciliation Banyule
Blair Colwell	Banyule Council; Aboriginal Gathering Place Coordinator
Robbie Colosimo	Acting Director Community Wellbeing
Cr. Peter Dimarelos	Banyule Councillor & RAP Advisory Committee Co-Chair
Cr. Peter Castaldo	Banyule Councillor

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Michael Geary	Banyule Community Health Services representative
Les Chessells –	Banyule Council; First Nations Elder – designated Contact officer

Items

1. Welcome, Acknowledgement and Diversity Statement 5:00 – 5:10

Acknowledgement of traditional custodians

Diversity Statement

2. Introductions Confirmation of Minutes and Action Arising 5:10 – 5:30

Officer updates committee on actions and outcomes from previous minutes.

Develop List of Significant First Nations People for Consideration of Place Names

Action One: Members to consider names of respect of Aboriginal figures with a connection to Banyule. Members can send nomination by email in the coming weeks with information about the person.

Outcome: Please consider local First Nations peoples – Name and what they have achieved (including dates) by 1st of June 2022 to Uncle Les.

Investigate Renaming Existing Place

Action Two: Contact Officer (Uncle Les) will provide guidelines and processes before the next meeting re-naming Council areas and or Street names regarding persons who have been found to have committed atrocities against First Nation peoples of the area.

Outcome: Guideline still being investigated. Action to be carried forward to next meeting.

Marketing and Communications Subcommittee

Action Three: Establish a volunteer working group from members of the RAP Advisory Committee to work with Council and Marketing and Communications to establish a comprehensive and consistent communication plan. Interested members to email Les.

Outcome: Nominations for the Subcommittee received for Uncle Charles Pakana, Tom Conley and Shelly Ware. Committee member to consider other nominations

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Mover: Tom Conley

Seconder: Shelly

Outcome: Minutes adopted for the 11th of November meeting

3. Victorian Aboriginal Local Government Strategy 5:30 – 5:40

The Victorian State Government has developed the Victorian Aboriginal Local Government Strategy a guide for assisting local governments in working respectfully with Aboriginal community in the promotion of self-determination. Although not a replacement for Council's Reconciliation Action Plan the strategy does have synergies with RAP's and can assist in the development of RAP's

Action

Members read the Victorian Aboriginal Local Government Strategy and provide feedback at the next RAP meetings on its potential links to the development of the RAP.

4. RAP Priority Actions for discussion, feedback and consultation 5:40 – 6:10

Update from Contact Officer on RAP actions for discussion and consideration by RAP Advisory Committee:

RAP Action 1.12. (Respect)

Develop partnerships to continue to advocate for Constitutional Recognition and Victorian Treaty advancement.

Deliverable 1. Raise awareness of Constitutional reform progress and developments within our organisation and throughout the municipality.

Deliverable 2. Produce and promote Council media stories about First Nations Assembly representatives for Banyule and Victorian Treaty advancement developments.

Discussion

There is a need to build greater awareness of treaty process, First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria and The Yoorrook Justice Commission for both the Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people. In the past information session based at the library have been viewed as successful and could be considered. There are creative ways of engaging community in the discussion such as potentially using art or artistic expression in exploring treaty and truth and justice. Could the Banyule Banner potentially raise the profile of these topics?

Action

The Marketing and Communications Sub-Committee consider how we can engage with the Treaty Commission and or Yoorrook in providing local information sessions on constitutional.

Barrbunin Beek to consider organising an information session with First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria covering treaty process.

RAP Action 1.7. (Respect)

Renew Banyule Council's Statement of Commitment to First Nations Peoples.

Deliverable 1. Review, update and renew Banyule Council's Statement of Commitment to First Nations Peoples.

Discussion

The Statement of Commitment was developed in 2009 and the committee agrees is due for review and update. There is an opportunity to refocus the Statement of Commitment to ensure that it is reflective of our current commitment to First Nations people. Areas where the Statement of Commitment can be updated is Banyule's commitment to self-determination, honouring Aboriginal people living off land and considering treaty and constitutional reform. The Statement of Commitment is a standalone document which outlines Council's commitment to Aboriginal people. The statements development should be driven by the Aboriginal community and supported by the non-Aboriginal community.

Action

In parallel to the development of the Reconciliation Action Plan, Banyule's Statement of Commitment to First Nations People should be reviewed and updated in consultation with Council, the Aboriginal Community and supported by the broader community.

5. RAP Annual Report 6:10 – 6:20

The Annual Report outlining Banyule's progress in addressing its Reconciliation Action Plan is being developed and is in draft form. This document will be shared with the RAP Advisory Committee for consideration when finalised. The contact officer was able to share three successes as outlined in the report highlighting the nature and calibre of achievements.

Action

When finalised the Annual Report is shared with the RAP Advisory Committee for discussion and feedback.

6. Barrbunin Beek Update: – 6:10 – 6:20

Renovations

As part of the Olympic Park Precinct redevelopment Barrbunin Beek and Banyule Council has engaged k20 Architecture in redeveloping the space. Community and Committee consultations have conducted in creating a vision for the space which has been incorporated in the initial design circulated for community feedback. Works are planned to commence in September 2022 with completion in 2023.

Programming

Barrbunin Beek continued to work with its community stakeholders in the activation of Barrbunin Beek. Car park works surrounding Barrbunin Beek has created additional challenges in program delivery.

7. Other Business 6:20 – 6:30

Confirm Actions arising

Please note: Time did not allow confirming Actions

Chair thanked members and staff for their participation

8. Close and date of next meeting

Meeting closed 6:30

Next meeting: June 8th in person at Barrbunin Beek with an online option.