



Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda

**to be held on Tuesday 3 July 2018 at 7.00pm
Richmond Town Hall**

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Order of business

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1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

“Welcome to the City of Yarra.”

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to the Elders past and present.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Anticipated attendees:

Councillors

- Cr Daniel Nguyen (Mayor)
- Cr Misha Coleman (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Andrew Day (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager - CEO's Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Acting Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Chris Leivers (Director – City Works and Assets)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Jane Waldock (Assistant Director - Planning and Place making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

4. Confidential business reports

Item

- 4.1 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.2 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person

Confidential business reports

The following items were 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.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, to allow consideration of matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this agenda 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.

5. Confirmation of minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 be confirmed.

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 be confirmed.

6. Petitions and joint letters

7. Public question time

Yarra City Council welcomes questions from members of the community.

Public question time procedure

Ideally, questions should be submitted to Council in writing by midday on the day of the meeting via the form available on our website. Submitting your question in advance helps us to provide a more comprehensive answer. Questions that have been submitted in advance will be answered first.

Public question time is an opportunity to ask questions about issues for which you have not been able to gain a satisfactory response on a matter. As such, public question time is not:

- a time to make statements or engage in debate with Councillors;
- a forum to be used in relation to planning application matters which are required to be submitted and considered as part of the formal planning submission;
- a forum for initially raising operational matters, which should be directed to the administration in the first instance.

If you wish to raise matters in relation to an item on this meeting agenda, Council will consider submissions on these items in conjunction with and prior to debate on that agenda item.

When you are invited by the meeting chairperson to ask your question, please come forward and take a seat at the microphone and:

- state your name clearly for the record;
- direct your questions to the chairperson;
- ask a maximum of two questions;
- speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- refrain from repeating questions that have been asked previously by yourself or others; and
- remain silent following your question unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment or to clarify any aspects.

8. General business

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10. Questions without notice

11. Council business reports

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The public submission period is an opportunity to provide information to Council, not to ask questions or engage in debate.

Public submissions procedure

When you are invited by the meeting chairperson to make your submission, please come forward and take a seat at the microphone and:

- state your name clearly for the record;
- direct your submission to the chairperson;
- speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- confine your remarks to the matter under consideration;
- refrain from repeating information already provided by previous submitters; and
- remain silent following your submission unless called upon by the chairperson to make further comment.

12. Notices of motion

Nil

13. Urgent business

Nil

11.1 0-25 Plan 2018-2022 for Children and Young People and their Families

Executive Summary

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider submissions received for the 0-25 Plan during the four week public consultation period and endorse the 0-25 Plan.

Key Issues

Preparation of the 0-25 Plan commenced in October 2017. An extensive process of community consultation informed the development of the Plan where we spoke to over 850 people as part of the first and second stages of consultation.

The draft Plan was presented to Council in April 2018 where permission was sought to commence a four week period of public consultation on the draft Plan.

The third stage of consultation has now been completed, which sought to solicit feedback on whether the draft 0-25 Plan reflects the ideas and views of children, young people, their families and other stakeholders we spoke with.

Comments and submissions received during the consultation period indicate a strong basis of support for the draft 0-25 Plan.

Minor changes have been incorporated in a small number of actions in the draft plan that seek to improve readability and provide greater clarity. The strategic priorities and strategies remain the same and do not differ from the exhibited draft Plan.

The 0-25 Plan will strengthen policy and practice, embedding an evidence-based approach in what we do and how we do it. To this end, our work will build on the achievements of existing strategies and will assist in framing the work of other stakeholders and partners.

Consolidating and progressing the work that has been found to deliver good outcomes for children and young people will be a strong focus of this approach. Applying the 'Nest' framework as part of the 0-25 Plan will foster the opportunity to plan and act locally whilst also thinking about the national context.

Implementation of the 0-25 Plan will be pursued through annual actions plans detailing the actions to be prioritised each year. This will ensure that the actions remain highly relevant and continue to have currency in the 0-25 policy and operational context.

Financial Implications

The project budget for the development of the Plan was factored into the 2017/18 Council budget. Actions requiring a financial commitment will be factored into future annual budget processes.

PROPOSAL

The 0-25 Plan provides a strategic framework that will inform the work of Council over the next four years. The Plan has been developed on the basis of available evidence and extensive community consultation.

The third and final stage of consultation has confirmed the strategic directions and priorities included in the Plan with only a small number of minor changes incorporated into the Action Plan as a result of submissions received. Submissions are attached for Council's consideration together with adoption of the 0-25 Plan.

