



# Minutes

## Council Meeting

7.00pm, Tuesday 4 May 2021  
Richmond Town Hall

## 1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Land

*"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 Stephen Jolly       | Councillor   |
| • Cr Herschel Landes     | 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       |
| • Bruce Phillips    | Director Planning and Place Making     |
| • Rhys Thomas       | Senior Governance Advisor              |
| • Mel Nikou         | Governance Officer                     |

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That in accordance with section 35(4) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council grant leave of absence to Cr Anab Mohamud for all meetings held from Tuesday 4 May to Tuesday 18 May 2021 inclusive.

**CARRIED**

## 3. Announcements

Nil

#### 4. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

No declarations were made.

#### 5. 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 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

##### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to allow consideration of confidential information

**CARRIED**

##### Item

###### 5.1 Yarra (River) Strategic Plan

This item is presented for consideration in closed session because it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

This item is considered applicable because it contains information provided by Melbourne Water on a commercial in confidence basis.

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

#### 6. Confirmation of minutes

##### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 and Tuesday 20 April 2021 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

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Nil

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Nil

## 7. Public question time

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Questioner	Question	Refer to
John Archer, North Fitzroy Traffic Action Group	30km/h speed limit trials in Fitzroy North.	The Mayor provided a response.
Mark Purvis, Protect Clifton Hill Inc.	Instructing solicitors to represent Council's adopted position at VCAT in respect of DDO38.	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response.
Mark Purvis, Protect Clifton Hill Inc.	Changes to delegated powers of planning officers.	The Mayor provided a response. The Director Planning and Place Making also provided a response.
Andy Camp and Jamiel Sabbagh	Parking permits for staff at Princes Hill Secondary College.	The Mayor provided a response

*Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 7.53pm*

*Councillor Jolly returned at 7.55pm*

## 8.1 Proposed declaration of public highway abutting Sandeman Place Fitzroy

**Reference** D21/37665  
**Author** George Vass - Senior Coordinator Property Services  
**Authoriser** Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

**RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 7.54pm

1. That Council:

- (a) having published a notice in The Age giving notice under section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act) that Council proposes to declare the land abutting Sandeman Place, Fitzroy a public highway and having considered all submissions, resolves to declare the land a public highway and authorises the publishing of the decision in the Government Gazette;
- (b) resolves to undertake a separate formal and subsequent decision-making process inclusive of giving public notice of the proposal to declare the 0.4 sq.m triangular portion of land forming part of the title to the common property of 75-79 Webb Street Fitzroy and abutting Sandeman Place, Fitzroy a Public Highway;
- (c) determines, pursuant to section 125(2) of the Local Government Act 2020, that:
  - (i) this resolution should be publicly available; and
  - (ii) the remainder of the confidential information in this report should be publicly available for the limited purpose of communicating the effect of this resolution to the extent necessary to give effect to it; and
- (d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to communicate the confidential information to the extent necessary to give effect to the resolution.

### Public Submission

Miram Mimberson addressed Council on the matter.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly                    **Seconded:** Councillor de Vietri

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- (b) resolves to undertake a separate formal and subsequent decision-making process inclusive of giving public notice of the proposal to declare the 0.4 sq.m triangular portion of land forming part of the title to the common property of 75-79 Webb Street Fitzroy and abutting Sandeman Place, Fitzroy a Public Highway.

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 Fitzroy North Primary School - WITHDRAWN

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**Reference** D21/37863

**Author** George Vass - Senior Coordinator Property Services

**Authoriser** Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

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THE REPORT WAS WITHDRAWN

## 8.3 Initiation report Community Partnerships Grants

<b>Reference</b>	D21/33357
<b>Author</b>	Michael Van Vliet - Team Leader Community Grants
<b>Authoriser</b>	Manager Social Strategy and Community Development

**RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 8.24pm

1. That Council:
  - (a) endorses the guidelines for the Community Partnership Grants 2022-2025;
  - (b) approves and supports the purpose of the grants and the nominated grant applicants to be invited to apply to the program; and
  - (c) notes the amount of \$455,000 per annum for four years (+CPI) beginning in 2021/2022 and ending in 2024/2025 subject to the usual budget approval process.

