



# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL MINUTES

held on Tuesday 8 April 2003  
at the Richmond Town Hall

## I. ATTENDANCE

Councillor Greg Barber (Mayor)  
Councillor Sue Corby  
Councillor Deborah Di Natale  
Councillor Jenny Farrar  
Councillor Jackie Fristacky  
Councillor Li Lai  
Councillor Kay Meadows  
Councillor Judy Morton  
Councillor Gurm Sekhon

## II. APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

\*Councillor Farrar requested leave of absence for May 5 to May 12 2003 (inclusive)

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Meadows                      **Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That leave be granted.

## III. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

## IV. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Farrar                      **Seconded:** Councillor Morton

That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Council held on 11 March 2003 and the ceremonial meeting of Council on 25 March 2003 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

***Welcome to the City of Yarra.  
Council acknowledges the  
Wurundjeri community as the first  
owners of this country.  
Today, they are still the custodians  
of the cultural heritage of this land.***

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

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The following items are deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Meadows

**Seconded:** Councillor Farrar

1. That this meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, as disclosure of any of the following matters to be considered may prejudice the Council or other persons.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this notice paper and reproduced as Council Minutes be treated as being and remaining strictly confidential in accordance with the provisions of sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act 1989* until Council resolves otherwise.

**CARRIED**

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## **4.1 Domestic Refuse Collection Service Contract C623**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council awards the Domestic Refuse Collection Service Contract C623 to CityWide Service Solutions Pty Ltd for the tendered price of \$7,059,130 (GST inclusive, subject to rise and fall in years 4 and 5), for the contract term of five years.
2. That Council retains the existing stock of bins for continued use by residents.
3. That an appropriate allocation be made in the annual budget to accommodate the Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB) maintenance, repair and replacement.
4. That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract.

### **FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Corby

That the matter be referred to Council with the prior circulation to Councillors of information relating to regional waste management strategies, feasibility studies and relevant key issues.

**CARRIED**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Sekhon

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**CARRIED**

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## 4.2 Contract Procedures

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report be noted.

### FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Corby

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the report;
  - (b) consider a report on a comprehensive contract management procedure, including reference to:
    - (i) delegation levels;
    - (ii) reporting mechanisms;
    - (iii) awarding of contracts;
    - (iv) extension of contract terms;
    - (v) decisions to terminate or re-tender; and
    - (vi) timelines.
  - (c) that the report be presented to the June 2003 Council meeting cycle.

**CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

That the Finance and Resources Committee recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Corby

**Seconded:** Councillor Sekhon

That the Council meeting resume in open session.

**CARRIED**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Corby

**Seconded:** Councillor Sekhon

That the Council meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 7:32 pm.

## PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

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### 5.1 Public Toilet & Pedestrian Crossing

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A letter from Mr M Hamilton has been received on behalf of Collingwood residents requesting the installation of:

1. public toilets in Kerr Street, Fitzroy; and
2. a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Keele and Smith Streets, Collingwood.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Di Natalia

**Seconded:** Councillor Lai

That the letter be received and referred to the appropriate Officer for action.

**CARRIED**

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### 5.2 Supreme Court Appeal regarding VCAT Decision - Ashlyn Enterprises P/L v. Yarra City Council. (NKYA development)

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A petition with 1478 signatures has been received regarding the recent VCAT decision – Ashlyn Enterprises P/L v. Yarra City Council and Ors, and requesting Council appeal this decision to the Supreme Court.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Di Natale

**Seconded:** Councillor Morton

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate Officer for action.

**CARRIED**

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Question (Richard Malone)

I note the YCC does not support the Plastic Bag Levy Coalition. As the only "green" Council, it would appear to be appropriate to do so.

In Ireland it has cut consumption of plastic bags by approximately 90%. Already the YCC is funding the City of Banyule for shopping bags in lieu of the plastic ones. An advertisement in a daily newspaper by the Coalition is also supported by our own Princes Park Protection Association.

Will the YCC give serious consideration to this matter which, if implemented, be of environmental and economic benefit to the YCC?

Answer

The Director City Development advised that he was not aware of this Council directly funding another Council in this way.

