



Agenda

Council Meeting

7.00pm, Tuesday 23 November 2021

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Council Meetings

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Public question time is an opportunity to ask questions about issues for which you have not been able to gain a satisfactory response on a matter. As such, public question time is not:

- a time to make statements or engage in debate with Councillors;
- a forum to be used in relation to planning application matters which are required to be submitted and considered as part of the formal planning submission;
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If you wish to raise matters in relation to an item on this meeting agenda, Council will consider submissions on these items in conjunction with and prior to debate on that agenda item.

When you are invited by the Mayor to ask your question, please come forward, take a seat at the microphone, state your name clearly for the record and:

- direct your question to the Mayor;
- refrain from making statements or engaging in debate
- don't raise operational matters which have not previously been raised with the Council administration;
- not ask questions about matter listed on the agenda for the current meeting.
- refrain from repeating questions that have been previously asked; and
- if asking a question on behalf of a group, explain the nature of the group and how you are able to speak on their behalf.

Once you have asked your question, please remain silent unless called upon by the Mayor to make further comment or to clarify any aspects.

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Before each item is considered, the meeting chair will ask people in attendance if they wish to make submission. If you want to make a submission, simply raise your hand and the Mayor will invite you to come forward, take a seat at the microphone, state your name clearly for the record and:

- Speak for a maximum of five minutes;
- direct your submission to the Mayor;
- confine your submission to the subject under consideration;
- avoid repetition and restating previous submitters;
- refrain from asking questions or seeking comments from the Councillors or other submitters;
- if speaking on behalf of a group, explain the nature of the group and how you are able to speak on their behalf.

Once you have made your submission, please remain silent unless called upon by the Mayor to make further comment or to clarify any aspects.

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1. Acknowledgment 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 Gabrielle de Vietri	Mayor
• Cr Claudia Nguyen	Deputy Mayor
• Cr Edward Crossland	Councillor
• Cr Stephen Jolly	Councillor
• Cr Herschel Landes	Councillor
• Cr Bridgid O’Brien	Councillor
• Cr Amanda Stone	Councillor
• Cr Sophie Wade	Councillor

Council officers

• 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

Leave of absence

• Cr Anab Mohamud	Councillor
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3. Announcements

An opportunity is provided for the Mayor to make any necessary announcements.

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

Any Councillor who has a conflict of interest in a matter being considered at this meeting is required to disclose that interest either by explaining the nature of the conflict of interest to those present or advising that they have disclosed the nature of the interest in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting commenced.

5. Confidential business reports

Nil

6. Confirmation of minutes

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 November, Monday 15 November and Tuesday 16 November 2021 be confirmed.

7. Public question time

An opportunity is provided for questions from members of the public.

8. Council business reports

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10. Petitions and joint letters

An opportunity exists for any Councillor to table a petition or joint letter for Council's consideration.

11. Questions without notice

An opportunity is provided for Councillors to ask questions of the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer.

12. Delegate's reports

An opportunity is provided for Councillors to table or present a Delegate's Report.

13. General business

An opportunity is provided for Councillors to raise items of General Business for Council's consideration.

14. Urgent business

An opportunity is provided for the Chief Executive Officer to introduce items of Urgent Business.

8.1 Park Street Contraflow Bike Lane Pilot Trial Extension

Reference	D21/132675
Author	Simon Exon - Unit Manager Strategic Transport
Authoriser	Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. For Council to consider extending the existing 12-month pilot trial of contraflow bike lanes on Park Street in Fitzroy North given the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 and significant difficulties with data collection.

Critical analysis

History and background

2. Park Street runs adjacent to the Linear Park between St. Georges Road and Bowen Crescent in Fitzroy North. On 23 June 2020 Council resolved to introduce a 12-month trial of contraflow bike lanes on Park Street (at its far eastern end between St Georges Road and Nicholson Street). This was one of multiple transport projects considered in mid-2020 as an emergency response to COVID-19 to relieve bike traffic on the linear space to the north.

Discussion

3. The contraflow bike lanes formally allow cyclists to travel in both directions, whilst cars are limited to one-way travel (note this has been a one-way section of road for many years).
4. Cyclists traveling west can continue on-road on Park Street to the west of Nicholson Street.
5. The intention has been to provide an alternative to the Linear Park for more experienced cyclists given it is increasingly crowded with cyclists, joggers and pedestrians, particularly during the pandemic.
6. Works to install the contraflow bike lanes on Park Street (east of Nicholson Street) were completed in early September 2020 and were subject to some commentary from the local community at that time.
7. In summary, some community members questioned the need for the project and the installed design. Specifically, some community members stated that it is difficult for the driver of a vehicle (kerbside) to see approaching cyclists due to sightlines.
8. The contra-flow lane means parked cars face east against the southern kerb, and cyclists approach parked cars from the front.
9. This project, and the commentary around it, was discussed at Council on 15 September 2020 as part of a wider Park Street bike lane report. In response to the community commentary, Councillors were informed of the following:
 - (a) similar contraflow bike lane designs have been used elsewhere in Yarra and other municipalities for many years without reported incident; example streets include Lennox Street, Richmond and Gray Street, Brunswick;
 - (b) Council's Traffic Engineering Unit carried out a site visit and assessment following the completion of the works to investigate the concerns raised, as well as other potential safety issues; and
 - (c) the implemented design was considered a low safety risk; some minor changes (tweaks) to improve safety were identified following the completion of an independent road safety audit. These changes were primarily around providing some additional signage and were then delivered as iterations to the trial.

10. The trial has now been in place for over 12 months and a *Your Say Yarra* webpage has been open for feedback since that time.
11. As of 15 September 2021, there were 23 comments on the project on the website. A significant number of these were regarding the Capital City Trail Crossing at Rae Street which is a totally separate project, albeit nearby. Other comments and observations ranged from *'keep up the good work'* to *'the Capital City Trail isn't busy so bikes should be using that and not Park Street'*.
12. There have been no reported accidents since the trial was installed.
13. Council has received some suggestions for changing the design of the contraflow lane from the community since it was installed. These suggestions include:
 - (a) installing a bi-directional bike lane on the north side of Park Street; and
 - (b) shifting the entire contraflow bike lane to the north side of Park Street.
14. The officer response to these suggestions are as follows:
 - (a) the road-width of this section of Park Street is not wide enough to accommodate bi-directional bike lanes; the minimum width required for low volume bi-directional lanes is 2.5m, which is 1m wider than the current contra-flow lanes. In order to achieve this outcome, it would be necessary to either remove all on-street car parking which would have significant impacts on local residents, or re-align the kerbs which would come at a huge cost capital cost (likely to be over \$1M given changes to drainage); and
 - (b) shifting the contraflow bike lane would not generate any safety benefits and would be costly and difficult to deliver. It could also introduce new issues and most importantly, this arrangement would not be compliant with Australian Road rules.
15. COVID-19 lockdowns and anxieties around being exposed to the coronavirus have significantly impacted everyone's lives in multiple ways including the purpose, distance and way in which people travel. This has made assessing trials in any street environment in Melbourne difficult.
16. It has not been possible to undertake reliable data collection of this trial due to extended lockdowns in 2021.
17. Informal observations from officers travelling through this area are that it is used by some cyclists and is relieving the pressure on the Linear Park trail to some degree.
18. In June 2021 Council made a commitment to proceed with the Inner Circle Linear Parklands Masterplan (a.k.a Linear Park Masterplan). The purpose of this Masterplan is to set the strategic direction for the Inner Circle Linear Parklands and guide its future maintenance, development, and improvement over the next ten years. The Masterplan is scheduled to take 24 months to complete and is a significant undertaking for Council that will respond to some long-standing questions and issues in this area. The project inception period has commenced.
19. The core objectives of the linear park masterplan project are to:
 - (a) clarify the importance and impact of relevant strategic documents and adjacent projects;
 - (b) analyse and document the physical, social and environmental context of the project site;
 - (c) engage all stakeholders to ensure constraints, opportunities and priorities are established;
 - (d) develop a project vision that aligns with citywide goals and community priorities;
 - (e) develop a functional layout to guide future usage, including access and circulation within the linear park and its surrounds;

- (f) provide best practice guidelines that promote inclusion, improve design quality and refine management systems;
 - (g) ensure that the design is achievable and sustainable within Councils resources; and
 - (h) improve the overall experience for the community both now and in the future.
20. Park Street runs parallel to the busy Linear Park trail and would also be considered in terms of the role it could play as an alternative cycling route to reduce pressure on the trail itself. This may mean that proposals for Park Street come forward as part of this wider project. This is another factor for consideration when assessing the trial and deciding on a timeframe for making this assessment.

Options

21. Three options have been identified:

Option 1

22. Council resolves to decide on either making this trial permanent or removing it now having considered the contents of this report.

Option 2

23. Council resolves to extend the trial by 12 months.
24. This would allow people's lives to return to some semblance of normality or a new post-COVID normality.
25. After any extension period Council would decide on the permanent layout of this road (be it the trial is left as it, taken out or something else is installed).

Option 3

26. Council resolves to extend the trial until the Linear Park Masterplan is adopted given its scope includes Park Street.
27. The Masterplan is due for adoption in approximately 18 months and is a significant undertaking for Council that will respond to some long-standing questions and issues in this area.
28. This would allow decision making on this section of park Street to tie into a broader and more detailed piece of work in this area.

Officer Recommendation

29. The officer recommendation is for Council to extend the trial until the Linear Park Masterplan is adopted. This would allow:
- (a) data to be collected on Park Street in an ongoing COVID normal situation; and
 - (b) the recommendations of the adopted Linear Park Masterplan to be considered as part of decision making on the longer-term layout of this section of Park Street.
30. All aspects of how the trial currently operates and is managed would continue. This includes:
- (a) continuing to authorise the Director of Planning and Place Making to instruct staff to make tweak type adjustments to the trial where appropriate and until Council forms an opinion on its future;
 - (b) completing data collection; and
 - (c) continuing with the *Your Say Yarra* webpage.

Community and stakeholder engagement

External Consultation

31. The formal Council meeting process provides an opportunity for external parties to comment on the topic of extending existing the contraflow bike lane trial.

32. No other consultation has been undertaken on the specific topic of extending the trial.

Internal Consultation (One Yarra)

33. The line marking is holding up relatively well and can remain in situ should the trial be extended.

Policy analysis

Alignment to Community Vision and Council Plan

34. None specifically associated with extending or not extending this existing bike trial project.

Climate emergency and sustainability implications

35. Undertaking trials and providing protected bike lanes to deliver infrastructure quickly and cheaply to encourage cycling is consistent with a number Council's transport and Climate Emergency Plan objectives.

Community and social implications

36. No known new social implications are associated with extending or not extending the trial.

Economic development implications

37. No economic implications associated specifically with extending this trial.

Human rights and gender equality implications

38. It is not considered there any human rights implications.

Operational analysis

Financial and resource impacts

39. There are no financial implications in extending the trial. If the trial was to be reversed there would be some minimal costs.

Legal Implications

40. There are no known legal implications.

Conclusion

41. On 23 June 2020, Council resolved to introduce a 12-month trial of contraflow bike lanes on Park Street, Fitzroy North (at the far eastern end between St Georges Road and Nicholson Street).
42. This trial was one of multiple transport projects considered by Council as an emergency response to the travel patterns of community due to the pandemic, particularly in relation to the Linear Park pathways.
43. It has not been possible to undertake reliable data collection of this trial due to extended lockdowns.
44. This report considers some options going forward regarding this trial.
45. These options include deciding now on the permanent treatment of this section of the street, or extending the trial so a decision can be made in the future having considered additional data and the outputs of the Linear Park Masterplan processes including community engagement.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding the trial of a contraflow bike lane in the eastern part of Park Street, Fitzroy North;
 - (b) resolves to extend the trial until the Linear Park Masterplan is adopted given the scope includes Park Street and environs;
 - (c) notes that the Masterplan is due for adoption in approximately 18 months and is a significant undertaking for Council that will respond to some long-standing questions and issues in this area; and that this would allow decision making on this section of Park Street to tie into a broader and more detailed piece of work in this area;
 - (d) notes that waiting for the completion of the Master Plan would allow more informed decision making to be made on this section of Park Street;
 - (e) continues with the trial as endorsed in June 2020;
 - (f) reaffirms to authorise the Director of Planning and Place Making to instruct staff to make tweak type adjustments to the trial where appropriate and until Council forms an opinion on its future;
 - (g) instruct officers to continue data collection in 2022; and
 - (h) continue to run and monitor the *Your Say Yarra* webpage as part of evaluating the contraflow bike lane trial.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.

8.2 Elizabeth Street Protected Bike Lanes Trial

Reference	D21/145591
Author	Simon Exon - Unit Manager Strategic Transport
Authoriser	Director Planning and Place Making

Purpose

1. For Council to consider extending the existing 12-month pilot trial of protected bike lanes on Elizabeth Street given the ongoing impacts on movement of persons due to the COVID-19 pandemic and also the significant difficulties with data collection.

Critical analysis

History and background

2. Elizabeth Street is designated as a 'strategic cycling corridor' by the Department of Transport and connects the central city via Albert Street in East Melbourne to Richmond and the inner east suburbs.
3. Protected (or separated) bike lanes on Elizabeth Street were first proposed in Council's 2010 Bicycle Strategy.
4. In December 2019, Council resolved to implement a 12-month trial of protected bike lanes on Elizabeth Street.
5. The 'Pilot and Trial' methodology (as detailed in that Council report) emphasised ongoing data collection and engagement with the community to assess how the trial is performing before a decision would be made on any permanent road design.
6. It is also noted that the 'Pilot and Trial' approach has been used as the first iteration of *possible* permanent protected bike lanes in this location using more permanent materials and landscaping.
7. The image below shows an image of the pilot and trial protected bike lanes outcome through the use of bollards and chevron paint lines to delineate the lanes.



Notes:

- (a) It is noted that the intention of any permanent protected bike lanes in this location, is to plant trees on the northern side of the roadway, between the separated bike lane (east bound) and the carriageway for vehicles (where the chevron lines are to the right hand side of the above image);
- (b) This would be tree plantings that, at semi maturity, would begin to provide some upper canopy, and hence shade and amenity improvements to this particular location;
- (c) The Elizabeth Street location was one of the identified areas in the adopted *Urban Forest Strategy (2017)* analysis of the need for tree plantings (upper canopy); and
- (d) The intent of any permanent works is that it comprise both protected bike lanes in each direction, with comfortable and safe space for cycling, and also the inclusion of vegetation.

The current Trial

- 8. The original intention was to deliver the trial project in April 2020. This was delayed due to practical matters associated with COVID-19 at that time, instead the trial was installed in July 2020.
- 9. The Council resolution stated that the installed trial design option would remain in situ between the conclusion of the trial at 12 months, and the production of a report to Council detailing its performance to inform decision making on any longer-term road treatment.
- 10. The resolution also stated that this report be produced as soon as practicable following the completion of the 12-month trial, but within six months of its completion.
- 11. The trial road configuration installed in July 2020 (in the specific layout as formally endorsed in December 2019) was again considered by Council in September 2020 (approximately three months after it was installed). This was in response to questions from some members of the local community regarding the rationale for certain aspects of the design. Some of these queries specifically related to the width of the protected bike lanes and why on-street car parking needed to be removed on the north side of the street to achieve these widths.
- 12. It is important to note that the protected bike lane widths are to create modern standard bike lanes. They are also compliant with the new draft State Government cycle design guidelines (yet to be formally released).
- 13. At this width, they provide the following benefits:
 - (a) enable cyclists of different speeds to pass each other;
 - (b) provide a more comfortable and safer riding environment;
 - (c) allow one cyclist to swerve around another cyclist in the event of a sudden stop due to an incident (a puncture or broken chain);
 - (d) increase the capacity of the bike lane;
 - (e) responds to feedback from cyclists using Wellington Street protected bike lanes (indicating that they should be wider for safety and passing);
 - (f) provide more space for cargo bikes, child trailers etc.;
 - (g) keep cyclists away from driver side car doors, and also away from the gutter and the drainage channel to the left; and
 - (h) allow cyclists to avoid any other debris in the bike lane (e.g. broken glass).
- 14. It is also noted that the requirement to remove parking along one side of this street was first acknowledged in the 2010 Council Bike Strategy; it was again acknowledged in the 2016 Council Bike Strategy Refresh.
- 15. Council resolved at the September 2020 meeting to continue with the trial design specifically as endorsed at the December 2019 meeting and installed three months prior in July 2020.

The evaluation phase

16. It is clear that pandemic lockdowns and anxieties of people around being exposed to COVID-19 have severely impacted everyone's lives in multiple ways, including the purpose of trips, distance of trips and way in which people travel. This has made assessing trials in any street environment in Melbourne very difficult.
17. The December 2019 Council resolution was made before COVID-19 occurred, and at that time, it was reasonable to assume that nothing would prevent data collection and other survey work from:
 - (a) being physically collected; and
 - (b) that the data collected would represent a normal ongoing situation of how infrastructure is used and performs to inform subsequent decision making.

Discussion

18. The pandemic is still ongoing, as are its impacts on transport and movement.
19. Data collection over the last 12 months has been very challenging with continual and sometimes extended lockdowns making any informed assessment of a trial in a 'normal ongoing day to day setting' impossible. For example, commuter cycling, train and tram numbers are significantly down across the whole of inner Melbourne, as hundreds of thousands of people employed at CBD offices have primarily been working from home.
20. Further, schools, universities, café's, shops, museums, galleries, hotels, sports stadiums and even children's playgrounds have also been closed with obvious impacts. It has been anticipated that once 80% of the population are vaccinated then most things will be able to open up in a COVID-19 safe way and will then be able to stay open. Some anxieties in persons will still no doubt exist for some time regarding travel modes.
21. Notwithstanding COVID-19 and the lockdowns, three quarterly rounds of data collections and survey work have been undertaken by independent consultants engaged by Council (see Attachment 1).
22. Quarterly reports providing a summary of the data collection have been provided to Councillors previously on Diligent Board software.
23. A pop-up event targeted at CALD communities was also completed in March 2021.
24. The '*Your Say Yarra*' page includes an interactive map of the project, which allows the community to add comments on the trial and is checked regularly by officers.
25. A fourth and final quarterly round of data collection was scheduled for July 2021, but has not been possible due to further lockdowns until some days ago.
26. The following statistical aspects are provided for information:
 - (a) there has been 317 contributions (including 12 attending the CALD interpreter assisted event in June); and
 - (b) 86% of those contributors were local to Richmond, Abbotsford or Collingwood.
27. Further, the analysis of key themes identified in these contributions highlighted:
 - (a) 28% expressed support for the project because of improved safety (includes reference to improved experience of females and child cyclists);
 - (b) 4% were advocating for the extension of trial area;
 - (c) 22% raised concerns related to perceived safety issues (majority relating to narrowness of parking lanes and driving lanes and sight lines at intersections);
 - (d) 8% expressing dissatisfaction around parking removal and less availability of parking;
 - (e) 19% expressed concern at the perceived lack of transparency in the consultation (majority advocating a need to be consulted prior to the installation of the trial infrastructure), and

- (f) the remainder related to issues out of the scope of this engagement.

28. From the data collected between lockdowns, the following observations, at this time, can be made:

- (a) the proportion of women and children cycling on Elizabeth Street has increased. This aligns with Council objectives to get a wider cross section of society cycling in Yarra;
- (b) peak hour cycle journeys have reduced although interpeak trips have also increased. This could be down due to COVID-19 and/or the provision of safe facilities which are used for a broader range of purposes throughout the day;
- (c) 575 people have so far participated in intercept surveys on Elizabeth Street across the three quarters. 71% of survey participants encompassing a wide range of people using Elizabeth Street for various purposes across various transport modes said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the project. This is a positive number particularly given approximately 70% of all respondents had not cycled to Elizabeth Street when interviewed;
- (d) further segmentation of the data showed that those most likely to be unsatisfied or very unsatisfied with the project tended to be people primarily using cars as a mode of transport;
- (e) the average vehicle speeds are now slightly lower;
- (f) traffic volumes have varied for obvious reasons;

Note:

- (i) the traffic volumes were lower, but have trended upwards at various times of the year depending on the COVID-19 situation; and
 - (ii) this trend is consistent with traffic volumes across inner-Melbourne. It is assumed this is because people are avoiding public transport due to physical distancing, it could also be because some people do not feel safe using a bicycle on Melbourne's roads and consequently choose to drive; and
- (g) three rounds of extensive on-street and off-street car parking surveys covering thousands of spaces have been undertaken to date. This has shown that parking is still available in the local area. (NB. it should be noted that finding on-street parking is a common challenge for a busy inner-city area and street space is finite).

29. It is also noted that since the installation in July 2020, a number of small adjustments have been made to the trial in response to community feedback; these include:

- (a) removal of some bollards to reduce street clutter;
- (b) additional signage;
- (c) changes to some car parking restrictions;
- (d) the installation of disability permit bay; and
- (e) improvements to visibility splays for cars entering Elizabeth Street from side streets.

Options

30. There are two options available to Council.

31. **Option 1 – determine a position on the protected bike lanes.**

32. **Option 1** is that Council resolves to make a decision on the trial as soon as is practically possible. There are 2 sub options outlined below for Council consideration.

33. This would need to use data that has been collected over the course of the previous 12 months during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

34. Under this scenario officers would report back to Council on permanent options for Elizabeth Street. These options would include:

- (a) Option 1(a): returning the road to its pre-trial design. That is, reinstallation of relatively narrow unprotected bike lanes next to parked cars (on both sides of the road) and passing traffic; and
- (b) Option 1 (b): installing permanent protected bike lanes, trees and other street treatments.

NB. There is significant capital funding required to complete the works in a permanent manner; and this would be subject to further reporting to Council. It is noted that any permanent protected bike lanes works is in the many hundred of thousand of dollars.

- 35. **Option 2 – determine to extend the trial due to COVID-19 impacts on evaluation**
- 36. **Option 2** is that Council resolves to extend the trial by 12 months (e.g. from the date that 80% of the Victorian population is fully vaccinated being November). This would then be post metropolitan wide lockdowns enabling for people's lives to return to some semblance of normality or a new post COVID-19 normality.
- 37. In this option, the evaluation processes would continue and provide a more realistic appraisal of the trial project to inform future decisions making by the Council. Officers would also explore opportunities for State Government to fund any permanent protected bike lane treatment on Elizabeth Street and report back as part of future discussions on treatments for this street.