*Councillor Crossland left the meeting at 8.27pm*

*Councillor Crossland returned at 8.31pm*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone                    **Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council:
  - (a) endorses the guidelines for the Community Partnership Grants 2022-2025;
  - (b) approves and supports the purpose of the grants and the nominated grant applicants to be invited to apply to the program; and
  - (c) notes the amount of \$455,000 per annum for four years (+CPI) beginning in 2021/2022 and ending in 2024/2025 subject to the usual budget approval process.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.4 Initiation Report Creative and Engage Yarra 2022-2023 Grant Program

**Reference** D21/36389

**Author** Brona Keenan - Arts & Cultural Development Officer

**Authoriser** Director Community Wellbeing

**RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 8.33pm

1. That Council:

- (a) endorses the guidelines for the Creative Yarra and Engage Yarra Grant Program 2022-2023; and
- (b) notes the amount of \$230,000 per annum for two years (+CPI) to support the program which commences 1 January 2022 and ends 31 December 2023, subject to the usual budget approval process.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

1. That Council:

- (a) endorses the guidelines for the Creative Yarra and Engage Yarra Grant Program 2022-2023; and
- (b) notes the amount of \$230,000 per annum for two years (+CPI) to support the program which commences 1 January 2022 and ends 31 December 2023, subject to the usual budget approval process.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.5 Edinburgh Gardens Working Group

**Reference** D21/39243  
**Author** Ivan Gilbert - Group Manager Chief Executive's Office  
**Authoriser** Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

**RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 8.39pm

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the Report;
  - (b) approve the establishment of the Edinburgh Gardens Working Group with a membership comprising:
    - (i) 4 x Local residents;
    - (ii) 2 x Fitzroy North Primary School representatives;
    - (iii) 1 x representative for each user group as follows:
      - a. dog walkers;
      - b. skateboarders;
      - c. cyclists;
      - d. tennis;
      - e. cricket;
      - f. basketball;
      - g. football; and
    - (iv) 3 x Councillors (suggest - be the Nicholls Ward Councillors); and
  - (c) approve the public invitation for expressions of interest for the positions as noted; and
  - (d) note a further report will be presented following receipt of expressions of interest for determination on the final membership of the Group, together with such other information as required in the original Council resolution.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone                    **Seconded:** Councillor Landes

1. That the item be deferred by two weeks for further information.

**CARRIED**

## 8.6 Endorsement of Yarra LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Proposed Membership

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**Reference** D21/30669

**Author** Sarah Jaggard - Senior Diversity and Inclusion Advisor

**Authoriser** Group Manager People and Culture

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### **RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 8.44pm

1. That Council:

- (a) endorse the Rainbow Advisory Committee Terms of Reference;
- (b) appoint the following members to the Rainbow Advisory Committee for a period of two years: Richard Taki, Wayne Nicol, Christina Hotka, Max Marginson, Dean Arcuri, Ruby Susan Mountford, Rick Spencer;
- (c) appoint the following members to the Rainbow Advisory Committee for a period of four years: Raffaella Di Maio, Brendan Jupp, Simon Ruth, Arika Onus, Jamie Gardiner OAM, Bianca Gibson, Dawn Lee Kauri;
- (d) appoint Councillor.....and Councillor.....to chair the Rainbow Advisory Committee; and
- (e) write to all members of the community who expressed interest in the Rainbow Advisory Committee, advising of this decision and thanking them for nominating to be members of the Rainbow Advisory Committee.

### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

1. That Council:

- (a) endorse the Rainbow Advisory Committee Terms of Reference;
- (b) appoint the following members to the Rainbow Advisory Committee for a period of two years: Richard Taki, Wayne Nicol, Christina Hotka, Max Marginson, Dean Arcuri, Ruby Susan, Mountford, Rick Spencer;
- (c) appoint the following members to the Rainbow Advisory Committee for a period of four years: Raffaella Di Maio, Brendan Jupp, Simon Ruth, Arika Onus, Jamie Gardiner OAM, Bianca Gibson, Dawn Lee Kauri;
- (d) appoint Councillor de Vietri and Councillor Crossland to the Rainbow Advisory Committee; and
- (e) write to all members of the community who expressed interest in the Rainbow Advisory Committee, advising of this decision and thanking them for nominating to be members of the Rainbow Advisory Committee.

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## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Brien

1. That Council:

- (a) endorse the Rainbow Advisory Committee Terms of Reference with the following changes:
  - (i) at the first objective, insert the words 'actions plans and' after the word 'subsequent';
  - (ii) at the fourth objective, change the word 'facilitate' to 'facilitates';
  - (iii) at Chairperson, insert the words 'role of meeting' before the word 'Chairperson'; and
  - (iv) replace the word 'chairperson' with 'chair' wherever appearing.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

