



Council Meeting Minutes

held on Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 6.04pm
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****Corrected by resolution at the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2020**

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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

- Cr Misha Coleman (Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr Bridgid O’Brien
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager Chief Executive’s Office)
- Justin Kann (Acting Group Manager Advocacy, Engagement and Communications)
- Lucas Gosling (Director Community Wellbeing)
- Gracie Karabinis (Group Manager People, Culture and Community)
- 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)

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

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Item

4.1 **C1535 - Tender for tree and streetscape maintenance services**

This item is to be considered in closed session to allow consideration of 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.

These grounds are applicable because the report contains information submitted on a commercial in confidence basis by private businesses as part of a competitive procurement process.

4.2 **C1534 - Tender for Jack Dyer Pavilion redevelopment**

This item is to be considered in closed session to allow consideration of 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.

These grounds are applicable because the report contains information submitted on a commercial in confidence basis by private businesses as part of a competitive procurement process.

4.3 **Yarra Energy Foundation – Appointment of Chair and Director**

This item is to be considered in closed session to allow consideration of personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

These grounds are applicable because the report contains private information about the personal affairs of an individual.

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 Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

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

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

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 August 2020 be confirmed with the inclusion of the following text immediately before the amendment suggested by Cr Stone in relation to Item 11.1 as appears on page 20:

Councillor O'Brien requested the below amendment to 1.(a) (ii):

- (i) endorses funding of \$50,000 as part of its commitment to support the Australian Black Lives Matter movement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, to be led by the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee in collaboration with the Yarra Arts and Culture Team, to expand the Art and civic signage and poster project, to commission a new mural for 12 Peel Street Collingwood as part of the creation of a precinct that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture funded by a reduction in the budget allocation of \$845,000 to laneway/ROW renewals;

Councillor O'Brien suggested the below amendment. It was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

Item 1. (a) (ii) be reworded from

- (ii) endorses funding of \$30,000 as part of its commitment to support Black Lives Matter for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and in close consultation with the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee, through commission a mural for 12 Peel Street Collingwood;

to:

- (ii) endorses funding of \$30,000 as part of its commitment to support the Australian Black Lives Matter movement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, to be led by the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee in close consultation with the Yarra Arts and Culture Team, through commission a mural for 12 Peel Street Collingwood;

2. That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 August 2020 be confirmed.
3. That the minutes of the Internal Development Approvals Committee meeting held on Wednesday 26 August be confirmed.

CARRIED

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Nil

6. Public question time

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. Where a question is taken on notice and unable to be answered at the meeting, the full response is also published on Council's website when it becomes available.

6.1 Donna Ward – Park Street bicycle lane

Question:

We applaud Council for their attempts for a sustainable vision for the future. However, the lack of consultation with residents has seriously eroded community confidence in Council. The recently instituted pop-up cycle trial in Park St, North Fitzroy, is extremely dangerous and risks severe injury or death to cyclists using the contraflow lane. Given the overwhelming evidence provided by residents to demonstrate this, what will Council do to immediately reverse the project?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised;

Council certainly asked for reports in May and June and a report was put to Council on 23 June 2020. The installation of the contraflow lane is almost complete, we have just had some issues with weather and some of the COVID related matters in terms of cars in certain areas.

We also received comments and submissions from residents and officers are looking at those.

It is a twelve month trial by the Council resolution with reviews, a three month review. Officers are assessing the concerns and topics put by the community and we will be preparing a report on Park Street general both east and west for the Council meeting on 15 September. Notwithstanding that our Traffic Engineers are involved in this matter, we are also getting a Road Safety Audit done as well. I am not sure if we will have that by the 15 September but we will certainly keep Councillors informed.

Further linemarkings were done recently and there are one or two car spaces that we are looking at in terms of sight lines. So as Councillors are aware the pilot trial is to assess and adapt as need be and we are doing that and will report back on the 15 September on an interim position. Council will then consider certain matters and officers will report back in three months as part of the twelve month pilot trial.

7.1 Amendment C245 - Theatres Studies and Fix Up Amendment - Panel Report
Council at its meeting on 27 August 2020 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 September 2020.

Reference: D20/122149

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 6.15pm

1. That Council notes the officer report regarding Amendment C245 including the Panel Report and officer recommendations.
2. That Council undertakes the further heritage work recommended by the Panel for the following places, as part of a future heritage amendment:
 - (a) 14 Glasgow Street, Collingwood;
 - (b) St Brigid's Catholic Church Complex, North Fitzroy; and
 - (c) Queens Parade Street Trees.
3. That Council adopts Amendment C245 to the Yarra Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the changes set out in Attachment 4 to this report.
4. That Council submits the adopted Amendment C245 as set out in Attachments 5 - 18 to this report to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with Section 31(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
5. That Council submits the information prescribed under Section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the adopted amendment, including:
 - (a) the reasons why any recommendations of the Panel were not adopted as outlined in Attachment 3 of this report; and
 - (b) a description of, and reasons for, the changes made to Amendment C245 between exhibition and adoption as outlined in Attachment 4 of this report.
6. That Council delegates to the CEO the authority to finalise Amendment C245, in accordance with Council's resolution, and to make any administrative changes required to correct errors, grammatical changes and map changes.
7. That all submitters are advised of the Council's determination in relation to Amendment C245.

Public Submissions

The following people made a submission to Council on the matter:

Annabel Paul (AP Planning);

Anthony De Luca;

Terence Nott;

Ian Wight;

Judith Drill; and

Karen Cummings (Collingwood Historical Society).

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

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7. That all submitters are advised of the Council's determination in relation to Amendment C245.

Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 7.02pm

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council notes the officer report regarding Amendment C245 including the Panel Report and officer recommendations.
2. That Council undertakes the further heritage work recommended by the Panel for the following places, as part of a future heritage amendment:
 - (a) 14 Glasgow Street, Collingwood;
 - (b) St Brigid's Catholic Church Complex, North Fitzroy; and
 - (c) Queens Parade Street Trees.
3. That Council adopts Amendment C245 to the Yarra Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the changes set out in Attachment 4 to this report.
4. That Council submits the adopted Amendment C245 as set out in Attachments 5 - 18 to this report to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with Section 31(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

5. That Council submits the information prescribed under Section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the adopted amendment, including:
 - (a) the reasons why any recommendations of the Panel were not adopted as outlined in Council's resolution and in Attachment 3 of this report (except where modified by Council's resolution); and
 - (b) a description of, and reasons for, the changes made to Amendment C245 between exhibition and adoption as outlined in Council's resolution and in Attachment 4 of this report (except where modified by Council's resolution).
6. That Council delegates to the CEO the authority to finalise Amendment C245, in accordance with Council's resolution, and to make any administrative changes required to correct errors, grammatical changes and map changes.
7. That Council:
 - (a) abandons internal alteration controls for the former Burnley Theatre (at 366-377 Swan Street, Richmond) at this time;
 - (b) advises the Minister for Planning that while Council accepts the Panel's recommendation to abandon internal alteration controls for the former Burnley Theatre as exhibited in Amendment C245, having regard to the submissions presented at the Panel hearing supporting internal heritage controls, undertakes further work to further test the heritage significance of the remaining internal elements (being the ground floor entrance vestibule, the two staircases (leading to the first floor) and the first floor foyer);
 - (c) following the outcomes of the further work outlined in paragraph (b), officers report back to Council regarding the potential for a separate planning scheme amendment process to apply internal controls to the ground floor entrance vestibule, the two staircases (leading to the first floor) and the first floor foyer of the former Burnley Theatre, 366-377 Swan Street, Richmond; and
 - (d) notifies the owners of the former Burnley Theatre of this determination.
8. That all submitters are advised of the Council's determination in relation to Amendment C245.