NB. Some costs would be minor repair works to the road pavement as required which is anticipated to be approx. \$30K for a 12 months period.

Officer Recommendation on options

- 38. The officer recommendation is for Council to extend the trial (Option 2): so that more data can be collected for a solid 12-month period that is not peppered with lockdowns and significant disruptions to how people live and travel. It would also allow time for officers to pursue opportunities for State Government to help fund any permanent protected bike lanes in the future.
- 39. In Option 2, all aspects of how the trial currently operates, managed and monitored as agreed as part of the December 2019 resolution, would continue. This would include:
 - (a) continuing with the specific existing design as installed in July 2020 (and endorsed by Council in December 2019 and endorsed again in October 2020);
 - (b) continuing to authorise the Director, Planning and Place Making to instruct staff to make minor (or tweak type) adjustments to the trial where appropriate, and until Council forms an opinion on its future;
 - (c) continuing the program of data collection and survey work;
 - (d) continuing with a further pop up engagement event in the street in February 2022 targeted at the CALD community; and
 - (e) officers continuing to keep Councillors informed on the above matters, including the survey and intercept data reports.

Community and stakeholder engagement

- 40. The formal Council meeting process provides an opportunity for external parties to comment on the topic of extending this existing protected bike lane trial. No other consultation has been undertaken on the specific topic of extending the trial.
- 41. Discussions have occurred with the City Works Division of Council to understand the road surface and trial infrastructure maintenance aspects should the trial be extended. The outcomes of these discussions are that a scheduled road re-sheet can be moved back as need be, without causing a significant asset management issue. Low cost patch ups (approx. \$ 30 K) to the road surface can also be undertaken as required over the next 12 months.

42. It is noted that the trial infrastructure (bollards, decals, signage and other things) is holding up relatively well and could remain in situ (with some patching as required), should the trial be extended by Council.
43. Council policies and procedures regarding CALD community consultation have been followed during the trial and would continue if the trial is extended by Council.
44. Further communication to the community would be implemented with all relevant stakeholders and residents to outline any extension of the trial or other decisions of Council.

Policy analysis

Alignment to Community Vision and Council Plan

45. The project is a pilot and trial of protected bike lanes in a particular street which is on a 'strategic cycling corridor'.
46. The Council Plan encourages the use of trials to improve safety in a specific environment.

Climate emergency and sustainability implications

47. Undertaking pilot and trials, and providing protected bike lanes to deliver infrastructure quickly, and relatively cheaply, to encourage cycling is consistent with a number Council's transport and Climate Emergency Plan objectives.

Community and social implications

48. There are not any known new social implications are associated with extending or not extending the trial.
49. Some community members have previously expressed concerns and implications of the trial. These were expressed in the September 2020 Council report and discussed at that meeting.

Economic development implications

50. No known economic implications associated specifically with extending the trial.
51. Some minor changes to the trial were made previously in response to feedback from a trader at the western end of the street.

Human rights and gender equality implications

52. There are no known specific human rights implications.
53. Some access, amenity and or economic issues have been expressed including from local religious organisations.
54. The intent of the pilot and trial, in part, is to encourage more usage of cycling as a means of accessing the city by all persons, including females and children, who at times, may be more anxious about cycling on roads with no protected lanes.

Operational analysis

Financial and resource impacts

55. The financial implications depend on the option being considered by Council. In this regard:
 - (a) the option of extending the trial for say 12 months (Option 2) would be the cost of incurring some minor road maintenance and material maintenance of approx. \$ 30 K to \$ 40 K; and
 - (b) the cost of returning the road to its pre-trial design would be approximately \$80 K (that is, to remove the trial infrastructure and reinstate the line-marking to the pre-trail condition).
56. It is highlighted that changing / rearranging road space with permanent works is very expensive – that is why a trial has occurred in the first instance for evaluation purposes.
57. It is noted for illustration, that the Wellington Street protected bike lanes (with concrete separator islands) was very expensive with a large component paid by State Government.

58. The cost of any permanent changes to install protected bike lanes in Elizabeth Street aligned to the cross section of the current trial, include the following:
- (a) a full resheet of the full road of some \$ 700 K; that needs to be done within the next few years in any event; it is currently scheduled for 23/24;
 - (b) any permanent protected bike infrastructure (e.g. concrete kerbs / tree installations / soil preparations for trees etc) would need to be subject to full design aspects being resolved and what standard of fittings Council may determine to use – in this regard, the full cost of permanent protected bike lane infrastructure could range from \$500 K to approx. \$ 1 M, or possibly more (tbd through design work and specific costings); and
 - (c) any other variations of the current profile of the trial project (e.g. any crossings) would also need to be costed.
59. Further rounds of data collection and intercept survey work would be required.

Legal Implications

60. There are no known legal implication of an extension to the trial due to current circumstances of COVID-19 lockdowns over an extended period.

Conclusion

61. The Elizabeth Street protected bike lane trial was installed as a pilot and trial in July 2020. This approval by Council included specific dimensions of the various lanes – the reasons were outlined in the previous reports.
62. This route is on the 'strategic cycle corridor' in and out of the central city area and importantly, joins up with the separated bike lanes in Albert Street, East Melbourne.
63. The pilot and trial was endorsed to run for 12 months with Council due to decide on a permanent treatment within six months of the conclusion of the trial.
64. The pilot and trial is to inform future decision making of Council, and if were to be made permanent by a Council decision, it would also enable some tree planting on the northern side of the roadway, between the carriageway and the bike lane, as a means of separation, but also to provide upper canopy trees once they achieve semi maturity. This would add to the ambience of the street and add shade to the street which is currently lacking.
65. Three rounds of quarterly data collection have been completed over a 12-month period that has been heavily disrupted due to COVID-19 lockdowns; a fourth and final round has not been possible due to continual lockdowns over many months since mid this year.
66. This report provides options for the Council consideration; with one option being to consider extending the trial. That option would enable additional data to be collected during a new COVID-19 normal to inform decision making on the future of the pilot and trial and what should be the permanent treatment for Elizabeth Street.
67. Council is asked to determine the future of the current pilot and trial protected bike lanes on Elizabeth Street, Richmond and provide direction to officers.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the contents of the officers report on the Elizabeth Street protected bike lanes pilot and trial; and
 - (b) notes the options outlined for Council consideration, including abandoning the trial, or continuing with the trial at this stage for a further period in order to assess its performance with additional data.
2. That Council, having noted the officer report and options presented, now determine a course of action regarding the current pilot and trial protected bike lanes in Elizabeth Street, Richmond in order to provide direction to Council officers.
3. That, if this pilot and trial of protected bike lanes on Elizabeth Street is to continue for a further period of time, Council resolve as follows:
 - (a) to retain the current layout and configuration of the project as it currently exists including the specific width of the cycling lanes to provide lanes with maximum safety and passing manoeuvres on a strategic cycling route;
 - (b) to authorise the Director, Planning and Place Making to instruct staff to make minor adjustments to the trial, where appropriate, until Council forms an opinion on its future;
 - (c) that officers continue with the program of data collection and survey work to inform future Council decisions;
 - (d) that officers arrange a further pop up engagement event in the street in February 2022 targeted at the CALD community to gather further community opinions;
 - (e) to continue to run and monitor the *Your Say Yarra* web page regarding this trial; and
 - (f) note that officers will continue to provide updates to Councillors once further survey results are received.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#) Elizabeth Street Memo Q1
- 2 [↓](#) Elizabeth Street Memo Q2
- 3 [↓](#) Elizabeth Street Memo Q3

Attachment 1 - Elizabeth Street Memo Q1

MEMO



To: Mayor and Councillors

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From: Bruce Phillips

Date: 28nd January, 2021

Subject: Elizabeth Street Bike Lane Project – Quarter 1 Survey Results

1. This memo updates Councilors on the pilot trial of protected bike lanes in Elizabeth Street following the completion of a comprehensive data collection exercise and on-street intercept surveys conducted in November 2020.

2. On 15 September 2020, Council resolved that:

... a formal trial update report is scheduled which details data collected 3 months after the trial has been in operation;

... further parking occupancy surveys are commissioned and being undertaken in preparation for a first formal evaluation period report to Council; and

... as part of the evaluations during this 12-month period, there would be intercept surveys with persons using Elizabeth Street including residents, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to further inform the evaluation of the trial for Council consideration.

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Background

3. Elizabeth Street is designated as a strategic cycling corridor by the Department of Transport and connects the central city via Albert Street in East Melbourne to Richmond and the inner east suburbs.
4. There is a Council commitment to delivering protected bike lanes on Elizabeth Street in the Bike Strategy Refresh 2016 and as a pilot trial in the Climate Emergency Plan 2020. This project was originally scheduled for delivery by 2015 in the 2010-2015 Bike Strategy. Both these documents acknowledged that delivering protected bike lanes would require the removal of car parking on one side of the street.
5. The pilot trial was installed in July 2020 following a Council resolution in December 2019 to deliver the protected bike lanes in a timely manner as part of a regional cycling route. This trial consists of changes to linemarking and use of bollards to delineate the bike lanes. Previous Council reports provide the basis of the design including its widths and landscaping potential.
6. Upon installation some concerns were raised by some local residents regarding the design, and the trial delivery process using the iterative (pop-up) method. These concerns are detailed at length in the September 2020 council report are summarised as follows:
 - General objections to the removal of car parking from the northern side of Elizabeth Street
 - Access and convenience for loading, deliveries and pick up/drop offs
 - Public safety and perceived safety due to stated need to often park further away from their homes and the concerns stated regarding anti-social behaviour issues on or near Elizabeth Street
 - The width of the traffic lanes and space for emergency vehicles
 - The width of the parking bays and space for people getting in and out of cars
 - New parking restrictions and impacts on visitor parking in the evening
 - New parking restrictions and impacts on businesses generally during the day including medical practices and places of worship
 - Unsightly bollards and visual clutter
 - Sightlines for vehicles turning from some side streets
 - Difficulties for pedestrians crossing Elizabeth Street
7. These concerns were noted, considered and responded to in detail by officers via conversations with residents, the September 2020 council report and then via questions in the council chamber.
8. The project has also received a significant amount of praise by other community members. It has been seen as progressive and in line with what Council should be doing given its cycling policy objectives. Other feedback received supporting the trial is summarised as follows:
 - The protected bike lanes are a major upgrade
 - People feel far safer as they are away from car doors and passing traffic
 - The bike lanes are wide enough for a comfortable journey and allow overtaking and parents to ride side-by-side with children
 - Narrower traffic lanes encourage people to drive more slowly

General Observations about COVID-19 Impact on Travel

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9. As with other parts of the economy, the global pandemic has led to rapid changes in transport trends in all Australian cities. During the Stage 2 lockdown, there was a sharp decline in movement across metropolitan Melbourne of all transport modes, particularly public transport. Since lockdown ended in November, there has been a steady increase in car use because it is perceived to be the safest way to travel around the city and maintain social distancing. This usage is expected to exceed pre-pandemic levels by at least 20 per cent until a vaccine is widely distributed to the general population.
10. Demand for active transport modes is also rising as people avoid public transport. There has already been a significant uptake in recreational cycling during the pandemic to add to the doubling of commuters cycling along some bike corridors in Yarra over the last 10 years. These trends represent a major challenge as these transport modes are competing for access to the same limited street space in Yarra.
11. It is still too early to predict the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on transport in Melbourne, however it is widely predicted that demand for walking and cycling will continue to rise. Some studies suggest that one third of people will not return to work in offices full time and will opt to continue to work from home more regularly.

Intercept Survey

12. An intercept survey was conducted of 180 individuals at random on Elizabeth Street by an independent consultant to understand how the community feel about the pilot trial of protected bike lanes. A broad cross-section of the community was surveyed including both younger and older persons, males, females, local residents, people passing through, pedestrians, cyclists, and car drivers.
13. The intercept surveys were undertaken in English. Every person who was approached at random spoke and understood English at an appropriate level, be it as a first or second language. 180 people of those approached then agreed to stop and participate in the survey. The experienced survey consultant did not believe that language and communication was a significant issue when undertaking the surveys.
14. The following paragraph and graph summarise the survey results.

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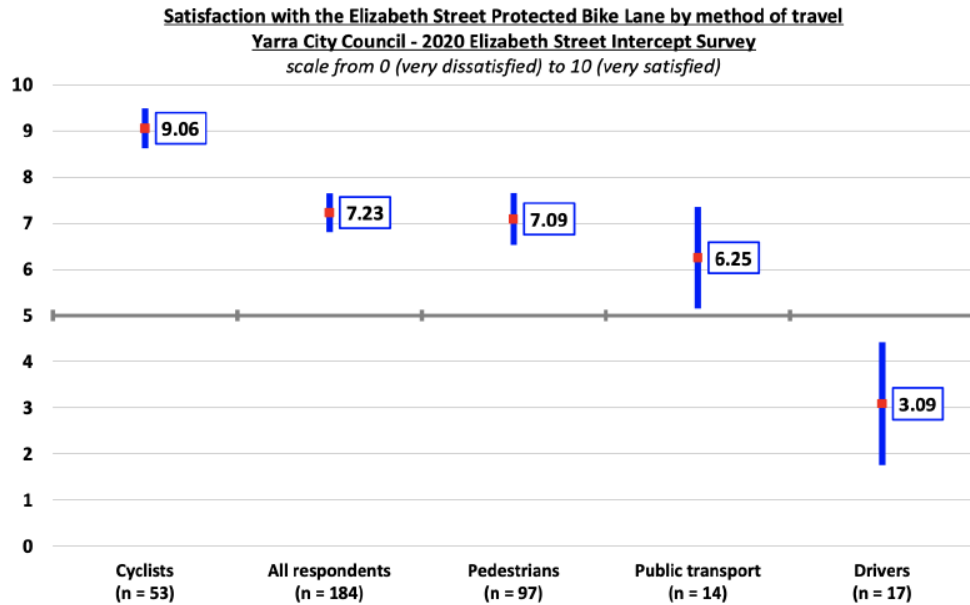


Diagram 1: Metropolis Research, November 2020

15. Most respondents were relatively local with 60% already being aware of the trial. Cyclists made up 28% of all the respondents and were extremely satisfied with the project scoring it 9.06 out of 10. The biggest reason for supporting the project was that people felt safer.
16. Overall 72% of all 180 respondents stated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the project. Only 15% stated they were dissatisfied or very satisfied which is considered by officers to be a small relative number all things considered. Many of the dissatisfied respondents are people looking to park cars on Elizabeth Street. Parking supply has been reduced to make space for this project thereby making it more difficult to park, hence it was always highly unlikely that this particular segment would be supportive of the project.
17. The full consultant report with more detailed information and other key findings is provided at Attachment 1.

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Cycling Volumes

18. Comprehensive cycling count data was collected by an independent consultant.
19. Key findings and comparisons are provided below. The data has been divided between the sections west and east of Lennox Street which is a key north-south feeder route to Elizabeth Street.

	KEY DATA & STATISTICS	FEBRUARY 2020 (Pre-Trial)	NOVEMBER 2020
ELIZABETH STREET WEST	Weekday Avg. Total No. Of People Cycling	686	384
	Commuter (Peak) Cycling Weekday Avg. %	61%	49%
	Weekend Bike Volume Total	380	399
	85% Speed Km/h	27.2	26.3
	Avg. Speed Km/h	22.1	21.6
ELIZABETH STREET EAST	Weekday Avg. Total No. Of People Cycling	391	311
	Commuter (Peak) Cycling Weekday Avg. %	58%	48%
	Weekend Bike Volume Total	351	319
	85% Speed Km/h	28	26.4
	Avg. Speed Km/h	23	20.6
DEMOGRAPHICS	Weekday Peak Avg. % Of Females Cycling	14%	23%
	Weekday Peak Avg. No. Of Children Cycling	2	13
	Weekday Peak Avg. % of Children Cycling	0.3%	4%

20. From the table the following should be noted:
- The volumes and speeds of cyclists travelling along Elizabeth Street have generally declined, especially for commuter cycling, due to COVID-19 rather than as a result of this project specifically;
 - There is now roughly an equal proportion of commuter and everyday cyclists during the week;
 - There is a greater proportion of people cycling for everyday activities than previously;
 - Weekend volumes have remained the same;
 - Cycling speeds have been reduced which reflects the uptake of everyday cycling and by a broader demographic; and,
 - The average number of woman and children during the weekday peaks has increased.
21. At this stage, it is difficult to quantify what the project has done to cyclist volumes due to COVID-19. However we will have a clearer picture when more surveys and counts are done as life in Melbourne hopefully returns to a post-COVID normal.

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**Traffic Volumes and Speeds**

22. Daily traffic volumes on Elizabeth Street have decreased by nearly 30% compared to pre-pandemic baseline levels. Peak-hour traffic volumes have also decreased by around 35% while average traffic speeds have reduced by up to 7%. The table below summarises the key traffic data findings.

KEY TRAFFIC DATA	February 2020 (Pre-trial)	November 2020 (Q1)	Pre-Trial vs Q1 (%)
ELIZABETH STREET WEST			
Total Weekday Daily Avg. Traffic Volume	9837	6956	-29%
Total Avg. Daily Traffic Volume	8946	6400	-29%
Weekday Peak-Hour Avg. Traffic Volume	849	543	-36%
Total Average Traffic Speed (km/h)	32.4	32.4	0%
Total Heavy Vehicle % of Traffic	6.2	6.9	+11%
ELIZABETH STREET EAST			
Total Weekday Daily Avg. Traffic Volume	9711	7402	-24%
Total Avg. Daily Traffic Volume	9024	6710	-26%
Weekday Peak-Hour Avg. Traffic Volume	831	572	-31%
Total Average Traffic Speed (km/h)	32.7	30.5	-7%
Total Heavy Vehicle % of Traffic	5.2	2.7	-48%

Parking Occupancy

23. Extensive parking occupancy surveys were conducted on Elizabeth Street along with nearby on-street and off-street parking facilities by an independent consultant. In total, 1504 parking bays were surveyed. The outcome of the assessment is that parking is generally available albeit the provision is slightly reduced as a result of the need to remove car parking to deliver this project. As with everything else, COVID-19 has impacted demand for car parking.
24. The table below summarises the outputs of the parking surveys.

ELIZABETH STREET PARKING OCCUPANCY SURVEY PRE-TRIAL VS Q1 SUMMARY RESULTS TABLE				
LOCATION	DATA	FEBRUARY	NOVEMBER	CHANGE %
ELIZABETH STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	148	72	-51%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	74%	86%	+16%
NEARBY ON-STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	308	308	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	67%	52%	-21%
OFF-STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	1124	1124	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	53%	46%	-14%
TOTAL AREA	NO. OF PARKING BAYS	1580	1504	-5%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	58%	49%	-16%

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25. The following observations are made based on the survey results:
 - a. Average parking occupancy on Elizabeth Street has increased which is as expected given the reduced parking provision on this street;
 - b. Almost 50% of all on-street parking bays within a short walking distance of Elizabeth Street are typically vacant, hence there continues to be parking availability in the area (particularly on Regent and Garfield Street); and,
 - c. Around 54% of all off-street parking bays are unoccupied at any one time. DHHS staff do not believe that this project has had a significant impact on DHHS residents with cars as they have allocated off-street parking.
26. Summary tables with more detailed information on the results of the parking occupancy survey are provided at Attachment 2.

Attachment 2 - Elizabeth Street Memo Q2

MEMO



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From: Bruce Phillips and Simon Exon

Date: 18 March 2021

Subject: Elizabeth Street Bike Lane Project – Quarter 2 Survey Results

1. This memo updates Councillors on the pilot trial of protected bike lanes in Elizabeth Street following the completion of the Quarter 2 data collection in February 2021, which includes on-street intercept surveys, parking occupancy surveys, traffic counts and cyclist number surveys.
2. On 15 September 2020, Council resolved (in part) that:

... a formal trial update report is scheduled which details data collected 3 months after the trial has been in operation;

... further parking occupancy surveys are commissioned and being undertaken in preparation for a first formal evaluation period report to Council; and

... as part of the evaluations during this 12-month period, there would be intercept surveys with persons using Elizabeth Street including residents, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to further inform the evaluation of the trial for Council consideration.

Note: Further surveys will be conducted as part of the ongoing evaluation of the trial and reported to Councillors periodically. In this regard, the information in this memo needs to be read as an instalment of the evaluation to Councillors.

Attachment 2 - Elizabeth Street Memo Q2

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**Background**

3. Elizabeth Street is designated as a strategic cycling corridor by the Department of Transport and connects the central city via Albert Street in East Melbourne to Richmond and the inner east suburbs.
4. The pilot trial was installed in July 2020 following a Council resolution in December 2019 to deliver the protected bike lanes in a timely manner as part of a regional cycling route. This trial consists of changes to line marking and use of bollards to delineate the bike lanes.
5. Previous Council reports provide the basis of the design implemented including the various lane widths and the future landscaping potential if it is resolved that the trial is converted to a permanent arrangement. That is, the concept is to plant some street trees (for future upper canopy) between the east bound traffic lane and the east bound cycle lane in the wider buffer area currently on the ground as a painted buffer with the diagonal rubber strips and bollards.

Intercept Survey

6. An intercept survey was conducted of 235 individuals at random on Elizabeth Street over three days in the last week of February 2021. The intercept survey was undertaken by an independent consultant to understand how the community feel about the pilot trial of protected bike lanes. A broad cross-section of the community was surveyed including both younger and older persons, males, females, local residents, people passing through, pedestrians, cyclists, and car drivers.
7. The intercept surveys were undertaken in English. The vast majority of people who were approached at random spoke and understood English at an appropriate level, and 235 people agreed to stop and participate in the survey.
8. In-person pop up information sessions will be held in mid-April and will be tailored specifically to CALD communities, including interpreters in four key languages, to ensure Council obtains genuine and meaningful feedback on the trial from everyone in the community.
9. The survey results are summarised as follows.
10. Overall 68% of all 235 respondents stated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the project. This is slightly less than during the November 2020 intercept survey which found 72% of all respondents were satisfied and very satisfied. The same pattern of satisfaction observed in this survey is consistent with the November 2020 survey, with all cyclists being very satisfied and some drivers being very dissatisfied.
11. Awareness of the trial went from 60% in November to 50% in February. This included a decline in the proportion of cyclists who were aware of the trial, down from 62% to 43%. This maybe due to an increase in use from a broader area as lockdown has eased, people coming from further afield are less likely to be aware of the intricacies of how a project has been delivered on a particular street.
12. The full consultant report with more detailed information and other key findings is provided at Attachment 1.

