



# Minutes

## Council Meeting

7.02pm, Tuesday 2 March 2021

Teams

## 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 Anab Mohamud        | Councillor   |
| • Cr Bridgid O'Brien     | Councillor   |
| • Cr Amanda Stone        | Councillor   |
| • Cr Sophie Wade         | Councillor   |

#### Council officers

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

## 3. Announcements

### 3.1 – Congratulations to Cr Amanda Stone

Cr Amanda Stone has been elected to several leadership positions in the ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability: a global network of more than 1,750 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Cr Stone is now the Global Executive (member for Oceania), Chair Regional Executive, and Special Global Advisor on Nature, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration.

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

No declarations were made.

#### 5. Confidential business reports

Nil

#### 6. Confirmation of minutes

##### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor O'Brien

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That the amended minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 February 2021 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

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Nil

## 7. Public question time

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

<b>Questioner</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Response</b>
Roger Walters	Planning and building permits for the Yarra Bend Amcor Development site	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response.
Uddygoni Hall	Council increase the group fitness classes at the Leisure Centres	The Chief Executive Officer provided a response. The Director City Works and Assets also provided a response.
Jeremy Lawrence	If Council receive revenue from the state governments congestion levy.	The Director Corporate Business and Finance provided a response.
Darcy Moran	Parking restrictions at the Alphington Yarra Bend Development	The Director Planning and Place Making provided a response.

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## 8.1 Planning Scheme Amendments – a possible alternate approach

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<b>Reference</b>	D21/15469
<b>Author</b>	Fiona van der Hoeven - Assistant Manager City Strategy
<b>Authoriser</b>	Director Planning and Place Making

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### RECOMMENDATION Start time: 7.29pm

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes the officer report regarding the possible alternate approach available to Council in seeking further planning scheme provisions in a more timely approach;
  - (b) notes the letter from the Minister for Planning and the draft Terms of Reference for an Advisory Committee by included in **Attachments 1 and 2**;
  - (c) notes the officer commentary regarding the opportunities and risks outlined in the report in respect to this possible alternative approach in pursuing planning scheme amendments to the Yarra Planning Scheme;
  - (d) notes that the intent of an alternative approach to pursuing planning scheme amendments is to:
    - (i) seek to have a much more timely and efficient approach to the inclusion of important planning scheme amendments into the Yarra Planning Scheme in order to best manage the significant development pressure that the Yarra municipality is experiencing, and likely to continue to experience for some time, and
    - (ii) seek to have the current interim Design and Development Overlays in the Yarra Planning Scheme processed to permanent planning scheme provisions, with or without necessary adjustments that Council seek following Council resolutions as part of that process;
  - (e) notes the various provisions in the draft Terms of Reference recommended by Yarra City Council senior planners in order to provide a process that continues to provide a significant degree of influence for Council in the planning scheme amendment process via an Advisory Committee approach; and
  - (f) notes that the alternate approach subject to this report would be a process available to the Council in addition to the normal planning scheme process involving Panel hearings, and in this regard, it would be up to the Council which process would be sought having regard to the circumstances.
2. That having regard to the officer report and the attachments, Council determine to request the Minister for Planning to set up and appoint an Advisory Committee to assist the Council formalise necessary planning scheme amendments to best manage the development pressure currently occurring, and likely to continue into the foreseeable future.
3. That Council authorises the CEO to:
  - (a) request the Minister to appoint a Standing Advisory Committee under Part 7, section 151 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with a Terms of Reference as included in **Attachment 2**, and
  - (b) delegates to the CEO the authority to finalise the Terms of Reference and make any administrative or other changes that are consistent with the intent set out in this report.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Virginia Noonan; and

Anne Horrigan-Dixon.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor O'Brien