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Stone, Searle and O'Brien

Against: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Chen Yi Mei, Bosler and Nguyen

LOST

The amendment was lost and the meeting returned to the substantive motion

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That Council notes the officer report regarding Amendment C245 including the Panel Report and officer recommendations.
2. That Council undertakes the further heritage work recommended by the Panel for the following places, as part of a future heritage amendment:
 - (a) 14 Glasgow Street, Collingwood;
 - (b) St Brigid's Catholic Church Complex, North Fitzroy; and
 - (c) Queens Parade Street Trees.

3. That Council adopts Amendment C245 to the Yarra Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the changes set out in Attachment 4 to this report with the following modifications:
 - (a) retain internal alteration controls for the former Austral Theatre 200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood (the former Austral Theatre), as exhibited;
 - (b) retain HO499 as a site specific Heritage Overlay for 200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood (the former Austral Theatre) in the Schedule to Clause 43.01 and under the heading 'Internal alteration controls apply?' replace the word 'No' with the word 'Yes', as exhibited;
 - (c) retain HO499 in the City of Yarra Database of Heritage Significant Areas, July 2020 and delete 200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood (the former Austral Theatre) from HO324, as exhibited;
 - (d) amend the Schedule to Clause 72.04, Clause 22.02 and Clause 21.11 to include a reference to the *Former Austral Theatre Statement of Significance: Incorporated Document (May 2020)*; and
 - (e) amend Map 6HO to delete 200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood from HO324 and include it in HO499, as exhibited.

4. That Council advises the Minister for Planning that Council has not accepted the Panel's recommendation to: abandon internal heritage controls for the former Austral Theatre (200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood); abandon HO499 as a site specific Heritage Overlay to 200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood (the former Austral Theatre); delete HO499 from the schedule to Clause 43.01; delete HO499 from the City of Yarra Database of Heritage Significant Areas, July 2019; and abandon the proposed Statement of Significance for the former Austral Theatre for the following reasons:
 - (a) while the condition and intactness of some internal areas to the theatre have been compromised, the remaining heritage fabric in the interior is of local heritage significance as few internal features of theatres remain in the City of Yarra;
 - (b) the original design and use of the theatre is still evident in the remaining heritage fabric. The retention of these features help to illustrate the building's use as a theatre;
 - (c) a site specific Heritage Overlay is required for the site to enable the internal alteration controls to apply; and
 - (d) the inclusion of the proposed Statement of Significance for the former Austral Theatre is necessary as it updates the existing Statement of Significance for the former theatre and explains what is significant about the heritage place and why it is important.

5. That Council submits the adopted Amendment C245 as set out in Attachments 5 - 18 to this report to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with Section 31(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the following modifications:
 - (a) retain internal alteration controls for the former Austral Theatre 200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood (the former Austral Theatre), as exhibited;
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6. That Council submits the information prescribed under Section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* with the adopted amendment, including:
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 - (b) a description of, and reasons for, the changes made to Amendment C245 between exhibition and adoption as outlined in Council's resolution and in Attachment 4 of this report (except where modified by Council's resolution).
7. That Council delegates to the CEO the authority to finalise Amendment C245, in accordance with Council's resolution, and to:
 - (a) make any changes required to the Amendment documents, including the documents referred to in resolution 3, resolution 5 and resolution 6, to retain internal alteration controls for the former Austral Theatre 200-202 Johnston Street, Collingwood, and other changes to the planning scheme for the site, as exhibited;
 - (b) make any changes required to Attachment 3 to reflect the reasons in resolution 4; and
 - (c) make any administrative changes required to correct errors, grammatical changes and map changes.
8. That all submitters are advised of the Council's determination in relation to Amendment C245.

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Searle and O'Brien

Against: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Bosler and Nguyen

LOST

The amendment was lost and the meeting returned to the substantive motion

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

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7. That Council, in consultation with the property owners and occupiers, undertake archival recording of the interiors of the former Austral Theatre, Burnley Theatre, and Richmond Theatre, including recording of the existing interiors in 3D virtual reality format at the earliest possible time.
8. That Council liaise with the property owners/developers of the three theatres to investigate opportunities to record and display the buildings' past uses and interior features through a history story board or the like on and/or within the building foyer or other suitable location at the time when redevelopment of the building is proposed
9. That all submitters are advised of the Council's determination in relation to Amendment C245

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Searle, Bosler and O'Brien

Against: Nil

Abstained: Councillor Nguyen

CARRIED

The amendment was carried and incorporated into the substantive motion as follows:

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

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CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Bosler and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Searle and O'Brien

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 7.25pm

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7.25pm

The meeting resumed at 7.32pm

7.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C280yara – 32-68 Mollison Street, Abbotsford
Council at its meeting on 27 August 2020 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 September 2020.

Reference: D20/126132

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 7.33pm

1. That Council:

- (a) notes the officer report in relation to the proposal by the Meydan Group in relation to the amendment at land 32-68 Mollison Street, Abbotsford;
- (b) notes the proposal, the officer analysis and the attachments in relation to the amendment;
- (c) as the planning authority, applies to the Minister for Planning under section 8A(3) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, for authorisation to prepare Amendment C280yara to the Yarra Planning scheme;
- (d) as the planning authority, prepares Amendment C280yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme in accordance with section 8A(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, if authorised to do so by the Minister for Planning;
- (e) exhibit Amendment C280yara, in accordance with section 17, 18 and 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, if authorisation to prepare Amendment C280yara is received under section 8A(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;
- (f) endorses, for the purpose of exhibition, the draft amendment documentation at Attachments 1 and 2;
- (g) authorises officers to make changes to the draft amendment documentation at Attachments 1 and 2 required to correct any administrative errors and to meet any conditions the Minister for Planning imposes through authorisation; and
- (h) authorise the CEO to formalise the commitments made by the proponent to widen Little Nicholson Street (laneway) and to install a formal and raised pedestrian crossing across Mollison Street at the Victoria Crescent intersection through section 173 agreements.

Public Submission

Natasha Liddell (Meydan Group) addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the officer report in relation to the proposal by the Meydan Group in relation to the amendment at land 32-68 Mollison Street, Abbotsford;
 - (b) notes the proposal, the officer analysis and the attachments in relation to the amendment;
 - (c) as the planning authority, applies to the Minister for Planning under section 8A(3) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, for authorisation to prepare Amendment C280yara to the Yarra Planning scheme;
 - (d) as the planning authority, prepares Amendment C280yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme in accordance with section 8A(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, if authorised to do so by the Minister for Planning;
 - (e) exhibit Amendment C280yara, in accordance with section 17, 18 and 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, if authorisation to prepare Amendment C280yara is received under section 8A(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;
 - (f) endorses, for the purpose of exhibition, the draft amendment documentation at Attachments 1 and 2;
 - (g) authorises officers to make changes to the draft amendment documentation at Attachments 1 and 2 required to correct any administrative errors and to meet any conditions the Minister for Planning imposes through authorisation; and
 - (h) authorise the CEO to formalise the commitments made by the proponent to widen Little Nicholson Street (laneway) and to install a formal and raised pedestrian crossing across Mollison Street at the Victoria Crescent intersection through section 173 agreements.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Proposed Amendment C281yara - New Cremorne Car Parking Provisions

Council at its meeting on 27 August 2020 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 September 2020.