11.1 0-25 Plan 2018-2022 for Children and Young People and their Families

Trim Record Number: D18/100724

Responsible Officer: Acting Director Community Wellbeing

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to consider submissions received for the 0-25 Plan during the four week public consultation period and endorse the 0-25 Plan 2018-2022.

Background

2. Yarra Council has traditionally had three strategies in place that have informed work undertaken with children and young people. The strategies were prepared around distinct life stages. These plans included:
 - (a) Early Years Strategy 2015-2018 (age cohort 0 to 8 years);
 - (b) Middle Years Strategy 2014-2017 (age cohort 8 to 12 years); and
 - (c) Youth Policy and Action Plan 2013-2016 (age cohort 12 – 25 years).
3. The Youth Policy and Action Plan and the Middle Years Strategy have now been completed. The Early Years Strategy is due for completion at the end of the year.
4. The respective plans were able to effectively span the various age cohorts and were intended to promote better integration between the different strategies. However, the endorsement of the individual plans occurred over subsequent years which has not always helped to promote an integrated approach.
5. Whilst the existing plans do cover the entire age cohort from 0-25, each of the plans use different 'language' and frameworks that have informed their development. A more integrated approach would support seamless transitions across the age groups.
6. Additionally, not all of the existing plans have had a strong alignment to the timing of new Council plans.
7. In response to these issues, a different framework has been employed for the preparation of a 0 to 25 Plan that adopts a life stage approach. This approach reflects the journey of families raising and caring for children and young people as they grow and transition from dependence to independence.
8. A life stage approach encourages stakeholders to think broadly about the needs of a child from their birth to 25 years of age. This approach recognises that there are periods of transition and stages of development that each child moves through in their own unique way.
9. An approach that promotes integration and collaboration fosters a more 'joined up' service system. This translates to a more seamless experience for families as they navigate their way through the service system during the journey of raising children as they mature and become adults.

The Nest framework

10. In response to the relative lag in the overall wellbeing of Australian children and young people within the international context, the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) investigated 'What do children and young people need to make a good life', and how communities and organisations support their growth and development.
11. The investigation was undertaken because of persistent poor outcomes for many children and young people despite significant investment in policies, programs and services over time targeting child and/or youth wellbeing. ARACY's work was therefore focused on better understanding the evidence of factors that contribute to positive social change.

12. The ARACY approach to planning for Children and young people aims to take a life stage approach such that “responses and interventions must be appropriately distributed along the age continuum of childhood. We need to design and build a comprehensive national prevention and early intervention system across the key life phases – early childhood, middle years and later school years and focused at key transition points”.
13. Through the implementation of an evidence based framework, real impact measures can be taken to better understand the outcomes of investment in social support systems.
14. As an outcome of the work of ARACY, the ‘Nest’ framework was developed which speaks directly to the experiences of children and young people.
15. The ‘Nest’ framework is now being used as a guide to improving child and youth wellbeing in Australia. As an example, the ‘Nest’ framework has been used by other local governments (such as Boroondara, Moonee Valley, Moreland councils) to develop municipal strategies for children and young people.
16. The ‘Nest’ promotes the following vision:
“All children and young people are loved and safe, have material basics, are healthy, are learning and are participating and have a positive sense of culture and identity.”
17. ARACY measures achievement of the vision by improvements in the indicators of child and youth wellbeing with specific targets for improvement against OECD countries.
18. At an operational level the framework promotes principles such as; the child at the centre, privileging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge, long term, evidence based approach, prevention and early intervention, a life stage approach and systematic change using an outcomes approach.
19. Six key themes are central to the ‘Nest’ framework and are identified by the evidence as critical indicators for a ‘good life’ for children and young people. The use of consistent indicators against the key themes will be an effective tool in monitoring change over time. The broad themes adopted by the Nest agenda include that children and young people are:
 - (a) loved and safe;
 - (b) have access to material basics;
 - (c) being healthy;
 - (d) learning;
 - (e) participating; and
 - (f) have a positive sense of culture and identity.
20. Yarra faces similar issues in child and/or youth wellbeing as those examined in The ‘Nest’ project. The Australian Early Development Census measures the development of children in Australia in their first year of school and the findings provide an example of uneven development across Yarra.
21. In the last AEDC in 2015 the majority of children living in Yarra were developmentally on track (72.4%). Comparative surveys also found that most children living in Yarra were developmentally on track (81.1% in 2009 and 80.2% in 2012).
22. However, between 2012 and 2015 there was a statistically significant decrease in the number of children developmentally on track within four of the five domains measured by the AEDC: physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity and communication skills and general knowledge.
23. Findings from the Yarra Communities That Care survey conducted in 2015 (n=632 students) highlighted three key areas of concern for middle years children in Yarra. The results are highlighted below:
 - (a) Firstly, alcohol and other drug use was found to be an issue, with high rates of binge drinking and a prevalence of peer, family and community risk factors known to predict substance use;

