



# Minutes

## Council Meeting

7.03pm, Tuesday 2 February 2021

Teams

## 1. Acknowledgement 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 acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.*

*We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.*

*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.”*

## 2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

### Attendance

#### Councillors

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| • Cr Gabrielle de Vietri | Mayor        |
| • Cr Claudia Nguyen      | Deputy Mayor |
| • Cr Edward Crossland    | Councillor   |
| • Cr Herschel Landes     | Councillor   |
| • Cr Anab Mohamud        | Councillor   |
| • Cr Bridgid O’Brien     | Councillor   |
| • Cr Amanda Stone        | Councillor   |
| • Cr Sophie Wade         | Councillor   |

#### Council officers

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| • Vijaya Vaidyanath | Chief Executive Officer                  |
| • Brooke Colbert    | Group Manager Advocacy and Engagement    |
| • Ivan Gilbert      | Group Manager Chief Executive’s Office   |
| • Lucas Gosling     | Director Community Wellbeing             |
| • Gracie Karabinis  | Group Manager People and Culture         |
| • Chris Leivers     | Director City Works and Assets           |
| • Diarmuid McAlary  | Director Corporate, Business and Finance |
| • Bruce Phillips    | Director Planning and Place Making       |
| • Rhys Thomas       | Senior Governance Advisor                |
| • Mel Nikou         | Governance Officer                       |

### Apologies

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| • Cr Stephen Jolly | Councillor |
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## 3. Announcements

No announcements were made.

## 4. Declarations of conflict of interest

No declarations were made.

## 5. Confidential business reports

Nil

## 6. Confirmation of minutes

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1 December and Tuesday 15 December 2020 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Petitions and joint letters

Nil

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## 14. Urgent business

Nil

## 7. Petitions and joint letters

Nil

## 8. Public question time

The following questions were asked by members of the public during Public Question Time. A recording of the Council meeting containing the full question and response (where provided) is available on Council's website for four years following the meeting.

Questioner	Topic	Response
Glenn Morrison	Piedimonte delivery trucks using local residential streets in Fitzroy North	The Director City Works and Assets provided a response
Emma Manning	Beautification of empty shopfronts in strip shopping centres	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response
Emmy Andriotis	Railway noise behind properties in Gordon Street Clifton Hill	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response
Kieran Power	Railway noise behind properties in Gordon Street Clifton Hill	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response
Shane Delphine, Yarra Climate Action Now	The need for a strategy for encouraging electric vehicles in line with Council's declaration of a climate emergency	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 7.08pm*

*Councillor Mohamud arrived to the meeting at 7.12pm*

*Councillor O'Brien returned to the meeting at 7.28pm*

*Councillor Mohamud left the meeting at 7.22pm*

*Councillor Mohamud returned to the meeting at 7.27pm*

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 7.51pm, not returning.*

## 9. Delegates' reports

### 9.1 Councillor Stone – ALFW Player Ellie McKenzie

Start time: 7.56pm

I wish to acknowledge local footballer and Fitzroy Junior Football Club member Ellie McKenzie on being the number one draft pick (by Richmond) in the 2020 AFLW draft. Ellie started playing at Fitzroy in 2011 when she was only the second ever girl to enrol to play at the club. (I remember the introduction of girl's teams and they are now among the strongest in the Yarra league). She went on to play 125 games for Fitzroy.

Her achievements were highlighted by resident Jon Armstrong who wrote "Ellie started in Clifton Hill Auskick before graduating to Fitzroy Juniors, and has honed her skills at Alfred Crescent, Ramsden Street, Brunswick Street oval and Victoria Park. She now joins other FJFC graduates in the AFLW: Nell Morris-Dalton and Maddy Guerin.

Of course it's inspiring for 11 year old girls like my daughter. But it's also good news for the gender equity policies of the City of Yarra."

It's a fantastic achievement and great to hear the pride the club has in the achievements of their girls and women players.

The AFLW season launch was held at Peterson Oval last Wednesday and we have a number of matches scheduled at Victoria Park this year cementing Yarra as a focal point for women's football. Thanks to Jon for prompting this acknowledgement and big congratulations, not just to Ellie, but also to the club which has nurtured self-confidence, teamwork and success in so many young players.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

1. That Council note this acknowledgement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. General Business

Nil

## 11. Questions without notice

The following questions without notice were asked by Councillors. A recording of the Council meeting containing the full question and response (where provided) is available on Council's website for four years following the meeting.

### 11.1 Councillor Landes – Overgrown vegetation on traffic islands on Burnley Street

Question:

Can officers please comment on the overgrown vegetation on the traffic islands in Burnley Street?

Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets provided a response.*

### 11.2 Councillor Landes – Tram Works on Bridge Road

Question:

My question goes to officers in respect of tram works along Bridge Road 3rd -13th January.

Can Council officers explain the failure of the road authority and agents acting on behalf or with consent of the road authority to:

- (a) Deliver and maintain communications with residents, visitors and traders in respect of pedestrian access, accurate directional signage, adequate crossovers, parking and operation of clearways?
- (b) Can officers remark on failure of the road authority and agents acting on behalf or with consent of the road authority to explain fully to the community the advanced detail of the works including changes to the operation of the road, new poles etc. and lack of future proving opportunities that could mitigate disruption?
- (c) Can officers remark on a way forward that encourages the road authority and agents acting on behalf or with consent of the road authority to be more open and consultative with the community in respect of movement/place planning?