Reference: D20/125770

Authoriser: Assistant Manager City Strategy

RECOMMENDATION
Start time: 7.42pm

1. That Council note that:
 - (a) the Cremorne area has limited access to the main road network surrounding the precinct and is also experiencing a great deal of development pressure that needs to be managed so that the precinct does not become overly congested through the movement of vehicles;
 - (b) as part of the *Cremorne Creating Future Visions: Issues and Opportunities Paper (November 2019)*, undertaken in conjunction with the Victoria Planning Authority, a car parking review has been undertaken of existing on-site and off-site parking conditions within the commercial area of Cremorne;
 - (c) an analysis of actual car parking rates for recently approved office developments within the Cremorne commercial precinct shows that the average car parking provisions has been 1.07 carspaces per 100 m² for office landuse, and
 - (d) the Cremorne area is very well serviced by public transport and also has good cycling access for commuting of persons to office and ancillary retail premises.
2. That Council, in the context of the above:
 - (a) acknowledge that the current statutory rate of car parking of 3 car spaces per 100 m² of office floorspace in Cremorne is not reflective of the inner city context of the area which is well serviced by public transport and also has good cycling networks, and in this regard the parking rate can reasonably be less than the minimum rate currently in the Yarra Planning Scheme;
 - (b) acknowledge that a rate of the of 3 car spaces per 100 m² of office floorspace of off-street parking for new office floorspace would only add to the traffic congestion in the Cremorne area as further development occurs in the Commercial precincts, which would be undesirable by generating further traffic within the Cremorne area and cause additional congestion to the detriment of the precinct, and
 - (c) determine that the parking rate for office landuse, and ancillary retail landuse, can reasonably be less than the minimum rate currently in the Yarra Planning Scheme.
3. That Council, in this regard note:
 - (a) the officers report in respect to the proposed changes to the off-street car parking rate for office and retail landuses for the Cremorne precinct as outlined in the report;
 - (b) the commentary and analysis contained in the officer report and Attachments 1 and 2 in regards to car parking in the Cremorne Enterprise Precinct; and
 - (c) the proposed Amendment C281yara to introduce a Parking Overlay as a means of seeking to manage the development and congestion levels in the Cremorne area.
4. That Council, in the context of the above:
 - (a) adopt the *Document Parking Controls Review: Cremorne Enterprise Precinct* (Traffix Group, July 2020) at Attachment 1 for the purpose of pursuing Amendment C281yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme;

- (b) adopt the draft amendment documentation at Attachment 2, which contains information required by the Minister for Planning to prepare, adopt and approve Amendment C281yara under 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and
- (c) authorise Council officers to request the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 8 (1) (b) and 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, to prepare, adopt and approve amendment C281yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme (Option A).

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 7.42pm

Public Submission

Jeremy Lawrence (Streets Alive Yarra) addressed Council on the matter.

Councillor Jolly returned at 7.50pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That Council note that:
 - (a) the Cremorne area has limited access to the main road network surrounding the precinct and is also experiencing a great deal of development pressure that needs to be managed so that the precinct does not become overly congested through the movement of vehicles;
 - (b) as part of the *Cremorne Creating Future Visions: Issues and Opportunities Paper (November 2019)*, undertaken in conjunction with the Victoria Planning Authority, a car parking review has been undertaken of existing on-site and off-site parking conditions within the commercial area of Cremorne;
 - (c) an analysis of actual car parking rates for recently approved office developments within the Cremorne commercial precinct shows that the average car parking provisions has been 1.07 carspaces per 100 m2 for office landuse, and
 - (d) the Cremorne area is very well serviced by public transport and also has good cycling access for commuting of persons to office and ancillary retail premises.
2. That Council, in the context of the above:
 - (a) acknowledge that the current statutory rate of car parking of 3 car spaces per 100 m2 of office floorspace in Cremorne is not reflective of the inner city context of the area which is well serviced by public transport and also has good cycling networks, and in this regard the parking rate can reasonably be less than the minimum rate currently in the Yarra Planning Scheme;
 - (b) acknowledge that a rate of the of 3 car spaces per 100 m2 of office floorspace of off-street parking for new office floorspace would only add to the traffic congestion in the Cremorne area as further development occurs in the Commercial precincts, which would be undesirable by generating further traffic within the Cremorne area and cause additional congestion to the detriment of the precinct, and
 - (c) determine that the parking rate for office landuse, and ancillary retail landuse, can reasonably be less than the minimum rate currently in the Yarra Planning Scheme.
3. That Council, in this regard note:
 - (a) the officers report in respect to the proposed changes to the off-street car parking rate for office and retail landuses for the Cremorne precinct as outlined in the report;

- (b) the commentary and analysis contained in the officer report and Attachments 1 and 2 in regards to car parking in the Cremorne Enterprise Precinct; and
 - (c) the proposed Amendment C281yara to introduce a Parking Overlay as a means of seeking to manage the development and congestion levels in the Cremorne area.
4. That Council, in the context of the above:
- (a) adopt the *Document Parking Controls Review: Cremorne Enterprise Precinct* (Traffix Group, July 2020) at Attachment 1 for the purpose of pursuing Amendment C281yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme;
 - (b) adopt the draft amendment documentation at Attachment 2, which contains information required by the Minister for Planning to prepare, adopt and approve Amendment C281yara under 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and
 - (c) authorise Council officers to request the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 8 (1) (b) and 20 (4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, to prepare, adopt and approve amendment C281yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme (Option A).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 The design, management and safety of Council parks, reserves and gardens
Council at its meeting on 27 August 2020 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 September 2020.

Trim Record Number: D20/134126
Responsible Officer: Director Community Wellbeing

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.11pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes that gender based violence continues to be a serious issue of great concern in our community including in public spaces;
 - (b) notes that Council's Open Space Lighting Policy (2014) is under revision with the intent to integrate a leading multi-faceted design approach to the way we light our parks, gardens and reserves with the development of a Public Open Space Lighting Policy;
 - (c) supports a strategic review of the existing Gender Equity Strategy (2016-2021), in the context of the commencement of the Gender Equality Act 2020;
 - (d) endorses the implementation of Gender Impact Analysis of policies, services and programs in line with the requirements of the Gender Equality Act 2020, including Council's Physical Activity Plan, Council's Allocation Policy and Yarra's Leisure Master Plan; and
 - (e) request officers to continue advocacy efforts and the pursuit of grant opportunities focused on public safety and inclusive place-based technologies.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes that gender based violence continues to be a serious issue of great concern in our community including in public spaces;
 - (b) notes that Council's Open Space Lighting Policy (2014) is under revision with the intent to integrate a leading multi-faceted design approach to the way we light our parks, gardens and reserves with the development of a Public Open Space Lighting Policy;
 - (c) supports a strategic review of the existing Gender Equity Strategy (2016-2021), in the context of the commencement of the Gender Equality Act 2020;
 - (d) endorses the implementation of Gender Impact Analysis of policies, services and programs in line with the requirements of the Gender Equality Act 2020, including Council's Physical Activity Plan, Council's Allocation Policy and Yarra's Leisure Master Plan; and
 - (e) request officers to continue advocacy efforts and the pursuit of grant opportunities focused on public safety and inclusive place-based technologies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 PLN19/0450 - 36-52 Wellington Street, Collingwood - Supplementary Report - Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C285yara

Council at its meeting on 27 August 2020 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 September 2020.