- (b) Secondly, many middle years children experienced poor family relationships, high levels of family conflict and parental attitudes favourable to antisocial behaviour; and
 - (c) Finally, personal resilience and wellbeing was an area to emerge, with one in five year 6s having symptoms of depression, which doubled to two in five by year 8.
24. Similar to concerns about poor outcomes for children and young people that underscored the work of ARACY, poor outcomes have also been experienced by some children and young people in Yarra. This is despite significant efforts over time thereby prompting a different approach to how we plan for children and young people.
25. The 'Nest' framework will strengthen policy and practice, embedding an evidence-based approach in what we do and how we do it. To this end, our work will build on the achievements of existing strategies and policy.
26. Consolidating and progressing the work that has been found to deliver good outcomes for children and young people is a strong focus of this approach. Applying the 'Nest' framework fosters the opportunity to plan and act locally whilst also thinking about the national context.

External Consultation

27. 764 children, young people, parents and community members were consulted to develop the draft 0-25 Plan, across a range of locations, formats and modalities.
28. The first stage of consultation was undertaken between October to December 2017 where we spoke to children, families and young people about raising children and growing up in Yarra.
29. The consultation included the following activities:
- (a) consultations in and around International Children's Week in community settings including but not limited to, early childhood education and care centres, parent groups, Collingwood Children's Farm during a Children's Week event, homework clubs, Cubbies, Yarra Youth Centre and programs;
 - (b) Have Your Say – on line community feedback on the Yarra public website;
 - (c) interviews and consultations with advisory committees and community stakeholders including Yarra Settlement Services Forum, Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group, Early Years Reference Group and Yarra Youth Advisory Committee; and
 - (d) critical ideas forum with Communities that Care partners and other stakeholders connected to the 0-25 years cohort to consider community feedback and opportunities for action in the new Plan.
30. The consultation centred around three key questions that were slightly adapted to suit the needs of the different cohorts or audience. The questions are as follows:
- (a) What's good about raising children in Yarra;
 - (b) What concerns you about raising children in Yarra; and
 - (c) How can Yarra be a better community for raising children.
31. A second and more targeted stage of consultation sought to confirm and clarify issues identified from the first phase of consultation. This second stage also provided an opportunity to hear from families, young people and children that may not have provided input during the first stage of consultation or were keen to provide additional feedback.
32. The second stage of consultation included:
- (a) online survey for families distributed through existing services and networks and completed through face to face interviews;
 - (b) group discussions with young people; and
 - (c) activities conducted in early childhood education and care centres designed to encourage and support children's input into the Plan.

33. As part of the broader consultation process, 2 stakeholder workshops were conducted with participation from internal and external stakeholders. The workshops assisted in gaining buy-in and promoted a shared understanding of the data and emerging priorities.
34. The stakeholder workshops also provided a forum for testing ideas and discussing potential for joint action and future collaboration.
35. All data obtained through the consultation process has been collated and analysed using the NEST framework. This was undertaken as a joint exercise in a combined internal and external stakeholder workshop.
36. Analysis of data against the NEST framework has revealed the predominant sub-themes and has guided identification of priorities for further consideration and action.
37. The internal Project Reference Group has also met to discuss how the work of other relevant areas of Council aligns with the strategic priorities included in the Plan.
38. An annual Action Plan was prepared on the basis of consultation, internal discussions and analysis against the evidence.