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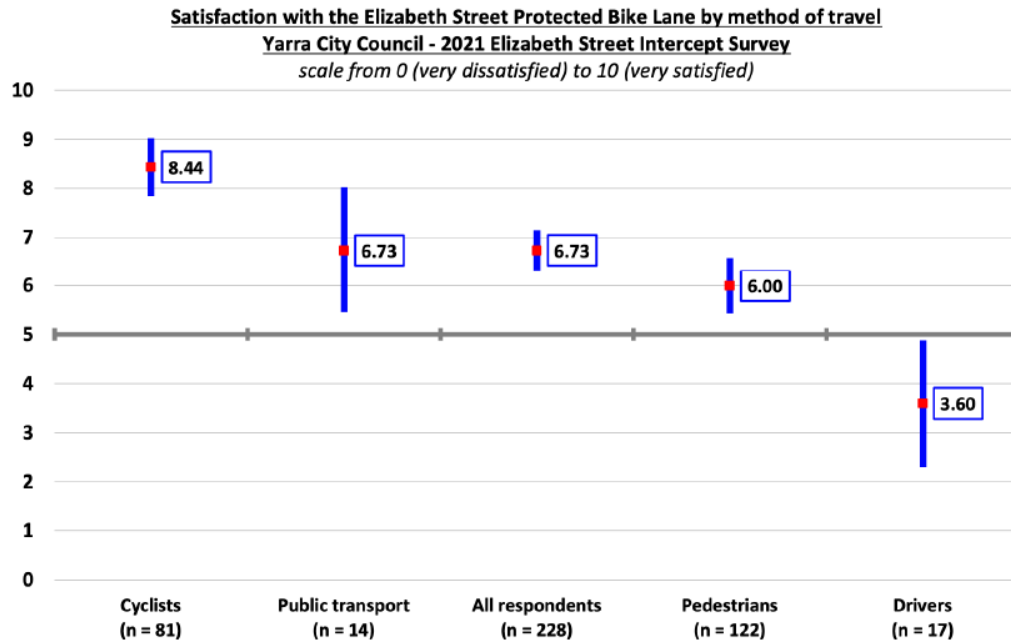


Diagram 1: Metropolis Research, February 2021

Cycling Volumes

13. Cycling count data was also collected by an independent consultant.
14. Key findings and comparisons between this quarter and the previous quarter are provided below. The data has been divided between the sections west and east of Lennox Street which is a key north-south feeder route to Elizabeth Street.

	KEY DATA & STATISTICS	FEB 2020 (Pre-Trial)	NOV 2020 (Q1)	FEB 2021 (Q2)	Q1 vs Q2 (%)
ELIZABETH ST WEST	Weekday Avg. Total No. Of People Cycling	686	384	492	+28%
	Commuter (Peak) Cycling Weekday Avg. %	61%	49%	52%	+6%
	Weekend Bike Volume Total	380	399	502	+26%
	85% Speed Km/h	27.2	26.3	24.8	-5%
	Avg. Speed Km/h	22.1	21.6	20.5	-5%
ELIZABETH ST EAST	Weekday Avg. Total No. Of People Cycling	391	311	226	-27%
	Commuter (Peak) Cycling Weekday Avg. %	58%	48%	53%	+10%
	Weekend Bike Volume Total	351	319	188	-41%

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	85% Speed Km/h	28	26.4	29.5	+11%
	Avg. Speed Km/h	23	20.6	24	+16
DEMOGRAPHICS	Weekday Peak Avg. % Of Females Cycling	14%	23%	29%	+26%
	Weekday Peak Avg. No. Of Children Cycling	2	13	39	+200%
	Weekday Peak Avg. % of Children Cycling	0.3%	4%	5%	+25%

15. From the table the following should be noted:
- The volumes of cyclists travelling along the western section of Elizabeth Street has increased by 28% on weekdays and 26% on weekends;
 - The volumes of cyclists travelling along the eastern section has decreased by 27% on weekdays and decreased by 26% on weekends;
 - The proportion of commuter and everyday cyclists has not changed significantly since November 2020; and
 - The average number of woman and children during the weekday peaks has continued to increase since November 2020 and is significantly higher than numbers recorded prior to the trial commencing.
16. The increase in the number of people cycling along the western section and the decrease along the eastern section indicates that more people are connecting cycling via Lennox Street, Albert Street or Nicholson Street, and less people are continuing east of Lennox Street or accessing Elizabeth Street via Church Street or Baker Street.
17. COVID-19 outbreaks in early January and mid-February resulted in the State Government pausing the planned increase for office workers to return to work. Due to the direction for people to work from home if they are able to do so, it continues to be difficult to quantify how the project has influenced cyclist volumes due to COVID-19. From 27 February restrictions were revised to allow up to 75% of office workers to return to work. As such, it is expected that we will have a clearer picture when more surveys and counts are completed later this year.

Traffic Volumes and Speeds

18. Daily traffic volumes on Elizabeth Street have increased by nearly 20% compared to the Quarter 1 traffic counts. Peak-hour traffic volumes have also increased by around 24% while the average traffic speeds have remained relatively consistent. The table below summarises the key traffic data findings.

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KEY TRAFFIC DATA	February 2020 (Pre-trial)	November 2020 (Q1)	Pre-Trial vs Q1 (%)	February 2021 (Q2)	Q1 vs Q2 (%)
ELIZABETH STREET WEST					
Total Weekday Daily Avg. Traffic Volume	9837	6956	-29%	7815	+12%
Total Avg. Daily Traffic Volume	8946	6400	-29%	7391	+15%
Weekday Peak-Hour Avg. Traffic Volume	849	543	-36%	665	+22%
Total Average Traffic Speed (km/h)	32.4	32.4	0%	30.8	-5%
Total Heavy Vehicle % of Traffic	6.2	6.9	+11%	3.2	-54%
ELIZABETH STREET EAST					
Total Weekday Daily Avg. Traffic Volume	9711	7402	-24%	8493	+15%
Total Avg. Daily Traffic Volume	9024	6710	-26%	8035	+20%
Weekday Peak-Hour Avg. Traffic Volume	831	572	-31%	709	+24%
Total Average Traffic Speed (km/h)	32.7	30.5	-7%	32	+5%
Total Heavy Vehicle % of Traffic	5.2	2.7	-48%	6.2	+130%

Parking Occupancy

19. Extensive parking occupancy surveys were conducted on Elizabeth Street along with nearby on-street and off-street parking facilities by an independent consultant. In total, 1504 parking bays were surveyed. The outcome of the Quarter 2 data is that parking is generally available and consistent with the Quarter 1 and pre-trial occupancy survey results.

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20. The table below summarises the outputs of the parking surveys.

ELIZABETH STREET PARKING OCCUPANCY SURVEY PRE-TRIAL VS Q1 & Q2 SUMMARY RESULTS TABLE						
LOCATION	DATA	FEBRUARY 2020	NOVEMBER 2020	CHANGE %	FEBRUARY 2021	CHANGE %
ELIZABETH STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	148	72	-51%	72	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	74%	86%	+16%	82%	-5%
NEARBY ON-STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	308	308	0%	308	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	67%	52%	-21%	64%	+23%
OFF-STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	1124	1124	0%	1124	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	53%	46%	-14%	44%	-4%
TOTAL AREA	NO. OF PARKING BAYS	1580	1504	-5%	1504	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	58%	49%	-16%	50%	+2%

21. The following observations are made based on the survey results:
- Average parking occupancy on Elizabeth Street has decreased by 5% in comparison to the Quarter 1 survey, however the average parking occupancy on nearby on-street bays increased by 23%;
 - Approximately 35% of all on-street parking bays within a short walking distance of Elizabeth Street are typically vacant, hence there continues to be parking availability in the area; and,
 - Average occupancy of off-street parking bays decreased by 4%, with around 56% of all off-street parking bays unoccupied at any one time.
22. Summary tables with more detailed information on the results of the parking occupancy survey are provided at Attachment 2.

Attachment 3 - Elizabeth Street Memo Q3

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From: Bruce Phillips and Simon Exon

Date: 31 May 2021

Subject: Elizabeth Street Bike Lane Project – Quarter 3 Survey Results

1. This memo updates Councillors on the pilot trial of protected bike lanes in Elizabeth Street following the completion of the Quarter 3 data collection in April 2021 which includes on-street intercept surveys, a pop up CALD event, parking occupancy surveys, traffic and bike counts.
2. On 15 September 2020, Council resolved (in part) that:

... a formal trial update report is scheduled which details data collected 3 months after the trial has been in operation;

... further parking occupancy surveys are commissioned and being undertaken in preparation for a first formal evaluation period report to Council; and

... as part of the evaluations during this 12-month period, there would be intercept surveys with persons using Elizabeth Street including residents, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians to further inform the evaluation of the trial for Council consideration.

Note: Further surveys and counts will be conducted as part of the ongoing evaluation of the trial and reported to Councillors periodically. In this regard, the information in this memo needs to be read as an instalment of the evaluation to Councillors.

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**Background**

3. Elizabeth Street is designated as a strategic cycling corridor by the Department of Transport and connects the central city via Albert Street in East Melbourne to Richmond and the inner east suburbs.
4. The pilot trial was installed in July 2020 following a Council resolution in December 2019 to deliver the protected bike lanes in a timely manner as part of a regional cycling route. This trial consists of changes to linemarking and use of bollards to delineate the bike lanes.
5. Previous Council reports provide the basis of the design including the various lane widths and also the future landscaping potential if the trial is converted to a permanent arrangement (that is, the concept is to plant some street trees (for future upper canopy) between the eastbound traffic lane and the eastbound cycle lane in the wider buffer area currently on the ground as a painted buffer with the diagonal rubber separators and bollards).

**Intercept Survey**

6. An intercept survey was conducted of 160 individuals at random on Elizabeth Street over three days in the third week of April 2021. The intercept survey was undertaken by an independent consultant to understand how the community feel about the pilot trial of protected bike lanes. A broad cross-section of the community was surveyed including both younger and older persons, males, females, local residents, people passing through, pedestrians, cyclists, and car drivers.

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7. The intercept surveys were undertaken in English. The majority of people who were approached at random spoke and understood English at an appropriate level, and 160 people of those approached then agreed to stop and participate in the survey. The consultant undertaking the surveys had deployed a fieldwork team on the project who spoke a range of languages other than English including Vietnamese, Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish, Hindi, and other Indian languages.
8. In addition, an in-person pop up information session was also held in mid-April and was tailored specifically to CALD communities, including interpreters in four key languages, to ensure Council obtained genuine and meaningful feedback on the trial from everyone in the community. During the session some local residents raised concerns about the width of the traffic lanes, pedestrian safety crossing the road, and the removal of parking; particularly for visitors looking for a vacant bay on Elizabeth Street itself.
9. The following paragraphs and graph summarise the intercept survey results.
10. Overall 73% of all 160 respondents stated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the project. This is slightly more than during the February 2021 intercept survey which found 68% of all respondents were satisfied and very satisfied. The same pattern of satisfaction observed in this survey is consistent with the November 2020 and February 2021 surveys, with cyclists generally being very satisfied and drivers very dissatisfied.
11. There was also a decline in the proportion of respondents who reported that they were aware of the trial, down from 60% in November and 50% in February to 41% in April. The proportion of cyclists who were aware of the trial remained at 43% while only 30% of those travelling by car were aware of the trial. This could be attributed to an increase in movement from outside the local area since COVID-19 restrictions have further been eased.
12. The full consultant report with more detailed information and other key findings is provided at Attachment 1.

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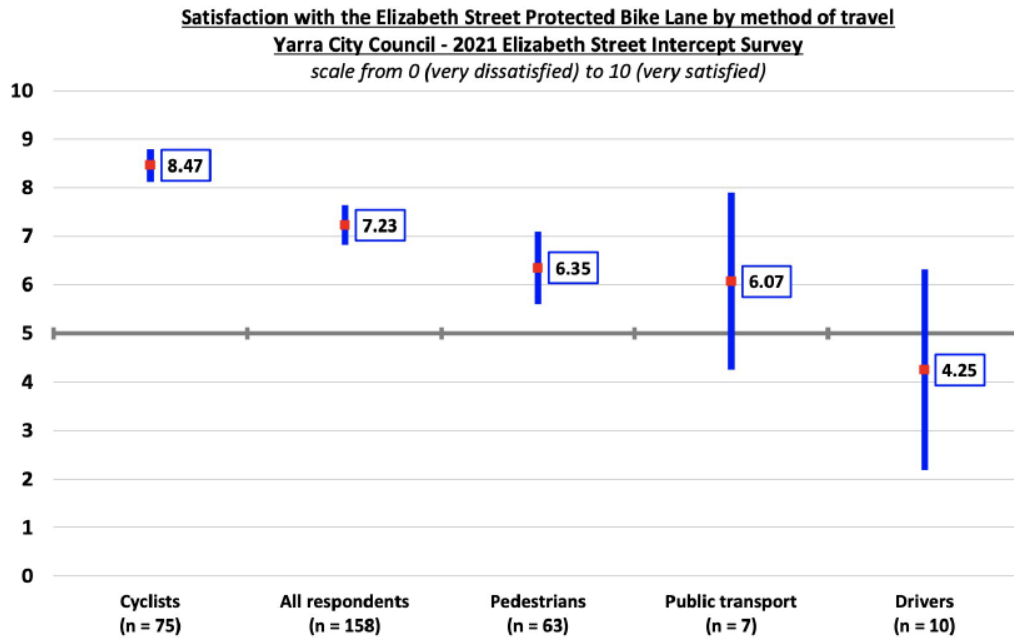


Diagram 1: Metropolis Research, April 2021

Cycling Volumes and Speeds

13. Updated cycling count data was also collected by an independent consultant.
14. Key findings and comparisons between the pre-trial and previous quarters are provided below. The data has been divided between the sections west and east of Lennox Street which is a key north-south feeder route to Elizabeth Street.

	KEY DATA & STATISTICS	FEB 2020 (Pre-Trial)	NOV 2020 (Q1)	FEB 2021 (Q2)	APR 2021 (Q3)
ELIZABETH ST WEST	Weekday Avg. Total No. Of People Cycling	686	384	492	489
	Commuter (Peak) Cycling Weekday Avg. %	61%	49%	53%	56%
	Weekend Bike Volume Total	380	399	502	416
	85% Speed Km/h	27.2	26.3	24.8	26.4
	Avg. Speed Km/h	22.1	21.6	20.5	21.8
ELIZABETH ST EAST	Weekday Avg. Total No. Of People Cycling	391	311	226	316
	Commuter (Peak) Cycling Weekday Avg. %	58%	48%	50%	53%

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	Weekend Bike Volume Total	351	319	188	309
	85% Speed Km/h	28	26.4	29.5	27.3
	Avg. Speed Km/h	23	20.6	24	22.6
DEMOGRAPHICS	Weekday Peak Avg. % Of Females Cycling	14%	23%	29%	26%
	Weekday Peak Avg. No. Of Children Cycling	2	13	39	27
	Weekday Peak Avg. % of Children Cycling	0.3%	4.4%	5.5%	3.4%

15. From the table the following should be noted:
- a. The volumes of cyclists travelling along the western section of Elizabeth Street has remained the about the same as Quarter 2;
 - b. The volumes of cyclists travelling along the eastern section of Elizabeth Street has increased back up to Quarter 1 levels on weekdays and weekends after a decline in Quarter 2;
 - c. There has been a steady increase each quarter in the percentage of people cycling on both sections of Elizabeth Street during the peak hours; and
 - d. The average number of woman and children during the weekday peaks has decreased slightly in Quarter 3 but remains significantly higher than numbers recorded prior to the trial commencing.
16. The higher volumes of cyclists along the western section compared to the eastern section indicates that more people are still connecting by bike via Lennox Street, Albert Street or Nicholson Street, and less people are continuing east of Lennox Street or accessing Elizabeth Street via Church Street or Baker Street.
17. Due to more people working from home for various reasons, it continues to be difficult to quantify how the project has influenced cyclist volumes due to COVID-19. From April 9 density quotients were relaxed for businesses with COVIDSafe requirements and for up to 100% of office workers and professional services to return to work, for both public and private sectors. However, people are still choosing to work from home for the time being - particularly CBD office workers. Further easing of restrictions has been announced for May 28 onwards. As such, it is expected that we will have a clearer picture of cycling participation rates when the last bike counts are completed in June.

Traffic Volumes and Speeds

18. Daily traffic volumes on Elizabeth Street have continued to increase in Quarter 3 by around 8% compared to the Quarter 2 traffic counts and by around 22% compared to Q1. Peak-hour traffic volumes have also increased by around 7% in this quarter while the average traffic speeds have remained relatively consistent. The table below summarises the key traffic data findings.

KEY TRAFFIC DATA	February 2020 (Pre-trial)	November 2020 (Q1)	February 2021 (Q2)	April 2021 (Q3)	CHANGE % Q2 vs Q3
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Total Weekday Daily Avg. Traffic Volume	9837	6956	7815	8134	+4%
Total Avg. Daily Traffic Volume	8946	6400	7391	7739	+5%
Weekday Peak-Hour Avg. Traffic Volume	849	543	665	697	+5%
Total Average Traffic Speed (km/h)	32.4	32.4	30.8	31.3	+2%
Total Heavy Vehicle % of Traffic	6.2	6.9	3.2	5.9	+84%
ELIZABETH STREET EAST					
Total Weekday Daily Avg. Traffic Volume	9711	7402	8493	9388	+11%
Total Avg. Daily Traffic Volume	9024	6710	8035	8953	+11%
Weekday Peak-Hour Avg. Traffic Volume	831	572	709	766	+8%
Total Average Traffic Speed (km/h)	32.7	30.5	32	30.7	-4%
Total Heavy Vehicle % of Traffic	5.2	2.7	6.2	3.7	-40%

Parking Occupancy

19. Extensive parking occupancy surveys were conducted on Elizabeth Street along with nearby on-street and off-street parking facilities by an independent consultant in mid-April. In total, 1504 parking bays were surveyed. The outcome of the Quarter 3 data is that parking is generally available and consistent with the Quarter 1, Quarter 2 and pre-trial occupancy survey results.

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20. The table below summarises the outputs of the parking surveys.

ELIZABETH STREET PARKING OCCUPANCY SURVEY PRE-TRIAL VS Q1, Q2 & Q3 SUMMARY RESULTS TABLE						
LOCATION	DATA	FEBRUARY 2020	NOVEMBER 2020	FEBRUARY 2021	APRIL 2021	CHANGE % Q2 vs Q3
ELIZABETH STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	148	72	72	72	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	74%	86%	82%	88%	+6%
NEARBY ON-STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	308	308	308	308	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	67%	52%	64%	64%	0%
OFF-STREET	TOTAL NO. PARKING BAYS	1124	1124	1124	1124	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	53%	46%	44%	47%	+3%
TOTAL AREA	NO. OF PARKING BAYS	1580	1504	1504	1504	0%
	AVG. OCCUPANCY %	58%	49%	50%	52%	+2%

21. The following observations are made based on the survey results:
- Average parking occupancy on Elizabeth Street has increased by 6% in comparison to the Quarter 2 survey, however the average parking occupancy on nearby on-street bays has remained the same;
 - Approximately 36% of all on-street parking bays within a short walking distance of Elizabeth Street are typically vacant, hence there continues to be parking availability in the area; and,
 - Average occupancy of off-street parking bays increased by 3%, with around 53% of all off-street parking bays unoccupied at any one time.
22. Summary tables with more detailed information on the results of the parking occupancy survey are provided in Attachment 2.

8.3 Annual Grants 2022 Recommendations Report

Executive Summary

Purpose

This report seeks Council endorsement of the Community Grants Panel's grant recommendations for the Annual Grants 2022 program.

Key Issues

The Annual Grants program continues to strengthen the community sector through providing a flexible and responsive source of funds to community-based not-for-profit organisations. Funding is used to support projects that deliver outcomes aligned with the Council Plan and target the areas of highest need within the community. A total of 220 applications were received across twelve grant streams. This is an increase of 22 from last year when we received 198 applications.

Financial Implications

One hundred and fifty-nine applications have been recommended to receive funding totalling \$1,003,280. Council approved the 2022 Annual Grants budget in the Guidelines and Budget for the Annual Grants 2022, Small Project Grants 2021-22 and Room to Create Grants 2021-22 on 24 June 2021 (D21/55405).

PROPOSAL

That Council endorses the Community Grants Panel's recommendations for the Annual Grants 2022 program as presented in the attachments to this report.

8.3 Annual Grants 2022 Recommendations Report

Reference	D21/157943
Author	Michael Van Vliet - Team Leader Community Grants
Authoriser	Manager Social Strategy and Community Development

Purpose

1. This report seeks Council endorsement of the community grants panel's recommendations for the Annual Grants 2022 program.

Critical analysis

History and background

2. Yarra City Council's Community Grants Program is a significant investment in the community. It is one of Victoria's leading local government grant programs, through which the Council has established a reputation for its strong support for the community.
3. The Community Grants Program aims to:
 - (a) develop partnerships between Council and community groups to achieve Council's strategic directions;
 - (b) direct resources to both the emerging and specific needs of disadvantaged groups;
 - (c) develop a positive approach to the resolution of local social issues;
 - (d) support local groups, activities and community connectedness; and
 - (e) support community organisations to develop skills and increase community participation.
4. The Annual Grants program is one of the primary avenues of support by Council to community-led projects and activities. The grants provide funding to a wide range of activities by some of Yarra's leading not-for-profit organisations and grassroots community organisations as well as to individual artists.
5. A total of 220 applications were received across 12 categories of grants requesting a total of \$1.8m funding. One hundred and fifty-nine applications have been recommended to receive funding totalling \$1,003,280.
6. On 24 June 2021 Council approved the Annual Grants 2022 objectives, guidelines, assessment process and budget in the Community Grants 2020-2021 Initiation Report (Content Manager reference D21/55405). The Annual Grants were open for applications for seven weeks between 25 June and 15 August 2021.
7. The Annual Grants are divided into 12 funding streams: Arts Development, Climate Action, Community Arts, Community Celebrations, Community Housing, Community Strengthening, Community Support, Family and Early Years, Festivals and Events, Social Enterprise, Sport & Recreation and Youth & Middle Years.
8. The Annual Grants are subject to regular review to improve the administration of the program and accessibility for applicants. Feedback provided by previous grant applicants, Council officers and other local government grant makers was incorporated into the current program.
9. Consultation and engagement activities were undertaken to support access to the grants program. Applicants were advised to contact Council officers before submitting their application to discuss project ideas and gain assistance with the application process, including understanding program objectives, criteria and eligibility requirements.