Reference: D20/134183

Authoriser: Manager Statutory Planning

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.16pm

1. That the Council resolves to:

- (a) advise the Minister for Planning that Council does not support the Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C285yara to facilitate the development of a multi (15) storey office building, use of the land for food and drink premises and a reduction in the car parking requirements at 36-52 Wellington Street, Collingwood for the reasons as resolved and included in the IDAC Minutes of 11 March 2020; and
- (b) however, in the event that the Minister for Planning does proceed with the Amendment, that the following modifications to clause 6.1 of the draft Incorporated Document "36-52 Wellington Street, Collingwood, Incorporated document, July 2020":
 - (i) deletion of Condition 1(i) and subsequent renumbering of remaining conditions;
 - (ii) deletion of Condition 24 and subsequent renumbering of remaining conditions; and
 - (iii) amend the expire condition to include the following expires for the completion of works and the commencement of the use:
 - a. the development is not completed within three (3) years of the gazettal of Amendment C285yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme; and
 - b. the use has not started within four (4) years of the gazettal of Amendment C285yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That the Council resolves to:

- (a) advise the Minister for Planning that Council does not support the Proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C285yara to facilitate the development of a multi (15) storey office building, use of the land for food and drink premises and a reduction in the car parking requirements at 36-52 Wellington Street, Collingwood for the reasons as resolved and included in the IDAC Minutes of 11 March 2020; and
- (b) however, in the event that the Minister for Planning does proceed with the Amendment, that the following modifications to clause 6.1 of the draft Incorporated Document “36-52 Wellington Street, Collingwood, Incorporated document, July 2020”:
 - (i) deletion of Condition 1(i) and subsequent renumbering of remaining conditions;
 - (ii) deletion of Condition 24 and subsequent renumbering of remaining conditions; and
 - (iii) amend the expire condition to include the following expires for the completion of works and the commencement of the use:
 - a. the development is not completed within three (3) years of the gazettal of Amendment C285yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme; and
 - b. the use has not started within four (4) years of the gazettal of Amendment C285yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 Adoption of the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020

Reference: D20/135272

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.21pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the proposed final Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020;
 - (b) note the extensive background analysis that supports the Yarra Open Space Strategy 202, as detailed in the Technical Reports and Appendices, and which sets out directions for improving and increasing open space within Yarra over the next 15 years;
 - (c) note the two phases of community consultation that were undertaken and have informed the Strategy, as detailed in the Consultation Reports; and
 - (d) note that following adoption of the Strategy by Council, a further report will be presented to Council proposing a planning scheme amendment to increase the public open space contribution rate in the *Yarra Planning Scheme*.
2. That Council adopt the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020 as outlined in the Attachments to serve as the guiding document planning and managing Yarra's open space network over the next 15 years.
3. That Council note that a further report will be provided to the Council meeting on 15 September, 2020, for Council to consider requesting 'authorisation' from the Minister for Planning to enable a planning scheme amendment to be placed on exhibition regarding an increased public open space contribution rate for the subdivision of new developments in the municipality.
4. That Council acknowledge and thank the community for their assistance in developing the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 8.21pm.

Public Submissions

The following people made a submission to Council on the matter:

Greg Chenhall (Fitzroy Residents Association);

Jeremy Lawrence (Streets Alive Yarra); and

Helen Nankervis (U3A Yarra City).

Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 9.10pm.

Councillor Nguyen returned to the meeting at 9.26pm

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the proposed final Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020;
 - (b) note the extensive background analysis that supports the Yarra Open Space Strategy 202, as detailed in the Technical Reports and Appendices, and which sets out directions for improving and increasing open space within Yarra over the next 15 years; and
 - (c) note the two phases of community consultation that were undertaken and have informed the Strategy, as detailed in the Consultation Reports.
2. That Council adopt the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020 as outlined in the Attachments to serve as the guiding document planning and managing Yarra's open space network over the next 15 years.
3. That Council note that a further report will be provided to the Council meeting on 15 September, 2020, for Council to consider requesting 'authorisation' from the Minister for Planning to enable a planning scheme amendment to be placed on exhibition regarding an increased public open space contribution rate for the subdivision of new developments in the municipality.
4. That Council acknowledge and thank the community for their assistance in developing the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020.
5. That in the adoption of this strategy, the Council note that:
 - (a) the Open Space Strategy is principally about the location of new open space allocation, and improvements to open spaces over the life of the strategy;
 - (b) and in this regard, acknowledge that a number of other key Council strategies and policies are important companion documents for the enhancement, safety and recreation in open space areas for the community and the environment; for instance, the draft Nature Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy, Climate Action Plan strategies under preparation by Council's recreation team and related community wellbeing related strategies; and
 - (c) and that these other strategies and policies will be considered by the organisation when considering various matters including the planning, improvement and provision of new open spaces in the municipality.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Additional wording in clause 5. (b) and (c)

and in this regard, acknowledge that a number of other key Council strategies and policies are important companion documents for the enhancement, safety and recreation in open space areas for the community and the environment; for instance, the draft Nature Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy, Climate Action Plan, the Gender Equity Strategy, the resolution on 'The design, management and safety of Council parks, reserves and gardens' endorsed by Council at item 7.4 of this meeting and strategies under preparation by Council's recreation team and related community wellbeing related strategies; and

and that these other strategies, policies and resolutions of Council will be considered by the organisation when considering various matters including the planning, improvement and provision of new open spaces in the municipality.

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

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Additional wording in clause 2.

That Council adopt the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020 as outlined in the Attachments to serve as the guiding document planning and managing Yarra's open space network over the next 15 years, subject to the review period of every five years being replaced by every four years.

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

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the proposed final Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020;
 - (b) note the extensive background analysis that supports the Yarra Open Space Strategy 202, as detailed in the Technical Reports and Appendices, and which sets out directions for improving and increasing open space within Yarra over the next 15 years; and
 - (c) note the two phases of community consultation that were undertaken and have informed the Strategy, as detailed in the Consultation Reports.
2. That Council adopt the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020 as outlined in the Attachments to serve as the guiding document planning and managing Yarra's open space network over the next 15 years, subject to the review period of every five years being replaced by every four years.
3. That Council note that a further report will be provided to the Council meeting on 15 September, 2020, for Council to consider requesting 'authorisation' from the Minister for Planning to enable a planning scheme amendment to be placed on exhibition regarding an increased public open space contribution rate for the subdivision of new developments in the municipality.
4. That Council acknowledge and thank the community for their assistance in developing the Yarra Open Space Strategy 2020.
5. That in the adoption of this strategy, the Council note that:
 - (a) the Open Space Strategy is principally about the location of new open space allocation, and improvements to open spaces over the life of the strategy;
 - (b) and in this regard, acknowledge that a number of other key Council strategies and policies are important companion documents for the enhancement, safety and recreation in open space areas for the community and the environment; for instance, the draft Nature Strategy, Urban Forest Strategy, Climate Action Plan, the Gender Equity Strategy, the resolution on 'the design, management and safety of Council parks, reserves and gardens' endorsed by Council at item 7.4 of this meeting and strategies under preparation by Council's recreation team and related community wellbeing related strategies; and
 - (c) and that these other strategies, policies and resolutions of Council will be considered by the organisation when considering various matters including the planning, improvement and provision of new open spaces in the municipality.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 Graffiti Management Framework 2020 - 2023

Reference: D20/132661

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 9.27pm

1. That:

- (a) Council endorse the updated Graffiti Management Framework 2020 – 2023; and
- (b) subject to endorsement, the services proposed in the Graffiti Management Framework 2020-2023 take effect from the 5th October 2020 to allow appropriate workflows and practice notes to be implemented.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 9.31pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 9.38pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Bosler

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That:

- (a) Council endorse the updated Graffiti Management Framework 2020 – 2023 with minor wording changes authorised by the CEO; and
- (b) subject to endorsement, the services proposed in the Graffiti Management Framework 2020-2023 take effect from the 5th October 2020 to allow appropriate workflows and practice notes to be implemented.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Searle, Bosler and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Jolly and O'Brien

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.46pm

The meeting resumed at 9.53pm

The order of business suspended to go to item 7.9.