Public consultation – Stage 3

39. A third stage of public consultation was conducted over a four week period from early May 2018 to early June 2018 based on the Draft 0-25 Plan. **(Attachment 1)**
40. Consultation activities included: **(Attachment 2)**
 - (a) Have Your Say – online community feedback on the Yarra public website;
 - (b) promotion of the consultation and link to 'Have Your Say' on Council's Libraries and Leisure websites;
 - (c) social media campaign including regular tweets and posts to community members;
 - (d) distribution of postcards and posters promoting the consultation to Yarra libraries, leisure centres and a variety of early years, children's and youth services;
 - (e) email promotion to government primary and secondary schools in Yarra directing stakeholders to the 'have Your Say' on line forum;
 - (f) targeted conversations with stakeholders working with hard to reach communities and cohorts connected to the 0-25 Plan to consider the directions included in the Plan and opportunities for partnership actions and shared approaches;
 - (g) consultation with advisory committees and consultative groups including Early Years Reference Group, Disability Advisory Committee, Yarra Youth Advisory Committee, Early Years Family Partnerships Committee; and
 - (h) targeted consultation with children and young people in a variety of children's and youth service settings including Children's Centres, Out of School Hours Care Services and Youth Services programs.
41. Feedback and submissions were predominantly received from the following:
 - (a) activities designed to elicit feedback from children and young people conducted in various Yarra service settings; and
 - (b) Have Your Say' on line community forum.
42. Consultation with young people indicated a high level of support for the 0-25 Plan. Comments from young people particularly focussed on Strategic Priorities within the Plan related to employment, education and training pathways, civic participation, information and health and wellbeing with a particular focus on mental health and sexual health.
43. Rather than indicating issues or gaps that have not been addressed in the draft 0-25 Plan, feedback from young people included suggestions appropriate to consider as part of the implementation phase.

44. Children attending child care, kindergarten and Out of School Hours Care services were consulted through the use of a consultation tool designed to facilitate and support exploration of a number of specific questions relating to the content of the 0-25 Plan.
45. The tool, in the form of a board game, ensured the consultation was a fun and engaging activity for children.
 - (a) approximately fifty (50) children were consulted. The comments both confirm what children previously told us in stage 1 of the consultation process and provides a rich source of data to inform the implementation phase;
 - (b) comments highlight but are not limited to, children's future aspirations, what makes them feel safe, the central importance of family and friendships, the role of play, value of physical activity, parks and open space; and
 - (c) children also described what child friendly improvements to parks and safe cycling environments look like and what needs to be done for children to be more active and ride bikes more often. They also shared important information about how they like to be consulted and by whom. Feedback was also provided about the best ways to get information out to children with comments also provided on any changes they would like to see.
46. 406 people visited the 'Have Your Say' on line forum with 194 either viewing or downloading documents related to the draft 0-25 Plan.
47. Of the 406 visitors, a total of 28 respondents completed surveys on the 'Have Your Say' on line forum.
 - (a) there are a number of respondents that did not leave detailed comments. Of those that did provide comments, the majority of submissions indicate a strong basis of support for the Plan and Action Plan;
 - (b) nineteen respondents agreed that the most important overall priorities were identified in the Plan, three respondents were not sure and five disagreed; and
 - (c) in relation to the draft Action Plan, sixteen respondents agreed that the right actions were identified for year 1 of the 4 year strategy. 7 respondents were not sure and three respondents disagreed.
48. Respondents (n.8) that did not agree the Plan had identified the most important priorities or actions, primarily disagreed because:
 - (a) the priorities were seen as being too general;
 - (b) the Plan was regarded as overly complicated and lengthy; and
 - (c) there was disagreement with the focus on some of the issues or specific cohorts in Yarra.
49. Copies of the 0-25 Plan and Action Plan were circulated to a variety of service providers and organisations for comment. Many of these stakeholders have provided input into the preparation of the Plan through the external stakeholder workshops conducted to collectively identify issues, discuss and analyse consultation data and to establish strategic priorities.
50. Follow up contact has been made with service providers working with hard to reach communities to seek their feedback on the Strategic Priorities, Strategies and Actions.
51. The Plan has also been discussed at the Early Years Reference Group, Family Partnerships Committee and Yarra Youth Advisory Committee.
52. Submissions considered to be outside the scope of the Plan will be forwarded to the relevant area of Council where applicable.
53. The officer response to submissions received on the draft 0-25 Plan is included in the **Attachment 3**.
54. Opportunities for joint partnerships will be explored further in the implementation phase with a number of actions designating Council's potential role as partner and/or facilitator.

Summary of consultation

55. Public consultation of the 0-25 Plan was widely promoted through a variety of methods that aimed to achieve broad coverage.
56. The extensive promotion of the consultation was reflected in the relatively high number of people who visited the Have Your Say on line forum and either downloaded or viewed documents associated with the 0-25 Plan.
57. Comparatively speaking, this resulted in a relatively low number of submissions to the Have Your Say Forum with a number failing to include detailed comments and only registering whether they agreed, disagreed or were not sure on the Plan's overall priorities and actions for year 1 of the Plan.
58. Other comments received from a variety of stakeholders, including children and young people, indicate a strong basis of support for the draft 0-25 Plan and Action Plan. Many of the comments provide support for the Plan and have more relevance for the implementation stage rather than offering a critique of the Plan itself.
59. Comparing the first and second stage of consultation that attracted over 800 responses to the low level of response received during the third stage of consultation, could very well indicate a positive level of satisfaction with the Plan and tacit approval for the Strategic Priorities, Strategies and Actions.
60. It could be presumed that higher levels of dissatisfaction with the Plan would have attracted a greater number of submissions. Particularly submissions that highlighted issues or concerns about the content and directions included in the Plan. However, this has not proven to be an outcome of the public consultation.

