



Agenda

Council Meeting

7.00pm, Monday 7 June 2021

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Council Meetings

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Council meetings are decision-making forums and only Councillors have a formal role. However, Council is committed to transparent governance and to ensuring that any person whose rights will be directly affected by a decision of Council is entitled to communicate their views and have their interests considered before the decision is made.

There are two ways you can participate in the meeting.

Public submissions

Before each item is considered, the meeting chair will ask people in attendance if they wish to make submission. If you want to make a submission, simply raise your hand and the Mayor will invite you to come forward, take a seat at the microphone, state your name clearly for the record and:

- Speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- direct your submission to the Mayor;
- confine your submission to the subject under consideration;
- avoid repetition and restating previous submitters;
- refrain from asking questions or seeking comments from the Councillors or other submitters;
- if speaking on behalf of a group, explain the nature of the group and how you are able to speak on their behalf.

Once you have made your submission, please remain silent unless called upon by the Mayor to make further comment or to clarify any aspects.

Once all submissions have been received, the formal debate may commence. Once the debate has commenced, no further submissions, questions or comments from submitters can be received.

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Order of business

1. **Acknowledgement of Country**
2. **Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence**
3. **Announcements**
4. **Declarations of conflict of interest**
5. **Council business reports**

1. 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 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 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 |

3. Announcements

An opportunity is provided for the Mayor to make any necessary announcements.

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

Any Councillor who has a conflict of interest in a matter being considered at this meeting is required to disclose that interest either by explaining the nature of the conflict of interest to those present or advising that they have disclosed the nature of the interest in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting commenced.

5. Council business reports

Item		Page	Rec. Page	Report Presenter
5.1	Draft 2021/22 Budget - Hearing of feedback	6	8	Julie Wyndham – Manager Corporate Planning and Performance

5.1 Draft 2021/22 Budget - Hearing of feedback

Reference	D21/54995
Author	Julie Wyndham - Manager Corporate Planning and Performance
Authoriser	Director Corporate, Business and Finance

Purpose

1. To hear any person who wishes to speak in support of written feedback to the draft 2021/22 Budget.

Critical analysis

History and background

2. Council is required to adopt a Budget by 30 June of each year under Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020.
3. The Local Government Act 2020 introduced a new requirement for all Councils to develop a Community Vision by 31 October 2021. This is in addition to the requirement to develop a Council Plan, also to be adopted by 31 October 2021.
4. While the Local Government Act 2020 removed the obligation of Councils to formally advertise the draft Budget and seek and hear submissions, Council chose to undertake a similar process to previous years as the Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-25 will not be adopted until after the 2021/22 Budget is adopted.

Discussion

5. The process of community engagement to inform development of the draft 2021/22 Budget commenced in late 2020 as part of the broad community engagement to inform the concurrent Community Vision, Council Plan and Budget processes.
6. Following this consultation process, Council formulated a draft Budget to fund services Council provides and additional works, services, and programs Council determined were priorities for the coming year.
7. The draft 2021/22 Budget was presented to the Ordinary Council meeting on 20 April 2021 and was adopted in principle, to seek community feedback.

Options

8. There are no options to be considered in this report.

Community and stakeholder engagement

9. Council heard from over 1300 contributors on Yarra's future priorities between November 2020 – January 2021.
10. The draft 2021/22 Budget was available for feedback between Friday 23 April and Friday 21 May.
11. Engagement during the exhibition period was facilitated online, in person and via email and hard copy. The following methods supported the Yarra community to engage in our budget consultation process:
 - (a) **yoursayyarra.com.au/budget2122** – Feedback tool – Go live: Friday 23rd April 2021;
 - (b) Video 1 with the Mayor – Introducing the Budget – Available via **yoursayyarra.com.au/budget2122** from Friday 30 April 2021;
 - (c) Hard copy draft budgets available at town halls and posted if requested; and

