

Yarra Environment Advisory Committee

AGENDA – Wed 29 Sept 2021, 6:00-8:00pm



Online Meeting

Attendees: Andrew Vance, Paul O’Shea, Miranda Sharp, Jenny Backholer, Chris Currie, Geoffrey Golden, Adeline Stuart-Watt, Gary Shadforth, Katherine Morgan Cr Amanda Stone, Cr Gabrielle di Vietri (Mayor), Michael Oke, Kelly Heffer, Kieran Dickson, Craig Lupton, Lisa Coffa, Sam Green

* *NOTE: In addition to regular YEAC members and Council Staff, we have invited Shane Delphine and Meredith Kefford from YCAN to attend for the first 3 items.*

Apologies: Chris Williams

Chair:

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 – confirm if any ‘Other Business Items to add?’ (6:05-6:10)

Actions outstanding:

ACTION: All - Submit your personal; feedback to the Draft Arts and Culture Strategy via [Your Say Yarra](#)

ACTION: Moke - pass on Andrew Vance contact details to Tim to follow on the MGC issue and potential case study / will this support what MGC needs.

ACTION: Moke - Add agenda item – *Are there any emerging issues of concern or opportunities from the group that Council should be aware of?*

Adopt minutes (attached end of this Agenda) **Adopted**

3. Consultation on Roadmap to Zero Emissions in Yarra by 2030 (Hannah Snape (Ironbark Sustainability), Kelly Heffer (Yarra) (6:10-7:10)

Kelly provided the background to the project – where it has come from and what it I trying to achieve:

- Council has engaged local consultants *Ironbark Sustainability* to develop a ‘roadmap to zero’ report, to inform Council of the actions needed to drive significant carbon emissions reductions towards meeting a zero net emissions target for the whole municipality by 2030.
- This piece of work has stemmed from the Climate Emergency Plan (pp. 30): *In the lead up to expiration of this plan, Council will develop an evidence-based ‘roadmap to zero’, analysing the emissions reductions potential and cost effectiveness of possible actions.*
- This project is intended as guide for the organisation, to show what is technically possible within the Yarra context, and what are key activities that Yarra should focus on or other key stakeholders can influence. The *Roadmap* is not designed to become an endorsed Council plan or strategy, but will be a key report to inform action now and provide further clarity on the way forward to drive reductions in community emissions from the 22/23 financial year onwards.

Kelly Heffer and Hannah Snape stepped through the process and outcomes to date, and highlight some of the key actions that look likely to be part of recommendations in the Roadmap.

Feedback was sought into the process and actions:

- **Green Apartments** – ‘seen as new an innovative’. This is an opportunity for Yarra to be a leader. 50% of Yarra residents. Its really hard but its so important. Also to be able to look at what Yarra is doing and say ‘that is me’.
- **Overall what does this mean?** Is there some indication to their relative contribution and cost effectiveness etc. How will council decide which ones to focus on? Still being worked on. The final report we will have some review of cost effectiveness / most impactful.
- **Composition of the pie in 2030:** What does the pie look like then? What are the resistant ections then? Is that where the advocacy should lie?
- **How does it seem that this will integrate into CEP?** *Response:* This work helps to prioritise and go into detail for actions that are in the CEP as well a additional ones.
- **What is the feeling around sticks as well as carrots** eg. Taxing inefficient buildings? Better designed buildings pay less. Commercial/industrial.
- **Vehicle emissions** – have we considered car share?
- **Resourcing and feasibility** – it is possible to have joint initiatives
- **Council Plan** – four-year plan – how will this process into that?
- **Measurement** – Best measurement for tracking progress is at the programmatic level
- **Circular economy and economy and embodied emissions** – This does not look to be in the Roadmap. Has this been mapped?
- **Advocacy – getting people off gas** – seems a massive opportunity. Is this something that the State Government is likely to support?

ACTION: Moke to share gas substitution roadmap with YEAC

ACTION: All to send any additional feedback you have to Moke

4. **Urban Agriculture ‘Kit of Parts’.** (Kieran Dickson) **7:10-7:25**

The Urban Agriculture team are developing a Kit of Parts for Urban Agriculture, including new transportable infrastructure. How can remain more responsive to the community? Passionate and engaged community in Yarra. Land is precious and at a premium.

Kieren provided a slide deck of new products.

5. **Update on Community Skills for Climate Action and upcoming initiatives** (Sam Green) **7:25-7:35.**

Sam will share outcomes and insights from the recent *Community Skills for Climate Action program*, as well as upcoming initiatives including the *Big Local livestream* events which begin September 30th

ACTION: Sam to share the full lit of the 22 actions that have come out of the group

Chris shared that it was one of the most impactful influential sessions he has ever been involved in!

ACTION: Yin ?? also does a 3-4 hr day workshop and is highly recommended

<https://mooramooraa.org.au/index.php/events/indigenous-perspectives/>

ACTION: Reminder to look at the [Big Local livestream](#) and see if you want to attend any of the sessions.

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

- Gladell Street redevelopment options – one option is very much a shared space with more room for trees and pedestrians
- None currently of strong relevance to YEAC
- *NOTE:* The Yarra Council Plan feedback has now closed.

7. Standing Item: *Are there any emerging issues of concern or opportunities from the group that Council should be aware of? 7:35-7:45*

8. Other Business – time permitting? 7:45-7:55

9. Future Agenda Items to add?

- update on progress of Yarra Rehabilitators at next meeting (*hold off to November*)
- Update on collaboration between Melbourne Girls and ACF (*hold off to November*)
- Review of membership of YEAC when timing and way forward is confirmed

Close 8:00 SHARP

Next Meeting: TBC