Discussion

10. There are no issues for discussion.

Options

11. There are no options.

Community and stakeholder engagement

12. The Annual Grants are a competitive grant round and the recommendations are made by external panels comprised of community representatives. The assessment process comprises the following stages as listed in the Initiation Report:
- (a) Stage 1: An eligibility check conducted by Council officers;
 - (b) Stage 2: Internal Assessment. Council officers assessed the applications against a series of criteria such as the capacity of the applicant to deliver on project outcomes, clearly defined project aims, a complete and realistic budget and alignment with Council funding priorities;
 - (c) Stage 3: Community panels assess the applications and decide on the final recommendations to Council. A total of 26 Yarra stakeholders comprise the various panels. Community panels are comprised of external experts along with some Council officers with relevant knowledge; and
 - (d) Stage 4: Final Council endorsement.
13. Council officers from the Sustainability team, Family, Youth and Children, Sport and Recreation, Arts and Culture, and the Community Development unit are closely involved with the grant assessment process. Officers from each unit help determine the grant criteria and determine the panels which make the grant recommendations.
14. Officers seek feedback on the grants process from Council Officers to promote a culture of continuous evaluation and improvement.
15. Personal assistance in completing grant applications was provided to more than 30 groups from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD). The grants unit assisted groups to clarify their projects, develop project plans and provided technical assistance to submit the applications using the online grants management system. Interpreters were used as necessary.
16. The 36 applicants under the Community Strengthening stream of grants, who mainly consist of CALD elderly groups, will be offered a three-year funding agreement as per the Council direction on 24 June 2021. This will save on the administrative burden to these groups having to apply annually for their grant, which is essentially an organisational support grant. They will still be required to report annually on their spending and acquit the grant on an annual basis. This group of applicants will receive total of \$131,500 per annum over the next three years. This will assist the groups to plan their activities with a set income over several years. The recommended grant amounts range from \$3,000 to \$4,000 per annum.

Policy analysis

Alignment to Community Vision and Council Plan

17. The Community Grants objectives are in close alignment with the newly adopted Council Plan 2021 – 25 and Community Vision. Community Grants are intended to support the delivery of the Council Plan and are a key way in which those objectives can be achieved in partnership with the community.
18. All six strategic objectives of the Council Plan are supported through the Grants Program, either via the programs that are proposed and delivered, or through the process of empowering community groups and organisations to deliver them.
19. The objectives from the Council Plan in alignment include:

- (a) Social Equity and Health – The Grants Program provides a flexible and responsive source of funds to support projects in the not-for-profit sector. The program also supports community organisations in the recreational and sporting sector to encourage greater participation and strengthen their capacity to deliver activities for the wellbeing of the community;
 - (b) Democracy and Government – The Grants program empowers community panels to participate in the process of assessing and recommending grants for programs that impact directly on their community;
 - (c) Climate and Environment, Place and Nature and Transport and Movement – These three strategic objectives are served by the inclusion of the Climate Action stream in the Grants Program. The Climate Action stream was increased by \$98,000 at Council, enabling a greater number of initiatives to be included in the recommendations; and
 - (d) Local Economy – The Social Enterprise stream of the Grants Program supports the strategic objective of supporting and inspiring diverse creative communities to contribute to the local economy.
20. Other key strategic plans and policies which inform Annual Grants include the 0-25 Years Plan 2018-2022 – Early Years, Middle Years and Youth, Access and Inclusion Strategy 2018-2024, Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018-2024, Multicultural Partnerships Plan 2019-2023, Yana Ngargna Plan, Climate Emergency Plan 2020-2024 and the Yarra Volunteering Strategy 2019-2023.

Climate emergency and sustainability implications

- 21. The Climate Action stream aims to encourage and support projects that align with the Yarra Environment Strategy. The stream had 26 applications requesting \$179,000 for projects totalling \$865,000 in value. This compares with 15 applications in the 2021 Annual Grants.
- 22. The funding pool for Climate Action grants has increased from \$42,000 in 2020 to \$113,000 this year following a successful discretionary budget bid. Recommended projects address issues such as climate action, waste reduction, recycling, food security and environmental sustainability.
- 23. All applicants were advised that Council will give preference to those who consider incorporating activities that improve the sustainable outcomes of their projects. The application form requires applicants to consider ways of reducing and reusing resources.
- 24. Annual Grants applications are submitted and managed through an online grants management system. The online system means that applications do not need to be printed as the assessment process is performed online. The online grants management system has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the amount of paper used in the grants process.

Community and social implications

- 25. The Annual Grants program aims to address a number of social needs across such areas as: arts and culture, sustainability, community development, sport and recreation, family, children and youth. The following social objectives are addressed within the grants program as they build a sense of community through:
 - (a) cultural activities (community celebrations, observance of traditional celebration days, cultural festivals and events);
 - (b) recognition of diversity (projects that strengthen Yarra's diverse community or celebrate and recognise diversity);
 - (c) social cohesion (projects which seek to bring people together and support the development of communities with shared aims and aspirations); and
 - (d) promoting and improving community health and wellbeing through:
 - (i) recreation opportunities (sports, social recreation, walking and improving access to recreational activities);

- (ii) improving health and wellbeing (food insecurity, nutrition, skills development, health information, social engagement and support); and
 - (iii) promoting community safety through diversionary or preventive projects.
26. Sixty-four applications (30% of all applications) were for projects that take place in one of Yarra's public housing estates or primarily engage public housing residents.

Economic development implications

27. The Annual Grants continue to strengthen the community sector through providing a flexible and responsive source of funds to community-based not-for-profit organisations. Funding is used to support projects that deliver outcomes outlined within the Council Plan and target the areas of highest need within the community. The ultimate aim is to improve the long-term outlook for local families and businesses through strengthening the capacity of the local not-for-profit sector and generate economic activity.
28. Annual Grants also redistribute funds to the disadvantaged in the community. The festivals and events bring economic benefits and assist with branding Yarra as a destination city. Projects that support new arrivals, young people and families through skills development or projects that support service coordination have a direct economic benefit.

Human rights and gender equality implications

29. The Annual Grants Guidelines are in alignment with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 and actively supports people to participate in and contribute to their community.
30. The Annual Grants applications seek information on how applicants will address issues of gender inequality in their proposed initiative, ensuring that planning and forethought on this issue is addressed from the outset.

Operational analysis

Financial and resource impacts

31. At the time of the initiation report going to Council in June, the budget had yet to be decided. A total of \$965,000 was recommended for the Annual Grants budget at the time, and at budget endorsement, the Annual Grants budget was increased by \$98,000, which was added to the Climate Action stream bringing the whole program's total to \$1,063,000.
32. Increasing the amount by \$98,000 meant the Climate Action Pool increased from \$30,000 to \$128,000. As \$113,000 was recommended in the Climate Action pool, the remaining \$15,000 will return to the Small Projects Grants 2022 for small projects with a climate action focus.
33. From the Sports and Recreation stream of the Annual Grants allocation (\$56,000), a total of \$32,341 is recommended allocation to grants, with the remaining \$23,659 being allocated to the Small Project funding pool (\$20,000) where not-for-profit sports clubs can apply for funding for equipment or capacity building programs throughout the year, and the remaining \$3659 will be allocated to minor asset improvements of community facilities.
34. A total of \$1,003,280 has been recommended for 159 grants. This is an increase from 2021 when \$939,273 was awarded to 143 grants.
35. Applicants were asked to specify the total cost of their project, as well as the amount requested from Council. In total, more than \$1.8m was requested for projects worth more than \$9.5m.
36. Council is enabling larger projects to take place through its funding. For example, if the total cost of a project is \$10,000 and \$2,000 is requested with the remaining \$8,000 to be raised by the community or provided by in-kind donations or other grant funding, then Council's \$2,000 enables a \$10,000 community benefit. **Table 1** shows that \$1,003,280 of Council funding enables projects to occur that have a dollar value of more than \$6.2m. This does not include the sizable social value also generated by these projects.

Table 1

Overall spending on Grants by Council	Overall project value that Council has enabled	Leverage potential of Granting
\$1,003,280	\$6,200,000	\$1 spent: \$6.20 value

Legal Implications

37. There are no identified legal issues.

Conclusion

38. The recommendations for Yarra City Council's Annual Grant 2022 program are provided in the attachments to this report. All applicants are to be commended for their efforts. The grants round is competitive and there is a significant commitment from the citizens of Yarra and local groups and organisations to be involved in this process to the benefit of all.
39. The Annual Grants are one of the major ways in which Yarra City Council demonstrates its commitment to supporting the community and highlights the diversity of community-initiated projects, events and activities that take place across the municipality and making Yarra such a vibrant place to live.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
- (a) Council endorse the Annual Grants 2022 Community Grants panel's recommendations as listed in **Attachment One** to award 143 grants totalling \$1,003,280; and
 - (b) Council thank the members of the Community Grants Panels for their time, deliberation and commitment to Yarra's Community Grants program.

Attachments

- 1 [↓](#) Alphabetical list of grant recommendations
- 2 [↓](#) Annual Grants 2022 Recommended
- 3 Annual Grants 2022 Not Recommended Report - *Confidential*
- 4 List of Annual Grant Assessment Panel Members - *Confidential*

Attachment 1 - Alphabetical list of grant recommendations

Alphabetical list of grant recommendations

Applicant	Project Title	Stream	Grant Amount
3CR Community Radio	this mob mural development workshops commissioned by 3CR	Arts Development	\$14,600.00
3CR Community Radio	Queer Brood podcast series	Community Support	\$9,000.00
Abbotsford Primary School	Post Covid Mental Health Support Program	Youth & Middle Years	\$10,000.00
Afghan and Iranian Women's Group in the City of Yarra (Auspice: Fitzroy Learning Network)	Social, cultural and creative activities for Afghan and Iranian Women in the City of Yarra	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Agency Projects	UNTOLD	Festivals & Events	\$9,000.00
Alphington Football Club Inc	New Portable Soccer Goals	Sports and Recreation Equipment	\$1,340.00
Association of Oromo Women in Collingwood, City of Yarra	Recreational activities, information and social support for Oromo women and their families living in Collingwood	Community Support	\$6,800.00
Australia-China Veterans Club Inc.	On-going expenditures	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Australia-China Veterans Club Inc.	Celebrating Chinese New Year 2022	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Australian African Community Development Incorporated (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	North Richmond and Collingwood curriculum support and homework program	Youth & Middle Years	\$9,000.00
Australian Croatian Senior Citizens Club Nikola Tavelic	Support for senior CALD people living in the City of Yarra	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Australian Environmental Films Association	Yarra Grant Dissemination Project	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$10,000.00
Australian Environmental Films Association	Vox Popping Yarra's Consumption Bubble	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$5,000.00
Australian Somali Women's Healthcare Community Foundation	Kitchen Program /Somali Day	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	Brighter Futures	Family & Early Years	\$8,000.00
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association	Climate Action Now (CAN)	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$4,000.00
Australian Yugoslav Pensioners	Australian Yugoslav Pensioners Social Club	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Awareaway Inc.	Neighbourhood House Sustainability Workshop Series	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$7,427.00
Mx Bon Mott	Intergalactic Plasma photographic portraits and filmic interviews	Arts Development	\$8,000.00
Breath Circle (Auspice: Sacred Heart School Fitzroy)	Breath Circle Programs	Youth & Middle Years	\$3,300.00

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Bus Projects	Bus Projects' 2022 Artistic Program	Arts Development	\$15,000.00
Mx Caitlin Dear (Auspice: Dancehouse Inc.)	GREEN ARTS ACTION	Community Arts	\$3,000.00
Carlton Scout Group, The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch	Carlton Scouts Inclusion Program	Youth & Middle Years	\$7,500.00
Carringbush Adult Education	Women's Referral and Support Service - Pilot	Community Support	\$10,000.00
Ms Celeste de Clario Davis (Auspice: Auspicious Arts Projects Inc)	"Things Will Be Different" - Counter Storytelling + Addressing Narratives of Stigma	Arts Development	\$9,321.00
Centre For Projection Art Inc	Evanescence - public art projections exploring the effects of climate change	Arts Development	\$8,500.00
CHINESE GOOD VOICE (MELBOURNE) INC.	Atherton Gardens Estate Chinese Choir	Community Strengthening	\$3,000.00
Chinese Mandarin Community Friendship Association	Celebrating Community	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di North Fitzroy	The Ginnastica per Pensionati Exercise Program for Italian Seniors	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Circular Economy Victoria Inc	City of Yarra - Circular Living Challenge	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$10,000.00
Clifton Hill Cricket Club Inc	Coaching education for junior club cricket coaches (volunteers) and parents	Coach / Volunteer Training & Education	\$500.00
Clifton Hill Cricket Club Inc	Building girls' participation in local cricket	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$2,000.00
CLIMARTE Inc	CLIMARTE GALLERY	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$10,000.00
cohealth	Cultivating Community Cohesion	Community Support	\$10,000.00
cohealth	Eid and community celebration	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Collingwood Basketball Association	Community Engagement with local public housing and the local CALD community	Community Support	\$8,000.00
Collingwood Basketball Association	Support for young basketball players to participate in tournaments	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$3,250.00
Collingwood Basketball Association	Access All Abilities Basketball	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$3,000.00
Collingwood Basketball Association	Support for young players to play competitive basketball	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$4,000.00
Collingwood Children's Farm	Climate Action Workshops	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$1,800.00
COLLINGWOOD CITY FOOTBALL CLUB (CCFC)	COLLINGWOOD JUNIOR EAGLES	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$4,566.00

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Collingwood College	Doing Waste Better at Collingwood College	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$5,000.00
Collingwood Housing Estate Arts Committee (CHEAC) (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	Collingwood Harvest Festival	Festivals & Events	\$12,000.00
Collingwood Toy Library Inc	Celebrating 30 years of Collingwood Toy Library	Family & Early Years	\$2,250.00
Commune and Co Pty Ltd T/A Cirque du Soil (Auspice: Cultivating Community Inc)	CDS Community Waste Collective: Industry Partnered Solutions	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$7,500.00
Cultivating Community Inc	Greening Cromwell Project	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$6,000.00
Cultivating Community Inc	Meet and Eat Community Lunch	Community Support	\$8,500.00
Cultivating Community Inc	North Richmond Community Worm Farm	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$10,000.00
Divisi Chamber Singers	Queering Jonah	Arts Development	\$7,592.00
Drummond Street Services	little&big The multicultural/multi generational musical playgroup on the Collingwood estate	Family & Early Years	\$8,650.00
ERITREAN AUSTRALIAN JEBERTY COUNCIL	Ramadan Fast Breaking Celebration	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
FareShare Australia Incorporated	Inspiring Sustainable Land Use with FareShare's Flower Gardens	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$7,160.00
Fitted for Work	Retail Experience Development Program (RED)	Social Enterprise	\$15,000.00
Fitzroy Atherton Gardens Table Tennis Association	Friendship through Table Tennis at Atherton Gardens	Community Strengthening	\$3,000.00
Fitzroy Chinese Association	Healthy Living in the Community	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Fitzroy City Soccer Club	Purchase of Portable Soccer Goals	Sports and Recreation Equipment	\$1,425.00
Fitzroy Legal Service Inc	Yarra FLS Health Justice Partnership	Family & Early Years	\$10,000.00
Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club (Auspice: Fitzroy Learning Network)	FLSC connecting, developing and growing the youth of Yarra	Youth & Middle Years	\$9,000.00
Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club (Auspice: Fitzroy Learning Network)	FLSC: Community development program	Community Support	\$10,000.00
Fitzroy Multicultural Families and Children's Group (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	Social activities for women and children of multicultural backgrounds living in Fitzroy	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Fitzroy Primary School	Ready 4 School (R4S) Program	Family & Early Years	\$10,000.00
Fitzroy Primary School	Urban Microbat Project	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$3,311.00
Fitzroy Public Housing Residents	Community Care for Atherton Gardens residents	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Fitzroy Scout Group (Auspice: The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch)	Fitzroy Scouts Equitable Access Program	Youth & Middle Years	\$8,000.00

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Fitzroy Somali Women's Group (Auspace: Fitzroy Learning Network)	Community Strengthening and social support for Somali women and their families living in Fitzroy	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Football Club Clifton Hill Inc	FC Clifton Hill Junior Portabale Goals Upgrade	Sports and Recreation Equipment	\$950.00
Football Club Clifton Hill Inc	FCCH Portable Defibrillator Replacement	Sports and Recreation Equipment	\$2,000.00
Future Tense	Activating the Blak Pearl Aboriginal cultural and creative studio	Community Arts	\$11,000.00
Gertrude Contemporary	Gertrude Glasshouse Exhibition and Audience Engagement Program 2022	Arts Development	\$10,000.00
Gioan Hoan Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement Group - Thieu Nhi Thanh The	Social and Spiritual Development of Vietnamese Youths who congregate at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Collingwood)	Community Strengthening	\$3,000.00
GR8M8S Foundation Inc	Collingwood Magpies Footy Program (CMFP) - "More than Just Footy"	Community Support	\$9,200.00
Greek Elderly Club North Fitzroy and North Carlton	Greek Cultural Activities in Fitzroy	Community Strengthening	\$3,500.00
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Parish of Holy Trinity Richmond Senior Citizens Club	Social and Recreational Activities for Richmond Greek Senior Citizens	Community Strengthening	\$3,500.00
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Parish of Holy Trinity Richmond Senior Citizens Club	Annual Easter Celebrations	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Greek Pensioners Club of North Fitzroy	Greek Pensioners Social Club	Community Strengthening	\$3,500.00
Green Music Australia	Green Action Program (GAP)	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$5,000.00
Halkidikon Elderly Citizens Club Melbourne Inc	Information and Social Sessions for the Elderly	Community Strengthening	\$3,000.00
HALT - Hope Assistance Local Tradies	Music & Mental Health – Increasing Health Literacy in the City of Yarra	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Herding Cats Management & Events	Learn to Dance the Kulin Nations Six Seasons in the Park.	Community Arts	\$10,000.00
Holden St Neighbourhood House	The Food Patch	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$4,371.00
Hotham Street Ladies	Hotham Street Ladies Street	Arts Development	\$5,000.00
Mr Ian Sutherland	Rewilding the city	Arts Development	\$5,205.00
ILBIJERRI Theatre Company	ILBIJERRI ENSEMBLE - Creating career pathways for young First Nations people	Youth & Middle Years	\$10,000.00
Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association VIC	Community Engagement and Accessibility during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Ms Jessie French	'We Are All Bees Now' Exhibition and pandemic-proof public programs at Bus Projects in 2022	Arts Development	\$9,760.00

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Jesuit Social Services	Implementation of Parent Group module on healthier masculinities	Family & Early Years	\$10,000.00
Jesuit Social Services Artful Dodgers Studio	Master Classes in Improvisation and Cross Cultural, Cross Genre Music Collaborations	Community Arts	\$10,000.00
Jigsaw Group (Aus) Limited	Equipment to provide traineeships and award-wage employment for people with disability in Abbotsford	Social Enterprise	\$13,738.00
Kids Space in Yarra (homework Club) (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	Homework Club	Family & Early Years	\$8,700.00
Kids Space in Yarra (homework Club) (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	Holiday Program	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Let's Enhance Gleadell Street Association Inc.	Richmond Record Club: Songlines and Stories of Music History in Richmond	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Life Saving Victoria Limited	Building stronger, more vibrant, diversity groups in Yarra through aquatics	Community Support	\$8,000.00
Loom Arts and Management	Loom Artist Retail Program	Social Enterprise	\$11,000.00
Mark Street residents (Auspice: Holden St Neighbourhood House)	Installing and promoting veggie boxes in Mark Street Hall for local food growing	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$2,760.00
Mr Matthias Schack-Arnott	CIRCADIA	Arts Development	\$8,000.00
Mei's Art(Mei Lan Fang's Art Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association)INC	Celebrating 27th anniversary of Mei's Art and the Dragon Boat Festival	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Mei's Art(Mei Lan Fang's Art Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association)INC	Celebrating Chinese Beijing Opera in the City of Yarra .	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Melbourne Committee of Chinese Literature Inc	Large Ceremony to Celebrate the Spring Festival	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Melbourne Yarra Yue Opera Troupe	Melbourne Yarra Yue Opera Troupe	Community Strengthening	\$3,800.00
MiCare Ltd	African Women's Group	Community Support	\$8,534.00
MiCare Ltd	Yarra Women Behind the Wheel	Community Support	\$10,000.00
Dr Michael Currie	Yarra Longings	Arts Development	\$3,500.00
Midsumma Festival Inc	Quippings: The Experiment at the 2022 Midsumma Festival	Festivals & Events	\$15,000.00
Midsumma Festival Inc	Asphyxia and the HOMO sapiens present a concert for Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing audiences	Community Support	\$10,000.00
Ms Mig Dann	Mig Dann: A Retrospective	Arts Development	\$12,500.00
Ms Miranda Hill	Homophonic! Video Portraits	Arts Development	\$8,000.00
Multicultural Arts Victoria	Upclose	Festivals & Events	\$8,000.00
Mums in Yarra Community Group (Auspice: Richmond Community Learning Centre)	Mums in Yarra Community Mental Wellbeing and Play Education Pilot	Family & Early Years	\$6,600.00

