



CITY OF VINCENT



# RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

## 2022 – 2023 REPORT

### Acknowledgment of Country

The City of Vincent acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

We recognise the unique and incomparable contribution the Whadjuk people have made and continue to make to our culture and in our community.

We would also like to acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australia.

We will continue to seek the input of the Traditional Owners.

The land on which we live, meet and thrive as a community always was and always will be Noongar land.

Throughout this year, the City has continued to strengthen our relationship with the local Elders with the continuation of the Boordiya (Bosses) Reference Group. We have a growing list of 57 Aboriginal businesses and employment numbers have reached three per cent.

We have continued our commitment to reconciliation, understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with a specific focus on continuing to build relationships with Noongar Elders, businesses and the local community as well as ensuring further commitments to Aboriginal procurement and employment.

Truth Telling, the reviving of traditional names of parks and reserves, collaboration with neighbouring local governments and cultural awareness workshops for children have been highlighted as areas of importance for our Elders.



**MAKURU**  
(June – July)

- Two Noongar Language workshops for the community with Sharon Gregory
- Community Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Workshop with Jon Ford from Kambarang
- Aboriginal Art and Dreamtime with Dale Tilbrook
- Aboriginal Warriors with Marissa Verma from Bindi Bindi Dreaming
- Yarning with Ron Bradfield Jnr
- NAIDOC Festival in the Pickle District
- Boordiya (Bosses) Reference Group Meeting
- Aboriginal History talk by Cindy Solonec
- Moorditj Footprints short film shown at Revelation Film Festival as part of the Vincent Film Project

**DJILBA**  
(August – September)

- Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group Meeting
- Galup presentation by Ian Wilkes and Poppy Van Oorde
- Boordiya (Bosses) bus tour of Vincent’s Aboriginal Significant Sites
- Representation on the Local Government Aboriginal Network
- Council endorsed the second Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan on 23 August 2022

**KAMBARANG**  
(October – November)

- Koorlong singing event with Kobi Morrison
- Bush Tucker Tasting event with Marissa Verma from Bindi Bindi Dreaming
- Launch of City’s second Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan at Hyde Park
- Development of the City’s Aboriginal Employment and Retention Strategy
- Revitalisation of Aboriginal Culture content on City’s website
- Support by Council with a Notice of Motion for the decision of the previous Federal government for ‘compulsory Citizenship Ceremonies’ to be held on Australia Day cease
- Darryl Bellotti provided staff with an onsite educational workshop about Noongar Six Seasons

**BUNURU**  
(February – March)

- Boordiya (Bosses) Reference Group Meeting

**BIRAK**  
(December – January)

- Acknowledgement of Noongar Six Season through social media
- Appointment of internal RAP Champion from senior management

**DJERAN**  
(April – May)

- Six Seasons workshop with Marissa Verma
- Aboriginal Art and Dreamtime Workshop with Dale Tilbrook
- Reconciliation Week Street banner project
- Boordiya (Bosses) Reference Group Meeting

**MAKURU**  
(June – July)

- Purchase of new staff uniforms with Charmain Coles artwork
- For our Elders Truth Telling lunch (with the Boordiyas)
- Indigenous Cultural Experience with Dale Tilbrook
- Noongar Artist talk with Rohin Kickett
- Noongar Bush Medicine with Vivienne Hansen
- School Holiday Noongar Language and Culture with Bec Garlett



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