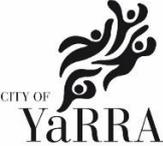


<b>Active Ageing Advisory Group</b>			
<b>Summary</b>			
<b>MINUTES</b>			
<b>Date:</b>	16/06/2021	<b>Start time:</b>	1.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual - Teams	<b>End time:</b>	3.00pm
<b>Chair</b>	Cr Amanda Stone	<b>Minute Taker</b>	CO
		<b>Trim Ref:</b>	
<b>Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land:</b>			
<p>“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. 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”.</p>			

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1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country:	N/A
2.	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Cr Amanda Stone (Chair), Council Officers (CO), AAAC members (CM)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> JM</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Director, Community Strengthening, Uni Students</p>	N/A
3.	<p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p><b>Business Arising:</b></p> <p><b>Draft Council Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Council Plan unlikely to be ready for at least a month. When available officers will circulate ASAP and provide options for the group to provide feedback.</li> <li>Q: How would members like to provide input? Group submission? Individual? Thoughts? Impact of timing on responses was discussed.</li> <li><b>BM</b> suggested bringing a sub group together (2nded by <b>MN</b>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers provide draft Council Plan when available and include a plan/process for AAAC sub group input.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Key topics for updates at future meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topics listed below (in italics) have been kept on minutes/agendas (raised by members as key areas of interest) for follow up.</li> <li>Cr Stone acknowledged it is early days of new AAAC and as a result, a number of agenda items are still briefings /information updates.</li> </ul> <p>ABCD Presentation</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO presentation on ABCD. Details what “Results Based Accountability” means. Outlined the benefits of an Asset Based Approach.</li> <li>• \$75,000 funds rolled over and keen for project to now get underway. Need to collaborate with a number of organisations – have currently identified Collingwood Neighbourhood House and will engage with more once project underway.</li> <li>• Discussion how Asset Based approach focusses on the “art of conversation”.</li> <li>• Members commented on very interesting approach/methodology and looking forward to seeing how it rolls out. Very excited, as it is a very good community model.</li> </ul> <p>Open Space Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO discussed the Open Space Projects underway. A number of pocket parks/playgrounds being considered for upgrade/refurbishment (listed on the “Your Say” page). Suggest that someone attend meeting from Open Space to have a general conversation about what are the aged friendly aspects that come into the design of those types of projects (key design principles). Are they considering aged friendly features at the early stage?</li> <li>• CO raised it is very important to participate in that conversation, particularly in COVID times with older people more likely to be out and about. CM raised the opportunities around health/play equipment for older people being included.</li> </ul> <p>Other Areas on AAAC agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Open Space/Footpaths /Urban design.</i></li> <li>• <i>Preventative Programs (in terms of healthy ageing). Participating in Council Plan feedback important on this matter.</i></li> <li>• <i>Cost of living issues- housing and financial support (rebates/cost of living in Yarra).</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Asset Based Program briefing.</i></li> <li>• <i>Discussion on Leisure Services- feedback on COVID return numbers / planning for specific group programs, some group activities still not returned. Cr AS responded with details of email provided by Leisure Services outlining the complexity of returning around numbers, staffing etc. It is a fluid situation and Leisure Services are keeping Council updated.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attach ABCD presentation with minutes.</li> </ul>  <p>ABBCD Seniors presentation handout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your Say link for review. <a href="https://yoursayyarra.com.au">https://yoursayyarra.com.au</a></li> <li>• Officers to invite Open Space to next meeting.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Director Community Wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the committee. Outlined his role as Director and the</li> </ul>	N/A

