



# Minutes RAP Advisory Committee

14 June 2023

## Meeting details

<b>Date of meeting</b>	Wednesday, 14 June 2023
<b>Time</b>	5:30pm – 7:00pm
<b>Venue</b>	Hybrid options – Microsoft Teams or Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place
<b>Chair/Facilitator</b>	Shelley Ware
<b>Minutes</b>	Blair Colwell

## Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region’s history.”

## Inclusive Banyule 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

<b>Attendee name</b>	<b>Affiliation/Organisation</b>
Uncle Charles Pakana	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Tom Conley	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Wally Johnson	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Shelley Ware	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Catherine Bradley	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Sue Harris	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Zali Mifsud	Banyule Council First Nations Lead
Kristen Munro	Banyule Council Barrbunin Beek Coordinator
Uncle Owen Butler	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Georgie Meyer	Banyule Council
Jo Southwell	Banyule Community Health
Cr Peter Castaldo	Banyule Council
Blair Colwell	Banyule Council

## Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Cr Elizabeth Nealy	Banyule Council
Maddi Miller	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Shane Grigg	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member

# Items

## 1. Introduction 5:30pm – 5:35pm

- Acknowledgement of traditional custodians
- Inclusive Banyule Statement
- Welcome to members
- Apologies
- Housekeeping

## 2. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting 5:35pm – 5:45pm

- Confirmation of minutes
- Action arising

Action	Outcome or Update	Status
Action 1: Establish a volunteer working group from members of the RAP Advisory Committee to work with Council and Marketing and Communication to establish a comprehensive and consistent communication plan.	Completed as will be within the new strategy	Completed
Action 2: Sub-working group including Uncle Owen, Tom and Shelley to meet with the Repat hospital and then report back to RAP committee on discussions on how to progress the plaque.	Meeting has taken place with progression on the plaque further update in Additional Business	Ongoing
Action 3: Council Officer to organise for Hannes from Arts & Culture to discuss the exhibition and the acquisition of art		Completed
Action 4: Council Officer to arrange a sub-working group consistent of Uncle Charles and Shelley to discuss Uluru Statement from the Heart communications plan	Update: Complete – update in Additional Business	Completed
Action 5: Council Officer to arrange a sub-working group consistent of Uncle Charles and Shelley to discuss Uluru Statement from the Heart communications plan	Update: On Agenda for discussion at RAP meeting	Ongoing
Action 6: Council Officer to send draft EOI for the mural within Roseanna library with committee	Update: Not being completed until the end of the year	Ongoing
Action 7: Council Officer to share calendar of events for NRW week to committee		Completed

### 3. NAIDOC Week Discussions 5:45pm – 6:00pm

- Zali to present

#### Discussion

NAIDOC week is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to celebrate our culture and participate in a range of community events. Often staff in the First Nations Team have the added burden of running or facilitating activities in addition to participating in community events. Balancing these demands the First Nations Team will be delivering the following:

Elders Lunch on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July 12pm to 2pm. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the Elders in our community. Committee aren't required to assist or attend this event. Consideration will be given to personal invitations to community member Elders to attend this event.

NAIDOC Week T-shirt and Banner Workshop. In the lead up to NAIDOC week Barrbunin Beek will hold a banner and t-shirt printing workshop where community will be encouraged to design their own NAIDOC March T-Shirt, Banner or Tote Bag. This workshop will be on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. RAP group members are invited to attend.

NAIDOC March on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. As part of this event bus transportation to VAHS (starting point of the NAIDOC March) from Barrbunin Beek will be provided for community members who wish to participate in the March. Departure will be from Barrbunin Beek at 10am and returning from Federation Square at 3:30pm (approximately). RAP Committee members are invited to attend.

Council is administering an EOI process for Council staff to attend the march so leave entitlement doesn't need to be used. Committee acknowledging the difficulty for staff to both host events and participate in community events during NAIDOC week.

Committee enquired on how the broader community can celebrate NAIDOC week. That is the purpose of events at ILCH that Stef from the Arts Team is working towards. Arts Team will lead the work promoting and celebrating NAIDOC week.

ILCH and the Arts Team will be offering a range of events which promote and celebrate NAIDOC Week, these events will be accessible to the broader community and promoted widely through Banyule Council Channels.

#### Action

Barrbunin Beek to consider which local Elders should be invited to attend.

Invitation will be extended to RAP Advisory Committee to attend the March.