Summary of changes to the 0-25 Plan & Action Plan

61. Minor additions and changes have been incorporated in the Plan and Action Plan based on internal and external comments. The changes are intended to provide greater clarity around the wording of the Actions or to avoid duplication. Changes incorporated in the Action Plan are included as track changes. The changes are described as follows: **(Attachment 4)**
 - (a) inclusion of Yarra City Council's Child Safe Statement of Commitment in the 0-25 Plan;
 - (b) Action 9 reworded to read 'Family, Youth and Children's Services to collaborate in the preparation of an annual calendar of events' Subsequent changes have also been reflected in Council 's role;
 - (c) Action 34 reworded to read 'investigate current transition practices in Yarra for children and young people'. (e.g., first time parents group to playgroup, kindergarten to primary school and primary school to secondary school);
 - (d) Action 43 'clinic' deleted and replaced with the word service;
 - (e) Action 57 reworded to read 'improve information relevant to Family Youth and Children's Services on Council's public website';
 - (f) Delete Action 59 as this will form part of the broader improvements included in the parent portal as identified in Action 58;
 - (g) Action 60 reworded to read 'Investigate tools and methods for improving access to information for children, young people and their families'; and
 - (h) Action 70 reworded to read 'seek external funding and project partners to map child and family safe cycling and pedestrian networks'.
62. As can be seen, the changes described above are minor, do not change the intent of the Strategic Priorities, Strategies or Actions but rather are intended to strengthen the readability and clarity of the Actions included in the Action Plan.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

63. A Project Reference Group was established with representatives from the following areas: Community Partnerships; Aged and Disability Services; Arts, Venues and Events; Family,

Youth and Children's Services (project lead); Yarra Leisure; Yarra Libraries; Open Space and Social Policy.

64. Discussions have been conducted with various areas of Council to confirm Strategic Priorities, Strategies and Actions in the 0-25 Plan and to explore how common actions and priorities can be achieved.

Financial Implications

65. The project budget for the development of the Plan was factored into the 2017/18 Council Budget.
66. Actions requiring a financial commitment will be factored into future annual budget processes.

Economic Implications

67. The Nest framework recognises that access to material basics and learning has immediate and future impacts on child and youth wellbeing. A capacity to meaningfully and fully participate in learning and education has lifelong implications for children and young people in Yarra, with direct correlations to future earning potential.

Sustainability Implications

68. Project management has incorporated green procurement policy and procedures as per Council policy.

Social Implications

69. The project approach recognises life stages and how transitions from infancy, childhood, adolescence and adulthood are experienced are critical for future health and wellbeing.

Human Rights Implications

70. The project will continue Council's commitment to responding to rights of children and young people to participate and to be heard as outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child and the Victorian Charter for Human Rights and Responsibilities.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

71. Consultative questions were tested with parents and children from non-English speaking backgrounds before introducing the questions into stage 1 of the consultations. Interpreters and community leaders were regularly used in community discussions.
72. Organisations and service providers working directly with CALD communities have provided assistance with stage three (3) of the consultation and have provided feedback on actions that impact on children, young people and families they work closely with.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

73. The 'NEST' vision aligns with the 2017-2021 Council Plan as can be seen in the following objectives included in the Council Plan:
 - (a) Objective 1: A healthy Yarra – 'a place where.....community health, safety and wellbeing are a focus in everything we do';
 - (b) Objective 2: An inclusive Yarra – 'a place where.....inclusion, diversity and uniqueness are welcomed, respected and celebrated'; and
 - (c) Objective 7: A leading Yarra – 'transparency, performance and community participation drive the way we operate'.
74. Similar aspirations are expressed for children and young people with the 'NEST' encouraging healthy, active community participants that have a strong sense of culture and identity.
75. The intention of the Project is to review and consolidate planning for children and young people into the one Plan. The impact of the Project would be to replace the existing Early Years and Middle Years Strategies and Youth Policy with a '0-25' Plan.