Response:

*The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response.*

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## 12.1 Active Ageing Advisory Committee membership

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<b>Reference</b>	D21/4031
<b>Author</b>	Cheryle Gray - Coordinator Community Planning
<b>Authoriser</b>	Director Community Wellbeing

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### RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.12pm

1. That Council appoint the following persons to the eight vacant community member positions on the Active Ageing Advisory Committee:
  - (a) Anney Forde;
  - (b) Sandra Heeps;
  - (c) Yen Kim;
  - (d) Bruce McCasey;
  - (e) Jonathon Morris;
  - (f) Mary Natoli;
  - (g) Ragini Wheatcroft; and
  - (h) Katerina Yakimov.
2. That Council write to all members of the community who expressed interest, advising of this decision and thank them for nominating to be members of the Active Ageing Advisory Committee.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

1. That Council appoint the following persons to the eight vacant community member positions on the Active Ageing Advisory Committee:
  - (a) Anney Forde;
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  - (c) Yen Kim;
  - (d) Bruce McCasey;
  - (e) Jonathon Morris;
  - (f) Mary Natoli;
  - (g) Ragini Wheatcroft; and
  - (h) Katerina Yakimov.
2. That Council write to all members of the community who expressed interest, advising of this decision and thank them for nominating to be members of the Active Ageing Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12.2 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report and appointment of Chair

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**Reference** D20/173333  
**Author** Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor  
**Authoriser** Director Corporate, Business and Finance

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### RECOMMENDATION Start time: 8.18pm

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2019/2020, found at **Attachment 1**;
  - (b) appoint Helen Lanyon as the Audit and Risk Committee Chair for 2021; and
  - (c) thank the Audit Committee for its contribution to good governance at the City of Yarra during the 2019/2020 audit year.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri **Seconded:** Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2019/2020, found at **Attachment 1**;
  - (b) appoint Helen Lanyon as the Audit and Risk Committee Chair for 2021; and
  - (c) thank the Audit Committee for its contribution to good governance at the City of Yarra during the 2019/2020 audit year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 13.1 Notice of Motion No. 1 of 2021 - Outdoor Dining

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<b>Reference</b>	D21/6191
<b>Author</b>	Ivan Gilbert - Group Manager Chief Executive's Office
<b>Authoriser</b>	Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

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### RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.25pm

1. That Council:

- (a) notes the success of many of the pop-up outdoor dining parklets in Yarra in our recovery from the pandemic;
- (b) notes that the benefit has been felt not only in the economic recovery of our small, local businesses and sole traders, but has aided our social recovery and wellbeing by encouraging our communities to occupy public space in a way that brings life to our streets and encourages safe socialising in the time of COVID-19;
- (c) notes that these benefits would be felt regardless of the public health situation;
- (d) notes that there has been both positive and negative feedback from members of the community on various outdoor dining parklets;
- (e) undertake a review of the program to date, involving traders, residential neighbours, community members and experts to explore the appetite for and feasibility of extending the temporary permits and/or making them permanent or recurring and consultation with the community to include such methods as:
  - (i) letter drop to neighbours in the immediate vicinity of each parklet; and
  - (ii) a YourSayYarra page where participants can give feedback on specific sites or the overall program; and
- (f) provide Councillors with a report on the review by March 2021 to enable a decision on the future of the program before the current expiry of the outdoor dining permits, including, but not limited to:
  - (i) an overview of the information collected above;
  - (ii) financial data or estimates about the forgone revenue from any parking spaces and permit waivers used in the program and costs associated with the program; and
  - (iii) financial data or estimates (where available) of revenue made by the participants in the outdoor dining program, from their outdoor tables/spaces.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor de Vietri

1. That Council:

- (a) notes the success of many of the pop-up outdoor dining parklets in Yarra in our recovery from the pandemic;
- (b) notes that the benefit has been felt not only in the economic recovery of our small, local businesses and sole traders, but has aided our social recovery and wellbeing by encouraging our communities to occupy public space in a way that brings life to our streets and encourages safe socialising in the time of COVID-19;
- (c) notes that these benefits would be felt regardless of the public health situation;
- (d) notes that there has been both positive and negative feedback from members of the community on various outdoor dining parklets;
- (e) undertake a review of the program to date, involving traders, residential neighbours, community members and experts to explore the appetite for and feasibility of extending the temporary permits and/or making them permanent or recurring.

Consultation with the community to include such methods as:

- (i) letter drop to neighbours in the immediate vicinity of each parklet; and
  - (ii) an online survey where participants can give feedback on specific sites or the overall program; and
- (f) provide Councillors with a report on the review by March 2021 to enable a decision on the future of the program before the current expiry of the outdoor dining permits, including, but not limited to:
- (i) an overview of the information collected above;
  - (ii) financial data or estimates about the forgone revenue from any parking spaces and permit waivers used in the program and costs associated with the program; and
  - (iii) financial data or estimates (where available) of revenue made by the participants in the outdoor dining program, from their outdoor tables/spaces.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 8.28pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 16 February 2021

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Mayor