### 4. New Strategy Development 6:00pm – 6:30pm

- Georgie to Present as Zali has declared a conflict of interest.

#### Discussion

The committee put forward a recommendation for a Self Determination Plan, in line with this goal Council has invited expressions of interests from external consultants to work with the RAP Committee, Council and the community in its innovation.

Zali Mifsud has declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from the meeting for the duration of this agenda item.

Proposed that a Sub Working Group be established to assist in the process of evaluating and selecting a consultant for this work.

Procurement is excited to be contributing to the process of selecting a consultant as they navigate their best practice process with a First Nations community centred process.

Committee members have been reminded on the importance that no one in the meeting can communicate on this matter with Zali following this meeting.

Consultants have applied and will be assessed by the Sub Working Group.

The RAP Committee was invited to volunteer members for the Sub Working Group.

Sue Harris, Shelley Ware, Tom Conley and Uncle Charles Pakana have self-nominated to be part of the Sub Working Group.

The Sub Working Group will meet ideally in the next week to make recommendations on the preferred consultant to procurement.

Georgie to call meeting with the sub working group.

### Action

The sub working group of Sue Harris, Shelley Ware, Tom Conley and Uncle Charles Pakana be established to assist in selecting a consultant.

Georgie Meyer to call meeting with the sub working group.

The recording of this meeting will be deleted following the minutes being concluded.

## 5. AHV MOU 6:30pm – 6:40

- Uncle Charles to Provide Update

### Discussion

We have had a meeting with Aboriginal Housing Victoria with the goal of entering a MOU with them similar to the one Darebin Council has. Uncle Charles has been encouraged meeting with AHV. A couple of meetings with Andrea Levy who was involved with the tail end of the MOU at Darebin. Meeting with Mandy Bathgate has provided details of the 21/22 Darebin MOU which can be used as a template in developing up our MOU.

Council would need to suspend the rates on the properties as part of this agreement.

With the money savings more funds can be committed to maintaining the properties.

Another important part of the MOU is advocating for increased affordable housing.

Uncle Charles has taken the first steps for the subcommittee, the sub committee will continue to meet now that further information available.

### Action

The slides of the presentation to be distributed to the committee.

Uncle Charles to speak with Andrea Leavy and seek clarification on how AHV have changed or made improvements.

## 6. General Business 6:40pm – 6:55 pm

- Call for any general business items
- Committee catch up (19 July)
- Plaque update

### Discussion

Committee requested an update on the Spirit Trail,

We are working with a graphic designer on the concept design and working with the Comms Team and TO's on the finalisation of the design.

We are hoping this will be completed this calendar year. There will be a launch as part of this project.

Tom outlined he would have a period of leave and will be unavailable for meetings during this period.

Exhibition on at the Manningham Council Gallery well worth seeing. Artist is Belinda Masson.

Elders with welcomes to country and not burdening them too much. Start thinking about younger TO's who can do welcomes. Alex Splitt who has been given permission by Wurundjeri to do welcomes. Committee to consider others who could also fulfill this role.

Tom raised that there are trainings for Mob and Non-Mob to do acknowledgements which is very good. Tom to distribute further details.

Shelley raised concern that she doesn't have access to Thomas Mayo link and wants to promote through Banyule Social. The link has been published and has been promoted widely through the Banyule Community. In addition Barrbunin Beek intends to hold forums where we play the Thomas Mayo interview. Link still should be active and accessible, if committee experience issues accessing the links please raise them with the First Nations Team. Link to Thomas Mayo event recording;

<https://www.facebook.com/100067580080160/posts/562972925965372/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v>

Zali noted the Population Committee catch up on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July (evening event) to have an open conversation about the referendum. Its an informal conversation but extending an invitation to RAP Committee to attend. This will be an in person only event.

Uncle Charles raised concerns about the process that went towards the invitation and subsequent cancelation of invitation for David Littleproud to attend a forum exploring the referendum as it is embarrassing. Uncle Charles' further raised that Council needs to be 'braver' in this space. Uncle Charles wants an undertaking from Council that we won't have a repeat of this sort of process.

Plaque for the forgotten soldiers and warriors at the repatriation hospital update; how it would look on poles or on a rock in the garden. We are up to the wording stages of the plaque which will come back to the group with completion next year with ceremony.

## Action

## 7. Close and date of next meeting 6:55pm – 7:00pm

- Confirm Actions arising
- Close meeting
- Next meeting: 13 September