**He further advised that he would take the matter regarding support for the Plastic Bag Levy Coalition on notice.**

Supplementary question

Yarra City Council's support for the Banyule City Council is recorded in Yarra City Council's annual accounts. Are the annual accounts correct in this regard?

Answer

**The Mayor advised the supplementary question would be taken on notice.**

2. Question (Richard Malone)

Does the Health Act and associated regulations apply to YCC functions and the serving of food there at?

Answer

The Manager Aged and Disability Services advised that Council complies with the Food Act that the food is obtained through properly register food premises and that Council complies with all food and health requirements.

Supplementary question

Why is food served at meals preceding Council meetings left uncovered, which is not in accordance with the Health Act?

Answer

**The Manager Aged and Disability Services advised that he would take the supplementary question on notice.**

3. Question (Richard Malone on behalf of Norman Bassett)

In view of the fact the YCC "Average rates and charges per assessment in 2002" (latest available) quantum are equal second in Victoria and the parking fee revenue has reached it's peak; what steps are being taken to rectify the situation? Other indicators place the YCC in the higher percentiles. Does this mean higher rates for 2003/04?

Answer

The Director Corporate Services advised that Council currently has a long-term financial plan, adopted during December 2002, which sets out Council's medium term financial strategy, and which will be reviewed in the lead up to the forthcoming budget. Accordingly the Council is currently working on the update of its three year rolling city plan, and its long term financial plan, which will lead into the development of Council's 2003 / 2004 budget, and rates determination.

He further indicated that within the long term financial plan, there was a 4% rate increase earmarked for 2003/2004, which is slightly higher than CPI.

In relation to strategies to address key issues, the Director Corporate Services advised that Council would be working on a revenue policy and rating strategy over the ensuing six months, and that as part of this work, Council would explore the balance between different sources of revenue, and how the rating burden could be best spread across the community.

In closing, the Director Corporate Services indicated there would be quite a lot of public dialogue on these issues over the next six months.

4. Question (Richard Malone on behalf of Norman Bassett)

I have been waiting four years for the lane by my property in Pigdon Street, Princes Hill, to be resurfaced. The two lanes each side were completed about three years ago.

Every possible excuse is made, every time I inquire, including the one that all the money had been spent on the Library. It would appear that there is insufficient money in the "lane" budget - an area very sensitive to ratepayers - although the offers from developers for the recently approved \$1.5M plus Cremorne Street, Richmond project, in addition to the statutory contributions, have not been taken up.

The YCC seems to favour the commercial ratepayer. Their rates actually decreased this year, despite the YCC having the power to impose a differential rate.

When can I expect action and a reform in favour of your smaller ratepayers?

Answer

The Mayor advised that the final part of Mr Bassett's question (regarding rates) had been answered in the preceding question.

With regards the aspect of the question relating to lanes, the Director City Development indicated that he was aware of Mt Bassett's request, and that Council considered a detailed program of laneway works as part of its annual budget cycle, and that this was considered an appropriate mechanism for deciding whether funding can be made available for individual lanes.

5. Question (Ian Quick)

When considering car parking and traffic aspects of planning applications, what is Council's process for determining which parts of the Yarra Planning Scheme are to apply, and in particular, what is the process for deciding whether to apply clause 52.06 or clause 55 of the Yarra Planning Scheme?

Answer

**The Director City Development advised, that given the level of detail involved in the question, he would take the question on notice and have further discussions with Mr Quick.**

## GENERAL BUSINESS

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### 6.1 Father John Brosnan, Condolence Motion

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#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Corby

The Council, Staff and Community of the City of Yarra recognise with appreciation the contribution made by the Late Father John Brosnan to social justice reform, youth services and prisoner support during his remarkable time as a priest of the Jesuit order.

Together we reflect upon his achievements, give thanks for his life, and are saddened his passing.

We are fortunate to have the Jesuit Social Service located in our municipality and the living legacy of Fr. Brosnan - The Brosnan centre in nearby Brunswick.

It is worthwhile remembering his often-quoted words:

"Three things are needed by people upon their release from prison:

- A place to live that is decent
- A job that they can handle
- And friendship, and the hardest to provide is friendship".

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Brosnan family and friends.

**CARRIED**

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### 6.2 Infrastructure Charges Plan

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**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

That a status report be presented to the July meeting cycle on the progress of the infrastructure charges plan.

