

Yana Ngargna Advisory Group

TERMS OF REFERENCE



Type	Advisory Committee
Purpose	The Yana Ngargna Advisory Group has been established as a partnership between Yarra City Council and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
Objectives	<p>The objectives of the Yana Ngargna Advisory Group are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provide a structure for on-going consultation between the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and Yarra City Council across a broad range of issues such as health, housing, legal, sport and recreation, culture, heritage, environment, employment, training and childcare;• provide Council with strategic advice regarding issues pertinent to the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and issues pertaining to social justice for Aboriginal Australians; and• assist Council to identify its on-going role in regards to issues affecting the local Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. <p>In order to achieve the above objectives, the Yana Ngargna Advisory Group will include the following roles and responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To improve communication, consultation and information sharing between the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and Yarra City Council;• To provide advice to Council on Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people community issues;• To provide support in the ongoing development of the <i>Yana Ngargna</i> Plan between the City of Yarra and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.• To guide the development of Council's strategic approach including an action plan to address social justice issues concerning local Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.• To increase cross-cultural awareness by ensuring that Council incorporate Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community interests in its policy, planning and service delivery activities;• To increase Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community participation in municipal affairs;• To work with Council to improve access for Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to local resources; and• To increase the responsiveness of Council on issues affecting the local Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Membership	<p>In addition to two Councillors, the membership will consist of representatives from local Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and organisations, as well as City of Yarra representatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elders • Local Aboriginal community members • Torres Strait Islander Community members • Aboriginal Affairs Victoria • The Neighbourhood Justice Centre • ConnectingHome • AFL SportsReady • Ngwala • Djirra • Department of Health and Human Services • Department of Premier and Cabinet • Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation • Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation • Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Ltd. • Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. • Victorian Aboriginal Health Services Cooperative • Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service • 3KND • Parkies • Local Aboriginal artists • Other locally based Aboriginal organisations
Chair	<p>Chairing is a shared responsibility between a City of Yarra Councillor, and a Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elder</p>
Selection Criteria	<p>Membership of the Advisory Group is to be open to all Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members and organisations.</p> <p>A minimum of six Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members to be elected by Yarra Council onto a core group, representing the local community at the Advisory Group. These six community members will be elected through an Expression of Interest process. They will be expected to attend no less than four of the five Advisory Group meetings held each year, and will hold these formal positions for a minimum of a two year period.</p> <p>Elections of membership to be a representative of this core group to be held every two years.</p>
Meeting arrangements	<p>The Advisory Group will determine its meeting schedule. It is anticipated that there will be a minimum of five meetings annually.</p>
Departures from the Council Committees Policy	<p>The following additional provisions apply to this Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings are co-chaired by a Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Elder and a Councillor.