7.8 Proposed Discontinuance of Roads abutting 53-77 Burnley Street, Richmond.

Reference: D20/131103

Authoriser: Director Corporate Business and Finance

RECOMMENDATION

Start time:10.13pm

1. That Council acting under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*:
 - (a) resolves, having followed all the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 207A and 223 of the Act pursuant to its power under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the roads abutting 53-77 Burnley Street, Richmond (shown marked lot 1 on the title plan attached as Attachment 1, and lot 1 on the title plan attached as Attachment 2 to this report, respectively (**Roads**)) are not reasonably required for public use for reasons set out in this report, to discontinue the Roads;
 - (b) directs that a notice pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 of the Act is to be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
 - (c) directs that, once discontinued, the Roads be transferred to the adjoining owner of 53-77 Burnley Street, Richmond (**Owner**), for no less than the market value (plus GST) as determined by the Act;
 - (d) directs that the CEO sign any transfer or transfers of the Roads and any other documents required to be signed in connection with the discontinuance of the Roads and their subsequent transfer to the Owner;
 - (e) any easements, rights or interests required to be created or saved over Roads by any authority be done so and not be affected by the discontinuance and sale of the Roads; and
 - (f) directs that the Owner be required to consolidate the titles to the discontinued Roads with the Owner's adjoining property, by no later than 6 months after the date of transfer of the discontinued Roads.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That Council acting under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*:
 - (a) resolves, having followed all the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 207A and 223 of the Act pursuant to its power under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the roads abutting 53-77 Burnley Street, Richmond (shown marked lot 1 on the title plan attached as Attachment 1, and lot 1 on the title plan attached as Attachment 2 to this report, respectively (**Roads**)) are not reasonably required for public use for reasons set out in this report, to discontinue the Roads;
 - (b) directs that a notice pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 of the Act is to be published in the Victoria Government Gazette;
 - (c) directs that, once discontinued, the Roads be transferred to the adjoining owner of 53-77 Burnley Street, Richmond (**Owner**), for no less than the market value (plus GST) as determined by the Act;
 - (d) directs that the CEO sign any transfer or transfers of the Roads and any other documents required to be signed in connection with the discontinuance of the Roads and their subsequent transfer to the Owner;
 - (e) any easements, rights or interests required to be created or saved over Roads by any authority be done so and not be affected by the discontinuance and sale of the Roads; and
 - (f) directs that the Owner be required to consolidate the titles to the discontinued Roads with the Owner's adjoining property, by no later than 6 months after the date of transfer of the discontinued Roads.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 Economic Development Strategy 2020 - 2025

Reference: D20/135940

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 9.53pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report of officers regarding the proposed new Economic Development Strategy;
 - (b) note the background documents and the consultation that has been undertaken as part of the work to formulate the new Economic Development Strategy;
 - (c) note that, notwithstanding the background research occurring prior to COVID -19, the proposed Economic Development Strategy is still very relevant and important highlighting how Council can assist the local economy through focused actions; and
 - (d) note the proposed Economic Development Strategy as outlined in Attachment 1.
2. That in the context of the above, Council now adopt the Economic Development Strategy 2020 – 2025.
3. That officers inform all submitters and the Business Advisory Group of the adoption of the Economic Development Strategy.

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 9.53pm

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 9.56pm

Public Submissions

The following people made a submission to Council on the matter:

Herschel Landes; and

Jeremy Lawrence (Streets Alive Yarra).

Councillor Nguyen returned at 10.05pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 10.08pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council note:
 - (a) the report of officers regarding the proposed new Economic Development Strategy;
 - (b) the background documents and the consultation that has been undertaken as part of the work to formulate the new Economic Development Strategy;
 - (c) that, notwithstanding the background research occurring prior to COVID -19, the proposed Economic Development Strategy is still very relevant and important highlighting how Council can assist the local economy through focused actions; and
 - (d) the proposed Economic Development Strategy as outlined in Attachment 1.
2. That in the context of the above, Council now adopt the Economic Development Strategy 2020 – 2025.
3. That in delivery of Strategy 1 of the Action Plan on COVID-19 recovery to collaborate with industry partners and advisory groups “to identify strategies and campaigns ... to encourage patronage back to Yarra’s retail and service precincts”, that Council convene a workshop of stakeholders including members of its Business Advisory Group to identify additional real time initiatives to assist business recovery and that an annual review be conducted reporting to Council on the outcomes.
4. That officers inform all submitters and the Business Advisory Group of the adoption of the Economic Development Strategy.
5. That Council acknowledge the work of staff in developing and refining the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan in response to the COVID-19 challenges and submissions received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The order of business resumed back to item 7.8

7.10 Establishment of an Audit and Risk Committee

Reference: D20/136277

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council dissolve the Audit Committee;
 - (b) in the exercise of the power conferred by s53 of the Local Government Act 2020, Council establish an Audit and Risk Committee;
 - (c) in the exercise of the power conferred by s54 of the Local Government Act 2020, Council approve the revised Yarra City Council Audit and Risk Committee Charter found at **Attachment One**;
 - (d) Council appoint the following persons as members of the Audit and Risk Committee:
 - (i) Cr Misha Coleman (to 24 October 2020);
 - (ii) Cr James Searle (to 24 October 2020);
 - (iii) David Ashmore (to 21 September 2021);
 - (iv) Helen Lanyon (to 30 September 2023); and
 - (v) Vince Philpot (to 6 July 2021); and
 - (e) Council note that for the purpose of clause 3.9 of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, the appointment of independent members made in this resolution shall be considered as each member's 'second term'.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That:
 - (a) Council dissolve the Audit Committee;
 - (b) in the exercise of the power conferred by s53 of the Local Government Act 2020, Council establish an Audit and Risk Committee;
 - (c) in the exercise of the power conferred by s54 of the Local Government Act 2020, Council approve the revised Yarra City Council Audit and Risk Committee Charter found at **Attachment One**;
 - (d) Council appoint the following persons as members of the Audit and Risk Committee:
 - (i) Cr Misha Coleman (to 24 October 2020);
 - (ii) Cr James Searle (to 24 October 2020);
 - (iii) David Ashmore (to 21 September 2021);
 - (iv) Helen Lanyon (to 30 September 2023); and
 - (v) Vince Philpot (to 6 July 2021); and
 - (e) Council note that for the purpose of clause 3.9 of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter, the appointment of independent members made in this resolution shall be considered as each member's 'second term'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 Notice of Motion No.12 of 2020 - Investing in the post-COVID Recovery
Council at its meeting on 27 August 2020 resolved that the matter be deferred to the meeting to be held on 01 September 2020.

Reference: D20/134941
Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION **Start time: 10.17pm**

1. That Yarra Council acknowledge that:
 - (a) the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the current lockdown in particular, has resulted in serious, negative and ongoing impacts to many Yarra residents and businesses;
 - (b) the overall impacts of this pandemic won't be fully understood or felt for some time and could last for many years;
 - (c) recovery from the pandemic will necessitate significant investment of funds and resources from all levels of government;
 - (d) the Recovery provides an opportunity to rebuild community wellbeing and the local economy, based upon principles of social justice and environmental sustainability;
 - (e) a recovery must by definition, build community resilience to future social, economic and environmental shocks and challenges, including the known impacts of climate change; and
 - (f) the Council's adopted Climate Emergency Plan can provide a strong framework to guide future planning post-COVID.
2. That Yarra Council commit to investing in a post COVID Recovery Plan comprising projects that will support Yarra Community members who have been hit hardest by the pandemic and build broader community resilience to future shocks.
3. That this program of recovery projects will:
 - (a) support innovative approaches through Yarra's Social and Affordable Housing Strategy to facilitate increased growth of social and affordable housing in Yarra;
 - (b) invest in community led initiatives and programs that will stimulate environmentally responsible small businesses in Yarra, to increase access to well-paying and sustainable jobs that both offer training and advancement opportunities;
 - (c) radically transform the Yarra community carbon emission footprint by accelerating investment in the Climate Emergency Plan and in active transport infrastructure;
 - (d) leverage funding- whether State or Federal or through borrowing or other sources - to enhance public community infrastructure, that will promote community participation and support the health, wellbeing and connectedness of residents;
 - (e) ensure that decisions made about these projects are informed by, and that consultation is centered on, those who have been most impacted in Yarra: including those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, culturally diverse communities, public housing residents, young people and other marginalised groups; and
 - (f) use Council's adopted Climate Emergency Plan as a guiding framework.
4. That a Workshop to develop the details of a Post-COVID Recovery Plan be held in September with Councillors, Executive Members and other relevant officers, with a report back to Council on a proposed Recovery Plan and recommendations for financially resourcing the Plan, which may include borrowing.
5. That this Plan:

- (a) be based on the key principles of working towards a just, fair and sustainable future and Council's adopted Climate Emergency Plan; and
- (b) be referred to the new Council for inclusion in the Yarra Council Plan 2020-2024 along with consideration of the Sustainable Development Goals as an additional guiding framework.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 10.17pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 10.51pm.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION

1. That Yarra Council acknowledge that:
 - (a) the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the current lockdown in particular, has resulted in serious, negative and ongoing impacts to many Yarra residents and businesses;
 - (b) the overall impacts of this pandemic won't be fully understood or felt for some time and could last for many years;
 - (c) recovery from the pandemic will necessitate significant investment of funds and resources from all levels of government;
 - (d) the Recovery provides an opportunity to rebuild community wellbeing and the local economy, based upon principles of social justice and environmental sustainability;
 - (e) a recovery must by definition, build community resilience to future social, economic and environmental shocks and challenges, including the known impacts of climate change; and
 - (f) the Council's adopted Climate Emergency Plan can provide a strong framework to guide future planning post-COVID.
2. That Yarra Council commit to investing in a post COVID Recovery Plan comprising projects that will support Yarra Community members who have been hit hardest by the pandemic and build broader community resilience to future shocks.
3. That this program of recovery projects will:
 - (a) supporting innovative approaches through Yarra's Social and Affordable Housing Strategy to facilitate increased growth of social and affordable housing in Yarra;
 - (b) investing in community led initiatives and programs that will stimulate environmentally responsible small businesses in Yarra, to increase access to well-paying and sustainable jobs that both offer training and advancement opportunities;
 - (c) radically transforming the Yarra community carbon emission footprint by accelerating investment in the Climate Emergency Plan and in active transport infrastructure;
 - (d) leverage funding- whether State or Federal or through borrowing or other sources - to enhance public community infrastructure, that will promote community participation and support the health, wellbeing and connectedness of residents;
 - (e) ensuring that decisions made about these projects are informed by, and that consultation is centred on, those who have been most impacted in Yarra: including those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, culturally diverse communities, public housing residents, young people and other marginalised groups; and
 - (f) using Council's adopted Climate Emergency Plan as a guiding framework.

4. That a Workshop to develop the details of a Post-COVID Recovery Plan be held in September with Councillors, Executive Members and other relevant officers, with a report back to Council on a proposed Recovery Plan and recommendations for financially resourcing the Plan, which may include borrowing.
5. That a further workshop to refine this plan be held with community and business leaders to gather their input.
6. That this Plan:
 - (a) be based on the key principles of working towards a just, fair and sustainable future; and
 - (b) be referred to the new Council for inclusion in the Yarra Council Plan 2020-2024 along with consideration of the Sustainable Development Goals as an additional guiding framework.

The Mayor left the meeting at 10.57pm

The Deputy Mayor assumed the chair at 10.57pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Yarra Council acknowledge that:
 - (a) the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the current lockdown in particular, has resulted in serious, negative and ongoing impacts to many Yarra residents and businesses;
 - (b) the overall impacts of this pandemic won't be fully understood or felt for some time and could last for many years;
 - (c) recovery from the pandemic will necessitate significant investment of funds and resources from all levels of government;
 - (d) the Recovery provides an opportunity to rebuild community wellbeing and the local economy, based upon principles of social justice and environmental sustainability;
 - (e) a recovery must by definition, build community resilience to future social, economic and environmental shocks and challenges, including the known impacts of climate change; and
 - (f) the Council's adopted Climate Emergency Plan can provide a strong framework to guide future planning post-COVID.
2. That Yarra Council commit to investing in a post COVID Recovery Plan comprising projects that will support Yarra Community members who have been hit hardest by the pandemic and build broader community resilience to future shocks.
3. That this program of recovery projects will consider:
 - (a) supporting innovative approaches through Yarra's Social and Affordable Housing Strategy to facilitate increased growth of social and affordable housing in Yarra;
 - (b) investing in community led initiatives and programs that will stimulate environmentally responsible small businesses in Yarra, to increase access to well-paying and sustainable jobs that both offer training and advancement opportunities;
 - (c) radically transforming the Yarra community carbon emission footprint by accelerating investment in the Climate Emergency Plan and in active transport infrastructure;

- (d) leveraging funding - whether State or Federal or through borrowing or other sources - to enhance community health and social services in addition to public community infrastructure, that will promote community participation and support the health, wellbeing and connectedness of residents;
 - (e) ensuring that decisions made about these projects are informed by, and that consultation is centred on, those who have been most impacted in Yarra: including those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, culturally diverse communities, public housing residents, young people and other marginalised groups; and
 - (f) using Council's adopted Climate Emergency Plan as a guiding framework.
4. That a Workshop to develop the details of a Post-COVID Recovery Plan be held in September with Councillors, Executive Members and other relevant officers, with a report back to Council on a proposed Recovery Plan and recommendations for financially resourcing the Plan, which may include borrowing.
5. That a further workshop to refine this plan be held with community and business leaders to gather their input.
6. That this Plan:
- (a) be based on the key principles of working towards a just, fair and sustainable future; and
 - (b) be referred to the new Council for inclusion in the Yarra Council Plan 2020-2024 along with consideration of the Sustainable Development Goals as an additional guiding framework.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Searle and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Fristacky, Jolly, Bosler and O'Brien

Councillor Chen Yi Mei exercised the casting vote of the Acting Mayor in favour of the motion.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That the meeting be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Notice of Motion No.13 of 2020 - Monitoring of the Merri Creek Trail

Reference: D20/136750

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION**Start time: 11.02pm**

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the correspondence from the Friends of Merri Creek;
 - (b) refer to the appropriate Officers, including the Biodiversity Team and the Compliance Team for advice on:
 - (i) the matter of installing further signage on the importance of wildlife corridors and dog lead regulations in wildlife sensitive areas such as the Merri Creek Trail and along the Yarra River;
 - (ii) the provision of clear signage where dog off-lead areas end;
 - (iii) where such signage would be of greatest benefit to protect wildlife and support efforts to restore the green corridors in Yarra;
 - (iv) potential costings and/or existing budget allocations available to enable installation at the earliest opportunity; and
 - (v) request advice on the above prior to the next Budget Review;
 - (c) requests from the appropriate Council department:
 - (i) regular patrols and enforcement of dog lead regulations by Council Officers in wildlife sensitive areas; and
 - (ii) consideration of increased fines for repeat offenders for dog off-lead violations in wildlife sensitive areas;
 - (d) request an immediate community awareness campaign via the Council website, social media and newsletters:
 - (i) pertaining to the attached correspondence, the above items and the overall community benefits associated; and
 - (ii) increased messaging about dog off-lead areas with clear maps provided;
 - (e) request appropriate Officers engage with the Friends of Merri Creek and other relevant organisations regarding the green corridors in Yarra:
 - (i) for further strategies to increase safety for wildlife and restore habitat potential;
 - (ii) for actions to improve and increase connectivity of the corridors across the catchment, within the municipality of Yarra; and
 - (iii) to identify a network of wildlife refuge areas along the creek and river; and
 - (f) requests from Officers, within a reasonable timeframe:
 - (i) a response to b. and c; and
 - (ii) feedback on the progression of d. and e.

