



# Minutes

## Ceremonial Council Meeting

6.30pm, Tuesday 16 November 2021

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## 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         |
| • 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                       |

#### Leave of absence

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| • Cr Anab Mohamud | Councillor |
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## 3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

No declarations were made.

## 4. Council business reports

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## 4.1 Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

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<b>Reference</b>	D21/177542
<b>Author</b>	Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
<b>Authoriser</b>	Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

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**The election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor is conducted in accordance with the Yarra City Council Governance Rules 2020.**

**Start: 6.33pm**

### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri                      **Seconded:** Councillor Wade  
That Council adjourn this meeting to Monday 29 November 2021 at 5.30pm.

### **AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Councillor O'Brien                      **Seconded:** Councillor Landes  
That Council adjourn this meeting to Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 6.00pm.

**CARRIED**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri                      **Seconded:** Councillor Wade  
That Council adjourn this meeting to Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 6.00pm.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6.36pm*

*The meeting resumed on Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 6.02pm with Councillors Crossland, de Vietri, Jolly, Nguyen O'Brien, Stone and Wade present.*

The Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the office of Mayor.  
Councillor O'Brien nominated Councillor Nguyen and Councillor Nguyen accepted.  
Councillor Wade nominated Councillor de Vietri and Councillor de Vietri accepted.

The Chief Executive Officer invited Councillor Nguyen being a new candidate to address Council.  
Councillor Nguyen addressed Council.

The Chief Executive Officer called for votes for the candidates in the order in which they were nominated.

Councillor Nguyen received votes from Councillor Jolly, Nguyen and O'Brien.  
Councillor de Vietri received votes from Councillors Crossland, de Vietri, Stone and Wade.

With no candidate having achieved an absolute majority, the Chief Executive Officer declared the election to be invalid under clause 3.3.8 of the Yarra City Council Governance Rules.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That Council adjourn the meeting to Thursday 25 November 2021 at 8.00pm for another immediate election of nominees of Mayor.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6.33pm*

*The meeting resumed on Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 6.02pm with Councillors Crossland, de Vietri, Jolly, Nguyen O'Brien, Stone and Wade present and Ivan Gilbert assuming the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer.*

The Acting Chief Executive Officer called for nominations for the office of Mayor.

Councillor de Vietri nominated Councillor Wade and Councillor Wade accepted.

Councillor Jolly nominated Councillor O'Brien and Councillor O'Brien accepted.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer invited Councillor Wade being a new candidate to address Council.

Councillor Wade addressed Council.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer called for votes for the candidates in the order in which they were nominated.

Councillor Wade received votes from Councillors de Vietri, Crossland, Nguyen, Stone and Wade.

Councillor O'Brien received votes from Councillor Jolly and O'Brien.

With the majority of votes received by Councillor Wade, she was declared Mayor and assumed the Chair.

The Chair called for nominations for Deputy Mayor.

Councillor de Vietri nominated Councillor Crossland and Councillor Crossland accepted.

Councillor Jolly nominated Councillor O'Brien and Councillor O'Brien accepted.

The Chair invited both Councillor Crossland and Councillor O'Brien to address Council on being Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Crossland addressed Council.

Councillor O'Brien addressed Council.

The Chair called for votes for the candidates in the order in which they were nominated.

Councillor Crossland received votes from Councillors de Vietri, Crossland, Nguyen, Stone and Wade.

Councillor O'Brien received votes from Councillor Jolly and O'Brien.

With the majority of votes received by Councillor Crossland, he was declared Deputy Mayor.

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 8.19pm and did not return*

*Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 8.19pm and did not return*



## 4.2 Appointment of Council delegates

**Reference** D21/177544  
**Author** Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor  
**Authoriser** Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 8.22pm**

1. That Council ratify the following Delegated Committee appointments for the 2021/2022 Council year:

Delegated Committee	Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year
Planning Decisions Committee	All Councillors, subject to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with Councillors, determining a quarterly attendance roster allocating three Councillors to each meeting, with the Committee membership for each meeting comprising those Councillors rostered to attend or their agreed substitute.