- (d) Two in person presentation and Q and A events were promoted to the broad community and held both during and outside of business hours on:
 - (i) Wednesday 5 May at Bargoonga Nganjin Library, and
 - (ii) Thursday 13 May at Richmond Town Hall.
- 12. The draft budget and the opportunity for community feedback was promoted through the following:
 - (a) Yarra News (delivered to all households);
 - (b) News item and banner on Yarra Corporate website;
 - (c) Direct email campaign to community organisations, groups, neighbourhood houses and local schools (including inserts for school newsletters);
 - (d) Materials displayed in Public Housing foyers (including translated panels in the four top languages);
 - (e) Community radio including translated briefs for CALD radio;
 - (f) Yarra life eNews;
 - (g) Newsletters managed through a range of Yarra service areas;
 - (h) Regular social media promotion throughout the exhibition period; and
 - (i) Direct emails to all Yarra advisory group members.
- 13. Council received feedback from 92 contributors. Some contributors raised multiple issues in their feedback with 143 comments being received across 40 issues.
- 14. Feedback has been received since the closing date and has been included for Council's consideration.
- 15. A summary of the issues raised in the feedback can be found at **Attachment 1**.

Policy analysis

Alignment to Council Plan

- 16. The Council Plan 2017-21 expires on 30 June 2021. A Council Plan 2021-25 is being developed and will be adopted by 31 October 2021 in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*. Yarra City Council is also developing its first Community Vision, which is a new requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The Vision – Yarra 2036 - will identify the long-term aspirations and priorities of the community and provide a future lens to guide planning and decision making.
- 17. The draft 2021/22 Budget has been structured according to the Strategic Objectives in the current Council Plan 2017-21. It is acknowledged that this will change once new Strategic Objectives are adopted as a result of the work in progress to develop a Community Vision and the Council Plan 2021-25.

Climate emergency and sustainability implications

- 18. There are no climate emergency and sustainability implications considered in the report.

Community and social implications

- 19. There are no community and social implications considered in this report.

Economic development implications

- 20. There are no economic development implications considered in this report.

Human rights and gender equality implications

- 21. There are no human rights and gender equality implications considered in this report.

Operational analysis

Financial and resource impacts

22. The Budget has major financial implications for Council's current and future operations and financial direction into the future.

Legal Implications

23. The draft 2021/22 Budget has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

Conclusion

24. Council has received feedback on the draft 2021/22 Budget and is providing an opportunity for contributors to present their feedback in person prior to the Council meeting to adopt the 2021/22 Budget on 24 June 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) hear oral feedback on the draft 2021/22 Budget, and
 - (b) note the written feedback on the draft 2021/22 Budget.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#) Draft 2021/22 Budget - Community Feedback Summary

Attachment 1 - Draft 2021/22 Budget - Community Feedback Summary

Draft 2021/22 Budget - Community Feedback Summary

Row Labels	Count of Subject
Community Facilities	7
Community halls and rooms	1
CTH community hub	2
Support for Libraries	1
Victoria Street Community Hub	1
Cremorne Community Hub	1
Childcare facilities	1
Economy	2
Support local economy	2
Governance	9
Financial management and rates	8
SES funding agreement	1
Open Space	25
Burnley Park facilities upgrade	10
Parks, reserves and other open spaces	2
Linear Park Masterplan	6
Brunswick Street Oval	1
Edinburgh Gardens	2
Playgrounds	1
Citizens Park	1
Cremorne	2
Planning and development	13
Development in Alphington	1
Gleadell Street development	4
Heritage	7
Solar panels	1
Roads and traffic management	35
Parking enforcement and management	4
School Crossing Supervisors support	1
McIlwraith Street North median strip	1
Support LAPM 3	22
Support LAPM 1	1
Support LAPM initiatives	3
Traffic management - Cremorne	3
Social equity	5
Community and cultural groups	1
Social housing support	3
Support Mental Health	1
Sport, Leisure and Recreation	5
Burnley Golf Course	2
Fairfield Park, Panther Pavillion redevelopment	1
Support for Council run Leisure facilities	1
Johnson Pavilion, Kevin Bartlett Reserve	1
Sustainability	13
Climate emergency and renewable energy	8
Waste and recycling	5
Sustainable transport	29
Cycling and pedestrian infrastructure	27
Carshare facilities and costs	1
EV chargers	1
Grand Total	143