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 11.05pm

Councillor Nguyen returned at 11.07pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Searle, Bosler, Nguyen and O'Brien

Against: Nil

8.3 Notice of Motion No. 14 of 2020 - Project Reference Groups

Reference: D20/136741
Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

Start time:11.13pm

1. That Council seeks a report on the merits of establishing community Project Reference Groups for:
 - (a) the Edinburgh Gardens/Brunswick Street Oval Project; and
 - (b) the Heidelberg Road Corridor Amendment/Project;with the report being presented to Council before the election period if possible, to enable timely community input into these projects.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 11.15pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 11.20pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Fristacky **Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That the meeting be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Jolly **Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

1. That the meeting be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

1. That Council seeks a report on the merits of establishing a community Project Reference Group for the Heidelberg Road Corridor Amendment/Project, with the report being presented to Council, before the election period if possible, to enable timely community input into the project.
2. That Council seeks a report, before the election period if possible, on the merits of the inclusion of further community and heritage representatives to the Edinburgh Gardens Project Steering Group.

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Jolly and O'Brien

Against: Councillors Fristacky, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Searle, Bosler and Nguyen

LOST

9. Petitions and joint letters

Nil

The Deputy Mayor left the meeting at 11.40pm

The Senior Governance Advisor called for nominations for Acting Mayor.

Councillor Jolly nominated Councillor Nguyen

In the absence of other nominations, Councillor Nguyen was declared elected and assumed the chair.

10. Delegates' reports

10.1 Councillor O'Brien - Yana Ngargna Advisory Group

Start time: 11.40pm

Cr Chen Yi Mei returned to the meeting at 11.41pm and resumed the chair.

Committee	Yana Ngargna Advisory Group
Appointed Councillors	Bridgid O'Brien and Amanda Stone
Date of Council Meeting	1 September 2020
Date of Report	16 August 2020
Report Author	Bridgid O'Brien

DELEGATES REPORT

The Yana Ngargna Advisory Group met on 6 August 2020 online. Councillors in attendance were Cr O'Brien and Cr Stone. The Committee held a minute's silence for Mick Honeysett who passed away on 3 August from throat cancer. He was a well-known and respected Koori Elder in Fitzroy and Collingwood. His passing is a great loss to the whole community. It was agreed to send flowers to his family on behalf of the Committee and Council.

There was a check-in with how everyone is doing in lockdown COVID-19, level 4 restrictions. A request for anything that needs to happen from Yarra Council to be passed on to the Team. An update on community in the Flats and from the Northern Aboriginal Covid Group can be provided.

Agenda items for this meeting included:

Item 1.

Discussion of proposed option: How Yarra Council should acknowledge this ongoing and long-term struggle against racism and injustice and the connection to the Black Lives Matter movement and Aboriginal deaths in custody?

Discussions with this Group and the Working Group will be in a Report to Council on how to progress this issue and amplify the message through various Arts Projects. The discussions have been wide ranging as this issue cuts across so many things. A Report to Council from the Aboriginal Partnerships Team will aim to capture as much as possible of the deeper issues raised in this Group and provide direction to Council on how best to acknowledge the Australian BLM movement and the ongoing and long-term struggle against systematic racism and injustice faced by our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The deep trauma and emotional content of talking about these things was acknowledged. In this and other consultations we here know that the community is constantly repeating themselves, having to repeat the same messages, over and over again, that your parents have talked about these same things and even your grandparents have expressed the same messages in different forums to Government and other institutions.

The Report will include content from previous consultations that Yarra has conducted over the last many years, the connection to BLM stopping Aboriginal deaths in custody and the structural issues that underly that. It will include advice from this Group, other community members, family comments, previous advice, previous formal Council

consultations and criticisms. It will include the three-year process of developing Council's Stolen Generations Marker Project. We all know the Assimilation Policy and the Stolen Generations were a direct result of racist Government policies and are implicitly related to the structural inequalities we still face today but that also underpin BLM and Aboriginal deaths in custody.

Other things that could also be included in the Report were discussed.

- Getting the story right, include those that instigated all of this in Fitzroy, Return to Country and repatriation of ancestral remains. The beginnings of our Legal Institutions.
- Wurundjuri History Project and the importance of Fitzroy in the early days of the modern fight for rights. But also, the first sale of Wurundjuri land happened in Fitzroy in 1837. The social determinants of unequal health go back that far.
- Relates to the higher incarceration rates and over policing of Aboriginal people.
- There are documents of the meetings to set up the first health centre, legal centre, etc., that all started in Fitzroy. Yarra Council has a role to play to get copies, preserve that history and ensure recognition of those involved.
- Acknowledgement of self-determination and the important role of community controlled organisations, in the environment of services not being set up to be sensitive to, inclusive of, or able to address the needs of Aboriginal people, the role services such as VAHS have played in looking after the community (to this day).
- History shapes all of us, talking history also includes the sacred space of spots in Fitzroy and Collingwood. There are many, many voices that have shaped those places, not always consistent, can run in parallel or from different sides but all are part of the story. Different interpretations of what is history and how stories are represented. Cultural lens.

Given the history in Yarra for many mobs and particularly the traditional Wurundjuri Woi Wurrung connection to all country in Yarra. Today, what is the sense of connection and ownership to particular places and what can Council do to increase that sense?

- Our Offices are down at the River, in the heartland, down at the Bay, the Bay to our Hearts.
- Better opportunities in Yarra, the demographic has changed, and we are kicked out, cannot afford to live here. This fractures an understanding of history, Blakfella identity, connection.
- Yarra has always been a place to congregate for all mobs, a safe place to come from anywhere. Council should focus on social welfare issues and providing a cultural centre. But also, recognition of traditional owners. Yarra should donate a facility, pay the rent. Creating Aboriginal owned spaces, providing affordable living so we can come back. Come home.
- Council exemptions for rates to Aboriginal organisations, businesses and homes, waivers, reductions.
- Truth telling, regulations we were never involved in making but must adhere to.
- Links to the treaty process, truth and justice. Reconciliation without truth telling has no validity. No other country has First Nations treaties without truth telling.
- Darebin Council is also working on these issues. You've written us out of it, legislations, regulations, now rewrite them, write us in, with our voice and our hands holding the pen. Treaty, truth telling, justice. Institutional structures have been set up without consultation, from establishing colonies to setting up Parliament, with no seat at the table or role in decision making for us, and not in our language.

- Treaty, First People's Assembly. How does this fit with the Yarra Project? Yarra could make a formal submission based on truth telling, the history of our area to the Treaty Commission and support the process of the Treaty. It was agreed the Treaty is still emergent, still unresolved within the community, and there are many different views, feelings and beliefs about the Assembly. It is the start of a Frame for what a Treaty could look like.
- It was agreed a better focus for Yarra Council would be to review what Actions have come from all the work, all the consultations to date. Look at the records and collate all that community advice. **Have a distinct project to go through all the records and present to Yarra Councillors and Officers all that advice.**
- A peppercorn lease was raised, to show respect for traditional owners and acknowledge whose country it is. There is no discussion of asking for back rent, just some true and meaningful recognition of sovereignty.
- Parking fines, rent... on our own land!
- If Black lives matter so do blak rights.

The discussion moved to political representation at Council and getting Yarra's own organisation in order with regard to decision making, staffing, education and capacity building. Staff advised that promoting a broad range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified positions across the whole organisation and in senior roles was being undertaken, that organisational readiness was in focus. Further, recognition of the already existing accomplishments (expertise and qualifications) of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community was acknowledged.

The point was made that Yarra's response to the BLM movement should include employment opportunities to better accommodate diversity, acknowledge sovereignty, and that employment must ensure cultural safety (not just culture represented in art) but that an authentic sense of respect and ensuring a feeling of belonging was involved.

