

Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan Progress Report - Quarter 1 Update 2025/2026

Strategic Alignment - Our Community

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress report against the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027 (Stretch RAP) for Quarter 1 of 2025/26 (1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025).

The Stretch RAP was endorsed by the Reconciliation Committee at its meeting on 4 December 2024 and was subsequently endorsed by Council on 10 December 2024.

An overview of the actions delivered between 1 July 2025 and 30 September 2025 is provided in **Attachment A**.

Key achievements under the Stretch RAP 2024-2027 in Quarter 1 include:

- Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Morning Tea and Awards ceremony.
- Annual NAIDOC in the Mall event and unveiling of photographic artworks by Colleen Raven Strangways.
- World Heritage FPIC meetings with SANTS and Traditional Custodians: Workshop 1 completed, and planning for Workshop 2 underway.
- Updated the City of Adelaide's *Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kaurna Yarta Protocol*.
- The development of a Cultural Burn Operating Guideline for undertaking cultural burns, led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, including completion of the online Cultural Burn permit application process (**Attachment B**).
- Planning and preparation for a Cultural Burn in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi Conservation Area.
- Commencement of Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) roadshow designed to build a shared understanding of the RAP process across City of Adelaide.
- Engagement of artist for the Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) kiosk upgrade.

The Stretch RAP was endorsed by Reconciliation Australia in July 2025 and is available to view on the City of Adelaide's reconciliation webpage.

RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation will be presented to Council on 9 December 2025 for consideration

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Stretch Reconciliation Plan 2024-2027 Quarter 1 progress update for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 as contained in **Attachment A** to Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.
2. Notes the Cultural Burn Operating Guideline as contained in **Attachment B** to Item 6.5 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 3 December 2025.

IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

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| City of Adelaide 2024-2028 Strategic Plan | Strategic Alignment – Our Community Establish and deliver a new Stretch Reconciliation Plan by 2024 |
| Policy | This report provides the 2024-25 Quarter 1 progress update for the Stretch RAP 2024-2027. |
| Consultation | Not as a result of this report |
| Resource | Not as a result of this report |
| Risk / Legal / Legislative | Not as a result of this report |
| Opportunities | Work is in progress addressing commitments in the Stretch RAP. |
| 25/26 Budget Allocation | The Stretch RAP is delivered through the City of Adelaide's operating budget. Funding for initiatives above existing service levels are determined annually by the Council through the City of Adelaide's Annual Business Plan and Budget process. |
| Proposed 26/27 Budget Allocation | Not as a result of this report |
| Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of Asset) | The Stretch RAP 2024-2027 is a strategic document outlining key goals, actions and milestones over three years. |
| 25/26 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable) | Not as a result of this report |
| Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost) | Not as a result of this report |
| Other Funding Sources | Not as a result of this report |

DISCUSSION

Purpose

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Background

2. The Stretch RAP is a three-year plan to guide reconciliation actions from 2024-2027 with actions and deliverables across four key areas: Relationships, Respect, Opportunities and Reporting.
3. The Stretch RAP was endorsed by the Reconciliation Committee on 4 December 2024 and was subsequently endorsed by Council at its meeting on 10 December 2024.
4. The Stretch RAP was endorsed by Reconciliation Australia on 15 July 2025.

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5. An overview of the actions delivered between 1 July 2025 and 30 September 2025 is provided in **Attachment A**.
6. Key achievements under the Stretch RAP 2024-2024 in Quarter 1 include:
 - 6.1. The 2025 NAIDOC in the Mall event was held on 8 July 2025 and provided the community with opportunities to celebrate and engage with First Nations culture. The event featured the unveiling of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Portrait Project. The project, undertaken by Colleen Raven Strangways and Jakirah Telfer, invited Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, spanning three or more generations, to participate in a collaborative photography exhibition.
 - 6.2. The Lord Mayor's NAIDOC Morning Tea and Award Ceremony was held on 9 July 2025 at the Adelaide Town Hall to recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to the community. Ngarrindjeri man Craig Rigney was the recipient of the Lord Mayor's Award for his dedication to improving community safety and wellbeing. The award ceremony included a performance by Electric Fields who were presented the Key to the City of Adelaide in March 2025.
 - 6.3. The World Heritage Bid project continues to unite key partners such as Yamagigu, South Australian Native Title Services (SANTS), and local stakeholders.
 - 6.4. The City of Adelaide's *Acknowledgement and Welcome to Kaurna Yarta Protocol* has been updated. The outcome of this project has been to strengthen respect for Kaurna cultural authority, ensuring that Acknowledgements are not just symbolic but educational, guiding respectful engagement with Country.
 - 6.5. The development of an internal Operating Guideline for undertaking cultural burns, led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples was developed (**Attachment B**). The Operating Guideline outlines principles, protocols, roles, and procedures that:
 - 6.5.1. Integrate Kaurna cultural knowledge, values, and protocols into all aspects of fire management planning and practice.
 - 6.5.2. Ensure compliance with legislative and environmental requirements, including the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005* (SA) and *Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016* (SA) and City of Adelaide's by-laws.
 - 6.6. Planning and preparation for a Cultural Burn in Victoria Park/Pakapakanthi (Park 16) Conservation Area was completed in Quarter 1, including an online permit application process.
 - 6.7. The Reconciliation Team developed a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Roadshow designed to build a shared understanding of the RAP across the organisation.
 - 6.8. Artist Colleen Raven Strangways was engaged to develop artwork in Rymill Park / Murlawirrapurka (Park 14) to celebrate and promote Kaurna culture.

Next Steps

7. In 2025/26, the Administration will continue to provide quarterly (three-month) implementation progress updates on the Stretch RAP to document key actions, successes and any challenges encountered, allowing for adjustments and strategic improvements in delivering the Stretch RAP.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Quarter 1 (2025/2026) progress update – Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-2027

Attachment B – City of Adelaide - Cultural Burn Operating Guideline

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