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Music in Exile	Open Plan: Creating New Work in Public Spaces	Arts Development	\$6,550.00
Mzuri Dance Artistree Fund Inc	We are Colourful	Community Arts	\$8,500.00
no more poetry	no more poetry, 2022 Publications	Arts Development	\$12,666.00
North Fitzroy Community Gardens Group t/a Rushall Garden	Free and fresh food to share in our community	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$1,500.00
North Richmond Elderly Chinese Friendship Association	Community Activities and Celebrations	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Northern Inner Multiple Birth Association Inc	NIMBA Cloth Nappy Library	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$2,000.00
Operation Newstart Incorporated	Operation Newstart Northern	Youth & Middle Years	\$10,000.00
Progressive Broadcasting Services (PBS 106.7FM)	PBS Rock A Bye Baby	Festivals & Events	\$6,600.00
Project Respect	Community Connectedness: From Garden to Table	Community Strengthening	\$9,980.00
Reading Out of Poverty Inc	Books for Birth	Family & Early Years	\$8,000.00
Renegade Pub Football League	Safety and Inclusion	Coach / Volunteer Training & Education	\$2,000.00
Rethink Recycling Co-op	Rethink Recycling Co-op Collection Points & Sorting Centres	Climate Action - Tier 1	\$3,500.00
Richmond & Burnley Historical Inc	Collecting, maintaining and promoting the history of Richmond, Burnley and Cremorne	Community Strengthening	\$3,700.00
Richmond Beijing Opera Study (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	Chinese Opera At the North Richmond Housing Estate for the community	Community Strengthening	\$3,000.00
Richmond Harriers Inc	Richmond Harriers Athletics School Activities	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$1,860.00
Richmond Joy Choir Inc	Richmond Joy Choir performances and activities	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Rotary Club of Richmond	Rotary Club of Richmond Next Step Project	Youth & Middle Years	\$10,000.00
Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Netowrk	RIMERN goods pick up service	Community Housing	\$10,000.00
Sacred Heart School Fitzroy	Bouncing Back from COVID - Shooting for the Stars	Community Support	\$8,000.00
Miss Sarah Aiken	Deep Soulful Sweats – 1 year program	Arts Development	\$8,500.00
Societa Mutuo Soccorso Isole Ltd	Covid Survival Program	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Mx Stef Panoschi	There is no difference between Shepherds and Picasso	Arts Development	\$1,000.00
The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc - Collingwood Branch	The Wool Project - Farm to Fibre Workshops	Community Support	\$10,000.00
The Pingju Opera Association of Australia	Pingju Opera	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00

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The Shed	Trans Day of Visibility Art Exhibition	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Three for All Foundation (Many Coloured Sky)	Queer Refugee and Asylum Seeker Peers (QRASP)	Community Support	\$10,000.00
Three for All Foundation (Many Coloured Sky)	Queer International Student Peers (QISP)	Youth & Middle Years	\$7,000.00
Tibi Access	Groove Tunes	Festivals & Events	\$4,379.00
U3A Chinese in Yarra	Operational Expenditures	Community Strengthening	\$3,000.00
U3A Chinese in Yarra	Chinese New Year Celebration 2022	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Unison Housing Ltd	Park Place Community	Community Housing	\$10,000.00
Unison Housing Ltd	Home Sweet Home Stability	Community Housing	\$8,000.00
Unison Housing Ltd	Osborne Community	Community Housing	\$10,000.00
Unison Housing Ltd	Rooming House Community	Community Housing	\$10,000.00
Vietnamese Catholic Family Mutual Association Network	Social Support	Community Strengthening	\$3,500.00
Weave Movement Theatre	Sense of Place	Arts Development	\$9,000.00
West Space	West Space Community Engagement Programs 2022	Arts Development	\$14,000.00
Yarra Chinese Friendship Association	Activities for the Elderly Chinese at Atherton Gardens	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Yarra Chinese Friendship Association	Show You Have a Loving Heart	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Yarra Chinese Friendship Association	Celebrating the Duan Wu (Dragon Boat) Festival	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Yarra Chinese Mini-Fiction Writer's Association Of Australia	Chinese Mini-Story Cultural Program	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Yarra Chinese Women's Group	Health and Happiness for Chinese Women	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.	Community service for elderly people in North Richmond	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00
Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.	Community Celebrations 2022	Community Celebrations	\$3,000.00
Yarra Riverkeeper Association	Yarra's Wild Homes for Nature	Climate Action - Tier 2	\$6,685.00
Yarra Table Tennis Club Inc. (Auspice: Table Tennis Victoria Inc.)	Spinnerroos for Yarra Children	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$3,600.00
Yarra Table Tennis Club Inc. (Auspice: Table Tennis Victoria Inc.)	Group Coaching of Female Members	Sports and Recreation Participation Initiatives	\$1,850.00
You Yi Zhi Qiao - Crossing The Bridge Inc. (Auspice: Auspicious Arts Projects Inc)	We Are One	Community Strengthening	\$4,000.00

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Young Assets Foundation (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	Richmond Youth Homework Club	Youth & Middle Years	\$8,000.00
Young Assets Foundation (Auspice: BANH Neighbour House)	Living Out Loud	Community Support	\$10,000.00
Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Inc	Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra - Breast Care Cushions	Community Support	\$3,500.00

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Arts Development

AG22-007: **Mx Stef Panoschi**

There is no difference between Shepherds and Picasso

Project Description: 'There is no difference between Shepherds and Picasso'
2022 Exhibition The Old Bar Gallery

Despite the fact that I am currently studying, this is a completely independent project outside of my studies.

Emerging queer Romanian-Australian artist Stef Stefescu Stefanea's first exhibition. Projected onto a hanging sheet dipped in wax, two short films loop back to back. The first, depicting a masked visage of Picasso making love with himself. The second, depicting a Hugo Ball-esque Shepherd being fed by the hand of god which reaches out from art depicting a sheep-faced Jesus. Both black and white but colourful, meaningless yet poetic and both referencing dada and early arthouse cinema. Floating within the gallery space, the shepherd and Picasso float, noted by their garbs and headwear but with no vessels bearing them. These hanging costumes made from wax, donned by the gallery's negative space bring dimension and materiality and scale to the the characters. In contrast the films highlight the reconstruction of movement the characters endure whilst bearing the heavy and cumbersome costumes.

Total Project Cost: \$2400.00

Amount Requested: \$1000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$500.00

Recommendation: \$1,000.00

Panel Comments: Project sounds interesting, good past work submitted, venue confirmed and a modest but sensible budget.

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AG22-010: Divisi Chamber Singers

Queering Jonah

Project Description: This project is a collaborative recital between Divisi and Ensemble Ancien. Ensemble Ancien are a cohort specialising in the performance of early-music, specifically, 16th-17th century Italian baroque music. Each group will demonstrate their individual talents before coming together to perform an early-baroque masterwork by Giulio Carrissimi titled, "Historia di Jonas", a story based on the old testament Book of Jonah. In keeping with Divisi's mission statement to elevate the voices of diverse artists, this project also seeks to transform this traditional recital into a contemporary voice for change by adopting a queer/feminist reading of the biblical plight of Jonah. This will be done using a newly commissioned work by upcoming queer composer Christopher Healey, which uses new text by emerging writer and screenwriter Rose Forrest to add depth and modern relevance to the original story. This new work will contrast the Italian Oratorio by evaluating Carrissimi's conservative interpretation of the source biblical text, which frames Jonah as a repentant hero. Together, Rose and Chris will craft a new take on the story that reworks these binaries of virtue and sin into more ambiguous shades of grey, in a way that better represents the text's original meaning in the Hebrew bible. In this, Jonah's confusion and anger at God cause him to question his Lord, his faith, his society, and own beliefs. In this retelling, the artists will insert their own experiences and identities into the work, presenting a queer/feminist take on these very old, yet inexplicably modern themes. The new work will also employ authentic baroque instrumentation supplied by Ensemble Ancien, such as the Lute/Theorbo, Harpsichord, and Violone. This is a unique prominent feature not included in most contemporary works that will allow the composer to explore unusual sound worlds.

Total Project Cost: \$21966.55

Amount Requested: \$7592.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$7,592.00

Panel Comments: Project interesting and so is the collaboration. The young people seem very talented. Queering classical music such a timely endeavour!

AG22-203: Mr Ian Sutherland

Rewilding the city

Project Description: I want to create a unique, highly accessible and engaging ephemeral outdoor pasteup art installation celebrating the wildlife of the City of Yarra.

Despite its inner-city location and heavy urbanisation Yarra hosts surprisingly diverse wildlife including birds such as yellow-tailed black cockatoos, tawny frogmouths, nankeen night-herons and sacred kingfishers, reptiles such as marbled geckos, blue-tongue lizards and eastern water dragons, mammals such as grey-headed fruit bats and ringtail possums and many and diverse invertebrates such as red-winged stick insects and praying mantises. The project 'Rewilding the city' uses high-quality, high resolution photographic images of local wildlife printed 'lo-fi' in full colour on 80 to 160 gsm bond paper then pasted up on outdoor locations using flour-and-water paste. Images are used in a playful, tactile and highly accessible way to create a living, breathing highly accessible artwork.

The images created are large and realistic and have a three-dimensional quality that gives them a slightly surreal air. Individually they are surprising, intriguing and uplifting while together they form a unified and aesthetic whole. Images actively engage viewers, appearing as they do unexpectedly in the urbanised context, and gently lead them to a greater awareness of the natural environment around them.

The installation also would include images of wildlife with strong visual appeal once common but now absent from Yarra such as grey kangaroos, wombats and echidnas and even brolgas.

The project is firmly grounded in place and time, yet is very flexible and highly adaptable to many different locations. Three possible locations have been identified for the installation: walls within Victoria Park; public walls near Main Yarra Trail; and a wall on the northern side of Australian Education Union Building, all in Abbotsford. Permission has been sought for the walls in question and should be known well before grants are announced.

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Total Project Cost: \$7905.00

Amount Requested: \$5205.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$5,205.00

Panel Comments: Panel believed this was a great project and application - gets arts out and accessible, connects with environmental and climate change priorities.

AG22-085: **West Space**

West Space Community Engagement Programs 2022

Project Description: In 2022, with the support of the City of Yarra, West Space will deliver a program of exhibitions in West Space Window, a suite of community engagement activities, and a series of complementary educational videos. These three avenues fulfil our 2020-2024 strategic goals of connecting with three target communities: early career artists, local Yarra communities, and secondary and tertiary students.

West Space will deliver a suite of strategic community engagement programs across 2022, that will provide targeted engagement to key demographics within our locality, including local Yarra artists, culturally diverse Yarra residents and broader communities, young people, and students.

Our community engagement programs are informed by commissioned artists within our artistic program, and are intended to extend the themes of the exhibition whilst connecting with new audiences. Each set of programs will be presented in partnership with peer organisations in Collingwood Yards and the greater City of Yarra.

Running alongside, and complementing these programs, we will run a year-long program of exhibitions in West Space Window (WSW). Conceived as an accessible entry point to contemporary art for the general public, WSW is a public facing micro gallery on the exterior of our space at Collingwood Yards. Programmed entirely through our open call, WSW provides presentation opportunities to 9 early career artists across the year, offering them an exhibition in a highly visible location and supportive environment.

For each commissioned or WSW exhibition, we will also produce a short interview with the artist/s, which will be published on social media and our digital platform West Space Offsite. These videos will provide insight into the artist's practice, and become a valuable educational tool for students.

Total Project Cost: \$116771.00

Amount Requested: \$15000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$12900.00

Recommendation: \$14,000.00

Panel Comments: Good project and application. The panel appreciated that Westspace are targeting their engagement to local Yarra artists, culturally diverse Yarra residents and broader communities, young people, and students and will provide support for nine early-career artists in a supportive environment.

AG22-127: **Gertrude Contemporary**

Gertrude Glasshouse Exhibition and Audience Engagement Program 2022

Project Description: - Gertrude Glasshouse opened in late 2015 as the project space of Gertrude and is situated in Collingwood, the heart of the City of Yarra. In 2019, our organisational visitation reached over 60,000 visits to our exhibitions, and throughout 2020 our digital impact expanded to include over 40,000 followers (via social channels). Glasshouse alone contributes over one-quarter of public attendance and provides a significant point of connection for Victorians with the solo exhibitions of our studio artists.

- 8 artists are invited annually into the studio program through a competitive open call process, with Gertrude housing 16 highly subsidised studios in our Preston space. Space to conceive and create is critical

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for contemporary artists, especially at key moments in the development of their careers. Each artist is offered the opportunity and financial resources to develop a new body of work or project for Glasshouse.

- Gertrude commissions new projects and exhibitions by artists participating in our studio program and presents them at Glasshouse. The near majority of studio artists are City of Yarra-based practitioners and providing a space to produce and present their work is a core responsibility of our organisation.

- We are seeking funding to directly support presentation outcomes in our Collingwood space. This project will consist of 6 artist-driven solo or collaborative projects, 2 curatorial projects with group exhibitions and a residency with two public performance outcomes in 2022.

- All exhibitions and events at Gertrude are free. Funding will go directly to artist fees, production budgets and artist speaker fees.

- Operational costs are covered through Gertrude's own contribution and the generous support of Glasshouse Patrons Michael Schwarz and David Clouston's in-kind provision of the gallery space. This enables funding resources to have a greater impact on the professional and artistic outcomes of our studio artists.

Total Project Cost: \$163681.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$10000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application and project. Support to attract audiences to the Glass House gallery site. Assists to maintain connection between Gertrude Contemporary and the City of Yarra.

AG22-287: **Weave Movement Theatre**

Sense of Place

Project Description: This first creative development of a new work, SENSE OF PLACE by WEAVE Movement Theatre explores places in our hearts, minds, memories and lived reality. We will probe a sense of place that is meaningful in a world where there is displacement, disorientation, migration, being locked into our local place and with original inhabitants displaced from their spiritual homelands.

The development involves disabled performers. Disabled people in our society are often seen as not having a place and are made to feel out of place, invisible, yet like all fellow humans they have places they feel deeply connected to. This will be explored by performers from Weave Movement Theatre, a disability led, physical theatre company of disabled performers, co-directed by Zya Kane and Janice Florence, Weave Artistic Director.

We will investigate these themes through an approach called Sensory Theatre, which uses the senses to discover story - What place does this smell evoke, this sound, this sight, this texture? The developing narrative will be expressed in collaboratively devised movement, dance and theatre interpretations of these sensory evocations of place. A film-maker will film performers and places evoked by performers, which may be used as digital segments in a later live performance or become an online or outdoor projected outcome in the later presentation phase, depending on conditions. A sound artist will develop soundscape excerpts to be developed in later phases of this project. A Forest Therapist/Theatre practitioner will lead an outdoor sensory and movement experience in Alphington parklands. The outcome in this phase is planned as a one-off live showing with some filmed elements, however it could become an online filmed or outdoor outcome, depending on lockdown status. It will be photographed. Photographic images may play a role in an outcome. We have a partnership residency at Dancehouse, Carlton.

Total Project Cost: \$18420.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$9000.00

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Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: A well developed application that is well thought through and based around the common understanding of the senses. Delivered by a highly experienced organisation with a strong connection to Yarra.

AG22-078: **Mx Bon Mott**

Intergalactic Plasma photographic portraits and filmic interviews

Project Description: My current project focus of 2SP is a series of 5 minutes x 10 film conversation projects that focuses on artists that identify as as Queer, transgender, non-binary, Indigenous, neurodiverse, and feminist.

The films will be shot by first nation film makers Adam Saturday (DOP) and Simon Rose, who will also help write the interview questions and conversation prompts.

Seven confirmed artists:

N'arweet Dr. Carolyne Briggs AM- Bunerong Elder, activist and scholar

Jess Gall- non-binary artist

Nuncia Madden- transgender artist

Simona Castricum- transgender activist, artist, scholar

Penelope Trotter- feminist, activist, performance, scholar

Alexander Powers- activist trans-gender artist

Vishnu Hazel- artist and designer, activist who works specifically with disability

I have interviewed and selected these artists based on their contribution and significant influence as queer and non-binary voices. These are all artists with considerable impact within Yarra and greater Melbourne's cultural landscape.

The film will centre intimate conversations with each individual artist and the film makers.

The film will then be edited by Adam and Simon through their own artistic lens.

The resulting film will have three artistic components that can be exhibited in unison and in separate parts as 1. The recorded sound 2. The film visuals (silenced) and 3. Projected as an art installation.

Once the collection of 10 films are created, they will be exhibited throughout the Yarra arts community.

The films will also be accessible to the public (Covid inclusive) online and physically accessible at Second Space Projects (2SP) ongoing through street front window display.

Total Project Cost: \$30280.00

Amount Requested: \$8000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: This is an interesting project that is clever and well written to produce films by diverse artists.

AG22-217: **Bus Projects**

Bus Projects' 2022 Artistic Program

Project Description: Bus Projects' 2022 artistic program will respond to the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic by investing in paid exhibition opportunities for artists and arts workers and providing a wealth of free and accessible exhibitions, talks, and workshops for our local community.

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Through our program we will foster grassroots engagement with diverse publics, and contribute to best-practice sector development for artist-run initiatives throughout Australia. Key to our future success is our new venue at Collingwood Yards where inter-organisational collaborations have already supercharged our capacity. This program will showcase the vibrancy and innovation of local art practice today and celebrate our community as creative co-producers.

Our 12-month program will include:

- 14 solo and 6 curated/group exhibitions;
- 25 workshops, discussions, and education events;
- 3 industry partnerships;
- A NETS Victoria touring project; - 24 film screenings; and
- 12 Writing commissions our online journal Island Island.

This program will provide the following benefits:

- New artwork by over 164 emerging Australian artists, curators and writers;
- 82 free accessible art events for Yarra communities located at Collingwood Yards;
- Specific investment in projects by and for First Nations artists and curators;
- Payment of fees to all creative participants;

Through our transparent open call, peer-assessed, programming model, we provide artists, curators, and writers at diverse career levels with opportunities to present their work in a caring context. Bus Projects staff provide holistic curatorial, technical and marketing support throughout the lifecycle of each project we present. The artistic program is formed through a rigorous committee process, overseen by the Gallery staff. The Artistic Advisory Group (a sub-committee of the board) brings together a range of expert knowledge, including industry professionals, artists, curators and writers.

Total Project Cost: \$216500.00

Amount Requested: \$18000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$12000.00

Recommendation: \$15,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthy project with strong audience, involvement and artist support. Will provide paid opportunities for multiple creative participants and support a grass roots organisation.

AG22-228: **Ms Mig Dann**

Mig Dann: A Retrospective

Project Description: 'Mig Dann: A Retrospective' is a survey exhibition and accompanying publication presenting the work of esteemed artist and long-time Yarra resident Mig Dann. The exhibition and book launch will coincide with the artist's 80th birthday, with works spanning Dann's six-decade long career. Crossing the mediums of sculpture, installation, video, text and sound, this immersive exhibition will be housed in the North Magdalen Laundry at the Abbotsford Convent in March 2022. Curated by Josephine Mead and Dr Zoë Bastin, the exhibition will explore Dann's work thematically, delving into issues of childhood trauma, feminist practice and queer culture. The publication will detail Dann's artistic achievements and fascinating life story, commemorating her extraordinary achievements and her impact on the artistic community, crossing multiple continents.

Through reflections on the past and creating space within contemporary practice for open dialogue in the present, Dann has produced a vast body of work with ongoing multi-generational relevance. A series of public programs, consisting of conversations between Dann and younger queer-identifying artists, will take place during the exhibition, opening up wider discussions involving the Yarra Community, regarding what being an older queer person means in contemporary life.

The publication will contain documentation of forty works by Dann examining her work thematically, with

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reference to her lived experiences. An essay by Josephine Mead will examine the works and chronologically discuss Dann's life, including her experiences working as translator for David Bowie, research assistant for the production of a book about the life of Kiki de Montparnasse in Paris, and her experience working for Billy Klüver for Experiments in Art & Technology in New York. Avant-garde figure Cherry Vanilla - who introduced Dann to Bowie - has agreed to write a reflection on her experiences during this time. 200 copies of the publication will be produced.

Total Project Cost: \$57081.51

Amount Requested: \$15000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$100000.00

Recommendation: \$12,500.00

Panel Comments: The panel were very supportive of this application and project. They appreciated that this project celebrates the work of a legendary artist/mentor and is being developed by emerging curators.

AG22-137: Ms Celeste de Clario Davis (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts Projects Inc)

"Things Will Be Different" - Counter Storytelling + Addressing Narratives of Stigma

Project Description: 'Things Will Be Different' captures the stories and layers of impact when public housing residents are forcibly dispersed. The film is the creation of two young women who lived in public housing. The production includes public housing residents who have been displaced as a result of the public-private redevelopment of public housing estates in inner-Melbourne. Because the filmmakers and participants have an 'insiders' understanding of life in public housing the film provides the viewer with insights into the emotional and physical disruption that dislocation has on the lives of tenants that counters the often negative narratives of stigma presented about 'public housing'. The redevelopment of public housing into the public-private model is not widely understood as a 'loss of public housing'; the film and associated activities address this important ambivalence and the implications that renewal has on the loss of community cohesion and the development of areas of 'exclusion'.

'Things Will Be Different' screenings will be held in the City of Yarra during March 2022, with screenings at the 'Collingwood Yards' and Atherton Gardens housing estate. Along side the screenings there will be discussions led by the Save Public Housing Collective and will feature public housing residents from City of Yarra and housing advocates representing people with disabilities and trans communities. It is envisaged that the discussions will provide audiences with the opportunity to reflect on the important role public housing has in a democratic society.

Our aim is to use a creative, inclusive process to counter the narrative stigma promoted by mainstream media when presenting the lives of public housing tenants, to encourage support for public housing residents and to promote the importance of ensuring there is space for all in our cities.

Total Project Cost: \$30524.00

Amount Requested: \$9321.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$9,321.00

Panel Comments: This is a strong idea that captures the impact of development on public housing residents from the unique perspective of the insider and from young creatives. It considers the impact on the community and involves them in the project.

AG22-171: Centre For Projection Art Inc

Evanesce - public art projections exploring the effects of climate change

Project Description: EVANESCE is an outdoor, free, public projection art exhibition, highlighting the climate emergency and human effect on climate change. The term EVANESCE means to pass out of sight, memory, or existence and is frequently used in the present, referring to extinction that can be accounted for mainly by climate change. Over three weeks across Yarra, we will present site-responsive projection works that are

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thought-provoking and publicly accessible by eight artists exploring this concept. These works will be displayed as a series of public art projections in shop windows and building facades over three weeks, upskilling our community to be climate champions, advocating for climate action, and linking back to International Day of Light and World Environment Day to present these works through social media on a global platform.

The Centre for Projection Art will ask artists to use these concepts to create new works that highlight the climate emergency and EVANESCE as it translates to global existence. Aligned to Yarra's Climate Emergency Plan we will explore new partnerships with renewable electricity retailers as potential supporters to offset any carbon emissions and sponsor renewable green energy.

Total Project Cost: \$56508.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8500.00

Recommendation: \$8,500.00

Panel Comments: CPA have a strong history in the City of Yarra delivering quality works. The use of projection to highlight the climate emergency is strong medium to communicate ideas to the public.