2. That Council appoint the following Councillors to the Audit and Risk Committee for 2021/2022 Council year:

Committee	Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year
Audit and Risk Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____

3. That notwithstanding the sunset provisions of the Council Committees Policy, the advisory committees below continue to operate in accordance with their adopted Terms of Reference and community membership and that Council appoint the following Councillors to the Advisory Committee listed below for 2021/2022 Council year:

Advisory Committee	Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year
Active Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr _____
Active Transport Advisory Committee	Cr _____
Arts Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____
Business Advisory Group	Cr _____ ...
Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee	All Councillors
Community Awards Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____ Cr _____
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____
Environment Advisory Committee	Cr _____ ...
Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____ Cr _____
Multicultural Advisory Group	Cr _____

Rainbow Advisory Group	Cr _____ Cr _____
Yana Ngargna Advisory Group	Cr _____ Cr _____
Yarra Libraries Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____

4. That Council appoint the following Councillors to the external bodies listed below for the 2021/2022 Council year:

<b>Organisation or body</b>	<b>Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year</b>
Australian Local Government Women's Association	Cr _____
Collingwood Children's Farm Management Committee	Cr _____
Friends of Baucau	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)
Mayors for Peace	Cr _____
Merri Creek Management Committee	Cr _____
Metropolitan (Local Government) Waste Management Forum	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)
Metropolitan Transport Forum	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)
Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Cr _____
Victorian Local Governance Association	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor de Vietri

1. That Council ratify the following Delegated Committee appointments for the 2021/2022 Council year as currently illustrated and that further allocations be completed at a future meeting:

Delegated Committee	Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year
Planning Decisions Committee	All Councillors, subject to the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with Councillors, determining a quarterly attendance roster allocating three Councillors to each meeting, with the Committee membership for each meeting comprising those Councillors rostered to attend or their agreed substitute.

2. That Council appoint the following Councillors to the Audit and Risk Committee for 2021/2022 Council year:

Committee	Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year
Audit and Risk Committee	<u>Mayor</u> <u>Cr Herschel Landes</u>

3. That notwithstanding the sunset provisions of the Council Committees Policy, the advisory committees below continue to operate in accordance with their adopted Terms of Reference and community membership and that Council appoint the following Councillors to the Advisory Committee listed below for 2021/2022 Council year:

Advisory Committee	Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year
Active Ageing Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Stone</u>
Active Transport Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Landes</u> <u>Cr de Vietri</u>
Arts Advisory Committee	<u>Cr de Vietri</u> <u>Cr Wade</u>
Business Advisory Group	<u>Cr Landes</u> <u>Cr Crossland</u>
Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee	All Councillors
Community Awards Committee	<u>Cr O'Brien</u> <u>Cr Mohamud</u> <u>Cr Crossland</u>
Disability Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Crossland</u> <u>Cr Jolly</u>
Environment Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Stone</u>
Heritage Advisory Committee	<u>Cr O'Brien</u> <u>Cr Crossland</u> <u>Cr Mohamud</u>
Multicultural Advisory Group	<u>Cr Mohamud</u>
Rainbow Advisory Group	<u>Cr Crossland</u> <u>Cr de Vietri</u>

Yana Ngargna Advisory Group	<u>Cr Stone</u> <u>Cr O'Brien</u>
Yarra Libraries Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Wade</u> <u>Cr Nguyen</u>

4. That Council appoint the following Councillors to the external bodies listed below for the 2021/2022 Council year:

<b>Organisation or body</b>	<b>Appointments for 2021/2022 Council Year</b>
Australian Local Government Women's Association	<u>Cr Wade</u>
Collingwood Children's Farm Management Committee	<u>No appointment made</u>
Friends of Baucau	<u>Cr Stone</u>
Mayors for Peace	<u>Mayor</u>
Merri Creek Management Committee	<u>Cr O'Brien</u>
Metropolitan (Local Government) Waste Management Forum	<u>Cr Nguyen</u> <u>Cr Stone (substitute)</u>
Metropolitan Transport Forum	<u>Cr de Vietri</u> <u>Cr Stone (substitute)</u>
Municipal Association of Victoria	<u>Cr Nguyen</u> <u>Cr Stone (substitute)</u>
Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	<u>Cr Stone</u>
Victorian Local Governance Association	<u>Cr Wade</u> <u>Cr Stone (substitute)</u>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded on Thursday 25 November at 8.25pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 7 December 2021

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Mayor