1. That Council:

- (a) endorse the Rainbow Advisory Committee Terms of Reference with the following changes:
  - (i) at the first objective, insert the words 'actions plans and' after the word 'subsequent';
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  - (iii) at Chairperson, insert the words 'role of meeting' before the word 'Chairperson'; and
  - (iv) replace the word 'chairperson' with 'chair' wherever appearing;
- (b) appoint the following members to the Rainbow Advisory Committee for a period of two years: Richard Taki, Wayne Nicol, Christina Hotka, Max Marginson, Dean Arcuri, Ruby Susan, Mountford, Rick Spencer;
- (c) appoint the following members to the Rainbow Advisory Committee for a period of four years: Raffaella Di Maio, Brendan Jupp, Simon Ruth, Arika Onus, Jamie Gardiner OAM, Bianca Gibson, Dawn Lee Kauri;
- (d) appoint Councillor de Vietri and Councillor Crossland to the Rainbow Advisory Committee; and
- (e) write to all members of the community who expressed interest in the Rainbow Advisory Committee, advising of this decision and thanking them for nominating to be members of the Rainbow Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. Petitions and joint letters

- 10.1 Petition - Improve car parking arrangements for Princes Hill Secondary College Staff

Reference: D21/42932

A petition containing 64 signatures from Princes Hill Secondary College staff are requesting that Council consider granting staff a free parking permit or arrange for designated staff parking areas.

*"There are currently no designated parking areas for staff the College. Staff are forced to park in two and four hour car parks. As a result, they need to move their cars each day when they ought to be in class doing their job. Staff who don't, are fined when inspectors arrive. This is untenable."*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

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

**CARRIED**

## 11. Questions without notice

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- 11.1 Councillor Landes – Annette's Place

Question:

A resident wanted to know about the land that they believe to be owned by the Salta Group at Annette's Place. What opportunities are there to convert some of this land into a permanent open space?

Response:

*The question was taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Director Planning and Place Making*

- 11.2 Councillor Crossland – Grant funding for Open Space Projects

Question:

Council recent recipient for grant funding for new and extended open spaces in Cambridge Street Reserve and also at Otter Street via the Victorian Governments Local Park Program.

I have been made aware that there may also be an opportunity to apply for a grant funding specifically for dog parks as well.

Noting Councils recent success with grant applications in this space, whether Council put forward a grant application for a dog park, but if not, that's alright, but would Council be in a position to potentially put forward an application for grant funding should there be a suitable project in future?

*Response:*

*The question was taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Director Planning and Place Making.*

11.3 Councillor Jolly – Use of Glyphosates

Question:

In relation to the policy we determined last year to phase out the use of glyphosate, roundup etc. We have had a recent complaint from community gardens members in and around the Fitzroy Town Hall area, noting they saw contractors using these products and the response from officers was it was a communication break-down.

Can I get a status update on how that phasing out of glyphosate is going?

*Response:*

*The question was taken on notice by the Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Director City Works and Assets.*

11.4 Councillor Jolly – Works at George Street, Fitzroy

Question:

In relation to George Street, Fitzroy, (north of Alexandra Parade) there have been night-time works 8.00pm to 5.00am, five days a week. It is not done by Council and not by the construction site. It is done for some mains works by Interflow and they have had VicRoads approval, however VicRoads are not communicating with residents.

Residents are asking if VicRoads could close their little bit of George Street during the day to allow those works to happen during the day. They know the works need to take place. At the moment by not allowing that the works have to take place at night.

Can you Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer communicate with VicRoads and just say, can you please get back to the residents?

*Response:*

*The Chief Executive Officer provided a response.*

## 12. Delegates' reports

### 12.1 Councillor O'Brien – Heritage Advisory Committee

Start time: 9.03pm

<b>Committee</b>	Heritage Advisory Committee
<b>Appointed Councillors</b>	Bridgid O'Brien
<b>Date of Committee Meeting</b>	9 March 2021
<b>Date of Report</b>	4 May 2021
<b>Report Author</b>	Bridgid O'Brien

#### DELEGATES REPORT

The Heritage Advisory Committee met on 2021. Councillors Mohamud and Crossland were in attendance. Cr O'Brien chaired and provides this report to Council.

Agenda items for this meeting included:

1. Actions arising from the previous meetings

HAC pointed out that following matters raised in previous meetings still await a formal response:

Role of the Heritage Advisory Committee: raised that the role of the HAC still awaited;

- Planning applications referred to VCAT including where there has been a failure to determine a planning application within 60 days: HAC was of the opinion that Council should initiate a process that allows for proper community input to Council where matters are being referred to VCAT;
- Heritage resourcing: HAC was concerned that without additional resourcing implementation of Heritage Strategy would not be possible therefore Council should prioritise providing extra staffing resources.
- Yarra's Heritage Officer met with Strategic Planning and the Director of Planning and Place Making. It was agreed that HAC will be consulted on future interim DDOs when timelines allow.
- It was noted the City webpage on Heritage will be updated this financial year.
- It was agreed traffic and heritage matters could be discussed at the next HAC meeting.

2. Bridge Road and Victoria Street activity centres

HAC members appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback on the Bridge Road and Victoria Street interim DDOs before documents were finalised for presentation to Council.

