

What we've achieved so far

- Noongar language classes held at Community Centres;
- Free after school basketball term 2 2015, and ongoing weekly after school drop-in;
- Cultural arts and crafts programs have been run at various times over recent years;
- Screen printing and sewing;
- School holiday activities with an Aboriginal theme held in April, July, September holidays;
- NAIDOC Week family event;
- New parents networking and workshop series 2014;
- Djeran Day at Piney Lakes;
- Piney Lakes cultural tours and cultural sessions;
- Walyalup Reconciliation Week bus tour in partnership with City of Fremantle and City of Cockburn;
- Ongoing employment of Aboriginal Engagement Officers;
- Continual implementation of RAP strategies.



Acknowledgement

The City of Melville acknowledges the Bibbulmun people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which the City stands today and pays its respect to the Whadjuk people, and Elders both past and present.

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Aboriginal Engagement Strategy:

Directions from Aboriginal Communities 2015-2018



In 2012/13 the City of Melville developed its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which outlines the City's commitment on the areas of Relationships, Respect and Opportunities for Aboriginal people. In 2015, further engagement with the Aboriginal community was sought on how to work towards reconciliation within the community generally, and together build on local strengths and positive ideas. Community interviewers were recruited who interviewed their friends and family members.

Key themes from these discussions included:

- Youth and children – opportunities and activities for young people
- Community – opportunities to come together as family and friends in the Aboriginal community, and also more broader as a local diverse community
- Sense of place – participants identified some of their favourite places, an interest in having a dedicated Aboriginal community space, and ideas for visual Aboriginal representation
- Culture – opportunities to share and celebrate culture



Children and youth

- Facilitate after school activities
- Partner with organisations to offer opportunities for sports
- Continue to deliver after school drop-in at the Willagee Community Centre
- Partner with the local community to deliver cooking classes for young people
- Build on strengths of young people by providing leadership opportunities
- Partner with Elders and community to provide opportunities for young people to express and learn about culture

Community

- Facilitate events that bring families, friends and community together
- Deliver the annual NAIDOC Week family night
- Partner to provide Aboriginal themed cooking workshops
- Provide opportunities for community members to share their skills at events and activities

Sense of place

- Hold events at significant places
- Support planting days and activities at Carawatha Park and other popular sites

- Acknowledge Wireless Hill as a men's space and historically significant, and partner to provide activities.
- Acknowledge Piney Lakes as women's space and partner to provide activities.
- Noongar language on flyers, Noongar language and stories on signage
- As planning for the new Willagee Hub progresses, incorporate a dedicated Aboriginal space in consultation with local community members

Culture

- Facilitate, or partner to provide, cultural dancing workshops for Aboriginal young people.
- Invite elders to tell their stories as part of youth drop-in and other smaller group events
- Facilitate/support tours to local significant places
- Facilitate, or partner to provide, community workshops with a focus on Aboriginal language

