

Mr John Baker

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Chief Executive Officer

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

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Dear Mr Baker,

Re: Mornington Peninsula Shire Reconciliation Action Plan

In recent years, Southern Women's Action Network has been actively involved in supporting First Nations' issues, in engaging with our local First Nations' communities, and creating opportunities for women on the Mornington Peninsula to listen to the voice of First Nations women first-hand. We have also aimed to create greater community awareness, including through distribution of our *Truth-Telling* Resource.

It follows that we are keenly interested in the Shire's Reconciliation Action Plan. Could you advise us on how, structurally, Council is implementing the plan. Specifically:

- a) Which staff position is responsible for overseeing RAP implementation and monitoring progress? We understand that the Cultural Heritage Advisor position has significant responsibility in this, in liaison with the Shire-funded Bunurong Land Council designated position but we are unclear about the where the overall co-ordination responsibility lies.
- b) We would also appreciate clarification on whether there is an ongoing Reconciliation Action Plan Steering Committee.
- c) In addition, we would like to know whether Council has provided a RAP actions progress report or plans to provide such a report in the future and the timing of this.
- d) Lastly, has the Cultural Heritage Advisor position been filled? Who is the incumbent and is the incumbent First Nations?

We look forward to your response,

Yours sincerely,

Melissa Kelly

Facilitator of SWAN