

**TERMS OF REFERENCE
SHIRE OF NORTHAM NYOONGAR CULTURAL ADVISORY GROUP**

1. Objectives of the Shire of Northam NYOONGAR CULTURAL ADVISORY Group (NCAG)

The primary objective of NCAG is to provide guidance and recommendations to the Shire of Northam on all Nyoongar related matters focusing on the BKB Centre for Nyoongar Culture & Environmental Knowledge and the development of a community wide Reconciliation Action Plan.

2. Powers of the Northam NCAG

NCAG is a formally appointed committee of Council and is responsible to that body. NCAG does not have executive powers or authority to implement actions in areas over which the CEO has legislative responsibility and does not have any delegated financial responsibility. NCAG does not have any management functions and cannot involve itself in management processes or procedures.

NCAG is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its terms of reference in order to facilitate informed decision-making by Council in relation to the legislative functions and duties of the local government that have not been delegated to the CEO.

3. Membership

The Advisory Group shall consist of elected members, designated Shire of Northam employees and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members as follows:

- Two (2) Elected Members and Two (2) Proxy Elected Members;
- One representative from each of the following families;
 - Ryder
 - Garlett
 - Stack
 - Slater
 - McGuire
 - Kickett
 - Moody
 - Davis
- Two other Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives
- Shire of Northam CEO or nominated Executive Manager.
- Member for Central Wheatbelt, State Legislative Assembly
- Member of the WA Police Force
- The CEO and or their nominee is to attend all meetings to provide advice and guidance to the committee. They do not have voting rights on the committee
- The local government shall provide secretarial and administrative support to the committee.

4. Meetings

The NCAG shall meet at least four times annually.

Additional meetings shall be convened at the discretion of the presiding member.

5. Reporting

Minutes and recommendations of each NCAG meeting shall be presented to the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council.

The NCAG is responsible for liaising with all relevant business units to complete and submit the RAP Impact Measurement Questionnaire to Reconciliation Australia annually.

6. Duties and Responsibilities

The following activities will be carried out by the NCAG:

- Provide guidance and assistance to Council on the future development of the BKB.
- Provide input and advice in relation to the development of a Shire of Northam Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Meet with the Full Shire of Northam Council, not less than once each year to discuss progress of the Reconciliation Action Plan and BKB
- Develop a RAP within the context of the Shire of Northam's core business and in-line with:
 - Over-arching community strategic plan and corporate business plan.
 - Any existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment strategy
 - Any existing supplier diversity strategy
 - Any existing equity and diversity policies.
- Establish a collaborative/consultative process for engaging staff across the organisation so that they can provide ideas for the RAP and comment on drafts.
- Develop a project plan and timeline to development, launch and begin implementing the RAP, including consultation with Reconciliation Australia at regular intervals.
- Regularly liaise with relevant business units and key stakeholders to review progress of RAP actions and:
 - Report RAP progress to internal and external stakeholders, including Reconciliation Australia, Shire of Northam elected members and staff, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stakeholders
 - Reflect on key learnings in the development of new RAPs.
 - Consider RAP implementation issues and consult with relevant business units to find solutions.
- Develop a new RAP when the current plan expires.

7. Sitting Fees

The nominated representative for the below Advisory Group members will receive a \$100 sitting fee for meeting attendance:

- One representative from each of the following families;
 - Ryder
 - Garlett
 - Stack
 - Slater
 - McGuire
 - Kickett
 - Moody
 - Davis
- Two other Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community Representatives