

Communique - Meeting No. 41/2026

21 and 22 April 2026

The Aboriginal Advisory Council of Western Australia (Council) held Meeting No. 41 on 21 and 22 April 2026 at Dumas House.

The Council is comprised of 12 experienced Aboriginal leaders, who bring cultural knowledge and expertise from across the State. The Council is led by Co-chairs Mr Lance Morich and Ms Rani Randall.

The meeting progressed the Council's Strategic Pillars of Systemic Reform, Truth-telling, Youth and Family Justice through engagement with government agencies and State Government Ministers.

Key Messages from the Council:*

- The importance of a **strong, accountable and outcomes-focused Western Australia Closing the Gap Implementation Plan 2026-28**, grounded in genuine partnership with Aboriginal people.
- The WA Government should **strengthen Aboriginal leadership and representation** across decision-making structures, including within the public sector and partnership tables, to ensure policies are informed by Aboriginal voices and expertise.
- The WA Government should **prioritise developing truth-telling and anti-racism initiatives** to address systemic racism.
- **2029 Bicentenary is an opportunity for genuine truth-telling initiatives**, where the **stories and histories of Aboriginal people should be embedded within school curriculums**.
- The need for **timely delivery of the Stolen Generations Redress Scheme**, with the Council continuing to monitor its implementation.
- WA must **showcase Aboriginal people's survivor stories** across the State.
- Government should **strengthen engagement with regional communities** and respond to cost-of-living pressures, including the impact of fuel costs, to ensure policies reflect on-the-ground realities in regional Western Australia.
- **Better gender and cultural representation of staff in regional aged care** is required to provide appropriate care to Elders in both residential aged care facilities and community.
- **Support services** should be available **for Aboriginal people managing newly acquired land**.

Next Steps

The Council will continue to work collaboratively with Government and stakeholders to progress practical reforms and improve outcomes for Aboriginal people across Western Australia.



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