



Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group

Thursday 18th November 2021

6.00-7.00pm

(on-line via Teams)

MINUTES

Present: Cristina Del Frate (City of Yarra), Cr Sophie Wade (City of Yarra), Laura Duncan (City of Yarra), Grace Van Der Merwe (City of Yarra), Jean Tai (City of Yarra), Agum Maluach (City of Yarra), Kim, Suzie, Anita Baker (City of Yarra), Tammy Iliou (City of Yarra), Dinesh Nettur (VicPol), Ewinia Huang (Drummond Street)

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Acknowledgment of Country: *Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations here today—and to their Elders past, present and future.*

- **Councillor introduction and update - Cr Sophie Wade**

- **Yarra Moves Consultation (Grace Van der Merwe)**

Currently heard from 160 community members, want to hear from more people from CALD backgrounds

Survey avail online, open until early Dec; would love if you're available to complete or share with your networks.

Survey will be used to create the Physical Activity Action Plan.

A lot of the work that will be included in AP will be around capacity building of orgs/groups; increase collaboration and awareness of physical activity opportunities in Yarra.

- **Ewinia:** for program, do you provide them to community? E.g. if we organise exercise programs, women's groups, can we ask you to come to our group to provide some session?
- **Grace:** Yes we can connect in with others that work in this space, it's about relationship building. Definitely something we can help with - whether it's someone from Yarra Leisure or elsewhere, we can provide you with something that meets the needs of the community.

- **Ewinia:** in 253 Hoddle St (Yarra Leisure), at bottom of building, they have a small gym centre, and before they had a women's gym, but now we don't have that.
 - **Grace:** I know it had to close due to COVID but that when they do open up they'll have all the same programs running. But can pass information through to Cristina.
 - **Kim:** when are they going to re-open leisure centre (Collingwood estate?). A lot of people are asking. Most of the other centres are opening.
 - **Grace:** will find out and get back in touch. I know it was closed for a number of reasons.
 - **Jean:** Kim, answering your question, I work for Yarra Leisure centre, I also used to work at Collingwood estate, definitely not closed - it was used for vaccination hub. Our leader is working on opening up ASAP. Also, we have women-only group session on Saturday nights, 7-8pm. That's already started, you can call the centre. **Women Making Waves**, aqua aerobics. We have a lot of community based activities. You can talk to Centre Manager and tailor to your needs.
 - **Ewinia:** is it free? Open to all?
 - **Jean:** yes the Collingwood Women Making Waves, women can go with children and the price is very reasonable - \$7.40 for an adult, or \$4.40 for concession per session.
- **Bicultural Liaison Officer presentation (Laura Duncan)**

See attached presentation


Sophie Wade: was with Yarra Libraries on weekend and when we called State Gov for support we were really well known because of all the BLO Pop Ups ... wonderful work ...

- **Yarra Libraries consultation (Laura Duncan / Cristina Del Frate)**

Have your say on the future of Yarra Libraries at one of our upcoming pop-up consultation events.

Survey: <https://yoursayyarra.com.au/nextchapter>

 Harmsworth Street Reserve, Collingwood Tuesday 23 November, 3pm-5pm

 Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy North (next to the skate park) Saturday 4 December, 10am-1pm

The Libraries Team in partnership with support from the BLOs will also continue to pop-up in parks and at the Atherton gardens Food Market for the remainder of the year to provide support with COVID-19 vaccination certificates -- follow us on social media (**IG:** @yarralibraries AND/OR **Facebook:** [facebook.com/yarralibraries/](https://www.facebook.com/yarralibraries/)) or subscribe to Yarra Life (fortnightly newsletter) to keep up to date with everything: yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/yarra-life

Kim: for those needing vaccine certificate they can go to Medicare centre and they will give you 3 copies straight away.



- **Supported Playgroups (Laura Duncan)**

Yarra's Supported Playgroups are meeting again!

All adults MUST have had 2 COVID Vaccinations to come. You will need to show your COVID vaccination certificate on your phone (on Service Victoria app), or printed out. Playgroups are outside, so please wear clothes to suit the weather, and hats and drink bottles for children.

There will not be singing at playgroup. For singing and stories, you can join a Zoom session on Thursdays at 10am. This is for anyone, including families who wish to sing, and families who might not be able to come to face to face playgroups.

Zoom Playgroup with Ruth- Singing, Stories, Games- all welcome

Thursday 10am 11th November

Click to join:

<https://rav-org-au.zoom.us/j/96686201675?pwd=L09jMIZUcC9TNDVUZTVBbjdBt82UT09>

Meeting ID: 966 8620 1675

Passcode: 437916

We also have **Parent Child Mother Goose groups for singing** on Tuesdays at 10am with Laura (from Carringbush) and Dung (City of Yarra), and Friday at 10am with Emily (City of Yarra) and Laura (from Carringbush).

You can email playgroups@yarracity.vic.gov.au or call 9205 5493 for more information.

- **Information Sharing (All)**

Ewinia - ready steady family program, 9.30-12pm, 245 Hoddle St at back of Perry Park. We have a professional worker to run this program too. If families have newborn baby problems, or wellbeing for new parents; counselling for couples/new parents; support for school aged children - you can come to us and we will refer to you the right service or refer you to a staff member. We also have after school program, Thursday/Fri afternoons 3.30-5.3pm for kids from prep to Grade 6, if they would like to join we provide dinner and snacks, and some activities. We also have The Drum Youth Program, Wed afternoons, at 253 Hoddle St which is our new program!

Kim - the housing department are going to build two buildings in Richmond and Collingwood; and I don't know who should we go to? They still haven't got the answer for us, we're asking during the building period, how to get residents around the site to get their car park, especially Collingwood. They're using the carpark space.

Cr Wade: happy for you to email me directly to follow this up. We know people are worried about that and we've been trying to get people to take it seriously:
sophie.wade@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Next meeting: 8 March 2022 (in person – if possible)