**Seconded:** Councillor Landes

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  - (a) notes the officer report regarding the possible alternate approach available to Council in seeking further planning scheme provisions in a more timely approach;
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    - (ii) seek to have the current interim Design and Development Overlays in the Yarra Planning Scheme processed to permanent planning scheme provisions, with or without necessary adjustments that Council seek following Council resolutions as part of that process;
  - (e) notes the various provisions in the draft Terms of Reference recommended by Yarra City Council senior planners in order to provide a process that continues to provide influence for Council in the planning scheme amendment process via an Advisory Committee approach; and
  - (f) notes that the alternate approach subject to this report would be a process available to the Council in addition to the normal planning scheme process involving Panel hearings, and in this regard, it would be up to the Council which process would be sought having regard to the circumstances.
2. That having regard to the officer report and the attachments, Council determine to request the Minister for Planning to set up and appoint an Advisory Committee to assist the Council formalise necessary planning scheme amendments to best manage the development pressure currently occurring, and likely to continue into the foreseeable future.
3. That in the context of the above, Council determine that, at this point in time, the only matters to be referred to the Advisory Committee by the Minister for Planning (at the Councils request), are the matters relating to:
  - (a) proposed permanent planning scheme provisions for Bridge Road major activity centre;
  - (b) proposed permanent planning scheme provisions for Victoria Street major activity centre; and
  - (c) proposed permanent planning scheme provisions for area of Collingwood South (mixed use precinct);

4. That Council then receives a report from officers (within four months) reviewing the processes and progression of these initial referrals, and if it is determined by Council as being satisfactory, that Council then consider and determine as appropriate, other planning scheme proposals to be referred to the Advisory Committee in order to seek to progress changes to the Yarra Planning Scheme in a more efficient manner to best manage the development pressures being experienced by the municipality;
5. That Council authorises the CEO to:
  - (a) request the Minister to appoint a Standing Advisory Committee under Part 7, section 151 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with a Terms of Reference as included in **Attachment 2**, and at this point, restricted to the three matters identified in clause 3 above; and
  - (b) delegates to the CEO the authority to finalise the Terms of Reference and make any administrative or other changes that are consistent with the intent set out in this report.
6. That Council make strong representations that one member of the referenced Standing Advisory Committee be a Heritage Expert.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.2 ESD Roadmap Submission to DELWP

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**Reference** D21/15248  
**Author** Kate Johnson - Strategic Planner  
**Authoriser** Director Planning and Place Making

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**RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 8.00pm

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the officer report outlining *Environmentally sustainable development of buildings and subdivisions: A roadmap for Victoria's planning system*, ESD in Yarra and officers proposed response to the Roadmap, and
  - (b) endorse the submission (at Attachment 1) to *Environmentally sustainable development of buildings and subdivisions: A roadmap for Victoria's planning system* to be submitted to DELWP in response to the release of the Roadmap.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the officer report outlining *Environmentally sustainable development of buildings and subdivisions: A roadmap for Victoria's planning system*, ESD in Yarra and officers proposed response to the Roadmap, and
  - (b) endorse the submission (at Attachment 1) to *Environmentally sustainable development of buildings and subdivisions: A roadmap for Victoria's planning system* to be submitted to DELWP in response to the release of the Roadmap.
2. That Council authorise the CEO to finalise the submission based on feedback and input from Councillors.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.3 Outdoor Dining Program

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<b>Reference</b>	D21/15171
<b>Author</b>	Simon Osborne - Senior Project Officer - Retail, Tourism and Marketing
<b>Authoriser</b>	Director Planning and Place Making

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### **RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 8.13pm

1. That Council note:
  - (a) the officer report in response to the Council 2 February, 2021 resolution requesting a report and surveys of the local community and traders participating in the temporary outdoor dining program;
  - (b) the attachments outlining the comments from businesses and community members following the consultation with the community;
  - (c) that the program has been broadly commended, but there has been some concerns expressed by some local community members;
  - (d) the survey results (both quantitative and qualitative) provided in response to the questions posed (as shown in the Attachments (both summary version and verbatim versions));
  - (e) the costs of the temporary outdoor dining program and the impact on the Council finances to date;
  - (f) that officers have engaged with many State agencies and emergency services as part of the set up for the temporary outdoor dining program up to the end March 2021;
  - (g) the public safety aspects of the outdoor dining program insofar as it relates to the parklets in the kerbside of roads;
  - (h) that officers are undertaking further research with other Melbourne inner city Councils regarding the value of the outdoor dining program, and will be in a position to inform Council of that research in the middle of this year;
  - (i) that notwithstanding the grant received to date from the State Government, the cost to the Council in providing support and assistance to the local traders has been well in excess of those monies; and has been a major impact on the Council resources and finances, and
  - (j) that the quality of the outdoor dining facilities provided by traders varies, and that some are not designed for a medium term period and / or do impact on the Council facilities such as drainage, parking facilities and the like.
2. That Council now determine if it wishes to extend the temporary outdoor dining program or not until end June 2021.
3. That Council now determine from the following options regarding this temporary outdoor dining program to instruct the organisation:
  - (a) Option 1 – cease the temporary outdoor dining program at end March 2021, and that footpath trading fees for all components of footpath trading be reinstated from 1 April 2021;
  - (b) Option 2 – extend the temporary outdoor dining program until end June 2021 on the following basis:
    - (i) no kerbside trading fees be applied for that period, but that all footpath trading fees be reinstated from 1 July 2021, and

