



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

held on Tuesday 19 February 2019 at 7.00pm
Fitzroy Town Hall

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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.”

1A. Award – Emergency Management Audit

John Chaplain, Manager Emergency Management and Planning of the State Emergency Servicers (SES) presented Council with a certificate of compliance for the recent emergency management audit.

John thanked everyone involved at the City of Yarra for the continued excellence in emergency management, including Sophie Barison and Lucy Saaroni. John gave the example of how Yarra handled the crane incident that occurred last year and how quickly the relief centre was opened.

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

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

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager – Chief Executive’s Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Chris Leivers (Director – City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Apology

- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei

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

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Item

4.1 Contractual matters

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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Searle

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 contractual matters.
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.

CARRIED

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That the amended minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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6. Petitions and joint letters

6.1 Petition - Urgent Drainage Works: Koorang Lane, Richmond

Reference: D19/15801

A petition signed by 30 Yarra residents are requesting that Council consider allocating funds to urgently undertake works to upgrade the Koorang Lane drainage system and its capacity, to avoid future flooding to surrounding properties in Koorang Lane, Murphy Street and Palmer Street.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED

The Director City Works and Assets advised that the works were budgeted to occur this year and will commence next Thursday. Residents have also been advised.

7. Public question time

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. This summary includes the names of questioners, the subject matter of questions, the name of the person providing a response and whether or not an answer was provided. An audio recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting.

7.1 Colin Hood - Mulch below Street Trees

Question:

I notice more and more Councils are laying down mulch in gardens and below street trees. Much of this mulch is just washed away into our storm water drains. Example is Curtain Square on Rathdowne Street. Why do you not have a holding wall/border to stop this happening?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised the following:

- (a) When a tree is within two years of its life, mulch is used to ensure it is sustainable. A barrier of sorts is not used as Yarra has roughly twenty-two thousand trees across the city and if we were to put a barrier, it would become a maintenance issue as well as a trip hazard and risk;*
- (b) A bonding material is being trialled, which is better for older trees but not for the under 2 year old trees because of the lack of permeability that results in using that material;*
- (c) In some areas baskets are used in some drains to catch material, it is not possible for all areas because of the volume of drains;*
- (d) We are conscious of the matter and are looking at different solutions; and*
- (e) We can have a look at the specific site to try and find a solution.*

7.2 Carol Pelham-Thorman - Business Planning Permit Amendments

Question:

I would like to know if there is an automatic or mandatory checking of the history of non-compliance by the applicant business (by the planning department) in assessing the amendment application.

Can I please have a yes or no answer? I think the answer is no?

Are A. infringements and/or B. Complaints that have registered with the City of Yarra compliance taken into consideration when the application is being assessed?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised the following:

- (a) *The answer is no, with the exception of liquor licence applications, the planning office checks in with any known behavioural complaints with the compliance unit of Council – that may influence the hours of operation or the management conditions imposed on any planning permit issued. The Liquor Licence Commission also has regard to any known behavioural matters for those types of applications regarding the liquor licence application dealt with by their jurisdiction; and*
- (b) *In relation to land use and development planning applications there is not the automatic checking on any non-compliance – even if something is in non-compliance, and YCC know about it, the planning application must be considered on its individual planning merits and the decision is based on that – that may be that it is refused or even approved on its planning merit.*

7.3 Maurice Sheehan - Waltham Street Tram Stop

Question:

In relation to the elevated area of that tram stop, number 17, I have noticed that the poles are missing. Why is it taking so long to fix something that is a structural issue? I raised this issue some time ago and VicRoads had responded at the time that the parts were not available.

I am happy to provide a number of photographs I have taken of the area at different times of the day and at different angles so you can see some of the issues.

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that she would accept Mr Sheehan's photos as she was meeting with the CEO of VicTrams on Friday and to provide Mr Sheehan with any feedback.

7.4 Chris Goodman - Yarra News Article re Activity Centres

Question:

Does the Council and their officers still support this policy to direct development to strategic sites and away from activity centres or does it encourage development in activity centres?

