

MEETING NAME	Indigenous Strategic Reference Group
ATTENDEES	C Argent (Director Shire Connections - Online), E Imbs (Manager Customer Engagement and Experience), M Nelson (Manager Assets, Transport & Engineering, N L Norris (Senior Strategic Planner), Mayor Matt Gould, Councillor Suzy Brandstater, Councillor Ally Dench, Karen Breeze, Daniel Chalker, Glenda Chalker (Aunty Glenda), Leann Dykes, Kazan Brown (Aunty Kazan - Online) a Minute Taker and a Governance Officer.
APOLOGIES	Jason Mitchell
DATE	11 June 2025
TIME	4:20pm

ITEM	NOTES
Declaration of Interests	Nil
Introduction from Council Staff	All Council staff in attendance introduced themselves and their roles in the SRG
Introduction from Community Members	All community members in attendance introduced themselves and their background. Community members also discussed why they are interested in the SRG and what they hope to achieve.
Overview of the SRG Terms of Reference (Including Code of Conduct)	- The Manager Customer Engagement and Experience introduced and provided a brief overview of the Code of Conduct - The Chair, Mayor Matthew Gould introduced and provided a brief overview of the Terms of Reference.

The community engagement role of SRG's	The Manager Customer Engagement and Experience introduced the Community Engagement role within SRG's including evaluating the feedback from exit surveys filled out by previous indigenous SRG members and how the feedback will be implemented.
Hazard Reduction burns in culturally sensitive areas	This item was deferred to next meeting due to a representative from the RFS unable to attend.
Comprehensive DCP Review	The Senior Strategic Planner provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive DCP Overview project and expressed the importance of this project, as the current DCP has not been reviewed in 10 years.
Topic Suggestions for upcoming meetings	- How do we take a strategic look at how we protect sites/assets of Indigenous significance, including options for being more proactive with Development Applications including Aboriginal Heritage - A briefing on the RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan). - Outcome of Scar Tree Crescent issue - Scar Tree plan of management for Bridgewater - A briefing what more Council can do NAIDOC week - Investigate options on how to get an Indigenous Identified Roles - Initiatives on how to help and support the community - Framework on how we engagement with the Indigenous Community. Questions on Notice: - What is the purpose of the Identified Role and where is the Identified Role in Council. Do we have any identified roles? Director Shire Connections to answer through the Mayor. - At a high level how much funding does Council put towards Aboriginal/First Nations initiatives.
Engagement News and Updates	The Manager Customer Engagement and Experience and Engagement directed the group to have a look at Council's 'YourSay' Page and provided a brief overview of the current

	documents/initiatives that are open for community consultation.
General Business	• The Mayor, reminded the members that the SRG is an advisory body, not a decision-making body • Community members requested if it was possible for the group to meet more frequently or explore other communication methods than the quarterly SRG meetings • The Chair, Matt Gould discussed with the group their opinions on commencing another Expression of Interest to ensure a quorum can be maintained – the group consensus was agreement • Members raised the idea of being able to receive a copy of previous minutes from last years group as some items that were discussed were from previous meetings. <i>ACTION 1: The Governance Team will circulate previous minutes from 2024 when the current meetings minutes are circulated.</i> <i>RECOMMENDATION 1 : Commence another Expression of Interest for additional members on the Indigenous SRG, including consideration of any members who were unsuccessful in the initial EOI process.</i>

MEETING CLOSE: 5:51pm.

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