Legal Implications

76. There are no legal issues considered in this report.

Conclusion

77. The proposal to utilise ARACY's 'NEST' framework to guide the development of a 0-25 Plan provides significant benefits.
78. Drawing on best practice in Yarra, the approach employed for the preparation of a new Plan for children and young people aged 0-25 involves:
- (a) recognising the importance of the early years as a foundation for health and wellbeing and developing a life stage approach by focussing on the 0-25 years cohort in the one plan;
 - (b) building on achievements and progress of current strategies for children and youth;
 - (c) recognising current work undertaken by Council, education, community and other organisations to improve child and youth wellbeing as well as the importance of families to improve the wellbeing of children and young people;
 - (d) continuing to listen to the voices of children, young people and their families and wider community in what's great and what's challenging and could be made better in Yarra for children and young people;
 - (e) considering and responding to community views and analysing information using the 'NEST' framework;
 - (f) committing to development of measures and communicating the outcomes of the new Plan in community settings; and
 - (g) ensuring the new Plan is accessible and easy for everyone to understand.
79. Preparation of the Plan was complimented by input from a variety of internal and external stakeholders and considered against relevant evidence.
80. This extensive process of consultation and analysis underpinned the preparation of the draft 0-25 Plan that has most recently formed the basis of the third stage of public consultation.
81. The four week period of consultation has provided confirmation that the priorities and directions included in the draft 0-25 plan and first year Action Plan reflect consistency with what we were told by stakeholders during the first two stages of consultation.
82. Comparatively speaking, the low number of submissions received compared to the level of response from the first and second stages of consultation together with the high number of views or downloads of 0-25 documents in the third stage of consultation, provides further confirmation of approval from internal and external stakeholders.
83. This is further accentuated by the positive feedback included in submissions and comments received.
84. Changes incorporated into the Plan as a result are considered to be minor and do not alter the strategic intent of either the Plan or Action Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
- (a) adopt the 0-25 Plan 2018-2022;
 - (b) adopt the amended 0-25 Action Plan 2018-2019.

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Attachments

- 1** Draft Yarra 0 to 25 Plan 2018-2022
- 2** Stage 3 Public Consultation for 0-25 Plan
- 3** Summary of Officer Responses to feedback on Draft 0-25 Plan and Action Plan
- 4** Draft Yarra 0 to 25 Plan - 2018-2019 Action Plan

11.2 2018 General Valuation Return

Trim Record Number: D18/96482

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

Purpose

1. To receive and adopt the return of the General Valuation of all properties within the City of Yarra pursuant to the provisions of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960 (Act)*.

Background

2. The General Valuation Return is a statutory requirement of the Act. The return must be in the prescribed form and be made under the supervision of a person who has made a statutory declaration that the valuation and the return will be impartial and true.
3. The declaration of impartiality has been completed by Council's Valuations Coordinator and is attached as Attachment 1 to this report.
4. Council resolved on 7 February 2017 to cause a General Valuation (Revaluation) to be made of all properties within the Municipal District of the Yarra City Council and be returned no later than April 30 2018.
5. Unfortunately, the recent introduction of the change in valuation requirements by the State Government has resulted in delays at the Office of the Valuer General therefore the April deadline has passed. However this return will still meet the requirements of the Act.
6. Council's Contract Valuers have completed the new General Valuation (Revaluation) of all properties within the municipality. This valuation is the latest computer-assisted valuation completed under the Valuer-General Victoria (VGV) 2018 Valuation Best Practice Specifications and Guidelines.
7. All rateable properties have been valued as at 1 January 2018 in accordance with the relevant date set by VGV. The Act requires Council to return a Site Value (SV), Capital Improved Value (CIV) and a Net Annual Value (NAV) for each rateable assessment. Council rates are payable on the new valuations from the 1 July 2018.
8. All non-rateable properties have been valued as at 1 January 2018. Non-rateable property valuations are used by the Victorian State Government to calculate the Fire Services Property Levy. No Council rates are calculated on non-rateable properties. A SV, CIV and NAV have been calculated for each non-rateable property.
9. The combined detail included in Council's computerised rating database forms the requirements of Schedules 1 and 2 of the *Valuation of Land (General and Supplementary Valuation) Regulations 2003*.
10. Council's current valuations are at value levels as at 1 January 2016 and have been used for the last two rating years. The overall average increase in NAV, comparing the new 2018 total against the final 2016 total is 18.48%. This valuation increase does not result in an increase in rate revenue to Council. Council's total rate increase is capped at 2.25%. There will be a redistribution of the rate burden due to valuation movement variations between individual properties. Some properties will have rate increases and some properties will have rate decreases.
11. VGV is the State Government Department responsible for auditing municipal valuations. The auditing process involves certification of the various valuation stages specified in 2018 Valuation Best Practice Specifications and Guidelines as part of the revaluation cycle. Preliminary Stages have been approved by VGV. The final endorsement by the Minister of the process and the issue of a "generally true and correct" certificate is not expected until August 2018.
12. The General Valuation (Revaluation) will be used to calculate rates for the 2018/2019 rating year. Non adoption of the valuations will mean that council will be unable to charge rates.

