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City of Albany moves to boost Noongar employment

A respected Aboriginal consultant will travel to Albany next week to help the City of Albany develop a strategy to attract and retain more Noongar employees, especially younger people.

The City successfully sought Federal Government funding to develop an Indigenous Employment and Training Strategy which is intended to boost Noongar recruitment and retention.

The City will also engage with the local Noongar community to identify opportunities for local Aboriginal corporations to compete for work for the City of Albany.

Kim Bridge and Associates will work with City of Albany staff and external stakeholders next week to begin the process of developing the IETS.

Mr Bridge will meet with City executive staff and managers on Monday February 17, before meeting with the wider community, including employment agencies and Aboriginal corporations, on Tuesday February 18.

City chief executive Graham Foster said the IETS would provide more opportunities and clearer pathways for Noongar people to be able to work for the City of Albany.

“It is our responsibility to make sure the City of Albany is as welcoming a workplace as possible for Noongar people,” he said.

“I encourage anyone interested to attend Tuesday’s meeting.”

The Tuesday meeting will be held at the Albany Aboriginal Centre (Noongar centre) at the corner of Serpentine Road and Hanrahan Road from 9:30am.

In a separate but related initiative, Albany City Councillors will undertake cultural awareness training next month.

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