



Reconciliation Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting held 10am on Wednesday 8 February 2023 – KCR

1	Welcome & Apologies		
1.1	<p>The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.09am</p> <p>Attendance: Patrice Mahoney OAM (Chair), Kevin Love (Nature Parks Board) , Jane Jobe, (Nature Parks Board), Michaela Salvato (Nature Parks Board), Catherine Basterfield, Peter Puksic, Andrea Love , Kate Adams , Uncle Anthony Egan (<i>Traditional Owner Bunurong / Trawlwoolway</i>), Aunty Bev Munro, Ash Reed, Paul Patten, Anna Eggleton, Sarah Hain (minutes), Rosanna Martino, Ewan MacLeod</p> <p>Apologies Sally O'Neill, Shani Blyth, Sue Keogh</p>		
SSH	Acknowledgement of Country and Introductions		
2.1	The Chair welcomed everyone, and Uncle Anthony acknowledged Traditional Owners, Elders and Community members in the room.		
3	Minutes from Previous meeting		ACTIONS
3.1	Minutes from the December 2022 meeting were approved.		<i>Sarah Hain to upload to website</i>
4	Board Update - Chair		
4.1	<p>Board doesn't meet in January; last meeting was held in December. Since that last meeting the board have made progress with regards to the Penguin Parade Boardwalk project and have a preferred tender. Careful planning is required to suit both wildlife welfare and cultural heritage.</p> <p>Some progress has also been made in relation to the research to support our new ticketing system and preferred provider.</p> <p>The Board are very happy to report that it been a very busy summer period, visitor numbers have been great resulting in great financial outcomes.</p> <p>Three board positions will become vacant later this year, these will be advertised locally.</p>		<p>Invite the Boardwalk project manager to give an update at next RAC meeting.</p>

5	Committee Updates	ACTIONS	STATUS
5.1	<p>Nature Parks Mentoring program is being set up for Les and Andrea. Cultural Awareness training has been set and will commence from 21 February for any new staff who commenced from January 2021. Cultural Safety training will be in March for P&C, Conservation, Extended leadership group and RAC.</p> <p>Bunurong Land Council Business as usual, enviro team going well, a management team of 7 managers is now in place.</p> <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The commemorative event was held on the 20 January in Wonthaggi, had a good turnout. Local media attended, received positive feedback from community. Survival day gathering was held on Churchill Island, the event has grown organically, quite a few new people attending each year. Could be a good time to further develop as a BCRN event to encourage community engagement. The Community is hoping to have a mob yarn up day in March to support local Aboriginal community to discuss what people want going forward so this can be communicated with key organisations and promote Community-led action. BCRN will hopefully support this activity. <p>The Phillip Island Festival of Surfing has started and will include an Indigenous surfing event which is run by Surfing Australia. The local community are encouraged to attend and participate in the final community event on the 25 February at Phillip Island Boardriders Club. The RAC or BCRN could have a stall to promote reconciliation.</p>	<p><i>Patrice to raise at BCRN</i></p> <p><i>Aunty Bev will keep RAC updated</i></p> <p><i>Anyone interested in attending the Festival of Surfing to reach out to Geoff Russell at Westernport Water</i></p>	
6	Seals and Shearwater Research - Peter Puskic/Dr Rebecca McIntosh		
6.1	<p>Seals & Seabirds on Deen Maar Island: Historically research teams working on Deen Maar Island (also spelt as Deen Marr Island) have not engaged with Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owner Corporation and Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation. This doesn't align with the way in which Phillip Island Nature Parks wishes to conduct its science and not in line with the Nature Parks' RAP.</p> <p>The committee was informed of the communications plan for future works that intends to provide an information package to key stakeholders in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> introduce the Nature Parks and the Conservation Team provide the historic research material (published scientific papers and plain language summaries) identify our interest in beginning a new relationship, and if possible, collaborate on future projects according to the interests of all. <p>We welcome advice and feedback from the committee on these plans.</p>		
7	RAP Development Program		STATUS

7.1	<p>Met with Reconciliation Australia (RA) on 20 January. We have now received the formal invitation to develop another Stretch RAP and the supporting resources to help us with this process. This RAP will be the 4th RAP and 2nd Stretch RAP for Nature Parks. Kate working on consultation program to support RAP development.</p> <p>RA are interested in inviting organisations such as PINP to join a pilot program aimed at supporting us to embed our RAP into our ways of working and align RAP deliverable with PINP Strategic initiatives. Once we have developed a draft, we would then work through what this looks like with RA. RA sent through some examples of other RAPs for us to look at.</p> <p>Consultation workshops are being planned to take place with Jill West as facilitator around the end of March/early April this year. It will be important to focus on a few key goals we want to achieve in this RAP and to engage with the BLC on how our actions can build capacity, achieve common goals, and promote education among our wider community.</p>	<p><i>Undertake a review of progress to date, Kate to circulate report to the RAC.</i></p>	
8	Community Open Day Update		
8.1	<p>Following the last RAC meeting, and consultation with the PINP Board, we have conducted a large review with key stakeholders about the event. Planning to collate all feedback and then present suggested formats/options back to the Board.</p> <p>Key objectives for our open day include raising awareness of our mission and vision, demonstrating our values and celebrating our amazing achievements with our community partners.</p> <p>From the RAC perspective what is the benefit of participating?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value for the RAC is talking about who we are, what we do, to showcase and engage with local community • The event could be a great opportunity to showcase Aboriginal business/art/cultural presentations and talks/ music. • It would always include a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony • Engagement with kids is key • Representation on the day could be BCRN rather than just RAC. 	<p><i>Sarah and Catherine will present feedback and recommendation to the board and will advise the outcome as soon as possible.</i></p>	
9	Yarning Circle Update		
9.1	<p>Project has been discussed several times and we had a small group of kids come in as part of the “Kids as Catalyst” program late last year.</p> <p>We have grant money for the project, this will be allocated to engaging youth volunteers who will help lead the program, and money for young artists to design and create art installations in the space. An EOI will go out soon encouraging people to apply for either or all of the three art opportunities available.</p> <p>Final part of grant money will go towards the mosaic art component being run by Heather Fahnle. The next steps in this process will be gaining endorsement from the Community on the draft plan.</p>	<p><i>Kate to provide updates as the project progresses and seek selection panel members from Community</i></p>	

10	General Business - Chair		
10.1	<p>Nature Parks have received an invitation to again host the Indigenous Female Martu Rangers visit from the 17-27 March.</p> <p>Discussion on the timing of this meeting was held. It was agreed that this meeting be moved to 1-3pm on Wednesdays.</p> <p>It was noted that a new CEO at the Bunurong Land Council is expected to start on 25 February and their AGM is planned for 25 February.</p>	<p><i>Kate to ask BLC if they are happy to host the ranger visit.</i></p>	
	Next Meeting – Wednesday 10 May 2023		
	MEETING CLOSE & LUNCH at 12.00pm		