



Reconciliation Action Plan 2026-29

Community feedback

The City of Cockburn is in the process of developing its next three-year Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2026-29, as a continuation of the existing Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2023-25. Engagement for the new RAP involved two phases. Phase one focused on connecting with the Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG) and the internal RAP Steering Group (RSG) to understand the impact of actions in the City's existing Innovate RAP and to collate ideas for the new Innovate Reconciliation Plan 2026-29. The second phase focused on the wider community who were consulted on elements of the RAP that are considered external facing.

How we promoted the consultation



Comment on Cockburn webpage and online survey



Chats at the City's Mosaic Festival



Comment on Cockburn e-newsletters to residents, community groups, advisory groups, and schools



Social media and Cockburn Soundings e-newsletter



Flyers available at the City's libraries

Who we heard from



358

visits to Comment on Cockburn



25

people provided feedback via the survey



31

people engaged with the online quick poll and four people used the online visioner tool

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You speak, you say

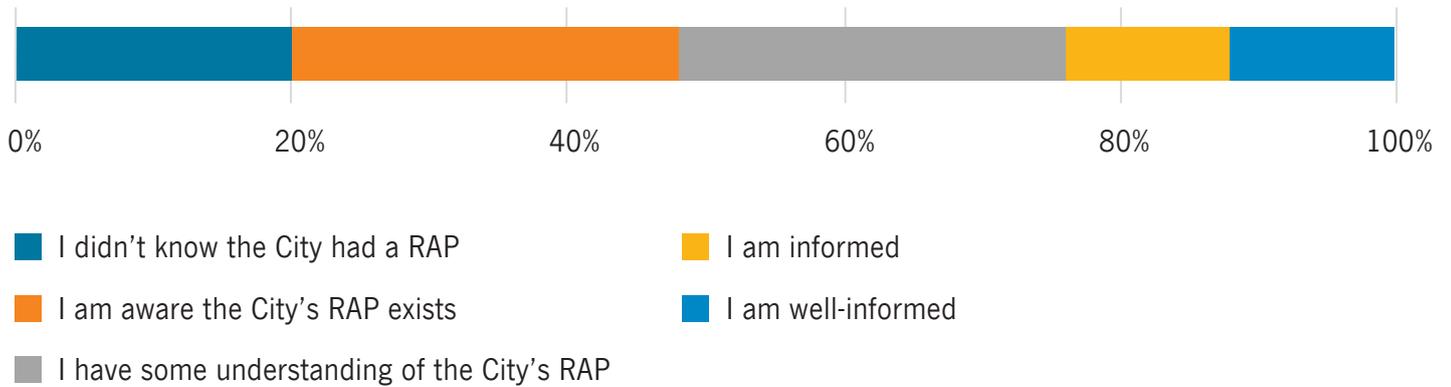
Ngalakiny dwongk-ni naadja Noonook djaa-waangk:

We listen when you speak

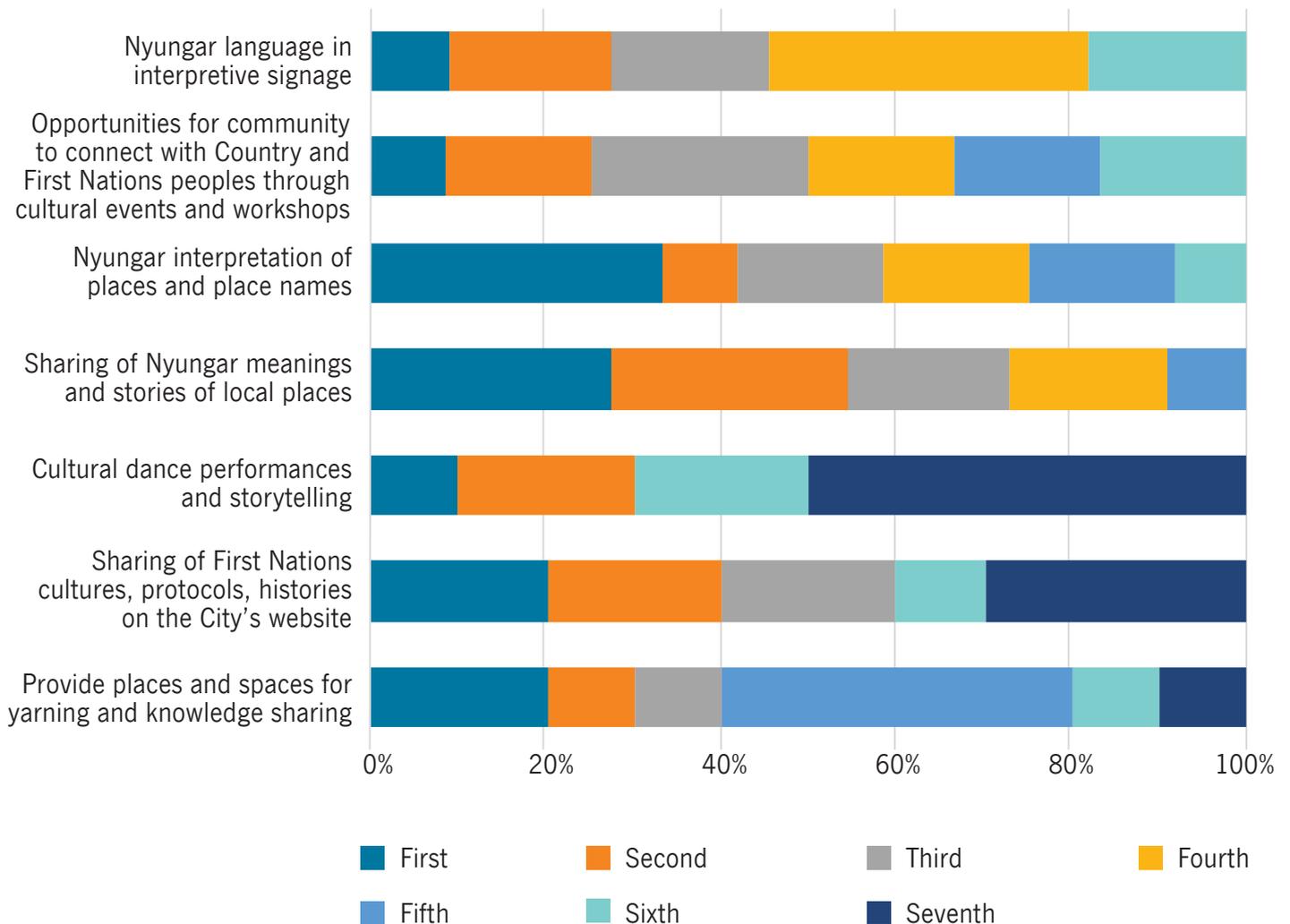
Key findings

80 per cent of survey respondents were aware of the City’s RAP, had some understanding, or were informed or well-informed.

On a scale of 1 to 5, how much do you know about the City’s Reconciliation Action Plan?



Respondents were asked to rank opportunities that can strengthen knowledge and pride in Nyungar culture and language. Nyungar interpretation of places and place names received the highest number of first preference. Sharing of Nyungar meanings and stories of local places received the second highest number of first preferences.





When asked for **suggestions for events, workshops or programs that could celebrate National Reconciliation Week and promote reconciliation in our community**, ideas included:

- Nyungar language lessons and incursions
- Guided walks
- Truth telling focused on local history and story sessions
- Hands on cultural activities such as cooking traditional food
- Desire for weekend scheduling
- Geographic spread across different parts of the City
- Flexible formats (i.e. self guided digital resources, online webinars, and voluntary participation)
- Reaching children so learning is from an earlier age.