- (ii) no fees for parklets until end June 2021.
- (c) Option 3 – extend the temporary outdoor dining program until end June 2021 on the following basis:
  - (i) all kerbside trading fees be applied from 1 April to end June 2021, and ongoing,
  - (ii) that a fee be applied for all parklets for this extension period based on the number of whole car spaces being used, (noting that any future programs may have a different fee after due Council consideration of any future outdoor dining programs), and
  - (iii) that Council determine the monthly fee for the use of the parklet for this temporary extension of the outdoor dining program.
- 4. That Council in considering part 3 above, have particular regard to the officer report as part of its deliberations, including the extent of Council waivers and revenue forgone during the period of this temporary outdoor dining program, and also the matters of public safety and public liability aspects that does exist with the parklet approach due to the proximity of moving vehicles nearby.
- 5. That if the Council determines that the outdoor dining program regarding *temporary* parklets is to conclude at the end of March 2021, that Council recognise that:
  - (a) officers will not renew any Council consents for those items, and
  - (b) that officers will commence a process to require the structures to be removed within 14 days.
- 6. That Council also acknowledge that in any extension period, if a particular issue arises with specific parklets that the CEO may require modifications and or removals to ensure adequate public safety and drainage aspects are attended to.
- 7. That Council note that at the end of any extension period by the Council to the temporary outdoor dining program that officers will revert back to the full compliance requirements of Footpath Trading regarding spacings and dimensions of the materials and furniture of the footpath.
- 8. That Council receive further information from officers once the analysis from the research, in conjunction with other inner city Councils, has been received and considered by officers.
- 9. That the CEO be authorised to operationalise all aspects to deliver on the Council resolutions above.

### Public Submissions

*The following people addressed Council on the matter:*

*Robyn Rodier, Warm Hug Café;*

*Neil Christensen, The Signet Bureau Pty Ltd; and*

*Peter Kaylor.*

### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor de Vietri

1. That Council note:
  - (a) the officer report in response to the Council 2 February, 2021 resolution requesting a report and surveys of the local community and traders participating in the temporary outdoor dining program;
  - (b) the attachments outlining the comments from businesses and community members following the consultation with the community;

