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Preliminary Advice Format

Section One introduces the Project Background, Project Area and Personnel. Section Two summarises the results of the consultation with the Gnaala Karla Booja Traditional Owners. Section Three provides the advice and recommendations to Shire of Collie.

Spatial Information

All spatial information contained in this report uses the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA94), Zone 50, unless otherwise specified. All information obtained from Shire of Collie is assumed to be accurate to two decimal places. All spatial information obtained during fieldwork was taken using a handheld Garmin GPS with a purported accuracy of ± 3 m. Where we report spatial information collected in the field, we have opted for a slightly wider degree of accuracy of ± 5 m.

Authorship

This report was written by Dr Myles Mitchell (BA Communication Studies - Archaeology UWA., PhD Anthropology ANU) and edited by Lucy Sinclair (BA (Hons) Archaeology, UWA).

SECTION ONE – INTRODUCTION

Project Background

The Shire of Collie (SoC) has undertaken planning, including feasibility, environmental assessments, and detailed design for a nature-based tourism facility. This includes planning for short stay accommodation and day-use facilities at Minnigup Pool, Reserve 34343, Collie. Minnigup Pool is a registered Aboriginal Site (*Minnigup Pool*, ID 15330) as is the *Collie River* (ID 16713).

At the beginning of the planning process, the SoC engaged Myles Mitchell and Rosie Halsmith to undertake

1. an engagement and vision process to establish the local Aboriginal community's long-term vision for the site (Mitchell & Halsmith, 2019a); and
2. an Aboriginal heritage assessment (Mitchell & Halsmith, 2019b).

This short report is an addendum to the 2019 Mitchell and Halsmith reports. The purpose of this document is to report the results of a follow-up consultation with the Collie Traditional Owners. The consultation was conducted on 27th April 2022. The purpose of the consultation was to provide the Traditional Owners with an opportunity to review the final plans for the Minnigup Pool Precinct Project. This was a recommendation of the 2019 Heritage Assessment which stated:

It is recommended that the Shire of Collie undertakes consultation with the Noongar Elders about the final plans, before proceeding with the on-ground works. This is due to the fact that the current plans are only conceptual in nature and do not provide specific details. Another formal Aboriginal heritage assessment is not required. The results of the consultation about the final plans can be added as an addendum to this report. (Mitchell & Halsmith, 2019b: 3).

Project Area

Minnigup Pool is on a bend in the Collie River, approximately 3 km from the Collie Town Centre. It is a well-known recreation place for local people and visitors. The area that is the subject of this heritage assessment is part of the Shire-managed Reserve 34343

Personnel

Collie Traditional Owners

Joe Northover

Irene Khan

Lynette Winmar

Norman Hayward

Denise Kelly

James Khan (phone consult)

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Myles Mitchell

(Archaeologist/Anthropologist)

Shire of Collie

Katya Tripp

(Strategic Planner/Project Manager)



Photo 1. From left; Norman Hayward, Joe Northover, Lynette Winmar, Katya Tripp, Denise Kelly and Irene Khan

SECTION TWO – RESULTS

The consultation consisted of an onsite discussion between the Traditional Owners, project manager, and anthropologist. One Traditional Owner could not attend on the day and undertook a separate phone consultation with the anthropologist. The onsite discussion included the following:

1. Review of the detailed design plans.
2. Verbal explanation of the plans by the project manager.
3. Traditional Owners asking questions about the design/plans.
4. Discussion.
5. Anthropologist seeking approval for the designs from the Traditional Owners.

“Minnigup is a place for Collie people.” - Joe Northover

Water is an integral part of Noongar culture, and the Elders present expressed a strong spiritual and cultural relationship with Minnigup Pool. This is succinctly expressed in the quotes below.

“We always gathered near the river, near the water. Always.” – Irene Khan

“When we have a loss, we all come here after the funeral.” – Lynette Winmar

“The spirit of that water will always be in our blood.” – Joe Northover

“We bring the Koolungars [children] up to respect the river, throw sand into the river, wake the Old People [ancestors] up.” - Lynette Winmar

Throughout the on-site discussion the group shared a strong connection to Minnigup Pool, as both a place they visit today, and a place that would have been visited by their ancestors. The continuation of this connection for future generations was an important factor in their support for the project.

The group reviewed the detailed design plans thoroughly and asked a series of questions of project manager Katya Tripp, who provided detailed answers. The group were provided with sufficient information to make free and informed decisions about the proposed works. The on-site group all clearly expressed their approval of the plans. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

“Looks really good!” – Denise Kelly referring to the detailed design plans for Minnigup Pool

TELEPHONE CONSULT

A separate telephone consult was undertaken with James Khan who could not attend. James expressed that he does not want to see any changes at Minnigup and therefore does not support the project going ahead.

SECTION THREE – ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is **recommended** that Shire of Collie are aware:

1. that they will be required to seek Section 18 approval for the Minnigup Pool Precinct Project. The Section 18 application should reference the 2019 Aboriginal Heritage Assessment Report, the 2019 Engagement and Vision Report and this short addendum report.
2. the Traditional Owners who took part in this on-ground consultation and reviewed the detailed design all expressed their approval for the plans and indicated their support for the Section 18 application.
3. that one Traditional Owner who undertook a phone consult (without reviewing the final plans), stated that he does not want to see any changes at Minnigup Pool and therefore does not support the project.
4. that the Traditional Owners support the Shire's suggestion to write Aboriginal employment quotas into the contracts for accommodation providers at Minnigup.
5. That the Traditional Owners suggest consulting a mix of young and old members of the Noongar community about cultural tourism opportunities at Minnigup.
6. That signage at the entrance recognises the Wilman people as Traditional Owners of Minnigup.

REFERENCE LIST

Mitchell, M., & Halsmith, R. (2019a). *Minnigup Pool Precinct Project: Aboriginal Engagement and Heritage Assessment Visioning Report*.

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