AG22-265: **Dr Michael Currie**

Yarra Longings

Project Description: We are requesting funds to assist us to prepare Yarra Longings: an uplifting, research-based, live audio-visual performance project designed to map the resilience of Yarra, past and present, place and community, seeking to restore hope, balance and beauty denied to us by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Moving image, familiar sound and musical composition create powerful statements that motivate us to reclaim and celebrate our freedoms as we navigate our be-longing to past and present, reconnecting private and public spheres. Musicians Michael Currie (Double Bass), Anthony Schulz (Piano Accordion) and Jutta Pryor (Visual artist/filmmaker) shall collaborate and build on their collective experiences as longterm residents of Yarra by visually documenting neighbourhoods, recording site specific sounds and composing musical odes to place, empowering the voice of Yarra Longings. The Yarra Longings project shall be presented as live musical performances accompanied by live projected visuals. The project will be progressively documented with sound and film recording and edited into a descriptive 'trailer' that serves as an online presence of the project suitable for promotion of the live performances that constitute the second part of the Yarra Longings project.

We will hold a debut performance at the Palace of Magnificent Experiences (POME). Following this debut performance we envisage performing in the usual community accessible venues in Yarra - The Boite, Abbotsford Convent, Fairfield Ampitheatre, council venues and galleries. We also will perform in venues that are fit for purpose for our project, such as disused halls, closed factories, underneath bridges – insofar as they can be safely used. Our aim is to find the magic of the unknown and forgotten what is abandoned and derelict and use it as the centrepiece setting for performance to inspire a post COVID re-discovery of Yarra places in our audience as well.

Total Project Cost: \$26190.00

Amount Requested: \$6700.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: A strong reflection on lockdown and local content. Good artistic approach that is accessible and engaging.

AG22-113: **3CR Community Radio**

this mob mural development workshops commissioned by 3CR

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Project Description: First Nations arts collective this mob will host a series of four mural-making creative development workshops with six emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander creatives. The purpose of these workshops is to develop new skills within the cohort of emerging artists, while developing a new mural design for 3CR. 3CR have invited this mob to renew their existing mural on their iconic Smith Street building, under the guidance and mentorship of Kamilaroi artist Reko Rennie, and Kalkadoon artist Arkie Barton.

3CR are applying to City of Yarra for creative development funds to support this mob to deliver this workshop series and support young First Nations artists to gain new skills, and build confidence in mural design – in preparation for the end goal of painting/delivering the mural at 3CR. Indigenous artists are in high demand for mural work in the City of Yarra and beyond. This creative development will give emerging artists who have the talent and the interest in designing and painting murals, the skills and know-how to do so. The four workshops will be hosted over a period of four months, each session focusing on a different element of designing and painting a mural; ideas generation (which includes consultation with both Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung Traditional Owners, and the Indigenous Broadcasters at 3CR), graphic design and painting techniques. The young artists will learn hands-on skills in collaborating with one another, form intergenerational connections with mentors, Traditional Owners and with 3CR's Indigenous Broadcasters, and will develop a mural concept ready to be delivered to 3CR.

These workshops will be hosted both at 3CR, and at this mob's studio at the Collingwood Yards. These workshops will be documented through photographs and audio recordings – in which the young people can share their experiences and what they've learnt.

Total Project Cost: \$16950.00

Amount Requested: \$14600.00 **Minimum Required:** \$10000.00

Recommendation: \$14,600.00

Panel Comments: Great project and application. Combines clear community benefit and outcomes with benefit to smaller group of individuals who would be mentored by higher profile artists.

AG22-208: **Ms Jessie French**

'We Are All Bees Now' Exhibition and pandemic-proof public programs at Bus Projects in 2022

Project Description: 'We Are All Bees Now' is a group exhibition inspired by the artist's and curator's work with *Apis mellifera*, the common honeybee. By drawing attention to key ideas proposed by biologist Lynn Margulis 'We Are All Bees Now' reflects on collectivity, symbiosis and earthly survival.

This proposal will make possible the development and production of new works by three artists and provide support for four artists to exhibit existing work at Bus Projects in early 2022. A complimentary public program designed to be durable for pandemic times, with the ability to be delivered remotely if required will also be included during the show. See outline below for detail on public programs.

Biologist Scott Gilbert's phrase 'we are all lichens' underlines a symbiotic view of life, referring to symbiosis theory (which was substantiated and popularised and by evolutionary biologist Lynn Margulis), by situating us in the context of lichens, an organism formed by the symbiotic association of fungi and algae.

Through the lens of work made by multidisciplinary beekeepers part of the Honey Fingers Collective and *apis mellifera*, the subject of our human-insect relations called beekeeping, the works presented in the exhibition and its complimentary public programs will emphasise two main points:

- 1) A celebration of symbiosis and collectivity with elevating vital symbiotic interdependence in place of an individualistic human view; and
- 2) A folding of humans into the widely understood fragility of the common honey bee to draw attention to the position of our species with those currently facing collapse, hinting at the existential risk (and crisis) we face amid this climate emergency.

Public program outline (to be altered in response to COVID guidelines)

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1 x opening event
 2 x artist talks
 1 x beeswax biomaterial making performance/workshop
 1 x beekeeping related workshop
 1 x publication launch

Total Project Cost: \$29654.00

Amount Requested: \$12318.00 **Minimum Required:** \$9760.00

Recommendation: \$9,760.00

Panel Comments: Exquisite artists and artworks - the panel also liked the connection of the artists through their work with Honey Fingers. The majority of artists are Yarra-based. It has clear public outcome and thought has gone in to how the project would pivot in the event of lockdown.

AG22-187: **no more poetry**

no more poetry, 2022 Publications

Project Description: no more poetry is engaging the assistance of Yarra City Council for the production and distribution of eight major publications of poetry and visual art throughout 2022. These eight publications will directly support each author through the sales and distribution of their work, as well as engage them exponentially in the local arts community by placing them within a kind and well-respecting publishing house of diverse writers and artists. Additionally, these publications will spill outwards and support a cacophony of conduit organisations including venues, printers and various performers through a range of launches and reading events. Within our first year of publishing we have seen the expansion of a thriving community of poets, with an abundance of engaged support that is only set to expand further into next year.

Total Project Cost: \$56665.54

Amount Requested: \$14666.00 **Minimum Required:** \$7961.00

Recommendation: \$12,666.00

Panel Comments: This publication is original and supports emerging practice. It also has a high level of CoY participants working to not only explore Melbourne's writing, but sharing it worldwide in high quality formats.

AG22-056: **Music in Exile**

Open Plan: Creating New Work in Public Spaces

Project Description: Music in Exile, a NFP that provides artist services to Australian musicians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, proposes to host a residency program at the Abbotsford Convent which will see Mindy Meng Wang 王萌 and her collaborator Tim Shiel develop new work inside a temporary, open-access recording studio situated inside the Convent. The studio will be accessible to members of the public, and a series of scheduled public programs will accompany the residency, allowing City of Yarra residents to engage with established artists, share knowledge and skills, collaborate in the creation of new ideas, and build valuable networks for local emerging artists and community members.

All public programs, including a live performance that will take place at the end of the residency, will be live-streamed and accessible for all audiences. Music in Exile has consulted with local community groups and NFP's, such as the Collingwood Neighbourhood House and BANH, in mapping out how this project might be curated to meet the needs of community members, and to offer the most value to emerging artists within the community or those with an interest in music and the arts.

Upon completion of the residency, Mindy and Tim will have created a body of new work that will be released internationally via the Music in Exile label in conjunction with our distribution, publicity and marketing partners. These works will reach audiences across the country and internationally, showcasing the City of

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Yarra and Abbotsford Convent as leaders in arts innovation, creativity, inclusion, and community connectedness. In addition to this, new connections will be formed between the artists and community members taking part, providing emerging artists throughout the City of Yarra with the tools, encouragement and networks they will need to develop into practicing arts professionals.

Total Project Cost: \$14390.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6550.00

Recommendation: \$6,550.00

Panel Comments: Strong application with considered connections to support CALD musicians in public space. Good community engagement, meaningful outcomes and an EP for release - good value.

AG22-149: **Miss Sarah Aiken**

Deep Soulful Sweats – 1 year program

Project Description: Support from City of Yarra will allow us to present a yearlong program of activities, developing new work through audience participation, through:

-2 free and open access Deep Soulful Sweats events at Collingwood Yards and Abbotsford Convent for up to 80 participants, exploring new participatory models, activating spaces with movement, music and accessible creative practice open to everyone.

-2 workshops at Dancehouse facilitated by artists from the DSS team. Developing and trialing new DSS participatory events that are adaptable to different contexts and restrictions through testing ideas, movement development, research and working with collaborators, sharing and building dialogue around dance, movement and art practice.

-Reaching new audiences/participants- we know that people would love Deep Soulful Sweats events to be more regular and, in more locations, it is time to reach out from the arts community and share it more broadly.

-Work with a range of artists building on existing and creating new creative relationships

We will partner with City of Yarra organisations, Dancehouse, Collingwood Yards and the Abbotsford Convent, to assist us in delivering these outcomes, deepening our relationships with them and utilising their audience bases and networks and reciprocally bringing our networks to their venues. Each presentation of DSS will be unique, designed to fit context and to invite members of the community into creative practice.

This project supports a large team of incredible artists providing individuals with employment in what is an incredibly precarious time to be an artist. Selected for their expertise, distinct and diverse experience and perspective, each artists skills and cultural backgrounds contribute to creative choices in the process. This diversity allows for multiple perspectives to work in chorus, providing various points of entry for audiences and complexity of ideas.

Total Project Cost: \$16408.00

Amount Requested: \$9400.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8500.00

Recommendation: \$8,500.00

Panel Comments: Community oriented, heavily participatory, great artists delivering the sessions in several Yarra venues. Solid proposal with funds going to artists.

AG22-123: **Mr Matthias Schack-Arnott**

CIRCADIA

Project Description: Matthias Schack-Arnott will collaborate with acclaimed lighting designer Amelia Lever-Davidson on the creation of an innovative 40-minute integrated percussion and light work, presented by Play On at the Collingwood Underground Carpark.

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CIRCADIA explores the warping of time that occurs during altered physical and psychological states. Informed by the fluid experience of time during the pandemic, the work will use subtle (and sometimes extreme) shifts in light and sound to explore an elasticity of time. The work uses cutting edge technology that allows for Matthias to trigger the lighting design from his drum sticks. Using a tiny trigger inside each of his drumsticks, Matthias' playing activates synchronous pulsations in light and electronic sound. Matthias will be playing layered rhythmic patterns that build over time, creating a textural and rhythmically dynamic musical world. His drumming is translated real-time into layered pulsations of light, that illuminate different aspects of the space. The result will be the transformation of the Collingwood Underground Carpark into an immersive audio-visual experience, trance-like and visceral in nature.

The work will be commissioned and presented by Play On, culminating in two concert performances at the Collingwood Underground Carpark. The work will be developed at Tomikeh Studio (Collingwood) and Play On studio (Collingwood Yards) and will feature an 'Artist in Conversation' session hosted by Play On's Director Lydia Dobbin. Additionally, Matthias will collaborate with Yarra based film production company KEWL Studios on a multi-camera music film of the performance, for online release after the event through the Play On, KEWL Studio and Matthias Schack-Arnott websites and social media platforms.

TEAM

Matthias Schack-Arnott - Performer, Composition, Concept
 Amelia Lever-Davidson* - Lighting Design
 Tobias Willis (KEWL Studios)* - Video Direction
 Michaela Coventry* - Producer- Sage Arts
 Lydia Dobbin* - Director of Play On Series

*Based in the City of Yarra

Total Project Cost: \$30800.00

Amount Requested: \$8000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong concept; a clear and detailed application. The panel liked that it expands outreach of project with a film element that is well-thought through and not just an add-on.

AG22-248: Ms Miranda Hill

Homophonic! Video Portraits

Project Description: The Homophonic! Video Portraits are an extension of the RESPECT commissioning project started in 2021. The RESPECT project brings together queer elders with queer composers to share their stories and set them to music. It is a curated artistic relationship between LGBTIQ+ elders and queer artists to share our community history. It has been an emotional, meaningful, and important journey to tell these stories, and I'm committed to continuing to set as many stories in art as possible. The power in these works comes from not only the individual stories, but also from cementing them in a work of art that can stand the test of time. There's only a small set of stories that are regularly told in western art music, and by setting these stories we are correcting the record and opening the door to a more inclusive and accurate social history.

The Homophonic! Video Portraits expands this idea to include film, and to be more accessible in a COVID world. Working with Switchboard and their Out and About program participants in Yarra, and the Bent Twigs Alliance. This will be a series of short films, functioning as visual portraits. The Community elder is filmed in a blackbox environment, engaging in an element of self-care: make up, hair tending, cufflinks, shaving, plucking whiskers, moisturising... whatever speaks to that person. The film is scored with a solo instrumental work, written by a local queer composer, and inspired by conversation with the elder involved. No words spoken, this is a visual and aural portrait that speaks to both the individuality of the person represented, and the universality of our stories.

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Melbourne Queer Film Festival have expressed interest in showing these video portraits as pre-screeners for their festival, and also in conversation with Victorian Seniors Festival for their 2022 season.

Total Project Cost: \$14050.00

Amount Requested: \$10250.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: Panel supportive of this project as it has good connections with other organisations (queer film festival etc) and engagement with an older community.

AG22-274: **Hotham Street Ladies**

Hotham Street Ladies Street

Project Description: As women who originate from, live and work in City of Yarra we feel that it is timely to re-examine history of our local area through a gendered lens, and to consider the implications of honouring historical white male figures through street and place names. Our hope is that this work will play a role in igniting discussion and debate about the role women and others have played in the history of the Yarra area. It will also challenge the precept that place names are fixed, opening up a discourse about how cultural change can and must be reflected in our public spaces for equity and diversity.

In this project we will:

- fabricate a set of "City of Yarra Historical Street Signs" which will celebrate women and include humorous commentary on women's inclusion in the history of Yarra including the renaming of Hotham Street to Hotham Street Ladies Street
 - undertake a large scale photo shoot of the Hotham Street Ladies at various locations in City of Yarra with the signs. We will be accompanied by a group of male 'assistants' dressed as builders. The photographs will explore the juxtaposition of women and how history is documented, or erased
 - hold an exhibition, exhibiting both the signs and the photographic work. We may also fabricate other pieces for the exhibition, and will hold at least one community event, such as a workshop, to accompany the exhibition. The exhibition will be held in City of Yarra.
- The project team will be the four Hotham Street Ladies and Samara Clifford, photographer.

Total Project Cost: \$12150.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4000.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: This clever project directly addresses and literally will bring to the community's attention the contribution of women in the City of Yarra. This in turn actively contributes towards gender equity. The artists are well regarded, have strong and ongoing connections to the municipality and have the skills to deliver the project.

Climate Action

AG22-210: **Holden St Neighbourhood House**

The Food Patch

Project Description: Holden Street would like to redevelop a currently neglected area on our property that will be used to engage and support locals experiencing food insecurity and lack of community connections.

We would like to install new Wicking bed/s in the designated area between Holden Street and Holden Street reserve. This site previously housed a wicking bed but encountered structural collapse due to age and

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required removal for public health and safety. The new beds will be installed and procured locally from "Little Veggie Patch Co." with the view to having one of the beds constructed onsite in a practical community workshop.

In addition, a Community Food Pantry will be installed, which aims to support both sustainability, food waste and food relief efforts, by providing a means for local community members to obtain healthy and essential food resources – especially with the current covid challenges. This pantry will be stocked with both local and on site grown produce (from the wicking bed) and non-perishable foods. The Food Pantry will be built from sustainably sourced materials (including second hand and recycled goods) and constructed by an existing procured carpentry professional.

The Community Workshop will educate participants of the centre (and the wider community) about sustainable gardening practices and see the installation of our wicking bed as a real-life example of achievable gardening. Providing the community (including the most vulnerable), a holistic understanding of the food cycle and climate change/environmental implications – with actionable solutions and activities to address our changing environment. This includes developing greater empowerment in environmental literacy and resilience in responding to the challenges of climate change.

Total Project Cost: \$7269.00

Amount Requested: \$4621.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4371.00

Recommendation: \$4,371.00

Panel Comments: This is a good application with clear objectives, milestones and outcomes. Your integrated approach to building 2 wicking beds, putting some of the food plus food from Second Bite to create a Food Pantry & delivering workshop around creating a wicking bed - is a sound approach. The Food Pantry may work as a model for others in the community.

AG22-117: North Fitzroy Community Gardens Group t/a Rushall Garden

Free and fresh food to share in our community

Project Description: We want to install and manage four wicking beds for free vegetables for the community.

The project is a continuation of our ongoing project to develop the area around the community garden as a public place for demonstrating ways of growing food sustainably and minimising food waste. Over the past years, volunteers have created a thriving community compost hub here, whose compost is used on the beds of vegetables, fruit trees and flowers around the outside of the garden, all freely accessible to the public. Because of the risk from contaminated soil, vegetables can only be grown here in raised beds with clean soil. We already have some of these near the gates of the garden. We want to add four more to an existing bed along the north west fence, which at present only contains flowers as it is an in-ground bed. The new beds will be tended by volunteers, all members of the NCFG, a not-for-profit group whose membership is open to anybody from Yarra. The vegetables will be grown using seedlings from the seed library and propagation table in the area which have been added during 2021. The produce, which will be freely available to anybody who wants it, will predominantly be the sort of cut-and-come again plants which are already popular with the community.

Total Project Cost: \$11518.00

Amount Requested: \$2701.00 **Minimum Required:** \$1500.00

Recommendation: \$1,500.00

Panel Comments: This is a strong application with clear objectives, milestones and outcomes. It is a great extension to an existing Community Food System and will give local residents greater access to local free sustainable food.

AG22-185: Rethink Recycling Co-op

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Rethink Recycling Co-op Collection Points & Sorting Centres

Project Description: Rethink Recycling Co-op (RRC) will soon be finalising a mobile educational trailer to enable us to bring workshops and presentations to community members around Victoria on responsible production and consumption practices. Hands-on and interactive demonstrations show how our local plastic 'waste' can actually be used as a resource and will teach and inspire attendees to adopt and support circular economic principles within their own lives.

However, our program delivery ultimately depends on a steady stream of locally-collected 'waste' plastic for remanufacturing. Through the collection points and sorting centres, we aim to set up 50 collection points for plastic lids in various locations around the City of Yarra (including neighbourhood houses, businesses, schools, churches, public housing communities, etc.) and at least one sorting centre to sort the lids into polymer type and colour, which will target community members from disadvantaged backgrounds. Lids are then passed on to RRC warehouse in Springvale to be shredded for use in our educational demonstrations, which can be conducted in a range of different community settings included Collingwood Children's Farm, Gleadell Street Market, Melbourne Girls' College sustainability events, and many more.

The project aims to engage members of the community from all backgrounds, abilities, and situations and hopes to build partnership and volunteering opportunities to strengthen communities within the City of Yarra.

This proposal seeks funding to construct and supply various Yarra community locations with a collection box made from remanufactured 'waste' plastic.

Total Project Cost: \$105675.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: This is an highly engaging and innovative project and addresses a need to recycle plastic lids, alongside providing education about the circular economy. A great deal of effort has been made to establish partnerships.

AG22-102: **Fitzroy Primary School**

Urban Microbat Project

Project Description: Why native microbats at Fitzroy Primary?

The proposed Fitzroy Primary School Urban Microbat Project aligns with the City of Yarra's Nature Strategy (YNS) goals. The project supports 3 of the 4 YNS goals:

- Increase the diversity, connectivity and resilience of Yarra's natural environment
- Encourage people to further appreciate and actively enhance Yarra's natural landscape
- Make innovation, communication and collaboration the cornerstones of Yarra's nature-focussed programs

Providing additional habitat for hollow-dependent fauna, such as native microbats, in urban areas where hollows are absent or in short supply and raising awareness through the school curriculum, microbat box building and monitoring, is an innovative project that complements the City of Yarra's commitment to protection of Yarra's unique biodiversity and connects students to nature. The project has potential to expand over consecutive years to compare microbat populations in Yarra's nearby Bushland areas and wildlife corridors (Yarra River) with populations at Fitzroy PS and adjacent built-up areas. The City of Yarra Biodiversity team will be undertaking microbat activity monitoring using an Anabat Walkabout Detector (<https://www.titley-scientific.com/au/anabat-walkabout.html>) and have expressed interest to partner with Fitzroy PS to engage students in an exciting and important nature monitoring project. The Urban Microbat Project will be implemented in stages over 2022.

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Stage 1 Project Planning stage Mid -Term 1 Setting up project with staff and students, planning and linking learning to the Vic curriculum. Engaging with Craig Lupton, Senior Biodiversity Officer of YCC who has expertise in microbat education.

Stage 2/3 onwards– Term 2, 3 Implementing the Urban Microbat Project ,immersing Fitzroy Primary students in learning experiences including; delivering workshops on native microbats with older students for younger students and wider school community, investigating microbats, building microbat boxes, learning and applying technology involved ,microbat monitoring, recording, graphing and reporting on data and project to the wider community.

Total Project Cost: \$3311.00

Amount Requested: \$3711.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$3,311.00

Panel Comments: Great, achievable application that will pay dividends for biodiversity and engagement of young people with environmental projects in Yarra. Good links already established with City of Yarra staff and realistic budget.

AG22-245: Australian Environmental Films Association

Vox Popping Yarra's Consumption Bubble

Project Description: Our current daily consumption and waste habits are having a devastating effect on our natural environment, and to address this it is critical that we shift our attitudes as a community. AEFA will produce a series of social media style films that will focus on creating behaviour change by giving people very real, tangible examples of how others are doing sustainability well, ultimately aiming to improve our individual and collective sustainability practices.

The films will leverage the popularity of the vox pop style social media film, which is real, authentic and highly engaging, particularly to younger users, a key demographic in the Yarra council area.

The films will begin with vox pops of everyday people on the street about their consumption. The interviewer will approach people on the street and ask a very straightforward question:

- 'Do you have too much stuff?' A film that focuses on the amount of material possessions we have and specifically focuses on possessions we don't even need/use.
- 'How much food do you throw away?' A film exploring just how much food we individually throw away on a weekly basis and how that food is thrown away.
- "When do you throw something out?" A film looking at our relationship with our possessions and how we maintain and repair them or simply update with the new.

The interviews would then lead into more in-depth explorations of that individual's consumption habits, such as them touring their house or waste system at home. The films will show examples of individuals consuming and managing waste in problematic but common ways, before progressing to individuals undertaking good sustainability practices. Viewers will be taken on a non-judgmental journey from what they might be doing to what they could be doing, before offering them tangible actions to improve.

