



Notice of Amendment

Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, 6 July 2021

Notice is given that the following amendments have been made to **Item 12.1 Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi (Working Together Our Way)** and **Item 15.1 Long Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31**, listed on the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, 6 July 2021:

Regarding **Item 12.1**:

1. On page 12 of the Agenda, the Officer's Recommendation has been amended from:

That Council ENDORSES an Agreement between the City of Perth and the Elders Advisory Group titled Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi (Working Together Our Way).

To now read:

That Council ENDORSES the Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi (Working Together Our Way) between the City of Perth and the Elders Advisory Group.

2. From pages 12 to 17 of the Agenda (inclusive of Attachment 12.1A), the word 'agreement' has been replaced with 'Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi', where appropriate.

Regarding **Item 15.1**:

1. The opening position of the LTFP is an estimate and is subject to change over time. Given the time that has elapsed since the original publication of the Agenda, the opening position has been comprehensively reviewed and revised. Therefore, a new, more current version of the LTFP has now been updated into the Agenda. All consequential changes in the Item on page 229 of the Agenda (inclusive of the figures in Tables 1 and 2) and its Attachments 15.1A(1) and 15.1A(2) have been made accordingly.

The amendments will be included in the Minutes of this meeting.

Michelle Reynolds
Chief Executive Officer

12.1 Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi (Working Together Our Way)

Responsible Officer	Kylie Johnson - Acting General Manager Community Development
Voting Requirement	Simple Majority
Attachments	Attachment 12.1A – Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi (Working Together Our Way)

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi (Working Together Our Way) between THE City of Perth and the Elders Advisory Group.

Recommendation

That Council ENDORSES the Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi (Working Together Our Way) between the City of Perth and the Elders Advisory Group.

Background

1. In February 2018, the City of Perth (the City) endorsed a Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as a part of its commitment to developing strong relationships with the Aboriginal community and increasing the level of engagement with Traditional Owners and the City.
2. The RAP was developed through extensive consultation with Aboriginal Elders and the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community and articulated the vision for reconciliation in the City. The RAP has supported the City to deliver on its commitment towards reconciliation, to develop relationships and partnerships, and working towards creating social and economic opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
3. The City created an Elders Advisory Group called The Bridyas (the bosses) to assist, monitor and track the progress of the RAP. The Bridya's comprise Traditional Owners of Whadjuk Nyoongar Elders and Elders from across Western Australia and are recognised, valued, and honoured by the City as heads of the Aboriginal community. The City's Chief Executive Officer and the Elders meet multiple times a year and have 'boss to boss' conversations to provide updates, to connect back to the wider community, and keep the City accountable for the delivery of the actions in the RAP.
4. The RAP included action 9.1 "Investigate a Treaty between the City and the Whadjuk Nyoongar Community". Through the investigation of this action with the Elders, it was determined the "Treaty" would form the guiding principles which would underpin the desired culture of the City and its Reconciliation Action Plans, both current and future. The "Treaty" outlined the principles for the City in how it would work with the Aboriginal community for the future.
5. Following several engagement sessions between the City and the Elders Advisory Group, a draft "Danjoo-Treaty" was finalised and endorsed by the City's Elders Advisory Group. The draft was presented to Council at its meeting held 28 July 2020. Council determined to defer the item back to the Administration. The reason for this was because the City had received feedback from the State Government that the word "treaty" should not be used as it should only be used by the State Government for agreements relating to land and ownership. The Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi does not involve any land use agreement, and therefore a review of the name was required.

Discussion

6. Several additional engagement sessions were held between 2020 and 2021 between the City and the Elders Advisory Group, to review the name of the document.
7. Following the engagement sessions, the Elders Advisory Group endorsed the name Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi which translates to "Working Together our Way".
8. The Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi outlines the agreed guiding principles and culture to support the delivery of the City's Reconciliation Action Plans and any projects with the Aboriginal community.
9. The Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi demonstrates the City's ongoing commitment to reconciliation and dedication to working together with the Aboriginal community now and into the future.
10. The City is currently developing an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan which will underpin the Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi.

Stakeholder Engagement

11. The development of Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi was based on the engagement outcomes with the Elders Advisory Group, comprising of 10 Aboriginal Elders, the City's Chief Executive Officer, General Manager Community Development, and the Alliance Manager Community Services.

12. The City's articulated commitment to investigate a Treaty (Action 9.1) in the RAP was based on engagement outcomes with Aboriginal Elders, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal organisations, and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Community.
13. The draft Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi has been communicated to Department of the Premier and Cabinet, and Reconciliation WA for their information.

Decision Implications

14. The City has been working with the Elders Advisory Group for over a year on the Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi. If it were not to be supported, the relationship between the City and the Aboriginal community is likely to be impacted. This would set the City back in its reconciliation journey and may impact the City's progress towards an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategic Community Plan	
Aspiration:	People
Objective:	1.7 Ongoing acknowledgement, recognition, and continuing engagement with the Traditional Owners of city lands, the Whadjuk Nyoongar people.
Issue Specific Strategies and Plans:	Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan - Action 9.1 'Investigate and consider a Treaty between City of Perth and the Whadjuk Nyoongar people.'

