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***Hume City Council recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage within the municipality and acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, which includes the Gunung Willam Balluk clan, as the Traditional Custodians of this***

***land.***

***Council embraces Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander living cultures as a vital part of Australia’s identity and recognises, celebrates and pays respect to the existing family members of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and to***

***Elders past, present and future.***

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:**

**RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN WORKING GROUP (RAPWG)**

Hume City Council established a Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG) in June 2019 and is now seeking further members to join the group.

The RAPWG advises Hume City Council on the priorities of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and guides the implementation of Hume’s Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) 2020-22.

We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members with strong connections to Hume who understand the priorities of the community and have a demonstrated commitment to supporting the rights and wellbeing of Aboriginal people.

**Purpose of the Working Group**

The purpose of the RAPWG is to inform Council of the key issues, concerns and priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and to provide advice and feedback on Council’s policies, plans and services that aim to support participation and provide input to the delivery of services and programs relevant to the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

For further information on the opportunity, please see the attached Terms of Reference (TOR).

**Membership**

Membership of the RAPWG will be up to 10 community members and 1 appointed Councillor being a total of 11 (excluding Council Officers as required).

**Selection Criteria**

Hume City Council is seeking applications from community members who meet the following criteria. Successful applicants will be able to demonstrate:

*Essential Criteria:*

* Knowledge and understanding of the priorities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Hume City.
* An interest and involvement in local and / or broader Aboriginal community affairs, advocacy and networks;
* Direct links to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and/or organisations; and
* An ability and willingness to contribute to the strategic development of policy impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at a local government level.

*Desirable Criteria:*

* Experience and/or understanding of the role of an advisory committee.
* An interest and/or understanding of Local Government services and programs from a First Nations perspective.

**All applicants will be assessed according to the above criteria, with a maximum of 10 people appointed as Members to the Working Group.**

A selection panel of three members comprising two Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (Elders or respected community members), along with the Manager of Community Strengthening (or delegated officer), will consider the nominations for the RAPWG. The panel will assess the nominations against the selection criteria above.

**Meeting times**

The RAP Working Group currently meet monthly on a Thursday night from 4:30-6:30 and this time is subject to change depending on member preferences The meetings are currently online but may revert back to face-to-face depending on member preferences and COVID restrictions.

**Submission details**

**EOI closing date and time:** 10:00pm, Tuesday 20 April 2021

**Submission details:** *Please submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) form through one of the following options:*

Post: EOI – Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group

Community Development Officer

Corey Williams

PO Box 119 Dallas Vic 3047

 OR

E-mail: coreyw@hume.vic.gov.au

**Information Enquiries**

All enquiries or requests for information should be directed to:

Community Development Officer (RAP)

Corey Williams

Phone: 0478 890 298

Email: coreyw@hume.vic.gov.au

**If you would like to be a member of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group, please complete and return the form on the next two pages.**

**Expression of Interest Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group**

**I would like to express my interest in being selected as a member of the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group.**

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| **Personal details** **Surname: ………………………………..**  | **First Name(s)………………………………**  |
| **Organisation: (If applicable)………………………………………………………………..** **Address: ………………………………………………………………………………………..** **…………………………………………………………. Postcode: ………………….……….** **Telephone: (Work) …………………………… (Home) ………………………………………****Mobile: …………………………………………………………………………………………..** **Email: ……………………………………………………………………………………………**  |

1. Briefly outline why you would like to be on the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group (RAPWG)

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2. In thinking about the above essential selection criteria, what are the skills, attributes, knowledge and relevant experience that you would contribute to the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group?

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3. Do you live, study or work in Hume? Do you have links within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community of Hume? If so, please provide details.

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4. Please explain your thoughts on the current challenges and priorities of Hume’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

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5. The Working Group currently meets monthly, but the frequency of meetings will be reviewed periodically. Are you able and available to commit to attending all Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group meetings and to be an active member of this group? **Yes / No**