**CARRIED**

## DELEGATES REPORTS

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### Yarra Melbourne Regional Library Board

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Councillor Fristacky reported that the Yarra Melbourne Regional Library Board had so far met twice this year and considered issues including:

- (a) quality reviews;
- (b) reports and recommendations from the Regional Library Community Advisory Committee (RLCAC);
- (c) the review of the quarterly service plan and financial reports to 31 December 2002; and
- (d) the redevelopment of the East Melbourne Library by the City of Melbourne.

Councillor Fristacky further reported that the Yarra / Melbourne Joint Special Committee, (convened by the two Councils to review the Regional Library Agreement), having considered a report on the Review of the Regional Library Agreement and undertaken community consultation, was recommending to the two Councils that:

- (a) an RLCAC representative be retained on the Board;
- (b) Board membership be increased by an additional member; and
- (c) provision be made for the notional rent for the six Council owned properties, and actual rent in regards the leased property.

Councillor Fristacky concluded by advising the Council the recommendations of the Joint Special Committee were scheduled to be considered by the Finance and Resources Committee on 6 May 2003, and by Council on 13 May 2003.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Farrar

That the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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## **Inner Melbourne Road Safety Council**

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Councillor Di Natale reported on the Inner Melbourne Road Safety Council (of which she is chair) and advised that a 'Speed Trailer' will be used to promote safe driving practices. The trailer will be shared by the three member councils (Yarra, Port Phillip and Melbourne) used predominantly around schools and will commence operation in the immediate future.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Di Natale

**Seconded:** Councillor Farrar

That the report be noted.

Councillor Farrar reported that the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) had recently met and considered matters including:

- (a) a proposal to bring all Council elections into alignment;
- (b) a proposal to extend Councillor terms from three to four years;
- (c) cost shifting; and
- (d) a planned forum to discuss the increased pressured upon local governments.

Councillor Farrar also report on a recent meeting of the Women's Participation In Local Government group which discussed the matters including:

- (a) the results of the March 2003 Council elections which saw 14 Mayors lose their seats; and
- (b) the Mayor's Weekend Conference.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

That the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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## **Friends of Bacau and the East Timorese Conference**

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Councillor Farrar reported on the Friends of Bacau and the East Timorese Conference conducted the previous weekend. Councillor Farrar reported the conference was extremely successful with many productive discussions being held with a view to assisting the rebuilding of the newest nation on the globe.

Councillor Farrar also reported that she had attended an eminent speakers forum to hear His Excellency Xanana Gusmao speak on the rebuilding of East Timor. Councillor Farrar also advised that Mr Bruce Stewart had been appointed as a volunteer to oversee the logistics of the planned community learning centre. Mr Stewart would depart Australia on 15 April 2003.

Further Councillor Farrar reported that the Cities of Yarra and Darebin has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, which will greatly assist the East Timor friendship program.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

That the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

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## **International Council for Environment Protection**

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Councillor Sekhon reported on the International Council for Environment Protection conference and advised that he and the Mayor were each attending the conference along with representatives of 46 other Councils. Councillor Sekhon also tabled a plaque which had been presented to the Mayor in recognition of City of Yarra's membership.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Sekhon

**Seconded:** Councillor Farrar

That the report be noted.

**CARRIED**

## QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

1. Question: Cr Farrar

Is Council making a submission to the Government's waste recovery enquiry?

Answer

**The Director City Development advised that Council was making its response through the Municipal Association of Victoria.**

2. Question: Cr Meadows

Is Council doing any work on the designation of areas for dogs on / off leash, and if not, can this occur?

Answer

**The Manager Aged and Disability Services provided background on the initial designation of on / off leash parks approximately five years ago, though took the question on notice with regards the current situation.**

3. Question: Cr Di Natale

Is Council making a submission for funding under the Melbourne 2030 Strategy, and can a report be presented to Council's Community Development Committee meeting on the 6 May 2003?

Answer

**The Director City Development advised that Council was making a funding submission, and that a report would be provided to Council's Community Development Committee meeting on the 6 May 2003?**

4. Question: Cr Sekhon

Is Council aware of an increased incidence of burglary within the municipality?