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	Nil.
Authority of Council/CEO:	The Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi is between the City of Perth Council and the Elders Advisory Group.
Policy:	Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Relevant Documents

[Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan](#)

Further Information

Following the Agenda Briefing Session held on 22 June 2021, further information is provided:

15. Following feedback from the State Government that the original terminology of 'Treaty' should not be used, a range of options were discussed with the Elders Advisory Group including 'Statement of Intent', 'Position Statement' or 'Cultural Compact'.
16. The Elders Advisory Group indicated a preference for the word 'Agreement' as they considered it to be more proactive and reflective of action occurring.
17. The word 'Agreement' has been used in all Elders Advisory Group meetings and previous reports and publications. The role of the Agreement is to outline the principles and approach that will underpin existing and future actions with the Aboriginal Community – Our Way of Working Together.
18. Following review of the document it is now proposed to more strongly reflect the title of the document as 'Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi' and reinforce this through replacement of the term 'Agreement' with 'Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi'.

YACKER DANJOO NGALA BIDI

Working Together Our Way

This Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi is made between the City of Perth and Representatives of the Whadjuk Nyoongar City of Perth Aboriginal Elders Group and other Aboriginal people who have a connection to this place.

Yallor gannow goolbang wer poor-kul cardide gwabbanijow yel Nyoongar moort, babbingur wer wam. Gwabbanijow ngullark ally mugn Whadjuk Nyoongar burdiyas gadakang boodja. Noonookan karnya wer wumbudin Whadjuk Nyoongar moort ngulla yeller-wingaween, bardip wyeron wer kattitj il nidja milgebar boodja.

Dated xxxxxx 2021 (date)

Nidja Boorloo nyinning Whadjuk boodja. Boorloo birdiya ngullark naga yeyi kannagil yardie. Gwabbanijow ngullark ally mugn Whadjuk Nyoongar burdiyas gadakang boodja. Boorloo burdiyas nidja karnya Whadjuk Nyoongar kaartadjin boodja kalyakoork.

Bura kwop wirrin waangkininy kaartadjin

- Nagoluk quadga yacker danjoo djoowak arpacana boordawan ngullark.
- Wyeron ilk at-tidjenih, kartadjin, nih, ang Ngullark wer kattitj ngan-ul-uk kowa.
- Taan doorer catage Nyoongar wallak bardip djinung bura djenna gannow Boorloo.
- Yacker ngulla bura gwabbanijow kalyakoork ciurcalin wer karr-bung minyt wallakijow.
- Karbung doorer cartage kowa ung Nyoongar quadga katage ngano ngundabut yacker gambarn wer cattack nooyyang kalleep Boorloo.
- Yacker ngulla bura gwabbanijow Boorloo moorditj kalyakoork ciurcalin wer karr-bung minyt wallakijow Nyoongar wam.
- Kwop wirrin boodjar moorditj ngullark djennabidi nidja boodja.
- Nidja danjoo gwabbanijow quab bimign boorduk kalyakoork koorliny bura ngullarkin djenna yallow gannow.

Gwabbanijow danjoo koorda djen djinung Boorloo boodja karnya.

Kwop wirrin boodja moorditj ngullarkin djennabidi nidja boodja.

City of Perth Seal

The Common Seal of the City of Perth was affixed by authority of a resolution of the Council in the presence of:

The City of Perth (Boorloo) is situated on Whadjuk Boodjar (Nyoongar Country). This Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi is to acknowledge Whadjuk Nyoongars as the Traditional Owners of this land.

The City of Perth respects and honours the Whadjuk Nyoongar and Aboriginal people from other lands, their stories, traditions and living cultures, reflected on this land, which is ever present.

In the spirit of reconciliation and as an important foundation to the City of Perth's Reconciliation Action Plan, this Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi aims to:

- Acknowledge past injustices and commit to working in partnership together to build a better future for all.
- Build on trust, understanding, listening and learning from each other and hearing each other's voice.
- Develop protocols of working together in a respectful manner, designed for both parties.
- Develop relationships that recognise and respect the cultural identities of people from other lands to meet their needs, expectations and rights.
- Ensure the history of Aboriginal people is visible within the footprint of the City of Perth.
- Work together in decision-making that guides continuous and innovative change for future generations.
- Ensure a 'real' voice is given to Aboriginal people that live, work and have a connection to this land and a relationship with the City of Perth.
- Work together to ensure Perth is a welcoming and culturally safe environment for Aboriginal people in a spiritual, social and physical sense.

This Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi is written in good faith on behalf of all future generations who will follow in our footsteps.

This Yacker Danjoo Ngala Bidi is a responsibility of all parties and an opportunity for us, as partners, to create a better environment within the footprint of the City of Perth that is inclusive and built around principles of mutual respect.

The spirit of this land will heal and guide us as we walk together.

Signature of Lord Mayor

Signature of CEO

Signature of XXXXX

Signature of XXXXX

Signature of XXXXX



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