Further issues discussed:

- A traditional owner position at the table of every Council regardless of an ability to live in the specific electorate but that acknowledged sovereignty, say a Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Council position at Yarra. Some process to ensure a seat at the decision-making table with real power, not just a tokenistic single voice.
- A State overarching Council of traditional owner Councillors with some power, that includes real political representation and a role in decision making was explored. It was agreed that further work incorporating previous ideas on this issue was needed to progress this.
- The likelihood of a criminal history because of systematic inequality and over policing of the Aboriginal community or some other impediment, needed to be accommodated. It was agreed that this related to education of the non-Aboriginal community, respect and truth telling.
- The discussion then came back to the need for "Just a fair go, looking to the horizon and a future." Some action, particularly around employment, efforts to eliminate prejudices, unconscious bias, real actions that lead to Aboriginal people not being on the fringe was needed. Yarra as a hub, a place of opportunity and employment for us. A vision for our mob in great numbers. It's Yarra's job to educate about the rich history, the value of traditional culture and to engender respect. It is not the role of our Aboriginal community. The Non-Aboriginal community needs to take responsibility to correct their wrongs.
- Jobs.
- Yarra Council acquisitions policy and support for Aboriginal businesses. Yarra to champion their quality and value.
- Yarra advocacy on behalf of traditional owners at a legislative level.

- There has been a lot of investment in Yarra from the Aboriginal community, a lot of care from Council but not enough action on the same old solutions expressed in many different ways and on many different issues, over many, many years.

It was agreed the importance of honouring those that have come before us and having respect for the advice they provided was a significant issue.

The Committee expressed gratitude to Yarra Council for the care and interest in these issues over the years.

Item 2.

Final discussion and approval of text for artists to use for poster project.

The Working Group has been meeting every two weeks specifically to promote the Australian Black Lives Matter movement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community at the local level in Yarra, to amplify the message and define appropriate Projects. The Group has come up with two Art Projects. The first is a Poster Project. This involves designing posters and t-shirts by Aboriginal artists, potentially including large scale projections. Discussion involved the possible wording as well as whether any distinction between Aboriginal messaging for the community and separate messaging for the supporters of the cause was wanted. Two sets of designs, the inclusion of Close The Gap wording was considered. It was agreed that because there are different cohorts in different meetings, and for respect to all those involved in the Project, the fairest method to decide on the messaging would be by email with a timeline for the final outcome.

The shorter the message the bigger it can be on roadsides, in lots of different contexts not just t-shirts. Short and punchy wording.

The Budget funding motion specifically says Council “endorses funding of **\$30,000** as part of its commitment to support the Australian Black Lives Matter movement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, **to be led by the Yana Ngargna** Advisory Committee in close consultation with the Yarra Arts and Culture Team, through the commission of a mural for 12 Peel Street Collingwood;” Unfortunately, the extra \$20,000 to fund the entire Project proposed was not endorsed. \$5,000 has been reallocated from the existing Arts and Culture budget for the Yarra BLM Poster Project with further funding to be sought by other means.

The Yana Ngargna Advisory Group agreed the Art Poster Project and The Aboriginal Partnerships Team substantive Report discussed in Item 1 need to be completed before the end of this Council Term. The Audit Report would be presented to the Advisory Group and then Council in October.

Item 3.

Update on Northern Aboriginal Metro Covid Group.

Co-chaired by Community member (AB) and DHHS. It meets every Friday, open to any Aboriginal community member who wants to attend. 9 different portfolios with Communication the overarching, with Housing, Elders, Family & Child, Disability, etc. with a lead for each portfolio who coordinates support and testing in the Towers for the ATSI community. Information is coming back through the Neighbourhood Justice Centre and Yarra’s Partnership Team (Uncle Col) forwards the testing information on site to 3KND Radio (Kool 'N' Deadly - Melbourne’s first Indigenous owned and managed radio station) to broadcast. The Billabong BBQ Program is separate and running great with CoHealth and Yarra Libraries. Good opportunity to fine tune our services and fix any gaps. Face masks being distributed.

Final Thoughts/Other Items:

Aboriginal BLM means a lot of things including the importance of self-determination. Not enough has changed and Yarra needs to take note of what the Elders and the Ancestors have said and what the community keeps repeating over a very long time. It’s about Yarra having respect for the laws and traditions of the oldest living culture in the

world, taking pride in having access to that knowledge. Promoting language, language that is vital to the nuances of knowledge. Health, authentic respect, care and belonging. What should Treaty look like from a Local Government point of view? Recognition, financial recompense for stolen land to climb out of hardship. Bridging the gap from being at the lowest socio-economic bracket compared to the rest of the community as well as closing the health gap. Economic stability for the whole community.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That the meeting be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:
 - (a) note this Delegate's Report;
 - (b) acknowledge the important role of Fitzroy to the Aboriginal Rights movement and to Aboriginal self-determination as the birthplace of many Aboriginal developed, controlled and led organisations;
 - (c) listens to the call that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are over-consulted but specifically that the same or similar messages are continually repeated, over generations; and
 - (d) express gratitude to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members, for the hard work and contributions to the Art Project, and for providing direction and advice to Council to make a contribution in support of the global Black Lives Matter movement from the Australian perspective.

CARRIED

11. General Business

Nil

12. Questions without notice

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12.1 Councillor Jolly – Post COVID Festivals

Question:

With the COVID induced pandemic recession leading to most of the night-time economy being closed down for twenty-two plus weeks and hundreds of people being unemployed, can you explain to me what would be the best process to follow what Mayor Sally Capp is trying to doing in the City of Melbourne by way of having post COVID, not stage 3 or stage 2, but hopefully when we get back to the stage 1 or no stages, some type of festival in Gertrude Street, Smith Street, Brunswick Street or potentially in Swan Street to try and get people down on the weekend to our night-time economy. A festival where we generally see in Sydney Road and High Street in Moreland and Darebin Councils, obviously that would be good for local businesses and re-employment in the night-time economy, but obviously there has to be a process. Can you explain to me what would be the best way to look at seeing if this was a viable option for the City of Yarra moving ahead.

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer advised that this couldn't just be a question without notice because it is not something that we can take on board and come back with an answer. I think this needs to be a Notice of Motion asking the organisation to prepare a report and to consider preparing a report giving the details of what is happening elsewhere and what it is that is being expected within a certain timeframe.

12.2 Councillor Fristacky - Kerb extensions Rathdowne/O'Grady Streets (Rathdowne Village, North Carlton)

Question:

With works being completed at the corner of Rathdowne and O'Grady Street, why has there been so much bitumen on both sides of the road with very limited place making planting and secondly, why wasn't there consultation on the design?

Response:

The Director City Works explained that it is a black spot project, black spot funding is available for making streets safe, not for the purpose of place making. In this treatment there will be a tree, seat and bike hoop on the southern kerb extension and there will be bike hoops on the northern kerb extension. There has been consultation with the café owner and officers have met and discussed the design with the café owner and have made some changes as a result. The water strategy is due to come to Council and we have a commitment to water sensitive urban design, but not every street and every corner lends itself to those treatments and as an example on the north side there is no drain so we have had to use a box culvert and where there's not a proper drainage pit you can't have a water treatment so it is not always possible to have these things, we endeavour to do these when we can but it is not always possible.

Further Questions:



Noting the seat installed is placed in full sun facing a blank regularly graffitied wall, can a second seat be placed at right angles to the currently installed seat, and located along the edge of the tree cut out enabling those seated to:

- sit in shade under the tree when it matures; and
- be able to sit, rather than facing a blank wall, facing the heritage buildings of Rathdowne Village, being one of Melbourne's prized heritage vistas.

Secondly, can the graffiti/tagging please be dealt with as part of Council's program to remove graffiti in its activity centres?

Response:

The Director City Works took the question on notice.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 12.01am.

Confirmed Tuesday 15 September 2020

Mayor