Answer

**The Chief Executive Officer advised she was not aware of any data on the issue, though would contact the Victoria Police to request some current crime statistics.**

5. Question: Cr Farrar

How does Council interact with local neighbourhood watch groups and the Victoria Police?

Answer

**The Chief Executive Officer advised she would need to take the question on notice.**

## **FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 1 April 2003  
Richmond Town Hall**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Jackie Fristacky (Chairperson)  
Councillor Sue Corby  
Councillor Sue Corby  
Councillor Jenny Farrar  
Councillor Li Lai

### **APOLOGIES**

Nil

### **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

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## **1.1 Awarding of Council Contracts – Summary of Confidential Decisions made in the Previous Month**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the report on the Awarding of Council Contracts - Summary of Confidential Decisions made at its meeting on 11 March 2003 be noted

### **FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Barber

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Corby

That the Finance and Resources Committee recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **See Attachment**



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## 1.2 Council Contracts Awarded (over the value of \$50,000) - Monthly Report

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the monthly report on Council contracts awarded (over the value of \$50,000) be noted.

### FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:** Councillor Lai

**Seconded:** Councillor Farrar

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Corby

That the Finance and Resources Committee recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### See Attachment



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### **1.3 Audit Committee Charter**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Audit Committee Charter be amended in accordance with Attachment 1.

#### **FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Corby

1. That the Audit Committee charter be amended as set out in the attachment provided that the Composition clause is deleted and the following clause substituted:

“The Audit Committee shall comprise:

- (a) two Councillors, being the Mayor and the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee or, in the event of non-availability, their substitute; and
- (b) two external members;

all of whom shall have full voting rights, provided that in the event of a matter proceeding to a vote with the vote being tied, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

The Chief Executive Officer shall be entitled and should attend all meetings of the Committee but will not have voting rights.”

2. That the quorum of the Audit Committee be amended to three members.

**CARRIED**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Corby

That the Finance and Resources Committee recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **See Attachment**

PLEASE NOTE: This attachment is available on request from the Governance Support Unit.

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## **1.4 2003 Council Meeting Program (July – December)**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the attached 2003 Council meeting program (July – December) be adopted.

### **FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the attached July-December 2003 Council meeting program (modified to include an additional Internal Development Approvals Committee Meeting on 29 October 2003) be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### **See Attachment**



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**PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 1 April 2003  
Richmond Town Hall**

**ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Judy Morton (Chairperson)  
Councillor Sue Corby  
Councillor Kay Meadows  
Councillor Di Natale  
Councillor Gurm Sekhon

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Nil

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## 2.1 Mayors Park Master Plan

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council adopt the Master Plan for Mayors Park.
2. That it be noted that the implementation of the Master Plan will be subject to the availability of funding under Council's 2003/04 Capital Works Budget and beyond.
3. That all submitters be advised of Council's Resolution.

*The following people addressed the Committee on this item:*

*Mr Basic Stafford (President Clifton Hill Tennis Club);  
Mr Mark Butterford (of Netsports); and  
Mr John Beckwith.*

### PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:** Councillor Di Natale                      **Seconded:** Councillor Meadows

That the matter be referred to Council for further consideration.

**CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar                      **Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the matter be deferred pending further consideration of submissions received by Council.

**CARRIED**

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## 2.2 Coate Park and Rudder Grange Master Plan

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council adopt the Master Plan for Coate Park and Rudder Grange.
2. That it be noted that the implementation of the Master Plan will be subject to the availability of funding under Council's 2003/04 capital works budget and beyond.
3. That all submitters be advised of Council's resolution.

*Mr Anthony Brown addressed the Committee on this item.*

### PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:** Councillor Barber

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Farrar

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the Planning and Community Development Committee Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**2.3 Amendment C53 to the Yarra Planning Scheme - Precinct Bounded by Abinger, Coppin and Lord Streets, Richmond - Public Exhibition Stage.**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to prepare and place on exhibition Amendment C53 to the Yarra Planning Scheme to apply the Environmental Audit Overlay on the precinct bounded by Abinger, Coppin and Lord Street, Richmond and the rear of buildings fronting Bridge Road, Richmond.

**PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Councillor Meadows

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the matter be referred to Council for further consideration.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Meadows

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the matter be deferred for further consideration at the May meeting cycle of Council.