Total Project Cost: \$60290.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: Novel, engaging approach to presenting sustainability message that is capable of targeting a young demographic. Leverages substantial in-kind contributions

AG22-244: Mark Street residents (Auspiced by Holden St Neighbourhood House)

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Installing and promoting vegie boxes in Mark Street Hall for local food growing

Project Description: Purchase six vegie crates, delivered from the Vegie Patch group to install in the grounds of the Mark Street Hall.

These are half crates, 1 metre by a half a metre, made of untreated new pine, lined to stop water leaking out, with a wicking bed to keep the soil moist: delivered with a mix of soils to fill them, and netting to protect the plants, on castors to make them easy to move it need be. The soils include organic compost, organic potting mix, worm castings, rockdust, sugar cane mulch and slow release chook poo.

The Mark Street Neighbours would set up the vegie crates, fill them with the soils, plant them with herbs and vegies, and organise a roster to make sure the vegie boxes are cared for and are kept moist.

\The neighbours have signed a sheet stating they are keen, with their contact details; so we can easily communicate, can organise a roster to care for the plants, or let others know if they are problems, or opportunities.

Total Project Cost: \$10867.00

Amount Requested: \$3747.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2760.00

Recommendation: \$2,760.00

Panel Comments: This is a good application with clear objectives and outcomes. Its good to see a small street community coming together to create a sustainable food project. Hopefully it could encourage other street projects into the future.

AG22-241: Collingwood Children's Farm

Climate Action Workshops

Project Description: Collingwood Children's Farm plans to host a series of six small producer-led educational workshops on the Farm, while we are open to the public on Saturdays. The series will be part of a broader program of workshops held at the Farm called Sustainable Saturdays and will be presented with the guidance of the Melbourne Farmers Market.

Each workshop will engage a small farm producer who regularly holds a stall at the Markets held on the Farm. The Markets are usually held at the Farm on the second Saturday of each month and at the Abbotsford Convent on the fourth Saturday of each month. These six workshops run by the market stall holders will be held on the third and the third Saturdays of each month from late October to mid December 2021. They will focus on the producers' farming practices to educate the community about issues of regenerative agriculture, horticulture and soil management, waste minimisation and maximising produce output, so attendees can implement these practices in their own growing practices at home.

Entrance to the workshop will include free entry to the Farm for the day of the event.

Total Project Cost: \$3310.00

Amount Requested: \$3310.00 **Minimum Required:** \$1800.00

Recommendation: \$1,800.00

Panel Comments: This is a very strong application which presents a novel approach to delivering climate/sustainability message to the community. A great idea to fully tap into the expertise and inspiration that growers can provide to city folk who are keen on regenerative ag and sustainable food systems.

AG22-235: Northern Inner Multiple Birth Association Inc

NIMBA Cloth Nappy Library

Project Description: NIMBA would like to motivate and mobilise members to reduce their landfill waste via a free modern cloth nappy (MCN) library. This would be a soft entry approach to MCN and much consideration has been made to set families up for success overcoming barriers such as :

-Financial costs. The library is a free service for members and we have arranged ongoing discounts from

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providers.

-Clear and easy wash instructions - Infographics provided by Clean Cloth Nappies

(<https://cleanclothingnappies.com>). -Washing and use: We have chosen 2 easy to use and wash nappy styles thus eliminating overwhelming choice.

- Fostering a small local friendly and supportive community group where questions and advice can be shared. Many nappy pages are overwhelming with too much information.

The 'library' will have designated NIMBA Coordinator ensuring nappies and liners are hired out and returned within a timeframe. The Coordinator will promote information sharing and motivational success stories on our Facebook page and newsletter as well as sanitising the nappies to correct standards between users. We will be collaborating with local brand, Designer Bums, Sydney brand, Hippybottomus as they offer two different price points and with very easy to use styles - this will further increase uptake. Whilst we will stock the easiest to use and wash, our Coordinator will offer advice on the other styles available.

This project will have long legacy as new 'member experts' can then share their experience and advice to new members and friends. NIMBA members can on-sell their own nappies to new members, further increasing the positive environmental impact of the nappies.

Once our project is established we will look to share our success and information with other community groups and Maternal Child Health Centres and act as a role model- if twin and triplet parents can do it, anyone can!

Total Project Cost: \$6102.00

Amount Requested: \$2000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$1656.24

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: Good application, valid community need. Disposable nappies in landfill is a plastic pollution issue, but also a significant creator of greenhouse gases. As the only organisation providing free modern cloth nappies through their library they are trying to teach the benefits to the environment on their use. It is innovative and other organisations with bubs could learn from them.

AG22-193: **Green Music Australia**

Green Action Program (GAP)

Project Description: The Green Action Program (GAP) is a tailored 13-week environmental sustainability pilot training program designed to assist six Victorian music businesses to understand, monitor and improve their environmental impact.

GAP supports participants to gain invaluable skills and knowledge to implement measures for structural change within their business. Organisations will be supported to develop best practice strategies to reduce and mitigate environmental impact in service delivery and operations towards becoming carbon neutral.

GAP is facilitated through a blended delivery; in person at Music Victoria, APRA /AMCOS and Unified Group offices and/or online inclusive of weekly meetings through Zoom conferencing, Asana project management software, correspondence and check-ins to support information exchange and progress tracking with post-program support from industry experts.

Organisational representatives will undertake modules in identified areas of need. These units and the overall program design and delivery has been identified for development in partnership with Matt Wicking (Cloud Catcher), Jenni Mulligan and Shelly Anderson (iSystain), Rhoda Roberts (First Nations Consultant) and Emma Bosworth and Berish Bilander (Green Music Australia).

The GAP framework for training module development includes:

The state of the planet: Why we must act now

Blak is Green: Why platforming First Nations voices matters to sustainability

Organisational data collection, benchmarking and analysis

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Business Impact Review: Uncover impact findings and explore global solutions
 Sustainability in business: Case study review, problem analysis and solution co-design
 Onsite Live Energy Audit
 Setting Targets: The role of data in identifying and meeting sustainability goals
 Policy and Procedural development

Additionally, participating organisations will gain access to a new environmental reporting and evaluation program, the Music Industry Database of Impact (MIDI), developed by iSystain. Each organisation will receive annual reports benchmarking organisational progress to improve and adapt their Sustainability Action Plans for long-lasting change supported by Green Music Australia over 3-years.

Total Project Cost: \$119872.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: Green Music Australia seems well placed to deliver the outcomes of the project that are proposed. Good to see a solid application that demonstrates a systematic approach to a sustainability for businesses, bringing together First Nations with practical components such as energy auditing.

AG22-148: **CLIMARTE Inc**

CLIMARTE GALLERY

Project Description: CLIMARTE is currently in the advanced stages of establishing what is understood to be the world's first Climate Emergency focussed gallery at 120 Bridge Road, Richmond.

Having a designated gallery space will enable us to expand on our decade-long model of collaborating with trusted, like-minded organisations, groups and individuals to produce and present exhibitions and associated public forums exploring all aspects of the Climate Emergency and associated social justice issues.

In the context of the Climate Emergency, CLIMARTE is developing:

- a series of groundbreaking participatory exhibitions addressing interconnected and interdependent ecological impacts as well as effective, justice-based solutions;
- a robust program of public-facing events that delve into critical discourse between art, science and civil society;
- ongoing opportunities for the community to collectively express deep grief and despair while organising pathways to urgently usher in available solutions;
- ongoing opportunities for artists and creative practitioners to create and exhibit new artwork, and to be fairly remunerated for their important work;
- programs exploring the role of creative workers in Climate Emergency preparedness, response and recovery;
- frameworks for creative workers to play key roles in designing pro-active pathways towards building a regenerative economy that serves all people and nature.

CLIMARTE projects will explore what genuinely democratic (inclusive, collaborative and accountable) decision making processes in micro and macro forms across society look like, how to best support people in coming to terms with the Climate Emergency, and how to best plan for enabling community-led, justice-based creative responses to crises.

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In advocating for a 'just transition' to a regenerative economy - underpinned by research from The Australia Institute (more on this later) - CLIMARTE projects will challenge extractive and exploitative modes of operating across all sectors while advancing socially and ecologically sustainable models that are best and fair for all.

Total Project Cost: \$140000.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$10000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: This is a very strong application and addresses our global climate emergency in an engaging and innovative way. It engages a wide range of partners and has well thought out processes for consultation, engagement, dissemination and evaluation.

AG22-263: Australian Environmental Films Association

Yarra Grant Dissemination Project

Project Description: Each year, those receiving the Yarra climate action grant do incredible work to protect our natural environment, but their work often goes unnoticed by most of the community. AEFA will work with successful grant recipients to deliver a series of films that track the positive change these recipients are creating to ensure their projects are seen across the municipality, ultimately increasing their impact and inspiring others to follow their lead.

On announcement of the 2022 grants, AEFA will work with Yarra to connect with the other successful applicants and begin a process of identifying the most engaging and impactful projects to cover, focusing on those which can most benefit from wider reach and increased community support. AEFA will work closely with those selected to produce a film which highlights both the journey throughout the year and the final product or outcomes the project created. We will disseminate these films via social media and relevant websites to maximise their exposure in the Yarra community.

This project will have two major outcomes. Firstly, the projects will be exposed to a wider audience, growing their impact by increasing awareness and support. For example, increasing exposure of the 2021 project by 3000 acres would increase community understanding of how to apply waste reduction and circular economy principles in multi-unit developments, thus leading to better sustainability practices across the municipality.

Secondly, increased exposure to the films will inspire other Yarra residents to undertake their own climate action work. These projects often have wonderful stories behind them that have the power to change people's outlook on the world and positively impact people's behaviour. This project provides the opportunity to tell these inspiring stories behind these projects in an engaging and empowering way.

Please read the attached cover letter before analysing the remainder of the application

Total Project Cost: \$81700.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6500.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A creative approach to disseminating the learnings from a range of grant supported climate action projects through film. There is always a need to share more about the climate action happening in our city.

AG22-129: FareShare Australia Incorporated

Inspiring Sustainable Land Use with FareShare's Flower Gardens

Project Description: FareShare's Abbotsford Kitchen Garden, developed on previously unused land beside Victoria Park Station, currently operates as a small-scale garden dedicated to growing fresh, healthy produce without the use of pesticides or herbicides. The produce grown is transported directly to FareShare's

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Abbotsford kitchen and cooked into nutritious meals for people in need.

This project involves the design, planting and establishment of approximately 200 square metres of new flower garden beds in FareShare's Abbotsford Kitchen Garden. We plan to plant a diverse mix of perennials and shrubs, including native plants, and will seek the Wurundjeri Council's advice on which plants best recognise the Indigenous history of land. The flower gardens will also be designed to attract a range of insects, increasing biodiversity and garden resilience.

Project costs include consultation for the design of the garden areas, an extension of our current irrigation system, the purchase of garden soil and compost, and the purchase of around 1000 plants and flowers. FareShare's 25 regular volunteers, overseen by our Abbotsford Garden Supervisor, will prepare and plant out the garden beds and install the irrigation system.

The kitchen garden is highly visible between Victoria Park Station and Victoria Park oval. People passing by often ask about our work and we have valuable opportunities to share information about using sustainable practices to support vulnerable community members.

The purpose of the new flower gardens is to acknowledge the history of the site and facilitate positive engagement with the local community on sustainability and FareShare's work. With the City of Yarra's support, this project would promote sustainable land use and climate action, encourage support of vulnerable community members, and beautify a high foot traffic area.

Total Project Cost: \$16945.00

Amount Requested: \$9385.00 **Minimum Required:** \$7160.00

Recommendation: \$7,160.00

Panel Comments: This is a good application with clear outcomes. Using flower gardens to represent the Indigenous history of the land while supporting a more resilient vegetable garden is creative and unique. The panel recommends that greater community engagement and communication around these unique features are included in FareShare's wider message of rescuing surplus food, cooking it and distributing to people in need.

AG22-135: Commune and Co Pty Ltd T/A Cirque du Soil (Auspiced by Cultivating Community Inc)

CDS Community Waste Collective: Industry Partnered Solutions

Project Description: This project will introduce a collective approach to address the climate emergency for food businesses in the City of Yarra who are left out of the council's waste services, by developing tailored, collective solutions with industry partners on a street-by-street basis.

Leveraging CDS's extensive experience conducting targeted street campaigns we will:

1. conduct waste, space, and packaging assessments for clusters of neighbouring traders
2. determine spatial and commercial requirements.
3. broker commercially viable circular economy-based solutions for multiple waste streams through partnerships with industry partners via collectively formed agreements, to divert as many streams of waste from landfill as possible, with a focus on organics and soft plastics.
4. identify sustainable packaging opportunities to eliminate single use plastics and other linear consumable products used in their production.
5. introduce waste reduction technology and practices, and introduce an education program to assist food businesses move reduce avoidable waste.

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6. publish a best practice guide tailored for small-to-medium food businesses.

Where spatial issues prevent source separation, we will broker sharing agreements between neighbouring businesses. Our goal is to unite Yarra precincts in their approach to waste, and by going to market as a group we aim to find cost-neutrality or a cost saving when compared to their existing landfill services and packaging supplies.

By creating informed micro-communities working together towards a zero carbon footprint, we will support behavioural change, reduce contamination, and raise awareness via patron-facing messaging of their new sustainable practices in order to enhance the value propositions of their businesses.

Outputs:

1. engage 200-400 CoY food businesses
2. engage 15-20 industry partners
3. conduct 100-200 waste, space, and consumable supply assessments
4. form 5-25 'collective agreements'
5. run 1-2 waste reduction technology pilot projects
6. publish a best practice guide and education program for CoY food businesses

Total Project Cost: \$21710.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$7500.00

Recommendation: \$7,500.00

Panel Comments: This is a very strong application and addresses our global climate emergency in a practical way. This project offers a fully integrated organic waste service to local Yarra food businesses beyond current offerings from council. By creating informed micro-communities working together towards a zero carbon footprint, this project will reduce contamination and engage local businesses in cost effective and sustainable business practices. The outputs and milestones are great and a tangible contribution in the area of waste minimisation in the City of Yarra.

AG22-224: Yarra Riverkeeper Association

Yarra's Wild Homes for Nature

Project Description: Education: Raise awareness about the importance and function of native plants for biodiversity and addressing climate change. We wish to inform the community how changes to a resident's garden or even a balcony can help combat climate change and species decline. Through these actions we wish to continue the process of culture change and environmental awareness.

Resources: Provide City of Yarra residents with online resources on how to select and care for native plants that will enhance the biodiversity of their local environment. We will use our access to wholesale nurseries to provide plants of local provenance to residents.

Citizen Science: Engage the community with citizen science initiatives to monitor and evaluate the biodiversity in their local area.

Research: Collect information through surveys on the experiences of participants to better understand any benefits or areas of improvement for introducing and promoting native species in residential areas.

Total Project Cost: \$15920.00

Amount Requested: \$9970.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6685.00

Recommendation: \$6,685.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile project with very strong engagement components from an organisation that does this work very well. The project aims to further increase the ability of the Yarra to act as a habitat corridor and educating the residents of Yarra on the benefits of planting natives is to be admired.

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AG22-169: **Awareaway Inc.**

Neighbourhood House Sustainability Workshop Series

Project Description: Our project 'Neighbourhood House Sustainability Workshop Series' will unite multiple Neighbourhood Houses (NHs), enhancing their collaboration and connection, creating awareness, and empowering diverse communities to engage in sustainability within the City of Yarra. We will work in partnership with several NHs to offer our workshop 'School of Plastic Fish (SoPF)'. The SoPF workshops encapsulate key understandings around plastic pollution and foster awareness around conscious consumption. We focus on the impact and connection to climate change that plastic pollution presents, as well as tangible local actions we can take; in the workshops this comes in the form of a hands-on creative activity using plastic waste to craft plastic fish artworks. These artworks then come together to form the School of Plastic Fish, a reflection and commentary on the prediction that 'there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans by 2050'.

The workshops are aimed at children aged 10-14 and we have budgeted for 6 SoPF workshops across the NHs. Additionally, we will compile a mini-documentary, as a legacy of the collaborative program, showcasing the participants' work and learnings, which will be available for the NHs to share with their communities and networks. Upon request from the Carlton Learning Neighbourhood Centre (CLNC), we are also including a bid for funding to pilot our Gourd it. workshop with CNLC (where we are currently collaboratively growing Gourds). The Gourd it. Program is targeted at adults and young people, and is a sustainability makers workshop, where each participant is gifted a gourd and are guided through the process of curing and crafting the raw gourd into a beautiful handmade, fully compostable product which they will treasure for years to come. Interest is garnered by challenging expectations of food storage and harnessing diverse local community members with ethno-historical connections to gourds.

Total Project Cost: \$15382.00

Amount Requested: \$9392.00 **Minimum Required:** \$7427.00

Recommendation: \$7,427.00

Panel Comments: Innovative, practical, targeted, well-established, strong partnerships model. A strong application using creative workshops to engage children around issues of waste and litter.

AG22-155: **Circular Economy Victoria Inc**

City of Yarra - Circular Living Challenge

Project Description: The Circular Living Challenge is a one-month program where community participants can learn and practice Circular Economy principles in their daily lives. Through their digital devices, they can earn points by completing tasks such as: learning Circular Economy concepts; answering quizzes to consolidate their understanding; and applying these concepts by engaging businesses that support the Circular Economy. These points will allow participants to see individual and collective impact aligned to the Climate Emergency Plan and Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery Strategy.

The objective of the challenge is to increase sustainable behaviours to: i) reduce the climate emissions, ii) reduce the waste that goes to landfill and iii) increase resource recovery, for all challenge participants during the 30 days of the Challenge. A secondary objective is adoption of some of the sustainable behaviours learned through the Challenge by the challenge participants and their friends and family beyond the 30 days of the challenge for a lasting net environmental gain effect on the community.

The grant funding would be utilised for the following six broad areas:

1. Marketing to acquire 300 participating households
2. Configuring the digital platform based on input gained from community consultation.
3. Development of City of Yarra specific content for the challenge (i.e. content on how the fortnightly bin collection can lead to better environmental outcomes)
4. Signing up 30-50 City of Yarra merchants/service providers with whom participants can action their learnings. (i.e. sharing economy businesses, shoe repair service, community garden - leveraging the Yarras

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Zero Waste Map)

5. Running a celebration event for the completion of the challenge, to allow participants to share learnings and network.

6. Develop a report around learning for best practice in Circular Living within City of Yarra, and a market insights report for trader associations/businesses.

Total Project Cost: \$40400.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: This is a strong application with clear objectives, milestones and outcomes. Its connection to the climate emergency is clear and it involves consultation and participation by a broad spectrum of the Yarra community.

AG22-158: Cultivating Community Inc

North Richmond Community Worm Farm

Project Description: Cultivating Community will partner with North Richmond Community Health (NRCH) and Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House (BANH) to set up a worm farm to recycle food organics from local initiatives such as the NRCH Café, BAHN Cultural Catering Group, Twilight Market, and other food programs, as well as support the wider estate community to manage food waste. Currently, there are no options for food waste or recycling on the estate. Residents in the estate do not have an option for any recycling including food waste through Council kerbside collection at present.

Not only will this project create a key food waste solution, but will inspire climate action and support our local food system as the worm farm project will be integrated into the planned green space around NRCH. This green space will address linkages between the health and wellbeing of Victorians and a healthy environment. As the demand for health services increases, we aim to actively imbed environmental sustainability into our District. Vulnerable and disadvantaged groups including aged persons, people with chronic conditions, low-income, and new immigrants need to feel welcome in North Richmond. Interacting with nature can increase self-esteem and mood, and improve psychological well-being.

We will run free community workshops for our partners, their clients, and the community - encouraging climate action through recycling food organics locally. Embracing a circular economy, worm castings and liquid manure will be used in local food gardens to grow food for tenants, enhancing local food security. This project reduce carbon emissions by supporting a local food system, and mobilise the community to take climate action. We will trial a localised food organics drop-off for Public Housing tenant, that will be scaled up through sourcing additional funds. We will compile the pilot into a case study for other estates to learn from.

Total Project Cost: \$26948.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$7953.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A worm farm at the Nth Richmond estate will be of great benefit in many ways to all the parties mentioned. A splendid idea and a very positive approach to the welfare of the community.

AG22-238: Australian Vietnamese Women's Association

Climate Action Now (CAN)

Project Description: AVWA recognises that most members of the Vietnamese community in Yarra are t vulnerable people and as such they would "have typically made the least contribution to the problem and often have less capacity to respond and cope with the impacts". However, they does not prevent them from taking actions to address climate emergency as a community. Climate Action Now (CAN) is designed to

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mobilise Vietnamese Australians to take individual and collective actions through targeted and culturally appropriate climate emergency educational campaign. The CAN campaign educational campaign is aimed at encouraging and empowering Vietnamese Australians to : transit their power supply into renewables, to be energy efficiency, reduce their food consumption and to eat plant based food, to provide them with basic financial literacy so that communities to divest their super from coal into environmentally friendly projects, to encourage the community to put pressure on government to develop climate policy and to encourage the community to reduce carbon omissions at home.

Total Project Cost: \$71800.00

Amount Requested: \$8000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: It's great to see this project be the first of its kind in Vietnamese community in Australia. It would be good to encourage the AVWA to work with local Yarra Climate Action Now - to translate and make culturally appropriate a range of info and activities that would already exist. It would also be important that you work with Council representatives to access existing services.

AG22-107: **Cultivating Community Inc**

Greening Cromwell Project

Project Description: This project will join together businesses, social enterprises and residents in developing a greener Cromwell Street and surrounding areas.

This will take the form of mapping and researching potential green sites for food growing followed by workshops upskilling of community with the implementation of adding green spaces soon after. Funding is required to secure relative materials such as Wicking Beds, Planters, Living Boxes, Seeds, Soil and also the increase of knowledge of local business owners and their teams via practical workshops about food waste management, growing food and sustainable practices.

This project will also bring together organisations with a shared purpose and passion in invigorating our knowledge around first nations food and biodiversity with an intention to learn and celebrate this 60,000 year culture within the greening of Cromwell Street.

