

## Meeting details

Date of meeting	Wednesday, 6 August 2025
Time	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Venue	Barrbunin Beek
Chair	Maddison Miller and Councillor Peter Castaldo
Minutes	Kristen Munro

## Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region’s history.”

## Inclusive Banyule Statement

“Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.”

## Member attendees

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Uncle Charles Pakana	Committee Member
Uncle Owen Butler	Committee Member
Shelley Ware	Committee Member
Maddison Miller	Committee Member
Kyralee Murray	Committee Member
Cath Bradley	Committee Member
Kate Nobel	Committee Member / Reconciliation Banyule
Sue Harris	Committee Member / Previous Chair Reconciliation Banyule
Cr Peter Castaldo	Councillor Delegate and Co-Chair
Cr Mary O’Kane	Councillor Substitute

## Council staff

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Joseph Tabacco	CEO (acting) / Director Community Wellbeing
Georgie Meyer	Manager Inclusive and Creative Communities (Committee Contact Officer for this meeting)
Kristen Munro	Barrbunin Beek Program and Project Coordinator

## Guests

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Sam Buckley	Moonee Valley City Council

# Items

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## 1. Introduction 5:30pm – 5:45pm

- Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
- Inclusive Banyule Statement
- Welcome to members
- Apologies
- Housekeeping

### Discussion

Reflection on the journey of this committee.

Introductions of all the committee members.

Apologies noted: Zali Mifsud and Virginnia Issac

Sam Buckley is here as an observer from Moonee Valley City Council, role of observer is described, must observe and wait to be invited to speak.

### Actions

Action item 1: Add 'Conflict of Interest' to the Agenda

## 2. Appointment of Co-Chair 5:45pm – 6:00pm

- First Nations members lead vote on appointment of Co-Chair

Georgie explained role of the co-chair on the Advisory Committee

The Terms of Reference state that only First Nations people have vote.

All Non-First Nations committee members left the room for voting on this particular issue.

**Call for nominations** for co-chair position

Maddison Miller was nominated by Uncle Charles Pakana, and seconded by Shelley Ware

Unanimously supported

Maddie accepted the nomination for co-chair

### Actions

Action item 2: Maddison Miller is appointed as Co-chair

### Recommendation

Recommendation item 1: That Council acknowledge Maddison Miller as Co-Chair

## 3. Terms of Reference Discussion 6:00pm – 6:15pm

- Co-Chair and Cr Castaldo to lead discussion on ToR

Georgie read through the cultural protocols of the new Terms of Reference:

*This committee commits to culturally safe and respectful practices that centre the voices of Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander Peoples.*

*Speaking Order: Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander members speak first on each agenda item. Non-First Nations members may contribute after, with First Nations members invited to speak last before the item is closed.*

*Private Discussions: At the direction of the First Nations Co-Chair, culturally sensitive topics may be discussed privately by First Nations members. Non-Indigenous members may be asked to leave the room (or digital space) during these discussions.*

*Cultural Knowledge: Cultural knowledge or stories shared by Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander members remain their intellectual property and must not be shared or reproduced without their consent.*

Suggested changes:

Page 1: add *that the Committee meets on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people* and that the Committee provides Council with *guidance* as well as advice and information.

Page 2: change that a failure to vote is not negative and add in that right to abstain from voting.

Page 3: add the role of the co-chair and length of tenure. Replace intellectual property with Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property.

Discussion was also held on whether gender balance needs to be added to the Terms of Reference.

Discussion on reciprocity – the Terms of Reference is a statement of what this Committee will do, request to discuss a statement of Council's commitment to the Committee and First Nations community. This may already be in the Marrageil Strategy, suggest further discussion required.

Discussion on committees member payment.

**Call for adoption** of the updated Terms of Reference with the above-mentioned amendments

Uncle Charles Passed the motion

Shelly Ware seconder

Unanimously supported

### **Actions**

Action item 3: Make amendments as noted above

Action item 4: Recommend amendments to Council

Action item 5: Update committee for Banyule First Nations Advisory Committee and for First Nations members of other Council Advisory Committees remuneration process at next meeting.

Action item 6: Discuss reciprocity, Council's commitment to this committee at next meeting.

### **Recommendation**

Recommendation item 2: That Council notes that the Committee reviewed the Draft Terms of Reference and considers adopting the updated Terms of Reference with the proposed changes.

## **4. Establishment of Committee Name 6:15pm – 6:45pm**

- Co-Chair and Cr Castaldo to lead discussion on Committee Name, suggestions so far:
  - First Nations Committee
  - Woi-wurrung name - with formal Wurundjeri input and permission, of course - along the lines of "Community Voice", "Strong Community"
  - Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Mob Members (acronym) or wwmm
- Discussion
- Co-Chair and Cr Castaldo to lead vote on Committee name.

### **Discussion**

Concerns that a Woi-wurrung word could cause confusion that this is a committee of Traditional Owners Add Banyule to the title, it's already a Woi-wurrung word that won't cause confusion.

Consensus to use 'First Nations' instead of 'Aboriginal' as it is more inclusive.

**Call for adoption** the new name: "Banyule First Nations Advisory Committee"

Seconded by Shelley Ware

Unanimously supported

#### Action

Action item 7: Committee to be called Banyule First Nations Advisory Committee

#### Recommendation

Recommendation item 3: That Council notes the new name Banyule First Nations Advisory Committee

## 5. General Business 6:45pm – 7:15pm

- Call for any general business items
- Barrbunin Beek redevelopment update: Kristen Munro
- Naming Workshop Discussion: Uncle Charles
- Stolen Generation Marker: Uncle Charles

#### Discussion

**Barrbunin Beek closed** from 18 August for updated toilets and kitchen works. Programs and staff will be relocated to other venues across the municipality including Bellfield Community Hub and Shop 48.

**Naming workshop:** request to discuss how things are named at Banyule, how to change street and place names that are offensive. Previously this Committee suggested changing the Bolden Street. This has not be actioned.

**Stolen Generations Marker:** request to discuss next meeting.

#### Other general business items:

Concerns around Banyule Caring for Country and new tree placement in Greensborough.

Concerns raised about amount of time taken to start Banyule committees.

Concerns raised about racism on social media and what Banyule is doing to address.

Discussion on bringing all Banyule Committees together.

Discussion about collaborating with other LGA Aboriginal Advisory Committees in the future

Discussion about self-education and sharing information, recommended viewing: [Genocide in the Wildflower State](#)

Discussion as to time, day and length of meeting – time and day good, two hours preferable.

#### Actions

Action item 8: Zali to communicate with everyone about venues for this meeting during the BBAGP closure period.

Action item 9: Discuss Banyule's current naming policy at a future committee meeting.

Action item 10: Council officers to provide an update on concerns raised about Bolden St.

Action item 11: Discuss progressing Stolen Generations Marker at next meeting.

Action item 12: Council officers to follow up about concerns about tree placement in Greensborough

Action item 13: Council officers to follow up the reporting of discriminatory comments to the E-safety Commissioner.

Action item 14: Add 'recommended reading/viewing' or similar to agenda.

Action item 15: extend meeting to two hours.

## 6. Close and date of next meeting 7:15pm – 7:30pm

- Confirm Actions arising
- Close meeting
- Next meeting: 5.30pm Wednesday 3 October