

Attachment 2 – Draft Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan - Summary of Submissions

Do you have any comments on the deliverables in the draft Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan?	
Comment	Administration's response
<p>Actions and deliverables are very weak.</p> <p>I'd rather see the council spend its time and funding on real issues in the community. Crime, homelessness, and infrastructure that will make a difference. Pedestrian Bridge over East Parade</p>	<p>The draft Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan has been reviewed and conditionally endorsed by Reconciliation Australia who are the lead body for reconciliation in Australia and provide guidance and direction on the deliverables contained with this document.</p>
<p>The Reconciliation Plan is not required, as its divisive and we are all one nation</p>	<p>This comment has been noted.</p>
<p>Yes, there should be deliverables for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents in City of Vincent. What about a parking system for Whadjuk people, why are Whadjuk people paying for parking on their own land? Rate discounts for Whadjuk people, why are Whadjuk people paying on their own land?</p>	<p>The purpose of deliverables in a Reconciliation Action Plan are to outline the specific goals and achievable actions that contribute to an organisation's reconciliation goals.</p>
How do you think the City of Vincent can work towards greater reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people?	
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<p>I think it's a waste of time and funding. We are a multicultural country community. Let's look forward rather than forcing aboriginal culture, dot paintings and festivals on the public. Delete/remove the reconciliation plan.</p> <p>What a waste of time, effort and funding!</p> <p>Whatever funding has been spent on a Banks Reserve bridge to the carpark could have been better spent on real community needs.</p>	<p>Vincent's population is made up of a diverse mix of cultures, nationalities, household, and family structures, all of which contribute to our vibrant community, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.</p> <p>In line with our Strategic Community Plan priorities, we are a diverse, welcoming and engaged community. We want to celebrate what makes us unique and connect with those around us to enhance our quality of life.</p>

How do you think the City of Vincent can work towards greater reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people?	
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<p>There are a lot of homeless Aboriginal people in the City of Vincent, it would be great to help them.</p>	<p>The City provides support to local organisations working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples who are experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>In addition to the City's direct partnership with Nyoongar Outreach Services who provide support to vulnerable and at-risk Aboriginal people, the City is also part of the Safe Perth City Initiative which works with the Department of Communities (Office of Homelessness), Perth Police and State-funded outreach services including Uniting WA and i24s who can connect and support vulnerable people with services that can assist them in a respectful and culturally safe way.</p>
<p>More community events centred around celebrating Whadjuk Noongar culture and inclusivity.</p>	<p>The City is committed to working alongside Traditional Owners to ensure traditions, protocols and cultures are respected, understood, acknowledged, and appreciated.</p> <p>We celebrate our rich cultural diversity, and endeavour to be inclusive and welcoming to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.</p>
<p>Why are there NEVER any clearly recognisable Aboriginal people on the CoV website simply having a coffee, walking, playing – engaging in and generally enjoying the Vincent life. We only ever see photos of Aboriginal people in Vincent promo material when Vincent is promoting itself and its 'inclusivity' eg NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation etc.</p> <p>Also why does the CoV conveniently deny that Britannia Reserve and its surrounding areas are of deep historical and cultural significance to Aboriginal people? Does CoV not know Lake Monger once extended to Bourke and Brentham Streets and was a traditional hunting ground? If not, why not as historical maps are VERY clear about this. COV must learn from the Cambridge how to address this matter if it expects any sort of credibility and recognition of its RAP plans.</p>	<p>This comment has been noted and taken on board.</p> <p>The City of Vincent has nine places of significance to Aboriginal people that are registered through the Aboriginal Heritage Inquiry System at the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage. Britannia Reserve (Lake Monger Velodrome) is acknowledged as one of these nine sites.</p>

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The Instagram poll conducted on 15 November generated additional responses:

- Is reconciliation important for us to work towards?
 - Yes – 19 (86%)
 - No – 3 (14%)

- What do you think is most important?
 - Increasing understanding – 11 (41%)
 - Building Relationships – 8 (30%)
 - Promoting reconciliation – 2 (7%)
 - Observing cultural protocols – 6 (22%)

- Any other ideas about reconciliation? (open question)
 - Could you help Vincent schools know how to do a RAP, they struggle to get going.
 - Cultural Awareness training by Danny Ford – for residents. Life changing.
 - Sort out the drunks, they aren't helping the cause.