HAC requested that the Committee be provided with a copy of the summary notes (of HAC members' feedback) that has been sent to the consultants by the officers.

3. A history of 100 queer places and objects in Victoria

A brief summary of the report commissioned by Heritage Victoria which

highlights 100 places and objects significant to Victoria and Australian LGBTIQ+ communities (Attachment 1) was presented with a list of those places that are located in the City of Yarra and recommended a few actions for Council's consideration.

The HAC supported the recommendation below and suggested that Council consider funding these works.

- (a) The City of Yarra commission commemorative plaques for the places identified (and places with the two precincts) that do not have LGBTIQ+ interpretation information available.
- (b) The City of Yarra to write to the Heritage Council of Victoria recommending for inclusion of those places in the Victorian Heritage Database also note the cultural significance of the LGBTIQ+ sites in the online database.
- (c) Based on the Council Resolution of 15 December 2020,  
<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/council-and-committee-meetings/past-council-and-committee-meetings/2020-council-meetings>)  
Council officers use the VH Report as a starting basis for the action:
- (d) "undertake a thematic heritage study for places and objects of social and cultural significance to the LGBTIQ+ community in the City of Yarra and explore possible mechanisms for their retention (in terms of use and function), protection, celebration and acknowledgement."

It was noted it would be useful if Yarra had a unified approach to for all plaques.

It was noted the opportunity for public outreach and communications as well as follow up on Victorian tourism opportunities.

#### 4. A framework for managing Council's own heritage assets

A draft framework for managing Council's own heritage assets was circulated prior to the HAC meeting for feedback.

HAC was pleased to see one of the key priority areas of the Heritage Strategy being implemented and applauded Council for initiating such a framework for leading` by example in managing its own heritage assets.

It was suggested that such a document should have signatures of the directors of different divisions of Council as their endorsement of the document and commitment for the actions.

Committee members have provided asset details of Linier Park reserve. It was agreed that this would be a great resource during preparation of a CMP which is a part of the implementation of the framework.

It was agreed that references to the Archaeological and Aboriginal cultural heritage be included in the framework.

It was noted another theme that could be included is transport.

It was agreed that this document is first of its kind for any Council and could be promoted.

#### 5. Guidelines for solar panels on heritage properties

HAC was informed of Council's new guidelines for solar panels on heritage properties. Yarra's Heritage Officer also pointed out that these guidelines implement a targeted action (9) of the Heritage Strategy.

#### 6. World Heritage Environs update

HAC was advised that there is a delay in completion of the component

documents due to stretched timelines for consulting with First Nations People consultation.

It was noted that the draft World Heritage Environs Area Strategy Plan is under preparation and is likely to be exhibited in June-July this year.

7. Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund

Yarra's Heritage Officer provided an update on the current model of Victorian Heritage restorations fund supported by the Council. She also mentioned that \$30,000 towards the strategic component of this fund and the funding criteria under this category needs to be reviewed.

She invited ideas from the HAC members about the type of projects that can be considered under this funding.

It was suggested that these funds can include restoration of cultural heritage infrastructure. Also noted heritage could be further promoted in Yarra News. Yarra's Heritage Officer will seek Councillor support and then speak with the Communications Department on that.

Yarra's Heritage Officer requested the members to send their ideas by email so that the modifications to this component of the VHRF (Yarra) funding can be further discussed in the next meeting.

8. Tanner Street Precinct and Am 269

A paper was circulated by email to the members prior to the HAC meeting relating to Tanner Street industrial heritage (Attachment 2) and presented two recommendations for the HAC's views and support.

HAC unanimously supported the recommendations stated below and suggested that the HAC Delegate report include it as HAC's advice to the Council:

- In recognition of the significance of the Tanner Street industrial area and the threat posed by the possible extension of the Swan Street Major Activity Centre boundary to that significance, that Council be advised to abandon this part of Amendment 269.
- In view of the lack of clarity about the extension proposal in the exhibited material for Amendment 269, should the Council wish to continue with the proposed boundary extension, Council be advised that this should be included in a separate amendment and be exhibited accordingly.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor O'Brien

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That Council note this Delegate's Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

City of Yarra — Heritage Advisory Committee  
Greg Chenhall, Committee Member  
5 March 2021

## Yarra's LGBTIQ+ Cultural Heritage

A new report commissioned by Heritage Victoria highlights some of the more significant cultural heritage places and objects relating to Victoria and Australian LGBTIQ+ communities. It is proposed the City of Yarra take actions resulting from the report.

### Background

Heritage Victoria commissioned the Australian Queer Archives [AQuA] (formerly the Australian Lesbian and Gay Archives [ALGA]) to prepare a report of 100 significant Victorian LGBTIQ+ places and objects. Community engagement occurred via various means including the use of the Victorian Government *Engage* website.