- (c) that the program has been broadly commended, but there have been some concerns expressed by some local community members;
  - (d) the survey results (both quantitative and qualitative) provided in response to the questions posed (as shown in the Attachments (both summary version and verbatim versions));
  - (e) that many businesses in Yarra are still suffering from the 2020 and 2021 lockdowns;
  - (f) that the City of Yarra offers a number of services to small businesses, that can be accessed as needed, including rate relief under its COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy;
  - (g) the costs of the temporary outdoor dining program and the impact on the Council finances to date;
  - (h) that officers have engaged with many State agencies and emergency services as part of the set up for the temporary outdoor dining program up to the end March 2021;
  - (i) the public safety aspects of the outdoor dining program insofar as it relates to the parklets in the kerbside of roads;
  - (j) the public safety and amenity impacts on some surrounding premises, and in particular residential neighbours of certain parklets;
  - (k) that officers are undertaking further research with other Melbourne inner city Councils regarding the value of the outdoor dining program, and will be in a position to inform Council of that research in the middle of this year;
  - (l) that notwithstanding the grant received to date from the State Government, the cost to the Council in providing support and assistance to the local traders has been well in excess of those monies; and has been a major impact on the Council resources and finances, and
  - (m) that the quality of the outdoor dining facilities provided by traders varies, and that some are not designed for a medium term period and / or do impact on the Council facilities such as drainage, parking facilities and the like.
2. That Council instruct the organisation:
- (a) to extend the temporary outdoor dining program until end June 2021 on the following basis:
    - (i) no kerbside trading fees be applied for that period, (the extension period but that all footpath trading fees be reinstated from 1 July 2021, and
    - (ii) no fees for parklets until end June 2021; and
  - (b) that it be clearly communicated to participants in the parklet program that at this stage, the program is only being extended until end of June 2021, and that any further investment in the spaces is to be made on that basis.
3. In selecting the course outlined in clause 2 above, has had particular regard to the officer report as part of its deliberations, including the extent of Council waivers and revenue forgone during the period of this temporary outdoor dining program, and also the matters of public safety and public liability aspects that does exist with the parklet approach due to the proximity of moving vehicles nearby.
4. That Council acknowledge that in any extension period, if a particular issue with specific parklets arises or has consistently arisen previously (for example, as notified to Councillors or officers, or in the survey outlined in the officer report), that the CEO may require modifications and or removals to ensure adequate public safety, amenity and drainage aspects are attended to.
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5. Council notes that at the end of any extension period by the Council to the temporary outdoor dining program that officers will revert back to the full compliance requirements of Footpath Trading regarding spacings and dimensions of the materials and furniture of the footpath.
6. That Council receive further information from officers once the analysis from the research, in conjunction with other inner city Councils, has been received and considered by officers.
7. That as part of further information to Councillors on outdoor dining, that officers prepare an outline of the learnings from the temporary program as part of further considerations on this matter.
8. That the CEO be authorised to operationalise all aspects to deliver on the Council resolutions above.

*Councillor Nguyen suggested an amendment. The amendment was not accepted by the mover and seconder. It was then formally put.*

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.02pm*

*The meeting resumed at 9.04pm*

#### **AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Councillor Nguyen

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

9. In addition, Council matches the funding for option 3 to fund internships for our public housing residents and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra

**LOST**

#### **CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillors Jolly, O'Brien and Nguyen

**Against:** Councillors Stone, Crossland, de Vietri, Mohamud, Landes and Wade

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor de Vietri

1. That Council note:
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  - (b) the attachments outlining the comments from businesses and community members following the consultation with the community;
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- (e) that many businesses in Yarra are still suffering from the 2020 and 2021 lockdowns;
  - (f) that the City of Yarra offers a number of services to small businesses, that can be accessed as needed, including rate relief under its COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy;
  - (g) the costs of the temporary outdoor dining program and the impact on the Council finances to date;
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  - (l) that notwithstanding the grant received to date from the State Government, the cost to the Council in providing support and assistance to the local traders has been well in excess of those monies; and has been a major impact on the Council resources and finances, and
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11. That Council acknowledge that in any extension period, if a particular issue with specific parklets arises or has consistently arisen previously (for example, as notified to Councillors or officers, or in the survey outlined in the officer report), that the CEO may require modifications and or removals to ensure adequate public safety, amenity and drainage aspects are attended to.
12. Council notes that at the end of any extension period by the Council to the temporary outdoor dining program that officers will revert back to the full compliance requirements of Footpath Trading regarding spacings and dimensions of the materials and furniture of the footpath.
13. That Council receive further information from officers once the analysis from the research, in conjunction with other inner city Councils, has been received and considered by officers.

14. That as part of further information to Councillors on outdoor dining, that officers prepare an outline of the learnings from the temporary program as part of further considerations on this matter.
15. That the CEO be authorised to operationalise all aspects to deliver on the Council resolutions above.

