



## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Port Augusta City Council Reconciliation Action Plan launched**

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The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, “Be Brave. Make Change.” is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

Port Augusta City Council will be launching their first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of National Reconciliation Week in Gladstone Square on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

“Our first Reconciliation Action Plan will pave the way for Council’s Reconciliation journey and provide a framework to guide towards creating an inclusive and respectful environment in which the cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are acknowledged, shared and celebrated.

By developing this Reconciliation Action Plan, we are attempting to develop a Port Augusta Community that accepts Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We aim to develop strong relationships built on trust and respect, and that are free of racism.” Mayor Brett Benbow stated.

“I encourage everyone to take time to truly connect with this plan, employees, stakeholders and members of our diverse community. The success of our efforts will be determined by the extent to which our business operations, the accessibility of our services and our own mindset and attitudes contribute to continued progress for reconciliation” Chief Executive Officer Mr John Banks stated.

National Reconciliation Week—27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. For further information visit <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>

To view a copy of Port Augusta City Council’s 2022-2023 Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) please visit: <https://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au/community/reconciliation-action-plan> hard copies will be made available from the Civic Centre, 4 Mackay Street if required.

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