The report was launched by Ro Allen (Commissioner for LGBTIQ Equality) with Steven Avery (Executive Director of Heritage Victoria) and key people from AQuA and the community. The report was launched on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which was also the day of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the decriminalization of sex between men.

The 256-page report (size 8MB) is available via these links:

<https://www.heritage.vic.gov.au/about-us/our-programs-and-initiatives/a-history-of-lgbtq-victoria> (accessed 3rd of March 2021)

or

<https://alqa.org.au/2021/4986> (accessed 3rd of March 2021)

### Report Aims

As quoted from the report,  
“This report has several aims:

- To identify 100 places and objects with unique meaning and significance to the LGBTIQ+ community in Victoria.
- To provide the Victorian and Australian LGBTIQ+ community with a sense of its own history and heritage, thereby strengthening its collective identity and wellbeing.
- To prompt historians and heritage professionals to consider LGBTIQ+ history in future analyses of the built environment, material culture and archival records.
- To inspire communities to recognise their own LGBTIQ+ history and heritage through commemorative plaques, history walks, public artworks and publications.
- To provide publicly accessible information for statutory authorities, heritage organisations, collecting institutions, archives, libraries and other groups interested in heritage preservation.
- To offer a preliminary model for future studies of LGBTIQ+ heritage and to address any methodological issues related to identifying queer heritage.

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An article about the Report was in The Age (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021) and the text from that is included in the **Attachment**.

### **Yarra's places and objects in the report**

The table below summarizes the report's Yarra places and objects.

Item #	Page #	Area	Place/Object	Location(s)
1	18-19	Activism & Protest	Gay Liberation Centre	23 Davis Street, Carlton North & 259 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
2	24-25	"	3CR Community Radio	21 Smith Street, Fitzroy
3	32-33	"	Women's Cultural Palace	74 Moor Street, Fitzroy
4	34-35	"	Sybylla Press & Correct Line Graphics	193 Smith Street, Fitzroy
5	54-55	Commemoration	The AIDS Memorial Garden	101 Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield
6	60-51	"	Courage, 2014	Whitlam Place, 209-217 Napier Street, Fitzroy
7	110-11	Precincts	Gertrude Street Precinct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shrew Women's Bookshop</li> <li>• Women's Liberation Building</li> <li>• Key Club</li> <li>• Builders Arms Hotel</li> <li>• Public Spaces</li> </ul>	Fitzroy (Various)
8	114-116	"	Northside Precinct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Laird</li> <li>• The Gatehouse</li> <li>• Club 80</li> <li>• Wet on Wellington</li> </ul>	Collingwood (Various)
9	158-159	Social Life, recreation and Gathering Places	Builders Arms Hotel	211 Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
10	174-175	Spiritual & Cultural Life	St Mark's Anglican Church	250 George Street, Fitzroy

### **Recommendations**

That:

- 1) The City of Yarra commission commemorative plaques for the above places (and places with the two precincts) that do not have LGBTIQ+ interpretation information available. See "Plaque Model Photos" below for an example.

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Greg Chennall, Committee Me  
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- 2) The City of Yarra write to the Heritage Council of Victoria recommending the Victorian Heritage Database also note the cultural significance of the LGBTIQ+ sites in the online database (and include relevant information from the Heritage Victoria Report). A model for this is the former Aboriginal Church at 258 Gore Street, Fitzroy which is described (photos below) at <https://vhd.heritagouncil.vic.gov.au/places/1709>
- 3) As per the Council Resolution of 15 December 2020, (<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/council-and-committee-meetings/past-council-and-committee-meetings/2020-council-meetings>) Council officers use the VH Report as a starting basis for the action:

“undertake a thematic heritage study for places and objects of social and cultural significance to the LGBTIQ+ community in the City of Yarra and explore possible mechanisms for their retention (in terms of use and function), protection, celebration and acknowledgement.”

#### Plaque Model Photos — Example: 258 Gore Street, Fitzroy



City of Yarra — Heritage Advisory Committee  
Greg Chenhall, Committee Member  
5 March 2021

### **Attachment — The Age, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

#### **Celebrating heroes of queer history**

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“When David McCarthy came out to his family as a 14-year-old, homosexuality was a crime. It would not be decriminalised for another nine years. “I remember my father talking about the law change,” Mr McCarthy recalls. “He said, ‘This sort of change, son, only comes about very rarely.’”

Now president of Australia’s only LGBTQI+ radio station, JoyFM, Mr McCarthy spent his teenage years and early 20s being treated as a criminal for being himself.

