

Rainbow Advisory Committee

TERMS OF REFERENCE



Type	Advisory Committee
Purpose	The Rainbow Advisory Committee provides information, support and advice, and a mechanism for communication and consultation between LGBTIQ+ communities and Council, on issues affecting the LGBTIQ+ community.
Objectives	<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• advises on the implementation of the Yarra LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2021-2024 and subsequent strategies• provides feedback to Council on policies, plans and services that impact the LGBTIQ+ community• provides information and strategic advice to Council on matters affecting the needs, interests and well-being of the LGBTIQ+ community• advises Council on its communication, engagement and consultation with the LGBTIQ+ community, and facilitate communication and consultation processes with the LGBTIQ+ community• acts as a conduit for the exchange of information and views between community, Council and other representative bodies on issues affecting the LGBTIQ+ community
Membership	<p>The Committee is to be made up of two Councillors and a further fourteen community members, including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• up to ten members of the Yarra community• a minimum of two representatives from community organisations that support Yarra's LGBTIQ+ community• a minimum of two representatives from Yarra's LGBTIQ+ business community
Chairperson	The Chairperson shall alternate between appointed Councillors.
Selection Criteria	<p>Members are selected on the basis of their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• identification as LGBTIQ+• capacity to consult with the LGBTIQ+ community and represent a wide range of views• understanding of the needs of the LGBTIQ+ community;• capacity to analyse information and provide advice on issues affecting the LGBTIQ+ community <p>As far as practicable, the composition of the community members will reflect the diversity of the LGBTIQ+ community including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people• people from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds• people with a disability• people from variety of life stages• people from different locations across the municipality

	<p>Community representatives can be people who live, work, study or have another connection to Yarra.</p> <p>The term of appointment for community members will be four years. Each two years, half of the group will retire. Retiring members will be eligible for reappointment.</p>
Meeting arrangements	<p>Meetings are held six times per year.</p>