**CARRIED**

## COUNCIL BUSINESS REPORTS

### 3.1 Councillor Appointments to Internal Council Committees and Working Groups

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council makes appointments to the committees and working groups as outlined in the table below:

<b>Committee/Working Group</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Number of appointees required</b>	<b>Name of 2003 appointee(s)</b>
Audit Committee.  (Appointment of Chairperson)	Monitoring Council processes, compliance and ethics and review.	The appointment of one external member as Committee Chair, and the appointment of two Councillors or substitute members.  Council's Audit Committee charter stipulates that the Mayor and Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee be the Councillor members of the Committee.	
Australia Day Awards Panel.	Consider submissions for Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year and determine award recipients.	Three councillors (Mayor F&R and P&CD Chairpersons)	
Yarra Bicycle Consultative Committee.	Bicycle infrastructure, education and related issues.	One councillor.	
Performance Review Sub Committee.	Provide advice to the CEO on remuneration and performance review issues and strategies regarding senior management.	Mayor (ex officio) Two other councillors.	
Yarra Arts and Cultural Development Committee	To advise on arts and cultural issues, funding priorities and policy formulation.	One councillor.	
Service Performance Panel	Oversee all service reviews undertaken as part of Council's Best Value Program.	Three councillors (Mayor F&R and P&CD Chairpersons)	

<b>Committee/Working Group</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Number of appointees requirec</b>	<b>Name of 2002 appointee(s)</b>
City of Yarra Aboriginal Advisory Committee.	Facilitate communication and information sharing between the Aboriginal community and Council.	One councillor.	
Yarra East Timor Support Action Group	Develop and implement strategies for assistance for East Timor reconstruction.	Two councillors.	
Disability Reference Group.	To advise on disability issues and initiatives.	One councillor.	
Municipal Public Health Plan Advisory Committee	Oversee the development and monitoring of the 2003/05 MPHP	One councillor.	
East Timor Asylum Seeker Task Force	Advocate on behalf of East Timorese asylum seekers.	Three councillors	
Richmond Civic Precinct Working Group.	To plan future use of public land in the precinct around the Richmond Town Hall.	Mayor (ex officio). One Carringbush Ward councillor.	
Community Grants Program Working Group	Review Council's Community Grants Program	Three councillors	
Victoria Park Working Group	Review issues around Victoria Park	One Councillor	

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Farrar

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City of Yarra Aboriginal Advisory Committee.	Facilitate communication and information sharing between the Aboriginal community and Council.	One councillor.	Cr Sekhon
Yarra East Timor Support Action Group	Develop and implement strategies for assistance for East Timor reconstruction.	Two councillors.	Cr Lai Cr Farrar
Disability Reference Group.	To advise on disability issues and initiatives.	One councillor.	Cr Di Natale
Municipal Public Health Plan Advisory Committee	Oversee the development and monitoring of the 2003/05 MPHP	One councillor.	Cr Corby
East Timor Asylum Seeker Task Force	Advocate on behalf of East Timorese asylum seekers.	Three councillors	Cr Farrar Cr Lai Cr Di Natale Cr Corby
Richmond Civic Precinct Working Group.	To plan future use of public land in the precinct around the Richmond Town Hall.	Mayor (ex officio). One Carringbush Ward councillor.	Cr Barber Cr Corby Cr Lai Cr Meadows Cr Morton
Community Grants Program Working Group	Review Council's Community Grants Program	Three councillors	Cr Di Natale Cr Morton Cr Farrar
Victoria Park Working Group	Review issues around Victoria Park	One Councillor	Cr Barber  Alternatives:  Cr Corby Cr Lai Cr Farrar

**CARRIED**

## 3.2 Councillor Appointments to External Associations and Committees

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council makes appointments to the following organisations:

Organisation	Councillor representatives required	Appointee(s)
Municipal Association of Victoria.	One councillor to be the Council delegate, plus the Mayor (Ex-officio).	
Victorian Local Governance Association.	One councillor. One substitute	
Western Region Waste Management Group.	One councillor. One substitute.	
Yarra Bend Park Trust.	One councillor.  NB: This appointment is for a three-year term expiring 2005.	<i>Cr Farrar has been nominated by Council as its preferred nominee. (June 2002). The nomination has now been ratified by the Minister.</i>
Merri Creek Management Committee.	One councillor.	
Collingwood Children's Farm Management Committee.	One councillor. One substitute	
Darebin Creek Management Committee.	One councillor. One substitute. (Council officer)	
Inner Melbourne Road Safety Committee.	One councillor.	
Metropolitan Transport Forum.	One councillor.	
Yarra/Melbourne Regional Library Board.	One councillor. One substitute.	
Yarra Catchment Committee.	One councillor	
East Timor Asylum Seeker Task Force	No set membership limit. Currently three councillors appointed.	
Melbourne 2030 Regional and Metropolitan Forum	One councillor	

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That Council makes appointments to the following organisations:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Councillor representatives required</b>	<b>Appointee(s)</b>
Municipal Association of Victoria.	One councillor to be the Council delegate, plus the Mayor (Ex-officio).	Cr Barber Cr Sekhon
Victorian Local Governance Association.	One councillor. One substitute	Cr Farrar Cr Corby
Western Region Waste Management Group.	One councillor. One substitute.	Cr Sekhon Cr Fristacky
Yarra Bend Park Trust.	One councillor.  NB: This appointment is for a three-year term expiring 2005.	Cr Farrar
Merri Creek Management Committee.	One councillor.	Cr Sekhon
Collingwood Children's Farm Management Committee.	One councillor. One substitute	Cr Corby Cr Farrar (sub) Cr Barber (sub)
Darebin Creek Management Committee.	One councillor. One substitute. (Council officer)	Cr Farrar Silvana Predebon (Environment Officer)
Inner Melbourne Road Safety Council.	One councillor.	Cr Di Natale
Metropolitan Transport Forum.	One councillor.	Cr Fristacky Cr Meadows (sub)
Yarra/Melbourne Regional Library Board.	One councillor. One substitute.	Cr Fristacky Cr Morton (sub)
Yarra Catchment Committee.	One councillor	Cr Barber
East Timor Asylum Seeker Task Force	No set membership limit. Currently three councillors appointed.	Cr Corby Cr Farrar Cr Di Natale Cr Lai
Melbourne 2030 Regional and Metropolitan Forum	One councillor	Deferred.

**CARRIED**

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### **3.3 Home and Community Care Campaign – Inner Southern Metropolitan Mayors' Group**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Purpose**

To advise of the Home and Community Care (HACC) Campaign initiated by the Inner Southern Metropolitan Mayors' Group (ISMMG) and seek Council's endorsement and participation in the campaign.

### **Issues**

The ISMMG, made up of Boroondara, Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston, Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Yarra councils, has initiated a communications campaign with the aim to encourage the community to lobby the federal and state governments to improve funding to HACC services.

There is a need to increase the level of understanding of HACC within the broader community and promote the benefits of the program to the community.

Past campaigns have focussed on policy issues and complex federal, state and local government funding arrangements without engaging the broader community.

### **Resource Financial Implications**

Each participating council is asked to contribute \$3,000 to cover the cost of campaign coordination and development. In-kind support, such as assisting seniors to attend events, distribution of postcards within the local area and advertorial promotion is also expected to support the campaign.

### **Community Implications**

Previous campaigns have had limited impact on improving funding arrangements and very little community involvement. This campaign specifically sets out to raise the profile of HACC within the broader community and ignite interest and action on this issue within the 60 plus age group and the baby boomer generation.

### **City Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications**

Council's City Plan 2002-05 commits to advocacy on behalf of the community on key issues and recognises the importance of providing services, including those for the frail aged and people living with a disability within our community.

### **PROPOSED ACTIONS**

That Council resolves to actively support and participate in the Inner South Metropolitan Mayors' Group HACC advocacy campaign aimed at increasing community awareness of this vital community based program and seeking additional funding from the federal and state governments to reduce the cost shift and burden to local government.

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### **3.3 Home and Community Care Campaign – Inner Southern Metropolitan Mayors' Group**

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File: 12/10/2002  
Responsible Officer: Manager Aged & Disability Services

#### **Purpose**

1. To advise of the Home and Community Care (HACC) Campaign initiated by the Inner Southern Metropolitan Mayors' Group (ISMMG) and seek Council's endorsement and participation in the campaign.