The Queens Parade Amendments have been put out for exhibition and no doubt Council has received many submissions. Will Council be reviewing their draft DDO before it is put to a panel?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised the following:

- (a) The current Yarra Planning Scheme has existed for some time, Council's do need to revisit the Planning Scheme every 4 years, Council did a review of the Yarra Planning Scheme and is now in a re-writing exercise;*
- (b) The process is that a proposed planning scheme change will come to Council around the middle of the year;*
- (c) The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and the State Government are changing the format of the planning scheme;*
- (d) The planning scheme amendment that is coming to Council will need approval from the Minister for it to be out on public exhibition;*
- (e) There are many key re-development sites in the City of Yarra and a number of those have been developed or in the process of being assessed or approved;*
- (f) Council does support development in strategic sites but it does not encourage development in activity centres, but Council need to manage development and managing development means that we need to work out where the strategic positioning should be and Councillors would be aware, there has been a development of a housing strategy, spatial economic and employment strategy to underpin; and*
- (g) Once on exhibition, submissions received, a panel process, back to Council for a decision followed by the Minister for Planning.*

The Chief Executive Officer advised that she would have a look at the Yarra News Article as it was pointed out by Mr Goodman and Councillors that it was written in such a way that it supported development in activity centres.

The Director Planning and Place Making advised that in relation to the Queens Parade Amendment, Council had received close to 400 submissions and that officers would look at those, brief the Councillors and report back to Council. There may be some adjustments or refinements but can't commit to that at this stage. Officers will look at it in a professional objective manner.

8. General business

Nil

9. Delegates' reports

9.1 Councillor Fristacky - Metropolitan Transport Forum

Committee	Metropolitan Transport Forum
Appointed Councillors	Cr Jackie Fristacky - Delegate
Date of Council Meeting	19 February 2019
Date of Report	18 February 2019
Report Author	Cr Jackie Fristacky

1. Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF)

The MTF, representing 27 metropolitan council members, holds a general meeting of members on the first Wednesday of every month bar January, at the Melbourne City Council. At the inaugural 2019 MTF general meeting held 6 February 2019, members elected the following as its Executive Committee for 2019 to February 2020:

Executive Offices:

- (a) Chair: Cr Martin Zakharov, City of Maribyrnong Mayor;
- (b) Deputy Chair: Cr Jonathan Marsden, City of Hobsons Bay Mayor;
- (c) Treasurer: Cr Jackie Fristacky, City of Yarra; and
- (d) Secretary: Paul Hamilton, City of Casey Manager.

General Executive Members:

- (a) Cr Tom Melican, City of Banyule;
- (b) Cr Anna Chen, City of Manningham;
- (c) Cr Katherine Copsey, City of Port Phillip; and
- (d) Cr Stuart James, City of Monash.

2. Speaker presentations at MTF monthly meetings

Jeroen Weimar, CEO of Public Transport Victoria (PTV) gave the first of MTF's monthly speaker presentations at the February MTF meeting, covering rail, tram and bus services:

Other monthly speakers planned to date for 2019 are on the Melbourne Metro 2 project, enhancing bus services, by Transport for Victoria on transport planning including on active transport, and integrating transport planning with new schools.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor McEvoy

That Council note the above Delegates' Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Questions without notice

Nil

11.1 Draft Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2019-2022 and Review of MPP 2015-2018

Trim Record Number: D19/15578

Responsible Officer: Community Partnerships Unit Manager

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the final year report of the implementation of the Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2015-2018; and
 - (b) endorse the draft Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2019-2022 and Year 1 Action Plan for public exhibition.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

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 - (b) endorse the draft Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2019-2022 and Year 1 Action Plan for public exhibition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 2018/19 December Report (Incorporating Financial Report and Annual Plan Progress Report)

Trim Record Number: D19/10333

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate, Business and Finance

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:

- (a) notes the 2018/19 December Report incorporating Financial and Annual Plan progress reports;
- (b) considers the following items that have previously been referred to the mid-year forecast process;
 - (i) 224 – Triennial Funding – Creative Yarra – Additional grant funding of \$60k per year for 2019/20 and 2020/21 Budgets;
 - (ii) 225 - Triennial Funding – Celebrate Yarra - Additional grant funding of \$80k per year for 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 Budgets;
 - (iii) Replacement Banners at Collingwood Town Hall and Fitzroy Town Hall – Additional funding of \$5k for 2019/20 Budget;
 - (iv) Bicycle Network Infrastructure;
 - (v) Victoria Street Litter & Oil Interceptor;
 - (vi) Building energy infrastructure; and
 - (vii) Activity centre design;
- (c) note the amendment of the 2018/19 Annual Plan relating to the Action 3.08: Integrate climate adaptation principles and environmental and sustainability policies and strategies, as a result of the resolution at the Council meeting 18 December 2018; and
- (d) endorse the amendment of the 2018/19 Annual Plan milestones relating to the following Actions:
 - (i) Action 3.03: Re-use, Reduce, Recycle, Recover: -
Replace current milestones for Quarters 2,3 and 4 and with:
 - Q3 Develop a trial education/engagement program about the 4Rs (Re-use, Reduce, Recycle, Recover); and
 - Q4 Deliver trial program to 500 households in Yarra; and
 - (ii) Action 3.04: Trial Food and Green Organics Waste service: -
Replace current milestones for Quarters 3 and 4 with:
 - Q3 Develop plan and commence collection of food and green organics waste in additional selected trial areas (to trial different approaches); and
 - Q4 Evaluate trial program and brief Council on outcomes. Develop options for a municipal-wide organics service and present to Council in the first half of 2019.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