**CARRIED**

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9.22pm*

*The meeting resumed at 9.27pm*

## 8.4 Rating Hardship Report

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**Reference** D21/16076  
**Author** Wei Chen - Acting Chief Financial Officer  
**Authoriser** Director Corporate, Business and Finance

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**RECOMMENDATION** Start time: 9.27pm

1. That Council notes this report on Rating Hardship.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Nguyen                      **Seconded:** Councillor Stone

1. That Council notes this report on Rating Hardship.

**CARRIED**

## 8.5 Request to Remove Significant Tree

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<b>Reference</b>	D20/173024
<b>Author</b>	Ivan Gilbert - Group Manager Chief Executive's Office
<b>Authoriser</b>	Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

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### RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 9.39pm

That Council having considered the application for review of the delegated Officers decisions to refuse a permit for the removal of a significant tree (*Canary Island Date Palm*) located on property 12 Park Avenue, Richmond, note the report and determine to:

- (a) now approve the issue of a permit to remove the subject tree; **OR**
- (b) uphold the delegated Officer decisions to not approve a permit for removal of the said tree; and advise the applicant accordingly.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor O'Brien

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That Council having considered the application for review of the delegated Officers decisions to refuse a permit for the removal of a significant tree (*Canary Island Date Palm*) located on property 12 Park Avenue, Richmond, note the report and determine to:

- (a) uphold the delegated Officer decisions to not approve a permit for removal of the said tree; and advise the applicant accordingly.

**CARRIED**

## 9.1 Notice of Motion No. 3 of 2021 - Resumption of Weekly Kerbside Recycling Collections

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<b>Reference</b>	D21/15500
<b>Author</b>	Ivan Gilbert - Group Manager Chief Executive's Office
<b>Authoriser</b>	Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

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### RECOMMENDATION Start time: 9.44pm

1. That Council:
  - (a) note its formal motion of 26 June 2020:

*“That:*

    - (a) *Council endorse the roll out of glass bin only in October 2020;*
    - (b) *Council endorse a fortnightly collection for recycling and a fortnight collection of glass; and*
    - (c) *appropriate communication commence with the community and relevant stakeholders to prepare for an October 2020 glass bin roll out.”;*
  - (b) note the very significant level of community opposition to the arrangement and also complaints concerning overflowing bins, etc. as a result of the fortnightly collection; and
  - (c) now determine to reinstate the kerbside recycling service to a weekly collection.

### Public Submissions

*The following people addressed Council on the matter:*

1. *Ignacio Inchausti;*
2. *Maria Fragomeni;*
3. *Karen Dabbs;*
4. *Shane Delphine, Yarra Climate Action Now;*
5. *Christine Maynard;*
6. *Andrea Cook;*
7. *Julie Baker;*
8. *Katarina Radoni;*
9. *Theresa Saldanha;*
10. *Adam Promnitz; and*
11. *Kedem Levy.*

## MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council:

(a) note its formal motion of 26 June 2020:

*“That:*

*(a) Council endorse the roll out of glass bin only in October 2020;*

*(b) Council endorse a fortnightly collection for recycling and a fortnight collection of glass; and*

*(c) appropriate communication commence with the community and relevant stakeholders to prepare for an October 2020 glass bin roll out.”;*

(b) note the very significant level of community opposition to the arrangement and also complaints concerning overflowing bins, etc. as a result of the fortnightly collection; and

(c) now determine to reinstate the kerbside recycling service to a weekly collection.

**LOST**

## CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillors Jolly and O'Brien

**Against:** Councillors Stone, Crossland, de Vietri, Mohamud, Nguyen, Landes and Wade

**LOST**

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That the meeting be extended a further 30 minutes

**CARRIED**

## 10. Petitions and joint letters

### 10.1 Petition – Yarra Leisure Centres reduction in fitness classes

Reference: D21/19887

A change.org petition containing currently 138 online signatures are requesting that Council consider providing more fitness classes as the latest timetable shows a huge reduction in available fitness classes.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

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

**CARRIED**

## 11. Questions without notice

Nil

## 12. Delegates' reports

### 12.1 Councillor Stone - Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA)

Start time: 11.02pm

<b>Committee</b>	Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA)
<b>Appointed Councillors</b>	Cr Amanda Stone
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
<b>Date of Report</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2021
<b>Report Author</b>	Cr Amanda Stone

The City of Yarra is a member of NAGA.

NAGA formed in 2002 as a network that shares information, coordinates emission reduction and adaptation activities and cooperates on the research and development of innovative projects. NAGA's goal is to substantially contribute to the transition to a low-carbon future by delivering effective programs and leveraging local government, community and business action.

