

## KALGOORLIE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

### Organisations Involved & Contact Details

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### Aims & Target Group

Aims: To improve relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups through recognition and respect.

Target Group: Indigenous and non-Indigenous residents of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

### Project Description & Components

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder was the first local government authority in Australia to establish a Reconciliation Committee of Council, inaugurated in June 2000. The Committee makes recommendations to Council regarding issues that relate to Indigenous people, and contains representation from a number of community and public sector organisations, including DIA and local Indigenous groups. The committee is a formal committee of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council created under the provisions of the Local Government Act and is sustainable by virtue of the fact that meetings are scheduled to continue at bi-monthly intervals.

### Process

The strategic objectives of the Reconciliation Committee are as follows:

- To promote and create an awareness of reconciliation;
- To identify and address life needs with a view of working primarily;
- To promote social harmony by a reduction in anti social behavior primarily induced by alcohol abuse;
- To promote and encourage capacity building within Aboriginal communities; and
- To work with Elected Members, government and Indigenous agencies, community and private sector organisations and individuals on coordinating a strategic approach to meeting the needs and aspirations of Indigenous people in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.





## Outcomes

The reconciliation committee has gone a long way in turning around race relations in Kalgoorlie-Boulder which is now widely considered a leader in issues of reconciliation, to the point where Reconciliation Australia has stated that Kalgoorlie-Boulder is leading Australia in its agenda of working with Indigenous people and dealing with Indigenous issues.

This has manifested itself through the practical project of creating an Aboriginal Interpretive Garden within a Reconciliation Park. The design of the Reconciliation Park is based on a painting by an Aboriginal Artist. The Aboriginal Interpretive Garden is a major component of the project and features bush tucker and plants used as traditional Aboriginal medicines. Planning for the park has involved the input of Indigenous knowledge from the Department of Indigenous Affairs and Indigenous Coordination Centre.

## Challenges & Obstacles

## Funding

City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

## Images

