

MEETING NAME	Indigenous Strategic Reference Group
ATTENDEES	E Imbs (Manager Customer Engagement and Experience), C Argent (Director Shire Connections), P Buckley (Director Shire Services), Mayor Matt Gould, Councillor Suzy Brandstater, Councillor Ally Dench, Daniel Chalker (Aunty Glenda) Glenda Chalker (online), Leann Dykes (online), (Aunty Kazan) Kazan Brown (online) and a Minute Taker.
APOLOGIES	Karen Breeze
DATE	18 March 2026
TIME	4.16pm

ITEM	NOTES
Declaration of Minutes	Nil.
DCP Review Project	- Team Leader Strategic Planning provided an update on the Development Control Plan (DCP) Review Project. - Team Leader Strategic Planning workshopped categories within the DCP to identify the groups key interests. There was discussion focused on: - Heritage - Environmental Protection.
Reconciliation Action Plan	- Director Shire Services provided the group with an update. - Members raised significant concerns regarding: - Lack of prior review of draft documents - Perceived inadequate consultation with the SRG - Proposed use of Caring for Country grant funding for RAP development. - It was stated by SRG members that previously allocated Caring for Country funding should be returned and not redirected. - Daniel Chalker requested that it be minuted that he disagreed with this and felt the Caring for Country Grant should be redirected. - Council committed to taking matters on notice. ACTION: Draft Reconciliation Action Plan to be circulated to the group.
Sheehy's Creek Road Work Update	- Mayor Matt Gould provided background information on the work that occurred on Sheehy's Creek Road and mentioned Kazan's concerns of Scar Trees being removed. - Concerns were raised regarding potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage during road works. - Council outlined previous compliance steps and proposed additional site inspections with qualified consultants and SRG representatives. - SRG members advised further guidance from an external heritage consultant was pending.
Significant Tree Register	- Mayor Matt Gould discussed the Significant Tree Register with the group. - Members raised concerns about: - Protection versus risk created by public registers - Indigenous cultural trees being assessed by non-Indigenous panels

	• It was suggested that Indigenous-significant trees be assessed with Indigenous involvement but listed generically on the register where appropriate. • If a draft criteria has been created, it is to be shared to the group.
Indigenous Engagement – Cultural Precinct	• Mayor Matt Gould listed all of the community engagement sessions along with the Indigenous specific consultation sessions that occurred for the Cultural Precinct. • The group discussed their concerns with the engagement approach that was undertaken.
General Business	• Mayor Matt Gould reinforced the importance of adhering to the SRG Terms of Reference. • Mayor Matt Gould also noted that the EOI for the Group closed and we should have new members for future meetings.

MEETING CLOSE: 6.26pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 10 June 2026.

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