



Minutes

Reconciliation Committee

Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 May 2025 in the Colonel Light Room, Adelaide Town Hall at 2.30 am

Committee Members Present:

Dual Chairpersons:

City of Adelaide Council Member:

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Dr Jane Lomax-Smith

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representative:

Yvonne Agius

City of Adelaide Council Members:

Councillor Janet Giles

Strategic Agency Representatives:

Ian Liddy

Kaurna Yerta Aboriginal Corporation Representative:

Mitzi Nam

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives:

Ivan-Tiwu Copley and Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

Proxies:

Lynette Crocker and Kveta Vlotman (proxy Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People Warning

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are advised that these Minutes may contain names or references to deceased persons

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies -

Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt (City of Adelaide Council Member)

Councillor Keiran Snape (City of Adelaide Council Member)

Jason Downs (Strategic Agencies representative)

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Co-Chair, Ms Yvonne Agius read the Kaurna Acknowledgement.

'The City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee acknowledges that we are meeting on traditional Country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

City of Adelaidelru ngadlu Kaurna Yartangka tampinhi.

Kaurna miyurna yaitya mathanya Wama Tarntanyaku.

Ngadlurlu Kaurna Miyurna, puki-unangku, yalaka, tarrkarrila tampinhi.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and other First Nations who are present today.'

3. Moment Silence in Remembrance of Departed Community Members

The reading was followed by a minute of silence for departed community members

The Lord Mayor then provided a verbal report on the following matters:

- The Lord Mayor informed the board that on Friday 11 April 2025, the Court of Disputed Returns made orders regarding the 2022 Central Ward election and advised that:
 - The Central Ward election was voided and changes to Council appointments have led to adjustments in our Committee membership, with former elected member, Councillor Elliott no longer serving on the Committee.
 - Council has appointed Councillor Snape to fill the vacancy within the Reconciliation Committee.
- A new communication method is to be introduced to support the work of the Reconciliation Committee
 - Quick links to key information, updates, and resources will be shared between quarterly meetings to align with how other committees of Council operate.
 - The Reconciliation Officer will support members to gain access to the shared materials.
- Volunteers for Aboriginal engagement framework with Free Prior and Informed Consent
 - The Lord Mayor informed the committee that Council have recently commenced the development of the Aboriginal Engagement Framework, which will include how we embed Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) principles.
 - The Lord Mayor informed the Committee that Council will be seeking volunteer Committee members to contribute to a workshop on FPIC and the Aboriginal Engagement Workshop in May.
- Memorial plaque in honour of Aboriginal elder Mr John C Brown
 - The Lord Mayor informed the Committee that a memorial plaque in honour of Mr John Clifford Browne, who was dedicated to serving the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of South Australia has recently been installed in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,
Seconded by Ian Liddy

That the Minutes of the meeting of the City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee held on 5 March 2025, be taken as read and be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

View public 5 March 2025 Minutes [here](#).

Carried

5. Conflict of Interest

Nil

6. Reports

6.1 Hutt Street Entry Statement - Heritage Wayfinding Signage

Discussion ensued during which the Lord Mayor left the meeting at 2:44pm

It was then -

Moved by Deanne Hanchant-Nichols,
Seconded by Mitzi Nam

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the Hutt Street Entry Statement – Heritage Wayfinding Elements presentation as contained within Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 7 May 2025.

Carried

Undertaking

In response to a query from Councillor Giles, an undertaking was given to provide the Committee with a list of the Aboriginal and Colonial cultural sites to be identified as a part of the wayfinding.

6.2 National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC week update

Discussion ensued during which Councillor Giles left the Colonel Light room at 2:50pm

The meeting then lapsed for want of quorum

Councillor Giles re-entered the Colonel Light room at 2:54pm

The meeting resumed with the following members present:

Yvonne Agius, Councillor Giles, Ian Liddy, Mitzi Nam, Ivan-Tiwu Copley and Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

It was then -

Moved by Ian Liddy,
Seconded by Councillor Janet Giles

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the City of Adelaide's activities to celebrate National Reconciliation Week between 27 May to 3 June 2025, and National NAIDOC Week, between 6 July to 13 July 2025.

Carried

6.3 Draft Annual Business Plan and Budget 2025/26 - Reconciliation Action Plan Alignment

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Mitzi Nam,
Seconded by Councillor Giles

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the 2025/26 budget proposal for the implementation of the City of Adelaide's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024 – 2027.

2. Receives the draft summary of key initiatives for delivering year two of the City of Adelaide's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024 – 2027 as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.3 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on 7 May 2025.

Carried

6.4 Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout National Heritage Management Plan, Archaeological Assessment

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,

Seconded by Ian Liddy

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE:

1. Notes the progress report on the implementation of the National Heritage Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout in 2024/25 as contained in Item 6.4 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 7 May 2025.

Carried

6.5 Adelaide Park Lands Dry Area Regulations Review

Discussion ensued

It was then -

Moved by Ivan-Tiwu Copley,

Seconded by Deanne Hanchant-Nichols

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE:

1. Notes the Adelaide Park Lands Dry Area Regulation Evaluation report as contained in Attachment A to Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the Reconciliation Committee held on Wednesday, 7 May 2025.
2. Notes the Council's decision to apply to the State Government to extend the current arrangements for the Adelaide Park Lands Dry Areas for a further three years until 22 June 2028.

Carried

7. Presentations

Nil

8. Any Other Business

Nil

9. Next Meeting

Wednesday 3 September 2025, 2.30pm

Closure

The meeting closed at 3.44 pm

The Lord Mayor Dr Jane Lomax-Smith / Ms Yvonne Agius

Dual Chair
City of Adelaide Reconciliation Committee