

Media release

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Donation of land to Karadi Aboriginal Corporation

The Glenorchy City Council has finalised a donation of land to Karadi Aboriginal Corporation to support ongoing community programs and reinforce the council's commitment to its reconciliation action plan.

Glenorchy Mayor Bec Thomas said the 1905 sqm parcel of land was adjacent to Karadi's premises in Rothesay Circle in Goodwood and had long been managed by Karadi under a formal licence agreement.

"Council agreed that donating this parcel of land would bolster Karadi's work in our community, as well as being in the spirit of reconciliation.

"Importantly, the additional land will allow Karadi to strengthen the services it delivers for the Aboriginal and wider community, allowing the organisation to better meet the social needs of people it serves."

Mayor Thomas said Karadi had outlined that spaces on the combined property would continue to be used for community gardens, incorporating a bush tucker walk with plant interpretation.

"Pleasingly, Karadi intends for public access to remain in these areas.

"The additional land will enable Karadi to pursue expansion of its facility so it can provide services such as Indigenous Australians Health Program, integrated team care, neighbourhood houses, home care packages, allied health services as well as a number of other funded programs.

"While Karadi is an Aboriginal community-run organisation with many Aboriginal programs, it is an inclusive organisation that also provides critical support to the broader local community.

"Karadi has a history of strong and positive engagement and the benefits of its programs are widely recognised within Glenorchy City Council. We are proud to be able to support Karadi with this donation of land to allow it to continue to provide and expand these services to more of our local community.

"We are also pleased this donation is in line with Council's reconciliation action plan, underlining our commitment to work with the Aboriginal community and provide the best possible support we can, which in turn benefits the broader community," she said.

Karadi staff and community elders said they were very pleased the donation had been finalised, with the land being used to help develop Karadi now and into the future.

"We will use this land and make our community proud," they said. "It's a wonderful step towards reconciliation, and will assist the Goodwood community in coming together as a whole."

Karadi will advertise a community BBQ to celebrate the donation at a later date.

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Mayor Thomas is available for interview if required, please contact Rohan Wade at Timmins Ray PR on 0417 051 255 to arrange.