Today it is 40 years since the Hamer Liberal government’s repeal of the state’s sodomy laws came into effect. To mark the occasion, the Australian Queer Archives, in conjunction with Heritage Victoria, will release a list of 100 icons of the state’s LGBTQI+ history.

A History of LGBTIQ Victoria in 100 Places and Objects is described as a groundbreaking study of queer people, places, objects and stories that have shaped our state.

They range from venues such as Mandate, Tasty and Val’s Coffee Lounge to a map of Melbourne beats and love letters exchanged between Melbourne men Ben Morris and Harry Bruin in 1919, which were seized and used by police in an unsuccessful attempt to prosecute them for homosexual sex. (Police were forced to drop the matter in court, as the men did not describe sexual acts in their letters, and expressing love for someone of the same sex was not illegal.)

Also included in the register is ephemera including a Victorian “mourning brooch”, constructed from gold and the intertwined strands of hair of squatters Anne Drysdale and Caroline Newcomb, commissioned by Ms Newcomb after her partner’s death in 1853.

In a foreword to the report, Australian Queer Archives patron Dennis Altman said the list offered an LGBTQI+ history of Victoria, and in fact did much more.

“Reading it is to muse on the ways in which queering the history and geography of Victoria opens up a series of questions about the shared history of us all, Indigenous and settlers alike, who live in the lands we still name after a dead British queen,” Professor Altman wrote.

Creating the list came with its challenges: keeping records of a “criminal” relationship came with grave risks, leaving much of this history obscured or lost.

Planning Minister Richard Wynne said the list would help guide future decisions. Communities will be able to apply for heritage protections based on buildings being included in the register.

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## **ATTACHMENT 2**

### **TANNER STREET INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE COMPLEX: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF SWAN STREET MAJOR ACTIVITY ZONE BOUNDARY**

#### **Background**

When preparing a submission on Amendment 239 on behalf of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria my attention was drawn to a proposal to incorporate this mixed-use zone between Tanner Street and Richmond Station into the Swan Street Major Activity Centre. This arose through a question raised at the virtual Town Hall Meeting on Amendment 239 held on Monday 23 November. A resident of

nearby Lennox Street had noticed that the boundary had been changed on the Strategic Framework Plan at Clause 02.04.

In its submission the Society expressed its strong opposition to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. This area is a rare example of an extensive industrial complex of great heritage significance that should not be subject to the development pressures inherent in its inclusion in a Major Activity Centre.
2. The boundary extension is unnecessary as the complex already performs the function of a higher density residential and commercial area.
3. Attempting to introduce further intensive development will place the heritage values of the place at risk.

The Society was also concerned that serious errors had occurred in exhibiting the change as part of amendment 269.

#### **Heritage Considerations**

The area bounded by Botherambo Street, Tanner Street and Stewart Place and Stewart Street immediately north of Richmond Station contains an extraordinary collection of multi-storied former textile mills built in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century (see photos next page). It has a significant history linked to Australia's wool industry, the preeminent company being Australian Knitting Mills producing the Kookaburra and Golden Fleece brands. During the First World War AKM produced the uniforms for Australian Soldiers. Most of these factories have now been converted to apartments or offices including co-working spaces, and all appear in good condition. A very good view of the complex can be obtained from the train leaving and entering Richmond Station to the east.

I believe the complex could be compared with the Foy and Gibson complex in Collingwood or the Bryant and May buildings in Church Street Richmond, both of which are on the State Heritage Register, although the area has suffered from one or two poor conversions.

There is possibly some industrial use still present but most buildings have been converted to apartments, with some offices and studios therefore performing just as one would wish for an area so well served with public transport. There is no need to disrupt this with more intensive development that would compete with the dominance of the major heritage buildings such as AKM and Kayser. I am therefor asking for HACs support in recommending to the Council that this proposed extension be abandoned.

This area is also too important to simply be included in the largely residential Richmond Hill Heritage Overlay Area. The area deserves its own history, a separate HO, and a more detailed Statement of Significance than it was possible to provide in the in the recent heritage review.

#### **Procedural Omissions in exhibiting the proposal to extend the Activity Centre Boundary**

It is hardly surprising that I discovered this proposed extension by accident. The web site for this amendment provides excellent plain English explanations spanning the whole range of policies. Indeed the web site is an exemplary effort to explain this wide-ranging document. However, I could find no mention of the boundary extension there. The ‘go to’ place for this information should be at Clause 11.031L Activity Centres, which provides maps showing the boundaries of all activity centres in the scheme. But the map for the Swan Street activity centre does not show the proposed extension. [T] Apart from picking this up on the very small scale Strategic Framework Plan, as far as I can tell it is necessary to go to the Statutory Documents where the Explanatory Report refers to a background document: [S]

1. Activity Centres – roles and boundaries, City of Yarra, October 2019

This shows the proposed boundary extension. I do not believe that the route to this information is appropriate. What is missing is a clear statement in an obvious location that the amendment proposes to implement the extension. I am therefor seeking the support of the committee to recommend to Council that in the event that the Council decides to proceed with the proposal that this part of the amendment should be re-exhibited.