13. 2018/2019 will be the last year Council will be responsible for valuations. The VGV will become responsible for valuations for the 2019/2020 financial year and all years after. Valuations will be returned annually.

External Consultation

14. Nil

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

15. Nil

Financial Implications

16. Nil

Economic Implications

17. Nil

Sustainability Implications

18. Nil

Social Implications

19. Nil

Human Rights Implications

20. Nil

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

21. Nil

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

22. Nil

Legal Implications

23. Nil

Other Issues

24. Nil

Options

25. Nil

Conclusion

26. It is proposed that the valuations as they appear on Council's property database for properties numbered 100000 to 519540 inclusive be used for rating purposes from 30 June 2018.
27. The totals of the rateable valuations are as follows:
- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SITE VALUE | \$38,440,325,600 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE | \$69,344,574,000 |
| NET ANNUAL VALUE | \$ 3,042,622,580 |
28. There are 53,567 rateable assessments in the 2018 General Valuation Return.
29. The totals of the non-rateable properties are as follows:
- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| SITE VALUE | \$2,734,881,000 |
| CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE | \$3,272,363,600 |
| NET ANNUAL VALUE | \$ 193,832,380 |
30. There are 589 non-rateable assessments in the 2018 General Valuation Return.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council receive and adopt the return of the General Valuation effective from 30 June 2018 for Rating Purposes.

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Attachments

- 1 Declaration of Impartiality

11.3 City of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee Membership

Trim Record Number: D18/106795

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

Purpose

1. To seek Council's endorsement of membership of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee 2018-2022.

Background

2. On 19 December 2017, Council adopted the revised Terms of Reference of the City of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee (Attachment 1).
3. In this meeting Council also resolved to appoint a new HAC for a four year term and call for nominations in early in 2018.
4. The objective of the City of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee (the HAC) is to provide advice to Council on heritage matters including Yarra's natural, built and cultural heritage.
5. Their responsibilities include:
 - (a) the monitoring and implementation of the *Yarra Heritage Strategy*;
 - (b) the ongoing review of Yarra's heritage policies, plans and strategies;
 - (c) any further work required to document and protect Yarra's natural, built and cultural heritage;
 - (d) issues affecting heritage across the municipality (e. g. trends in development, sustainability or neglect of heritage places);
 - (e) policy and strategic objectives concerning City of Yarra's responsibilities for the World Heritage Environs Area within Yarra's boundary;
 - (f) the effective promotion of Yarra's heritage including raising public awareness of heritage matters and services; and
 - (g) nominations of state, national and world heritage significance.
6. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the HAC also require that the committee will comprise of
 - (a) three Councillors (one from each ward), appointed on an annual basis, to take it in turns to Chair the HAC meetings and also present the Delegate Report to Council.
 - (b) twelve community representatives from across the City of Yarra whom shall be drawn from:
 - (i) local heritage and community groups;
 - (ii) at least one third of the twelve members to have specific expertise from a range of sectors including but not limited to conservation architecture, landscape architecture, aboriginal heritage, history and cultural planning; and
 - (iii) a representative from the National Trust.
 - (c) a membership which includes a representation mix of gender and at least two members who are no more than 30 years of age at the time of nomination, to encourage a balance reflecting Yarra's community;
7. A public expression of interest process has recently been conducted for all 12 positions on the HAC for the 2018-2022 term including a nomination from the National Trust.
8. The expression of interest process was promoted in the following ways:
 - (a) on Council's website and social media accounts;
 - (b) emails to a comprehensive range of Council networks;

- (c) direct emails to members of the previous Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee; and
 - (d) emails to professional networks (such as Heritage Chat Network), universities, professional bodies such as the National Trust, Heritage Victoria, ICOMOS Australia, Australian Institute of Architects etc.
9. The call for *Expressions of Interest* was advertised from 19 February 2018 to 6 April 2018.
10. Council sought applicants with:
- (a) A demonstrated interest or expertise in heritage;
 - (b) An understanding of community needs, concerns and issues relating to heritage in the City of Yarra;
 - (c) An understanding of the role that Local Government has in heritage matters.
 - (d) Ideas on how the promotion of heritage services could be undertaken;
 - (e) An ability and commitment to consider and value a wide cross section of community views;
 - (f) A commitment to participate in meetings on a bimonthly basis, or at other times as determined necessary by the HAC;
 - (g) Relevant skills and experience working collaboratively in a group at a strategic level; and
 - (h) Their confirmation that they have the approval of their respective local heritage /community group to be their representative.
11. There was a very strong response to the call for nominations, with 22 applicants to fill the 12 positions on the HAC. Six nominations were from existing committee members, and 16 were new applicants.
12. Officers were pleased with the diversity of knowledge, skills, experience, gender, age and community representation reflected in the applicants.
13. Upon assessing the applications officers together with the Councillor Member of the HAC created a shortlist for interview to select new members.
14. The members of the existing HAC (2013) who had re-applied were not interviewed.
15. Officers believe that the proposed 12 member shortlist will create a strong and active committee able to contribute to the breadth of issues encompassed by Council and to represent the diversity of Yarra's community.