When asked whether **there are places, sites or practices in your suburb that you feel should be better recognised/celebrated for their First Nations cultural significance**, key areas that emerged were:

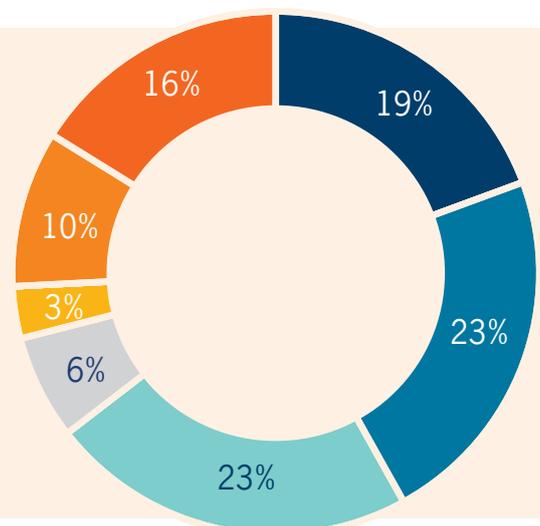
- Kogolup Lake
- Bibra Lake
- South Lake
- North Lake
- Manning Park
- North Coogee
- Beeliar Wetlands
- Randwick Stables
- Cockburn Sound.

Respondents highlighted a desire to see suburb names in Nyungar, explanations of the Nyungar significance of local places, street names, and place names in Nyungar.

Through a quick poll and online survey, the community was asked which places and spaces would be best suited for learning about Nyungar language and culture. Survey respondents most frequently identified the City's Museum and Libraries (online survey), and the quick poll most common responses were playgrounds and the City's website.

Quick Poll responses

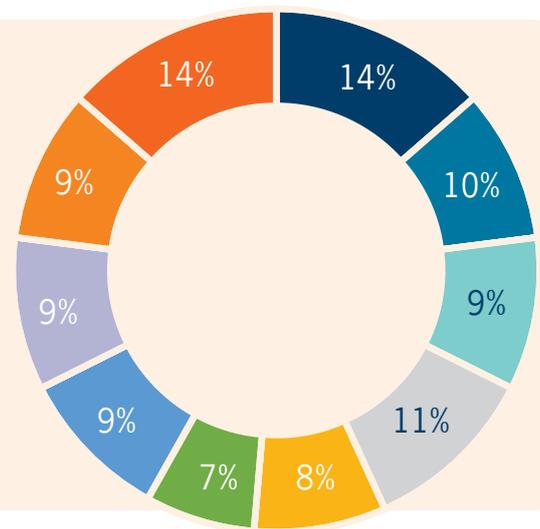
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| ■ Libraries | ■ Community events |
| ■ Playgrounds | ■ Museum |
| ■ Website | ■ Youth Centre (0%) |
| ■ Social media | ■ Community and sports centres (0%) |
| ■ Seniors Centre | ■ ARC (0%) |



*31 online responses. Respondents could only select one answer.

Online survey responses

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| Playgrounds | Museum |
| Website | Youth Centre |
| Social media | Community and sports centres |
| Seniors Centre | ARC |



*Respondents were able to select more than one answer

When asked what types of community-led events or experiences they would participate in (or help design) to strengthen relationships between First Nations and non-Indigenous Australians, respondents suggested the following ideas:

- Events where the history of our area is discussed from a First Nation's perspective
- Language and cooking classes
- Guided walks
- Story telling
- Yarning events
- Bush tucker guided tours
- Native plant tours
- Art displays
- Historical exhibits.

