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20 Year Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan (KNY) Agreement 7 October 2022

Twenty years ago, on 8 October 2002, Alexandrina Council made an agreement with the Ngarrindjeri Nation. The agreement included a series of commitments to work together and offers a sincere expression of sorrow and apology to the Ngarrindjeri people. It is known as the Kungun Ngarrindjeri Yunnan (KNY) Agreement.

Council are extremely proud that the KNY Agreement was the first of this type of agreement between the Ngarrindjeri Nation and any level of Government. The agreement offered support and commitment by Alexandrina Council to empower communities and acknowledge Ngarrindjeri right's to determine their future.

Nigel Morris, Chief Executive Officer said that the important bond that was formed at the signing of this agreement, has been strengthened through our work together and shared common goals.

'Our Council highly values the relationship we have with the Ngarrindjeri people through the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority and Council's KNY Agreement,' he said.

"We have worked collaboratively to achieve common goals and develop strong outcomes on matters relating to the Ngarrindjeri, the Murray River and the Lower Lakes."

Alexandrina Council remains committed to the principles and values of the KNY agreement and to the protection of areas of cultural significance to the Ngarrindjeri Nation. It recognises that Council's natural resource management and other activities are enhanced through the engagement and participation of the Ngarrindjeri people.

In late 2020, Alexandrina Council partnered with the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation (the prescribed body for Native Title), to develop the *Ngoppen Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Cultural Tourism Plan - 'Walking Ngarrindjeri Land'*. The Ngarrindjeri have cared for their Ruwe for thousands of years by adhering to and respecting the laws and traditions passed on by Ngarrindjeri Creation Ancestors and the Old People. These laws and traditions are reflected in the vision statement and goals of the *Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarluywar-Ruwe Plan*.

Alexandrina Council acknowledges Ngarrindjeri people's ongoing connection to the land and water and continuing culture and interests. The KNY Agreement includes commitments for working together to advance harmonious community relations and developing best practice consultations processes.

An event in recognition of the 20-year anniversary will be held in December 2022.