Revised Terms of Reference –
Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group

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Recommendation

That Council endorse the draft 2022/24 Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group.

Background

The Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Group (RAPAG) has been reviewed as part of the normal review cycle and discussed at the July 2022, November 2022 and April 2023 RAPAG meetings.

Changes identified at the April 2023 RAPAG meeting have been made, and the draft Terms of Reference attached was endorsed by the RAPAG. The key changes were to revise the membership to ensure appropriate coverage and representation of Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Native Title Prescribed Body Corporates, and community members across the Rous operational footprint.

Finance

There will be a small increase in the cost of RAPAG meetings, due to the increased membership eligible for sitting fees in recognition of involvement with the RAPAG. The RAP has an existing operational budget allocated to support the RAP and functions of the RAPAG and this is sufficient to cover this change.

Environment

There are no environmental issues associated with endorsement of the revised Terms of Reference.

Legal

There are no legal issues associated with endorsement of the revised Terms of Reference.

Consultation

The draft Terms of Reference were considered at the July 2022, November 2022 and April 2023 RAPAG meetings. Changes identified at the April 2023 RAPAG meeting have now been made, and the draft Terms of Reference attached was endorsed by the RAPAG.

Conclusion

The role of the RAPAG is to support the strategic direction of Rous with respect to local Aboriginal history and culture and enhancing engagement with the First Nations community across the operational footprint of Rous. The draft Terms of Reference has been updated to best allow RAPAG to fulfill this role over the next 2 year period.

Attachment
1. Draft Terms of Reference RAPAG