



Minutes RAP Advisory Committee

11 September 2024

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Wednesday, 11 September 2024
Time	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Venue	Barrbunin Beek
Chair/Facilitator	Maddi Miller
Minutes	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

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Uncle Charles Pakana	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
Maddi Miller	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Tom Conley	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Uncle Owen Butler	Banyule RAP Advisory Group Committee Member
Cr Elizabeth Nealy	Banyule Council
Joseph Tabaco	Banyule Council
Robert Stringer	Reconciliation Banyule Representative
Georgie Meyer	Banyule Council
Blair Colwell	Banyule Council
Cr Peter Castaldo	Banyule Council
Zali Mifsud	Banyule Council
Leanne Sheean	Reconciliation Banyule Representative

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
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Jo Southwell	Banyule Community Health
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Items

1. Introduction 5:30pm – 5:35pm

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

Action	Outcome or Update	Status
Action 1: 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.	\$10 K investigating budget.	Ongoing
Action 3: Council Officer to investigate a formal relationship with Reconciliation Victoria	We had a presentation to Reconciliation Victoria on the 22 nd of March and the discussion was around establishing a formal relationship as they establish their leadership. Continue in perusing relationship	Ongoing

2. Confirmation of Minutes and Actions from previous meeting 5:35pm – 5:50pm

- Confirmation of minutes
- Actions arising

Discussion

Confirmation of the minutes of April Advisory Meeting

Mover: Uncle Charles

Seconder: Uncle Owen

Confirmation of the minutes of

Mover Uncle Owen

Seconder: Sue

3. Reflection Over term 5:50pm – 6:10pm

- Council Officer, Zali Mifsud to share achievements
- Discussion

Discussion

Zali thanked the members of the committee and the role they have played in progressing Reconciliation in Banyule.

A PowerPoint presentation was delivered outlining key achievements of the group and Council.

Each committee member reflected on their feelings and achievements of the Banyule RAP Advisory Committee.

Maddie thanked the committee for their support in her role as Chair.

Action

Council Officer will distribute the PowerPoint presentation to the Committee.

4. Next Steps 6:10pm – 6:30pm

- Council Officer, Zali Mifsud to explain next committee term
- Check in on Marrageil Strategy
- Discussion

Discussion

Next steps as the term of the RAP Advisory Committee ends tonight:

Banyule Council will be going into Caretaker period until 26th October 2024.

Officers will prepare a report for the new term of Council that recommends, amongst other things, the potential re-establishment of new advisory committees which would be inclusive of the RAP Advisory Committee.

The future body replacing the RAP Advisory Committee won't be a delegated committee.

It may be a quieter period with Caretaker and the four month induction period under the local government act.

The previous Committee Terms of Reference (ToR) stated you couldn't sit after serving two terms. These will be amended acknowledging the knowledge previous members hold and the value of its inclusion in a future committee.

It is likely there will be less communication with current members of the RAP Advisory Committee during this period however officers will continue to deliver actions from the Marrageil Strategy which is underpinned by public accountability.

Committee members outlined their enthusiasm, during the transition period, to offer their availability for engagement and consultation on First Nations issues.

The current ToR has up to 15 committee members and there are 14 current members.

With the endorsement of the new ToR it is an opportunity to change the name, do we have an idea of what we would like to change the committee name to?

"First Nations Voice to Council" as a first suggestion.

With the new ToR that will affect the membership, there will be a TO designated position, First Nations people to have voting rights.

Could we have observer role in the ToR?

What would Reconciliation Banyule's role be?

Would continue as an important partner and conduit to the broader community. Almost like partnership liaison.

Committee member: should we maintain the Banyule RAP Advisory Committee for advertising and seeking Expressions of Interest then adopt a different name?

Could we think about seeking particular representatives?

Could we consider finding a Youth Voice?

We would consider demographics and diversity as part of the selection process.

Invoicing for sitting fees:

Eligible Committee members need to submit invoices by the 25th of September 2024 with the meeting dates. For those who intend to donate their funds, please place details in an email to Zali by the 25th of September outlining where you would like them donated and the dates of the meeting.

Action

Council Officer to directly send the EOI to the Committee.

Council Officer to send Marrageil Strategy Report to Committee.

5. General Business 6:30pm – 6:55pm

- Call for any general business items

Discussion

In response to the Treaty Event on Sunday 8th of September 2024 - What we are seeing is push back from conservative media which is filling the space. We as a community need to be proactive in pushing out our message challenging disinformation and promoting social cohesion on this topic.

We need to lean into our partner stakeholders in this endeavour.

Caretaker can't be an excuse not to be active in this space.

Maybe the current Committee can attend the first Council meeting in November or the December meeting.

Handover of coolamon with country as a ceremonial way of celebrating First Nations culture early on in the term.

Would have to have Wurundjeri consultation and consent for this to be appropriate.

In response to a question it was confirmed there isn't a Welcome to Country at the first meeting.

The November first meeting has a strict statutory format which may impact on suggestions. Officer to enquire with Governance around investigate celebrating First Nations Cultures as part of the new Council's commencement.

Spirit Trail has been completed.

It is a decade old initiative and historical project.

Committee member acknowledged Craig Langdon as a Councillor at the time for this ward the Spirit Trail is situated in, was instrumental in inspiring the Spirt Trail.

Council is developing a map which would be published on the Council website highlighting the Spirit Trail.

Truth and Justice Commission Bill:

Investigating reparation for First Nations people. There is an opportunity to make submissions to support the bill closing on the 20st of September.

Also, Allys for Uluru.

ANTAR Cath will email links to provide an opportunity for Committee members to provide feedback or make submissions.

Ensure minutes can be used as a communication tool to inform Council around our position on Treaty.

Action

Council Officer to enquire with Governance, investigating celebrating First Nations Cultures as part of the new Council's commencement.

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

- Confirm Actions arising
- Close meeting

Discussion

Meeting Closed 6:55pm