



## MEETING NOTES

**Aboriginal Consultation Forum  
Cultural Awareness and the local context  
Update on previous forum – the value of sport and recreation and how it ties into a healthy  
lifestyle**

**MONDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2015**

**9:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**LOTTERIES HOUSE, SOUTH HEDLAND**

*A group exercise was held on Cultural Awareness and some of the feedback received is below:*

**What is Cultural Awareness?** (Can be showcased at an event)

- Understanding, awareness, appreciate and respecting differences in all cultures
- The willingness to listen and learn about other people's cultures
- Being sensitive to other backgrounds and beliefs
- Integration of different cultures into the community to create connections

**Why is it important?** (Message for funding and audience)

- It shows respect to others – through actions and behaviors
- It enhances communication
- Breaking down barriers and create understanding amongst people
- Building relationships
- Allows people to work together more cohesively and deliver a holistic services to all people

**Local context?** (Holding of event)

- Reconciliation
- Working together to make a difference
- Promoting sporting events
- Multicultural experience/events

## Sports Development Action Plan/Audit

*The ToPH Recreation Department conducted a group exercise on what sporting activities are available in Port Hedland as a starting point to their audit into appropriate sport and recreation activities for the community, with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation. The following was identified:*

Young people – softball, netball, football, tee ball, swimming (Swim for Life), YIC (Deadly hearts/Butterfly), little athletics, rugby, soccer, taekwondo, judo, hip hop, Zumba, BMX, pony club, Warralong Carnival, SLAM, Club Y, JDYz (Youth group/Kidzone)

Notes – access barriers include fees and transport. Would like to see more coaching/umpire training for ATSI people, women’s first aid training and football/basketball carnivals. Events for young people can be advertised through the radio and at the shopping centres.

Adults – carts, rugby, soccer, touch, gaelic football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, swimming, netball, football, Zumba, water polo, motor cross, running club, golf, cycling, bowling, tennis, pony club.

Notes – access barriers include fees and transport. Would like to see more ATSI people as coaches, mentors and umpires and participating in governance of recreation activities.

Seniors – gym, walking, bingo, water aerobics.

Notes – would like to see dancing available to seniors.

People with a disability – lifestyle solutions activities, wheelchair basketball.

Notes – would like to see dancing available to people with a disability. An increase in participation by parents has been noted and continual promotion for these activities could happen during Thursday late night shopping hours.

### Actions/moving forward

Action	Responsible
Harmony Day <a href="http://www.harmony.gov.au/">http://www.harmony.gov.au/</a>	Sid - ToPH
Boundary signage - Investigate to name ToPH facilities	Mark - ToPH
Traditional Indigenous games - Tenielle to investigate whether a Traditional Games kit can be sent to schools to be a part of PE classes or maybe can hold a once off event.	Tenielle - ToPH
Individualised cultural plans for clients	Luke – Lifestyle Solutions
Cultural Awareness training for local police - Policy and procedures to be aligned with what they do in the field	Sophie - Police
Signs in language	ToPH - Pending
South Hedland Primary School camping trip to Warralong	SHPS
Department of Education	Sue - DoE



- Online cultural awareness - Cultural awareness framework for schools	
'Back to Country' trips for youth	TBA
Cultural Toolkit for employees	WA Country Health Service Pilbara – Regional Office Indigenous Employment Program (Nov 2015 launch)
'Welcome to Country' App	TBA

**Topic for the next forum**

- Community Engagement

**Next Meeting**

- Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016