#### **Background**

2. The ISMMG, made up of Boroondara, Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston, Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Yarra councils, has initiated a communications campaign with the aim to encourage the community to lobby the federal and state governments to improve funding to HACC services.
3. In preparing the campaign, the ISMMG has recognised a need to increase the level of understanding of HACC within the broader community and promote the benefits of the program to the community.
4. HACC was established in Victoria on the basis of a local government contribution of 20 per cent. However the proportionate cost burden of the program has shifted to local government and in many cases is now in excess of 30 per cent.
5. Past campaigns have focussed on policy issues and complex federal, state and local government funding arrangements without engaging the broader community in the debate. With a growing ageing population and continued preference of people to remain living independently at home, the ISMMG has identified the need to re-orientate the discussion and encourage local community action in the advocacy process.

#### **Issues**

6. The ISMMG has agreed to jointly fund a HACC communications campaign aimed at raising awareness of the program amongst the community as part of an overall long-term strategy. The initial campaign will run for three months commencing early May 2003, with the overall goals and objectives being to:
  - (a) obtain an additional 20 per cent funding from the federal government and an additional six per cent funding from the state government for HACC programs in 2003-04;
  - (b) raise the profile of HACC within the broader community and reignite interest in the issue among the community, media and politicians at all levels of government; and
  - (c) develop a social change campaign led by the ISMMG to increase HACC service funding.

7. The campaign aims to target the current HACC eligible population and the baby boomer generation. A main strategy will be the development and implementation of a postcard petition, encouraging people to send a message to State and Federal politicians. The overall strategy will include:
  - (a) media releases to local and metropolitan papers, radio and television highlighting associated facts and figures, case studies, predictions, value of service and social and economic benefits of HACC;
  - (b) launch involving all ISMMG Mayors and campaign celebrities; and
  - (c) community forums, use of a web site for feedback, advertorials and town hall banners.
8. Key messages to be promoted include:
  - (a) HACC is a simple and effective aged and disability care alternative that allows people to stay at home and maintain the choice to live an independent life;
  - (b) HACC keeps partners and families together and supports younger adults in caring for their parents; and
  - (c) HACC is a significantly cheaper alternative to nursing home care and the financial benefits flow onto other health services.
9. Council has previously participated in campaigns to seek increased funding of HACC services however these have not attempted to engage the community in this process. This campaign will involve the joint support of Access Yarra and the Aged and Disability Service Branch. In addition to a direct financial contribution to the campaign, in kind support will include implementing local strategies to promote the overall campaign – such as, use of local media, case studies, promotion within the Yarra service sector, acting as a collection point for postcard petitions etc.
10. Participation in the campaign provides a further opportunity for Council to advocate on behalf of the local community. Council's City Plan 2002-05 commits to advocacy on behalf of the community on key issues and recognises the importance of providing services, including those for the frail aged and people living with a disability within our community.
11. The City of Boroondara has offered to act as the campaign coordinator and manage the project through its Communications Branch. A HACC communication strategy has been prepared and endorsed by the ISMMG.

## **Consultations**

12. Community consultation will be an essential aspect of the campaign. At a local level there is the opportunity to utilise the Yarra HACC Forum, health agencies, senior's forums and network to promote messages. Engaging the broader community will involve use of Council's newsletter, advertorials, posters in cafes, information on the web site and promotion through metropolitan media. The strategy has also identified the need to engage people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds through the use of community leaders and ethnic media.

## **Resource and Financial Implications**

13. Each participating council is asked to contribute \$3,000 to cover the cost of campaign coordination and development. In-kind support, such as assisting seniors to attend events, distribution of postcards within the local area and advertorial promotion is also expected to support the campaign. Funding for the campaign will be maintained within existing budget allocations.

## **Proposal**

14. It is proposed that Council participates in the HACC campaign initiated by the ISMMG and that Officers work in conjunction with the City of Boroondara and other partner councils in implementing the HACC communication strategy.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

15. That Council resolves to actively support and participate in the Inner South Metropolitan Mayors' Group HACC advocacy campaign aimed at increasing community awareness of this vital community based program and seeking additional funding from the federal and state governments to reduce the cost shift and burden to local government.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Meadows

**Seconded:** Councillor Di Natale

That the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

The Council meeting closed at 8:28pm.

Confirmed this 13th day of May 2003

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Mayor