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	<p>importance of the National Reforms for Council and the role that this group will play in sharing their lived experience. Voice of this group instrumental in terms of presenting a position to Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM asked if any feedback on Council's who have left service provision. Director advised that there had not been too much difficulty from the limited feedback (not had feedback really at client level), however, service navigation is clearly an issue. CO raised long term plans of Banyule as example of timing required in decision making processes.</li> <li>• Director invited anyone to contact him if issue to address.</li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Positive Ageing Coordinator</b></p> <p>Welcome—commencement date 28 June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been at Banyule in a similar role (and has done work on a Senior's Park 😊). Banyule is a WHO accredited Age Friendly City. Must be able to demonstrate continued commitment to improvement (measuring aged friendly indicators). Benefits of this is you are part of a global data base of resource sharing.</li> <li>• Worked for the WHO as a tutor on healthy ageing (designers/academics/dentists etc.) all form Asia Pacific region.</li> <li>• Keen to learn about the members and their key areas of interest.</li> <li>• CM noted had worked with CO before and very glad to have her back.</li> </ul>	N/A
7.	<p><b>Councillor Update and Member Feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council Plan and the Long term Budget are the key focus now. Council have just been presented with Community Vision (will be made public soon). Very important document as must respond to it (state government measurements).</li> <li>• COVID business measures have been extended (outdoor dining/hospitality sector).</li> <li>• Community grants projects about to be kicked off again.</li> <li>• Council established 1<sup>st</sup> LGBTIQ committee.</li> <li>• Also about to establish Mobility/Transport Committee.</li> <li>• Briefed last night on the Aged Care Reforms.</li> <li>• Ongoing planning issues raised at each meeting. Big challenge.</li> <li>• Cr Stone requested any network feedback/other feedback.</li> </ul> <p>Feedback from committee members:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>World Elder Abuse Day raised, particularly in terms of the bigger issue of ageism in general.</li> <li>Frustrations raised of dealing with private providers (as carer for mother). Poor accountability and communications and low continuity of services. CM endorsed this feedback and highlighted the variability (where as Council services much more stable).</li> <li>Also mentioned Yarra Pub Cricket (believes it is not being interpreted properly in consideration for oval use etc) due to connotations of being connected with alcohol. This is not really what it's like – it is a family/social group ( Another CM confirmed that is the case with Pub Footy).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clr Stone will follow up offline.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Aged &amp; Disability Services Report</b></p> <p><b>a) Support for Carers technology initiative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Digital program where technology (ipad/tablet/sim card) provided to carers (mix of representatives) and then linked with the libraries who provide digital coaching. Currently about 25 people involved. CO asked members to let Officers know of referrals (carers) for whom this program might be appropriate. CO received some very positive feedback from a current carer on the program.</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Wellness Packs via Meals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing cleaning packs to people receiving meals. Also have installed freezer at CSCC to keep frozen meals for people to access for international students who have lost income during COVID (making food accessible for those at risk).</li> </ul> <p><b>c) Support of Seniors Clubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubs have temporarily ceased their meetings, but will reopen as soon as possible. Currently looking at QR code support for groups if required. 17 clubs that currently meet regularly are on hold (and their needs ongoing will be considered in project below).</li> </ul> <p><b>d) Social Worker Placements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students on placement for 11 weeks (full time) to identify support needs of senior groups supported by the participation grant (i.e CALD seniors groups).</li> <li>Students outlined project so far. Undertaking research and best practice, and engagement with key stakeholders (will develop guided questions about current group usage). Will also be undertaking evaluation and identify models for future use. SWAT analysis also occurring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attach Support for Carers program details with minutes.</li> </ul>  <p>Support for Carers Flyer V2.pdf</p>

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	<p>(needs analysis). Will also be engaging with Neighbourhood Houses/U3A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CO discussed how well the students are going, and it is a very exciting project that will have meaningful benefits. CM raised enabling older people to network/engage through the digital technology. CO confirmed this is part of project/discussion. Engagement with the AAAC will be separate to main meeting and will likely occur in 2-3 weeks- a number of CM's are keen to be involved.</li> </ul> <p><b>e) WEAAD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WEAAD was yesterday (15<sup>th</sup>) however session postponed till 30 July (COVID). CM involved (will start promotion early July to recruit people) and it will be held at CTH.</li> <li>CM discussed issues and statistics related to people coming back and living with elderly relatives (which is happening more as a result of COVID) and the issue of abuse (62% of elder abuse is financial, 63% psychological).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other members who are keen to participate in the project advise CO</li> <li>Attach NARI project Links  <a href="https://www.nari.net.au/Pages/Category/elder-abuse">https://www.nari.net.au/Pages/Category/elder-abuse</a>  <a href="https://www.nari.net.au/elder-abuse-in-victoria">https://www.nari.net.au/elder-abuse-in-victoria</a> </li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Aged Care Reforms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefed Councillors (15 June) on My Aged Care System and what Council currently does (RAS &amp; CHSP).</li> <li>Next stage discussion on the response to the Royal Commission, particularly around consumers and the view that assessment will be merged (ACAS/RAS) and the impact that has on Council services. Similarly, looks like CHSP/HCP programs will be wrapped up together however next 12 months to work on this proposition.</li> <li>Likely extension to 2023 in terms of agreements etc.</li> <li>CM raised similarities between NDIS problems and the revised assessment processes (CO discussed LACs and how they are working).</li> <li>CM thanked CO for the summary and the amount of work being undertaken in the space (other CM's agreed). CM provided update of how it is working in reality.</li> </ul>	
10.	<p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft budget to be adopted next week.</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 18 August 2021, Wurundjeri Meeting Room CTH 1.00 – 3.00pm