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- (e) seeks a report from Officers by the next Council meeting, to consider varying of the current financial year budget.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Searle

- (e) seeks a report from Officers by the next Council meeting, to consider varying of the current financial year budget and that the scope of such report be limited to those items previously referred to the mid-year budget review process.

The amendment was not accepted by the mover and seconder.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

- (e) seeks a report from Officers by the next Council meeting, to consider varying of the current financial year budget and that the scope of such report be limited to those items previously referred to the mid-year budget review process.

CARRIED

The amendment was incorporated into the motion below.

Councillor Nguyen withdrew as seconder.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

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CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Searle, Bosler and Nguyen

Against: Nil

Abstained: Councillor McEvoy

11.3 Report on Assemblies of Councillors

Trim Record Number: D19/5377

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor McEvoy

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Record of Assemblies of Councillors

Report cut-off	12 February 2019
Council Meeting	19 February 2019

This report includes all Assemblies 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.

Assembly	Attendance	Matters considered	Disclosures
Aboriginal Advisory Group 06/12/2018 11.00am	Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Danae Bosler • Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei • <u>Cr Amanda Stone</u> Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aldo Malavisi • Daniel Ducrou • Colin Hunter 	1. Acknowledgement of Country 2. Welcome and other acknowledgements 3. Discussion on the draft Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2019-2022 4. Feedback on priorities and Strategies and Year 1 Action Plan 5. The process from here	Nil
Disability Advisory Committee 11/12/2018 4.30pm	Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Danae Bosler • Cr Daniel Nguyen Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adrian Murphy • Cheryle Gray • Laurice Younge • Marta Rokicki 	1. Walmer Street Bridge Design 2. Car Share 3. Yarra's Budget for 2019/20 4. Reflection on DAC's achievements 5. Members individual reports 6. Celebration	Nil

Assembly	Attendance	Matters considered	Disclosures
Active Ageing Advisory Group 12/12/2018 1.00pm	Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Amanda Stone Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucas Gosling • Adrian Murphy • Cheryle Gray • Fran Moloney • Lauren Brooker • Julie Bird 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business arising: visit to the men's shed; Queens Parade and improvement crossing; Lively link 2. Achievements in 2018 3. Priorities in 2019 AAAG and A &D 4. Community Panel – update 5. 2019/20 Budget process 6. New initiative submitted – 2019/20 7. General discussion – Seniors Christmas Party and launch of the Active Healthy Ageing Strategy 8. Members report 9. Meetings Schedule 2019 	Nil
Bicycle Advisory Committee 12/12/2018 6.30pm	Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Jackie Fristacky Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon Exon • Peter Eckersley 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Walmer Street Bridge 2. Canning/Nicholson Street intersection 3. New BAC Terms of Reference 4. Gipps/Hoddle West intersection 5. Pigdon /Nicholson intersection 6. Bike Boxes 7. Michael Street Fitzroy North 	Nil
Urban Agriculture Advisory Committee 7/02/2019 6.00pm	Councillors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr James Searle Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Coffa • Eloise Lobsey 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Acknowledgement of Country</u> 2. Introduction 3. Update on Urban Agriculture Strategy 4. YUAAC Process 5. Other Business 	Nil

Assembly	Attendance	Matters considered	Disclosures
<p>Councillors Briefing</p> <p>04/02/2019 6.30pm</p>	<p>Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Danae Bosler • Cr Jackie Fristacky • Cr Mike McEvoy • Cr Daniel Nguyen • Cr James Searle • Cr Amanda Stone <p>Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijaya Vaidyanath • Ivan Gilbert • Bruce Phillips • Diarmuid McAlary • Chris Leivers • Lucas Gosling • Gracie Karabinis • Colm Connolly • Siu Chan • David Walmsley • Daniel Ducrou • Colin Hunter • Cristina Del Frate 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Acknowledgement of Country</u> 2. Route 96 Tram Stop Upgrades 3. Confidential Matter 4. Aboriginal Partnerships Plan 2015-2018 Annual Report 5. Draft Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2019-2022 and Review of MPP 2015-2018 6. Merri Creek Primary School and Ottery Reserve 7. Confidential Matter 8. Review of Forward Report Schedule 9. Agenda Review 	<p>Nil</p>

