

# Yarra Environment Advisory Committee

**MINUTES** – Thur 4 Mar 2021, 6:00-8:00pm



## **Online Meeting**

**Invites:** Jenny Backholer, Chris Currie, Andrew Vance, Katherine Morgan, Paul O’Shea, Miranda Sharp, Gary Shadforth, Lucy Derum, Michael Oke, Samantha Green, Lisa Coffa, Lan Dinh, Craig Lupton, Cr Gabrielle di Vietri (Mayor),

**Attendees:**

**Apologies:** Geoffrey Golden, Adeline Stuart-Watt, Chris Williams,

**Chair:** Cr Amanda Stone

### **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

*Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to Elders past and present*

### **2. Review of previous minutes and actions, and review of this agenda - any ‘Other Business Items to add?’**

Minutes accepted. No additional items

### **3. Council’s Community Skills for Climate Action program – what it is, who it’s for, how you can be involved, how you can help promote this initiative (Michael Oke)**

Sam Green Provided an outline of this program. Partnering with Darebin and Moreland Councils to offer a nine session program to support people across our cities to work together to take effective action on climate change. See: <https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/news/2021/02/11/community-skills-for-climate-action>

YEAC Members encouraged to apply and invite others.

### **4. Upping the ante on restoration of the Yarra River Riparian Corridor, and how this can be coordinated and delivered. Yarra Rehabilitators – what is, potential for this to be a subcommittee of YEAC? (Chris Currie / Craig Lupton)**

Broad conversation on how to support improved outcomes for the Yarra River Riparian Corridor, how best to engage Yarra citizens, and the potential role of a YEAC Subcommittee.

Agreed that YEAC was not the right mechanism to act as a vehicle for an on-ground action group. YEAC is designed for engaged and selected citizens to advise Council on the actions that we should be taking to improve environmental sustainability.

It was agreed that a Terms of Reference (TOR) is needed to define the project scope, duties and tasks, a land tenure map to identify community-based revegetation opportunities on land adjacent to the Yarra River from Dights Falls to Burnley Harbour. Over the preceding 6 months, with support from land managers, opportunities would be identified that would form the basis of available grant options.

Collingwood Children’s Farm offers a unique opportunity in Yarra to deliver large scale riparian ecological vegetation class (EVC) reinstatement projects and partner with the Narrap Team and the community to connect and heal country

ACTION: Chris and Craig to develop a TOR, a land tenure map and explore collaborative grant opportunities to deliver community-based reinstatement projects across boundaries. Update YEAC on progress as appropriate.

**5. Update on Council Plan/ Future vision process, Council Budget process, and deliberative engagement with the community - what is Yarra doing in this space? The role YEAC members can play if you choose to. (Michael Oke)**

The Planning is well underway to develop a new 15 Year Vision for the Municipality and Council Plan for the next four years to progress towards this vision. These are VERY important documents. There have been many opportunities to express your views and more will come as it is developed. Stay tune on this project via: <https://yoursayyarra.com.au/future>

**6. Active Consultations: (see: *Your Say Yarra* <https://www.yoursayyarra.com.au/>)**

- No current consultations relevant to YEAC

**7. Other Business – time permitting?**

- none

**8. Future Agenda Items to add?**

- ACTION: update on progress of Yarra Rehabilitators at future meeting

**Close (by 8pm sharp)**

**Next Meeting: [6 May 2021](#)**