Moved that:

1. In recognition of the significance of the Tanner Street industrial area and the threat posed by the possible extension of the Swan Street Major Activity boundary to that significance, that Council be advised to abandon this part of Amendment 269.

2. In view of the lack of clarity about the extension proposal in the exhibited material for Amendment 269, should the Council decide to support the proposal that Council be advised that this should form part of separate amendment and be exhibited accordingly.

Ian Wight

2 March 2021





## 12.2 Councillor Stone – ALGWA Conference

Start time: 9.09pm

<b>Committee</b>	ALGWA Conference
<b>Appointed Councillors</b>	Crs Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone, de Vietri, Wade
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>Date of Report</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
<b>Report Author</b>	Cr Amanda Stone

### DELEGATES REPORT

The first woman was elected to local government in Victoria 100 years ago when Mary Rogers was elected to the former Richmond City Council. With Richmond now part of Yarra Council, it was appropriate that the City of Yarra host the annual conference of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (Victoria) in this centennial year.

The conference was held at Fitzroy Town over the past weekend, April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> with a booked-out attendance of over 150 councillors, officers and CEOs from across the state.

The Conference theme of **Culture, Conduct and Retention** focused on issues which are very much at the forefront in society right now, as well as barriers to attracting and retaining women councillors.

30 guest speakers, packed into 28 hours, provided much food for thought and inspiration.

Highlights included:

- Helen Haines MP and Winsome McCaughey (former Melbourne Lord Mayor) on Women's Ways of Knowing, Doing and Power Sharing
- Jill Gallagher AO CEO of VACCHO on Women in Leadership
- Maggie Toko, CEO of VMIAC on leadership and claiming opportunity
- Natalie Egan and Renee Cassidy from VAGO – on VAGO's 2020 performance audit into sexual harassment in Local Government
- Tessa Sullivan – former Melbourne City Councillor on sexual harassment, media, and workplace laws

- Jane Gazzo, broadcaster on The Power of Music and Helen Reddy's legacy
- Nyadol Nyuon, consultant with Dept of Justice and Community Safety on the inseparability of gender equality and race

And so many more.

With catering provided by Yarra social enterprises Charcoal Lane STREAT and Free to Feed, coffee from Friends of Baucau, sponsorship from the Clifroy Community Bank, performances by Djirri Djirri dancers and Emma Donovan, it was a truly Yarra event.

The many issues around gender equality, the barriers still faced by women in leadership and especially women councillors, were front and centre in these presentations and the rich conversations held throughout the weekend.

With women making up 43% of elected councillors in Victoria, the goal of 50% is not far away. Good government occurs when those elected represent their community make up. However we need to aspire to not only gender representation but other forms of representation and confront the questions of race, a message left by our last speaker.

Congratulations to the small but dynamic ALGWA team for providing the opportunity for this centennial celebration of women in local government, And a huge vote of thanks to the Yarra team who pulled it all together on top of their day to day work serving Yarra's community.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council
  - (a) note this Delegate's Report;
  - (b) congratulate the Australian Local Government Women's Association Victoria on a successful conference and on their continuing work to support and advance the role of women councillors in Victoria; and
  - (c) acknowledge the excellent work of Yarra staff in organising a very successful conference, and providing a stimulating and enjoyable experience for 160 women councillors from across Victoria.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 12.3 Councillor de Vietri – Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum

Start time: 9.14pm

<b>Committee</b>	Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum (Forum)
<b>Appointed Councillors</b>	Cr Gabrielle de Vietri
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	4 May 2021
<b>Date of Report</b>	4 May 2021
<b>Report Author</b>	Cr Gabrielle de Vietri

### DELEGATES REPORT

The Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum (Forum) supports the effective operation of the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG), a Victorian Government statutory body responsible for co-ordinating and facilitating the delivery of waste management and resource recovery across metropolitan Melbourne.

The theme of the April Forum meeting was “Delivering change and reform”. The meeting included presentations about the new Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan (VRIP), Victoria’s container deposit scheme (CDS), Environment Protection Act 2017 (EP Act) reforms and Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG)’s new Illegal dumping prevention kit for councils. Representatives from the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) also shared how CGD’s staff and councillors communicate on waste and resource recovery issues.

#### **Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan (VRIP)**

Nick Harris, Planning Lead - Waste & Recycling Infrastructure, Sustainability Victoria (SV) presented an overview of the VRIP. The VRIP is currently being developed by SV and will be launched in 2022 by the new Waste Authority.