External Consultation

16. The promotion of the nomination process for the Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee is detailed in paragraph 8 of this report.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

17. The Communications Unit provided advice and support on the requirements of the public expression of interest process.
18. Other units of the Council such as the Youth Services, Arts and Cultural Services were involved in promoting the EoI process.

Financial Implications

19. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Economic Implications

20. There are no economic implications associated with this report.

Sustainability Implications

21. The membership has been chosen to best advice Council on sustainability of built, natural and cultural heritage of Yarra.

Social Implications

22. Heritage is one of the key aspects valued by the Yarra community. The new Heritage Advisory Committee would provide advice on all aspects including social and cultural aspects.

Human Rights Implications

23. There are no human rights implications associated with this report.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

24. There was broad general promotion of the expression of interest process, with an aim to seek diverse representation on the proposed committee.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

25. The facilitation of the HAC is consistent with the objective of Yarra's Council Plan and Heritage Strategy.

Legal Implications

26. There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Other Issues

27. Nil

Options

28. Officers together with the Councillor Members of the HAC have shortlisted 12 members (8 new members and 4 existing members) from 22 applications based on their skills, knowledge, experience and ability to represent and assist Council to engage with Yarra's diverse community and to have a diversity in age and gender.
29. The following can be considered by the Council
 - (a) support the 12 recommended Committee Members to sit on the City of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee 2018-2022; and
 - (b) amend the membership in the proposed shortlist.

Conclusion

30. Council staff has undertaken a public expression of interest process in accordance with the Terms of Reference and Council's requirements relating to community advisory committees.
31. A strong diversity of interests, skills and experience is apparent in the 12 nominees shortlisted for the Heritage Advisory Committee membership which also includes two members below the age of 30 years.
32. It is considered that the proposed shortlist represents an excellent diversity of membership, and provides capacity to ensure a strong and active committee across a variety of heritage and community interests.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council note the report regarding nominations for the City of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee 2018 – 2022.
2. That Council, having considered the nominations received for community representative positions, appoint the following applicants to the City of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee:
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____
 - (c) _____
 - (d) _____
 - (e) _____
 - (f) _____
 - (g) _____
 - (h) _____
 - (i) _____
 - (j) _____
 - (k) _____
 - (l) _____
3. That officers thank all persons who nominated their interest for the HAC through a formal correspondence advising of the Council decision.
4. That the list of applicants be retained so that in the event of a vacancy arising, additional applicants may be invited to participate in the City of Yarra Heritage Advisory Committee in accordance with the Appointment of Members to Council Committees Policy.

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Attachments

- 1 Terms of Reference of the HAC

11.4 Report on Assemblies of Councillors

Trim Record Number: D18/107032

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

Purpose

1. To provide a report on Assemblies of Councillors.

Background

2. The *Local Government Act* 1989 (The Act) requires that ... "The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the written record of an Assembly of Councillors is, as soon as practicable:
 - (a) reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council; and
 - (b) incorporated in the minutes of that Council meeting.....".
3. This report includes all Assemblies of Councillors reported to the Governance Department at the cut-off date that have not already been reported to Council. Assemblies held prior to the cut-off date that are not included here will be included in the next report to Council.

Consultation

4. Not applicable.

Financial Implications

5. Not applicable.

Economic Implications

6. Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications

7. Not applicable.

Social Implications

8. Not applicable.

Human Rights Implications

9. Not applicable.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

10. Not applicable.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

11. Not applicable.

Legal Implications

12. The Act requires the above information be reported to a formal Council Meeting and also be recorded into the Minutes of the Council.

Other Issues

13. Not applicable.

Options

14. Nil.

Conclusion

15. That Council formally note and record the Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in **Attachment 1** hereto.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council formally note and record the Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in ***Attachment 1*** hereto.

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Attachments

- 1 Assemblies Report