When asked **to identify any barriers in engaging with First Nations culture, heritage and participation**, survey respondents told us the barriers were:

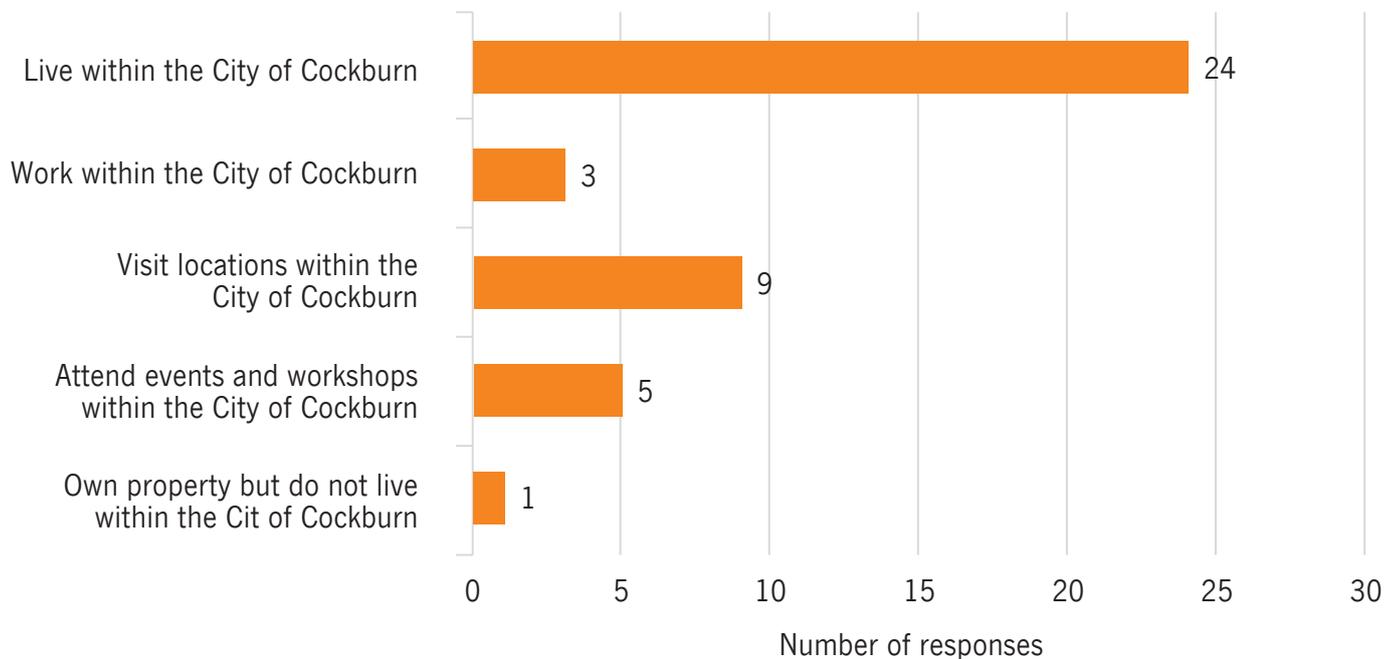
- Need more Elders or First Nations people to represent their cultures
- Need more paid First Nations positions i.e. Rangers, Parks
- Concerns around being culturally sensitive
- Lack of knowledge
- First Nations people needed at Elected Member level
- Unsure on how to make meaningful connections
- Cost of events
- Welcome to Country
- Time constraints to attend events.

Online visioner tool

The community was asked via a visioner tool, **how the City could further support schools, residents, community and sporting groups, early learning, and businesses to drive reconciliation outcomes.** The key comments were:

- Build the Aboriginal Cultural & Visitors Centre
- Consider dual naming for the City of Cockburn and other areas such as Manning Park
- Offer grants for signage and First Nations language interpretation
- Active reconciliation consultation with businesses, schools, etc. via an Advisory Group.

Relationship to the City of Cockburn



*Some responders indicated more than one relationship to the area and therefore total responses does not equate to total submissions.

Further Information and Next Steps

The City of Cockburn would like to thank the community for their involvement in the community consultation process for the Reconciliation Action Plan 2026-29.

The City will use this feedback to inform the development of our next Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan before presenting a report to Council at a future Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) for consideration. To keep informed of progress on this project, please follow the project page on Comment on Cockburn.

For further information, please contact the City of Cockburn **08 9411 3444** or email comment@cockburn.wa.gov.au