The VRIP is a commitment under *Recycling Victoria: a new economy*, to guide infrastructure across the state. It replaces the seven regional waste and resource recovery plans and the current *Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan*. It includes new topics such as hazardous waste, waste to energy, risk and contingency planning and improved integration of land use and infrastructure planning. The VRIP will contain a landfill schedule, information on current and future infrastructure requirements and issues and opportunities for land use planning.

Targeted engagement with councils will take place throughout 2021, and formal public consultation will occur in early 2022. SV is interested in hearing from councils about waste and resource recovery hubs, Victoria’s resource recovery centre/transfer station network and other infrastructure needs.

#### **Container deposit scheme**

Karl Shanley, Senior Program Manager, Container Deposit Scheme, Waste and Recycling Division, Department Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) shared details of the Victorian Government’s CDS design.

The scheme design will be a split responsibilities governance model, with roles appointed through a competitive tender process. The refund will be 10 cents per container, which will be funded by the beverage industry. The design provides opportunities for charities and councils to participate in the scheme, and councils to enter into refund sharing arrangements with materials recovery facilities (MRFs).

DELWP will engage with councils on CDS regulations once the legislation passes parliament in early 2022.

Wine bottles are not included in the scheme because they are easily collected through kerbside channels, and to ensure national CDS harmonisation.

More information can be found at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme>

### **MWRRG update**

CEO Jill Riseley provided an update on MWRRG's recent activities. She highlighted the commencement of a new landfill services contract covering 30 of the 31 metropolitan Melbourne councils. MWRRG and Victoria's regional waste and resource recovery groups are working together to undertake collaborative procurements for recycling processing. This includes increasing the capacity and capability of MRF infrastructure across the state. The project is currently in the pre-procurement and planning stage.

Jill said that MWRRG's south east advanced waste processing (AWP) project is about providing a better alternative to landfill—which is the least desirable way to dispose of household rubbish. There are three shortlisted tenderers and the project is currently in the competitive dialogue stage. MWRRG is also hosting seminars on AWP for councils in the north east to learn from the south east procurement.

MWRRG's multi-unit development community of practice has been sharing innovative projects designed to increase recycling in multi-unit developments. Attendees were particularly interested in apartment food waste recycling, and the implications for planning schemes. Other questions to Jill focussed on the AWP project and national responses to supporting food and garden waste recycling, product stewardship schemes and national waste policy including waste export bans.

### **Illegal dumping prevention kit**

Jess Hand, Co-ordinator Programs & Networks, MWRRG presented the *Illegal dumping prevention kit*. The kit provides councils with a consistent and practical approach to reducing kerbside illegal dumping. The kit is made up of a behaviour change framework that illustrates theory and practice, and social marketing collateral to support councils in creating community messaging around illegal dumping prevention and correct disposal options.

Jess encouraged councils to take advantage of the resources and said that visual cues—such as those provided in the kit—could reduce the incidence of illegal dumping by up to 80%.

Please email Jess Hand, Co-ordinator Programs and Networks at [jess.hand@mwrrg.vic.gov.au](mailto:jess.hand@mwrrg.vic.gov.au) for the full suite of social marketing collateral, including design files.

### **EPA reforms**

Tim Faragher, Director Development and Infrastructure, Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) presented on the new EP Act. The general environmental duty is the centrepiece of the new legislation, and other duties support the general duty.

Tim provided an overview of the new tiered waste permission scheme. The Permissions scheme – draft policy is available on EPA's website, and the final version will be published shortly.

Councils need to take responsibility and understand their obligations, Tim said. EPA has released a guide for local government as a duty holder under the EP Act (EPA publication 1821), which includes examples of common hazards. More resources, including guidance on contaminated land is available on EPA's website.

### **Communicating and engaging internally on waste and resource recovery**

Forum Chair Cr Lina Messina presented the Forum survey results. She encouraged delegates to report back to council and share waste and resource recovery issues with colleagues to build momentum and influence change.

Cr Messina interviewed Cr Rhonda Garad and Phil Robertson, Service Unit Leader Parks & Waste, City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) about how CGD's staff and councillors communicate on waste and resource recovery issues.

Phil explained that CGD's waste team induct new Forum delegates and provide information about waste services, council initiatives and the waste industry. The team regularly brief councillors and meet after Forum events to discuss relevant issues. Good communication and collaboration are important for good outcomes, Phil said.

Cr Garad emphasised the importance of building a good relationship with the waste team. The waste sector can be overwhelming, and councillors can have very little waste knowledge coming in. Residents are interested in waste, and it's good to be able to give informed answers to their questions, she said.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That Council note this Delegate's Report.

**CARRIED**

## **13. General Business**

Nil

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 18 May 2021

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Mayor