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<p>Special Councillors Briefing</p> <p>11/02/2019</p> <p>6.00pm</p>	<p>Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Danae Bosler • Cr Chen Yi Mei • Cr Misha Coleman • Cr Jackie Fristacky • Cr Stephen Jolly • Cr Daniel Nguyen • Cr James Searle • Cr Amanda Stone <p>Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vijaya Vaidyanath • Ivan Gilbert • Bruce Phillips • Diarmuid McAlary • Chris Leivers • Lucas Gosling • Gracie Karabinis • Ange Marshall • Mark Montague • Julie Wyndham • Graham Davis 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Acknowledgement of Country</u> 2. Council Plan 2017-21 – Annual Review 3. 2018/19 Mid-Year Review of Budget and Annual Plan 4. Long Term Financial Strategy: rate cap, budget assumptions, strategic budget issues 5. 2019/20 Discretionary Projects 6. 2019/20 Capital Renewal Program 7. 2019/20 Budget consultation and feedback 	<p>Nil</p>

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12.1 Notice of Motion No 2 of 2019 - Federal Funding Cuts to LGBTI Programs

Trim Record Number: D19/15765

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That in the matter of the recent funding cuts to LGBTI Community Visitor Schemes (CVS) across Australia under the National Aged Care Grants program as referenced in *Attachment 1 hereto*, Council:
 - (a) note advice from Switchboard (Victoria) Inc. that:
 - (i) its funding has been reduced by some two thirds along with other LGBTI CVS providers; and
 - (ii) the impact of the reduced grants has led to cuts in funded positions from 65 down to 27, thus severely curtailing the capacity to support those in the LGBTI community most in need;
 - (b) note the importance of government support to such community assistance groups;
 - (c) call on the Federal Government to review its decision and to reinstate funding levels to the LGBTI support organisations; and
 - (d) also call on the Federal Labor Opposition to pledge to reverse the referenced funding cuts, if elected to Government at the next election.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Urgent Business

13.1 Raising the Rate Campaign

Background

The Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) representative has also noted:

- that whilst official ACOSS demand is for a \$75 per week increase, this is acknowledged as being far from an ambit claim, in fact, it is considered to be nowhere near a sufficient increase; and
- of particular concern is that when New-start is roughly \$160 per week below the poverty-line (*and student payments even more so*).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Yarra City Council:
 - (a) notes representation from the 'Raise The Rate' Campaign Coordinator, Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS);
 - (b) acknowledges that the current abysmally low rate of New-start and Youth Allowance causes immense hardship for unemployed people, students, and others, severely affecting their ability to pay their rent and bills, responsibly look after their health, eat appropriately, stay connected to their community, and also searches for work and undertake their study;
 - (c) notes there are an estimated 3,800 New-start and Youth Allowance recipients in this region who are surviving on income support payments that fall well below the poverty-line;
 - (d) specifically notes, that allowances have not been raised in real terms since 1994 (*and even longer in the case of student payments*);
 - (e) notes that apart from addressing the essential needs of the Allowance recipients, Research by Deloitte Access Economics published in 2018 has identified that an increase to Allowances would generate an extra \$13 million in income for the local economy;
 - (f) urgently calls for the rate of New-start and Youth Allowances to be immediately increased by at least \$75 per week to responsibly address quality of life issues for those on Allowances, and their families; and
 - (g) immediately write to all relevant Federal Ministers, Shadow Ministers and Members of Parliament urging that the subject of New-start and Youth Allowance be urgently reviewed and adjusted to fair and responsible levels.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Report on Potential for Publication of Planning Application - Referral Report Information on Council Website

Public Submission

Glen McCallum addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) note that information on all planning applications is posted on Councils' website at the following link: <https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/planning-application-search>
 - (b) note that Officers, as required in the planning application assessment process, seek Referral Reports from a number of sources on (e.g. Heritage, Environmentally Sustainable Design, Urban Design, Strategic Traffic, etc. issues) in instances where the nature of the proposed development or the zoning of the property demands "third party" Referral Report data;
 - (c) note that such Referral Reports are publically accessible and:
 - (i) are Attachments to reports on planning applications which are presented to IDAC or Council via public Agendas and can thus be accessed from the website; and
 - (ii) may otherwise be provided as copy documents, upon request; and
 - (d) request an Officer's report on the capacity to make copies of Referral Reports on those Planning applications which are not required to be presented to IDAC or Council for determination, also accessible on the Council website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 8.57pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 5 March 2019

Mayor