The NAGA Executive comprises a councillor from each of the 9 NAGA Councils and relevant officers. The project work in the [NAGA Strategic Plan](#) is undertaken by officers within and across their councils.

Following the 2020 Council elections, a new NAGA Executive has met twice with a full work program.

#### **NAGA Program Activities**

##### **Climate Change Training for Councillors**

NAGA has been contracted by DELWP to develop the content for training for councillors for "Climate Change and Your Council" as a result of the new Local Government Act mandating this.

### **Local Government Power Purchase Agreement**

The Victorian Greenhouse Alliances are working with Darebin City Council to develop a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for 47 Victorian councils to procure low cost renewable energy for council operations from 1 July 2021. Darebin is running the procurement. Yarra as a member of MREP will not participate.

### **DELWP regional adaptation strategy**

The DELWP Port Phillip region is developing a Regional Adaptation Strategy. NAGA has been part of a working group inputting to this, and Greenhouse Alliances are delivering projects funded by the Strategy and the annual action plan related to it.

### **Climate Emergency Australia**

Established as an initiative of NAGA, Climate Emergency Australia is in the process of developing a proposed membership model for councils, establishing a web presence and developing an advocacy strategy.

Numerous successful webinars have been conducted including a recent webinar on the financial costs of climate impacts on 4 February with 109 participants.

CEA is also conducting interviews with community groups based in climate emergency council areas, to find out about their expectations of what local governments should be doing in a climate emergency and their possible role in contributing to that.

### **Exploring Vulnerabilities**

NAGA has been commissioned by DELWP to assess the preparedness of specific vulnerable groups within the community and business sectors for expected climate change impacts, identify measures for how their level of preparedness might be improved and map out a strategy to take this forward

### **Embedding climate change in the Council Plan process**

NAGA is exploring the range of ways that it can support member councils to embed climate change across their council. As part of the DELWP Port Phillip region's work on their Regional Adaptation Plan, NAGA has been commissioned by DELWP to research how councils can incorporate climate change into their Council Plans. This project will research the process that councils go through to develop their new Council Plans, support peer-to-peer learning and provide a guide to embedding climate change in the Council Plan, and additional support to councils as identified.

### **Local government as an electricity retailer**

NAGA is surveying councils as to how much likely demand (in the form of numbers of households and small businesses) they can bring to a project for a white labelled electricity retailer.

### **Annual Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference**

Cancelled last year but now planned for 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

### **NAGA Advocacy**

A key focus during 2021 will be on land use planning and climate change.

### **NAGA Councils**

The other 8 NAGA councils are making enormous progress in reducing their council and community emissions through programs as diverse as Darebin's "Keep It Cool", Hume's new Household Energy Officer position, Manningham's upgrading of their

local grid to accommodate input from a solar stadium, Melbourne’s “Cool Routes Tool” for walkers, Moreland’s Youth Climate Summit and Women Environment Leadership Scholarship, Nillumbik’s solar farm on the Plenty landfill site, and Whittlesea’s bulk street light changeover program.

The scale of work in both mitigation and adaptation is really accelerating across all these councils with great potential for ongoing collaborative work.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

That Council note this Delegate’s Report.

**CARRIED**

### 13. General Business

#### 13.1 Councillor Stone - Electric Vehicle Charge Stations

Start time: 11.07pm

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor de Vietri

That officers provide a Briefing Report to Council by May on the options for Yarra Council to facilitate the provision of electric vehicle charging points across Yarra in a timely way to support residents making the switch away from combustion engine vehicles in line with Council’s Climate Emergency Plan.

**CARRIED**

**Background**

The uptake of electric vehicles in Australia is gathering momentum with many Yarra residents purchasing or planning to purchase an electric vehicle as prices drop. Many residents are aware of the cost savings in running an electric vehicle as well as the emission reductions an electric car (charged by renewable energy) can achieve.

However, many Yarra residents also live without access to onsite parking where they can recharge an electric vehicle at home. They are reliant on public charge stations.

There are several options for facilitating the roll out of publicly accessible charge stations in Yarra with more providers entering the field. This will increase in the new few years. Yarra Council can play a role in facilitating this to enable our residents and businesses to access charge points and accelerate the uptake of EVs in general.

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 11.12pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 16 March 2021

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Mayor