Total Project Cost: \$22040.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$6,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong partnership of many parties collaborating to enhance an area of Yarra that lacks greenery. Key strengths of this project are invigorating an area that otherwise doesn't have much green or growing space, the strong partnerships/engagement approach working with local residents and businesses to ensure sustained outcomes, and an applicant with experience and positive track record. Also presents a replicable model.

AG22-051: **Collingwood College**

Doing Waste Better at Collingwood College

Project Description: We want to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill from our school by education about waste management (reduce, reuse, recycle) - and setting up systems to sort and manage 'waste' - glass, recyclables, green/FOFO, and non-recyclables.

We will:

- learn how to track our waste data, do an initial school waste audit and regular follow-up audits
- educate students and families about the Yarra waste management system at school (glass, recycling, and rubbish) including how to minimise waste, and why it is important to sort waste correctly. This will include multilingual sessions at family information nights, and translated materials including Oromo, Arabic, and

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- provide a waste drop off hub at school including batteries, e-waste, coffee pods, printer cartridges, face masks, phones (Some students already do this, because they don't sort rubbish at home)
- buy recycle bins, in the Yarra colour scheme, for every classroom and general areas to model the correct behaviour.
- establish student rosters to empty glass and mixed recycling bins in a central location.
- work with the City of Yarra waste engagement officer to:
 - determine the feasibility of becoming a "community recycling hub".
 - investigate options for green/organic waste recycling, including auditing the current amount and type.

Options might be a biodigester and/or worm farm.

- have Year 7 students visit Yarra recycling station as part of science education
- have students create signage and posters for the school context to help with correct bin use. (with local environmental artists)
- support the student Green Team to run waste reduction activities including waste pickup days, and to develop new initiatives and ideas
- establish links with Collingwood Neighbourhood House to explore ways to coordinate school waste education and sorting programs with their community activities

Total Project Cost: \$26503.00

Amount Requested: \$9900.20 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$5,000.00

Panel Comments: This is a strong application with practical objectives, milestones and outcomes. Using the school as a conduit to engage the local CALD community in waste management and recycling is a great idea. It would also be wonderful to show the School Green Team that the school management and Yarra council value their contribution to this important local project.

Community Arts

AG22-025: **Mx Caitlin Dear (Auspiced by Dancehouse Inc.)**

GREEN ARTS ACTION

Project Description: Pilot program, GREEN ARTS ACTION is a series of free workshops, bringing together artists and environmentalists/activists/scientists who make diverse contributions to Climate Action.

Across 4 months, Dancehouse will support me in hosting 4 unique, free workshops. Each featuring an artist whose work confronts the climate emergency plus a facilitated action led by an environmental activist group. Thus, bringing together different approaches to climate action, both creative and practical.

The 4 workshops will be facilitated by individuals with a breadth of experience, highly regarded in their fields. Artists include myself, Deep Soulful Sweats, Fast Fashun and environmental organisations including Yarra Climate Arts Now (YCAN), Friends of the Earth, Collingwood Childrens Farm and Narrup Rangers.

This series will:

1. Explore with, and advocate to workshop participants, what the arts and environmental fields can achieve in collaboration
2. Foster new and ongoing connections between artists and environmentalists through networking activities
3. Connect participants to existing environmental groups in Yarra. Further strengthening, broadening and interconnecting the local climate movement.
4. Generate accessible opportunities for further community participation in both the art and climate action.
5. Work and establish relationships between a diverse range of partners and their networks across the City

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of Yarra.

Through a series of regular activities, GREEN ARTS ACTION will create bridges between climate activists and artists - building community, sharing skills, with tangible outcomes. Focusing on growing the knowledge through person-to-person sharing, creating spaces to exchange, develop and transfer skills and networks.

GREEN ARTS ACTION connects with the people of Yarra, those who live and work here, who generate its vibrancy and life and dedication to climate action. This project seeks to allow space for the individuals and communities of City of Yarra to express themselves through participation, collaboration and knowledge exchange

Further details of each workshop in support material.

Total Project Cost: \$20110.00

Amount Requested: \$6080.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6080.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application and well-suited to Yarra's priorities, particularly that it built on relationships and connections created in an earlier City of Yarra program and creates potential for collaboration between arts/non-arts organisations/individuals. Worthy of funding.

AG22-167: Herding Cats Management & Events

Learn to Dance the Kulin Nations Six Seasons in the Park.

Project Description: Monthly dance classes in the park teaching Kulin Nations dances and songs. The sessions would be for 2 hours, a regular Saturday of each month, with food and drink provided. 4 dancers will be employed for 3 hours each week, two men and two women, these people will be able to teach the dances.

The framework will be the Six Seasons and each couple of months, new seasonal dances and songs will be taught and learnt. This is open to all and an audience participation series of classes.

Directed by Amos Roach, two dancers each from the Murrundaya Yepengnga Dance Troupe (men) & a women's dance group will conduct classes, explaining the meanings behind each song and dance and teaching the words and dances. The dancers will be accompanied by recorded music as well as live clap sticks and Yidaki.

Example: Term 1, Late Summer, Buniya- (Jan – Mar) Flowering plants, fruits, animal behaviour, parched landscape. Hottest driest time of the year. Season of the Eel. Days are longer. Streams can dry up completely during this time. Eel song & dance. The Eel dance is sung and danced by every Kulin Nation Clan group, it's like a progressive dance where each Clan group has their own part of the story. (The language used here is Djab Wurrung. We are happy to create this using Wurundjeri/Woiwurrung language.)

Total Project Cost: \$22121.00

Amount Requested: \$18109.00 **Minimum Required:** \$15109.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: This project seeks to share and celebrate knowledge through dance. Appropriate permissions have been sought. That the project is commencing in North Richmond an area that could greatly benefit from this program in public space.

AG22-255: Mzuri Dance Artistree Fund Inc

We are Colourful

Project Description: In this project we plan to build on the success of the community arts programs from 2021 as part of a longer-term strategy to create a more sustainable program that builds partnerships between local organisations, stakeholders, and community groups in both the Richmond and Fitzroy Estates. We see the potential in the powerful impact of reconnecting through the arts and the social impact and

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community well-being from our dance music programs, bringing people together and diffusing community tension and anxiety through covid times. We see the positive impacts on mental health and social cohesion we can achieve through engaging young people in an ongoing arts program for community connection. Our strategy includes the creation and maintenance of a Dance Connect Arts Access Live Stream - an online platform to maintain connections through lockdowns and stay on track with social connection for sustaining community well-being.

We Are Colourful is an African Australian cultural project which will utilise contemporary dance to create access and engagement of the African young people in both Richmond and Fitzroy. Experienced and skilled Dance Artist Ayel Akot – Mou (South Sudanese Heritage) and Suzie Mzuri Watts from Mzuri Dance will run a weekly street dance program to be held at Florence Peel Centre out of school hours that will culminate in a community contemporary dance performance , 10-20 performers, creating new audience engagement at The Abbotsford Convent for young African Australians in the community and their families. This performance outcome is in partnership with Abbotsford Convent as a longer term relationship strategy with the local African Australian community and will include designated outdoor spaces and/ or indoor performance depending on covid restrictions and in concert with the planning and program strands such as the young people's program.

Total Project Cost: \$78850.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8500.00

Recommendation: \$8,500.00

Panel Comments: Strong community engagement and multiple other funders also confirmed. Good alignment with grant priorities and a proven track record of community engagement through dance.

AG22-094: Future Tense

Activating the Blak Pearl Aboriginal cultural and creative studio

Project Description: We are seeking funding to increase support to users of the Blak Pearl Aboriginal cultural and creative studio and increase visibility of and engagement with their artistic work. Specifically, we will use the funding to run artist development workshops and stage open studio and exhibition events.

Blak Pearl is a community-led creative studio providing a culturally safe environment for Aboriginal peoples in the City of Yarra and Inner Melbourne - many of whom are members of the Stolen Generation and continue to experience significant hardship and socio-economic disadvantage. Although the community hold some of Yarra's lesser known and undocumented histories and knowledge of its expression through various mediums and manners of communication, most cannot access mainstream spaces, and do not have a space of their own to pursue cultural artistic activities. The studio is located at the Florence Peel Centre in Fitzroy - on the land of the Kulin Nation's Wurundjeri people and a significant historical meeting place and home for Indigenous peoples. It is a wheelchair accessible place to gather and connect, develop and expand on artistic skills, showcase the artistic outcomes of a talented and underrepresented community, and fosters pathways into the formal arts sector,

If we are successful in securing the funding we will:

- Run a series of cultural artistic and technical workshops (ideally 10) to assist the development of creative works. These workshops will be facilitated by emerging and established Aboriginal artists that are skilled in particular creative cultural areas such as possum cloak making, bead making, and wood carving.
- Establish a website to promote the studio, events and showcase works produced
- Hold an Open Studio event mid-2022
- Hold an end of year exhibition at Collingwood Yards

Total Project Cost: \$22115.00

Amount Requested: \$16265.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$11,000.00

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Panel Comments: The panel appreciated the clarity given in terms of governance structure and indigenous ownership and custodianship of the program. However the panel was not supportive of website item in budget as it is unclear of its project alignment, thus partial funding was recommended.

AG22-204: Jesuit Social Services Artful Dodgers Studio

Master Classes in Improvisation and Cross Cultural, Cross Genre Music Collaborations

Project Description: Collaboration and improvisation can uniquely reflect contemporary Australian culture. Involving spontaneous creativity and interaction, this project will enable musicians from various backgrounds and different genres and instruments to generate new expressions that transcend conventional styles and categories. The master classes will explore the many facets of cross-cultural, cross-genre musical creativity and the ethical implications of cross-cultural practice. This work will foster a valuable professional development experience between emerging musicians and established artists. This project proposes to run six workshops for a group of ten young (aged 17 to 25) emerging musicians from the Artful Dodgers' participant community. Each workshop will feature an accomplished musician proficient in a particular genre of music and/or from a different culture and/or a different generation from the participating youth. The workshops will be structured as a closed session in the morning with the musicians and youth exploring genre and technique (4 - 5 hrs) followed by an improvisational, collaborative performance /artist talk in the late afternoon (2 hrs). The afternoon talks/performances will be open to the general public.

Total Project Cost: \$16900.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A well articulated application and will provide music workshops for vulnerable members of the community. This is important work that makes a strong contribution to the community.

Community Celebrations

AG22-253: Melbourne Committee of Chinese Literature Inc

Large Ceremony to Celebrate the Spring Festival

Project Description: The "Large Ceremony to Celebrate the Spring Festival" is held in February every year. On the first floor of North Richmond Library or Building 106, a total of 130 members of the organizing committee and North Richmond Senior Chinese Friendship Association will be held, 20 VIPs will be invited, a total of 150 people (zhou, city, councillors and department officials, China People from all walks of life, including the Consulate General in Melbourne, Hualian Association, etc.)

Recreational performances, or 30-minute small movie screenings, work reports, VIP speeches, etc.

The activity was prepared in January and completed in February.

Through large-scale festival celebrations, Chinese people express their gratitude to Australian governments at all levels for providing harmony, unity, green environment, and green food to all ethnic groups, promoting the unity of Chinese and all ethnic groups, and building a strong Australia. Theme: Promote that the Chinese love free and beautiful Australia...

expected result: Writing and singing and dancing performances are equally important. They are both an important part of Chinese cultural activities. In the past, there were too few works to gradually increase.

Who are the beneficiaries of the project: Residents of Yarra City, especially Chinese residents.

How to promote the project: A micro-film lecture is held every month in the North Richmond Library or the first floor of Building 106, attracting the participation of the residents of Yarra City.

Total Project Cost: \$7760.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

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Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application from this very active Chinese literature group.

AG22-145: The Shed

Trans Day of Visibility Art Exhibition

Project Description: We want to produce an art exhibition to celebrate Trans Day of Visibility on March 31. We will run an exhibition of trans and non binary local artists, curated and organised entirely by members of the trans community. As part of the project we will run workshops for trans and gender non conforming young people, run by a qualified art therapist, and a community celebration event. The exhibition will celebrate the diversity and resilience of trans communities and promote inclusion. We are intending to run the exhibition at Off the Kurb Gallery in Collingwood but can be flexible on location if our proposed dates are not available at the gallery. We will source artists and workshop participants from within our existing membership base and throughout our networks with other trans and LGBT+ community organisations (other organisations we have worked with in the past include Transgender Victoria, Thorne Harbour Health and Minus18); an initial callout within our group yielded 10 artists interested in exhibiting their work. Artists will be supported to sell their work, providing financial support of the artists as well as promote broader community engagement. The mediums will be determined by the gallery space and the artists themselves; those interested so far include painters, fashion designers, digital artists, and jewellery makers.

Total Project Cost: \$8983.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2000.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: Excellent and well written application for a worthy project supporting trans and non-binary artists.

AG22-143: Australia-China Veterans Club Inc.

Celebrating Chinese New Year 2022

Project Description: We plan to hold a cultural concert to showcase songs and dances from various ethnic minorities as well as some friendly community groups that are within the vicinity of Collingwood.

Total Project Cost: \$12200.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: This application was supported by the panel as one of the leading Yarra-based Chinese organisations.

AG22-130: U3A Chinese in Yarra

Chinese New Year Celebration 2022

Project Description: We plan to hold a cultural concert at the public hall at 140 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy to celebrate the forth coming Chinese New Year in early 2022.

Total Project Cost: \$4570.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile project. The photos showing previous events are a nice touch,

AG22-218: ERITREAN AUSTRALIAN JEBERTY COUNCIL

Ramadan Fast Breaking Celebration

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Project Description: We are aiming to do this collaborative event by inviting all our community for our fast-breaking iftar in April next year providing that we exit these challenging restrictions. The activities we would like to do are as follows:

- Break our fast collectively
- Invite our special guests
- Present awards to our distinguished achievers
- Pray together and bring the community together
- Our management will be informing the attendees of our upcoming program

Total Project Cost: \$12040.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: An important cultural celebration for this Eritrean Australian community group which has been held at Collingwood Town Hall for many years.

AG22-300: **Let's Enhance Gleadell Street Association Inc.**

Richmond Record Club: Songlines and Stories of Music History in Richmond

Project Description: 1. A pop-up session of the Richmond Record Club held in an area at the market capable of seating up to 20 people at a time during Summer 2022 . Details might include:

- multiple 40 minute sessions on a Saturday afternoon following the market close
- provision for wet day contingency plans, but preferably an outdoor performance
- a colourful background set with music posters, LP covers, and videos on a large screen as well as the music itself
- a good sound set-up, particularly a medium- high quality turntable and outdoor speakers plus mikes
- ability for the audience to pose questions/make comment
- participation by one or more local music identities and stall holders
- Record Club Format is a group discussion of a particular style of music combined with discussion of the social. economic and political background - we envisage the sessions being led by James Marples and Rob Gray who started the Richmond Record Club based at the Richmond Community Learning Centre in Bendigo Street Richmond
- We plan to run a series of sessions during the day at the market about the local music scene since the 1950's with a special focus on Richmond music people, venues and the vibes that were created by the music and the venues

Total Project Cost: \$6516.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile event which will encourage those who don't normally go to Gleadell St Market to feel welcome.

AG22-121: **Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.**

Community Celebrations 2022

Project Description: We are going to have a big party to celebrate the anniversary of our organization in September. We will invite the people from other organization to join with us as well. We will do the performance during the celebration party before lunch and then have lunch together. We will have a lottery after lunch. We will have Karaoke after drawing.

We are going to have a fancy party to celebrate the Christmas in December of previous years and then have big lunch together. We will do the ballroom dancing after lunch.

Total Project Cost: \$4008.00

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Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2700.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear application for worthy project that is directing resources to the needs of a disadvantaged group in the Yarra Community.

AG22-254: **Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Parish of Holy Trinity Richmond Senior Citizens Club**

Annual Easter Celebrations

Project Description: The memorial of Christ Procession requiring closure of Burnley St, Richmond as in previous years.

Total Project Cost: \$7460.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: An important Greek community and cultural celebration which has been supported by Yarra Council for many years.

AG22-104: **Mei's Art(Mei Lan Fang's Art Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association)INC**

Celebrating 27th anniversary of Mei's Art and the Dragon Boat Festival

Project Description: We are going to have a performance at Richmond Library Theatre to celebrate 27th anniversary of Mei's Art and the Dragon Boat Festival. The Dragon Boat Festival is a traditional culture with 2000 years history. People will row dragon boat and have rice dumplings to commemorate the patriotic poet Qu Yuan to express their love to the country. Our performance will show Chinese traditional culture by singing Beijing Opera to express the love to family, to the friendship with friends and our love ones.

Total Project Cost: \$9332.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile project run by a successful community group for an important community celebration.

AG22-160: **Yarra Chinese Friendship Association**

Celebrating the Duan Wu (Dragon Boat) Festival

Project Description: We plan to hold a cultural concert featuring songs and dances from various regions and provinces of China. Lunch including the traditional dumplings for the occasion will be provided.

Total Project Cost: \$7670.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2000.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: An important event and worthy of support from one of the Atherton Garden Chinese groups.

AG22-108: **cohealth**

Eid and community celebration

Project Description: • Celebrate and preserve cultural traditions in meaningful ways;

- Foster cross cultural exchanges that help to build intercultural relationships;
- Promote mutual respect, awareness and understanding of cultural diversity;
- Highlight the contribution to our State by multicultural communities.

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The planned activities include inviting different speakers including religious and community leaders to talk about diversity, history and culture, organising the food, BBQ, children entertainment activities like jumping castle and face painting, and multiple activities such as African coffee celebration .

Total Project Cost: \$6858.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2900.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A clearly written application that meets the criteria for a community celebration of showcasing, celebrating and supporting Yarra's diverse communities and building community connectedness.

Community Housing

AG22-173: Unison Housing Ltd

Rooming House Community

Project Description: Unison provides secure long term rooming house accommodation to:

171 -183 Hoddle St Richmond for 14 male tenants

403 Johnston St, Abbotsford for 8 male tenants

64 Gertrude St, Fitzroy for 12 male tenants

The tenants are disadvantaged members of our community, a majority due to mental health, and many of whom have previously experienced homelessness. Unison is committed to not only providing affordable housing but also to support the tenant in their home and community. Most people experiencing mental health and homelessness will require intermittent multidisciplinary support and on-site services. Unison wish to offer a community tenancy program that offers further support on site with the access to brokerage funds that will sustain tenancies to prevent homelessness and build a housing community.

Unison is applying for grant funding to facilitate a Tenant Lunch once a month for the rooming houses. The invitation will be open to the Unison tenants and their outreach support workers.

Each month one of the following food services will provide lunch:

1. Streets Catering - who are a social enterprise helping homeless youth to have a stable self, job and home.
2. Waverley Industries - catering - who provides employment and industry supported training for people living with a disability, creating opportunities to achieve greater independence, choice and confidence.
3. Fitzroy Local community market

Total Project Cost: \$10080.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$10000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: The application was well articulated and was able to reflect all of the aims of the grant commendably. Valuable program, especially for rooming house tenants

AG22-172: Unison Housing Ltd

Park Place Community

Project Description: Unison is committed to not only providing affordable housing but also to support the tenant in their home and community.

Unison would like to support a community tenancy program that offers further support on site with the access to brokerage funds that will sustain tenancies to prevent isolation, mental health issues and build a circle of community support.

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Unison provides secure long-term self contained housing to 24 tenants at 1 Park Place, North Fitzroy, all aged over 55.

Unison is applying for grant funding to facilitate a Tenant Lunch once a month at the property.

The invitation will to be open to the Unison tenants and their outreach support workers.

Each month one of the following food services will provide lunch:

1. Streets Catering - who are a social enterprise helping homeless youth to have a stable self, job and home.
2. Waverley Industries catering - who provides employment and industry supported training for people living with a disability, creating opportunities to achieve greater independence, choice and confidence.
3. The HACC support worker will utilize the outside BBQ facilities onsite with the support of the tenants depending on the weather.

The property has a recreation room, which can be utilized all year round.

We are also requesting additional brokerage funding for the 24 tenants for home and community care, e.g. new bedding, a radio, outdoor chair, a shower chair or incontinence management items. Additionally, the tenants have different interest that they would like to pursue, however, due to living on pension, they can not make their vision come true, e.g. some tenants would love a vegetable patch or an art canvas and paints.

Please note, a high percentage of tenants do not ever leave their homes, and their isolation has increased during the pandemic due to limitations around supports visiting site.,

Total Project Cost: \$10000.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: The application was very well articulated and expressed that there is a need for an activity to create a more social cohesion within the household. It reflects that the project would be conducive to creating better health and well being for the older tenants.

AG22-177: Unison Housing Ltd

Osborne Community

Project Description: Unison provides secure long term rooming house accommodation to:

38 -42 Nicholson St, Fitzroy - 60 Male and female tenants

The tenants are disadvantaged members of our community, a majority due to complex mental health issue. Many tenants have previously experienced long term homelessness. Unison is committed to not only providing affordable housing but also to support the tenant in their home and community. Most people experiencing mental health and homelessness will require intermittent multidisciplinary support and on-site services. Unison wishes to provide a community tenancy program that offers further support on site with the access to brokerage funds that will sustain tenancies to prevent homelessness and build a housing community.

Unison is applying for grant funding to facilitate a Tenant Lunch once a month for the rooming houses. The invitation will to be open to the Unison tenants and their outreach support workers.

Each month one of the following food services will provide lunch:

1. Waverley Industries - catering - who provides employment and industry supported training for people living with a disability, creating opportunities to achieve greater independence, choice and confidence.
2. Coles - staples supplies - purchase by the HACC support worker

We are also requesting additional brokerage funding for 60 tenants' home and community care, e.g. bedding and/or kitchen and bathroom/toiletry items.

Total Project Cost: \$10000.00

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Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: Valuable program for Osborne House tenants. The application was very well written and clearly articulated the need for tenant's lunch and the benefits of this.

AG22-166: **Unison Housing Ltd**

Home Sweet Home Stability

Project Description: Unison provides secure long term self contained and rooming house housing to people that are disadvantaged members of our community due to mental health and other complex issues, with many having previously experienced homelessness. Unison manage 71 x rooms and 407 x studios/units in the City of Yarra, under Patches 4 & 5.

Unison is committed to not only providing affordable housing but also to support the tenant in their home and community. Most people experiencing mental health issues and homelessness will require intermittent multidisciplinary support and on-site services. Unison wishes to offer an expansion program that provides further support during tenant crisis by providing access to brokerage funds that will sustain tenancies, prevent homelessness and build a cohesive and resilient community.

Unison is applying for grant funding for when the tenant requires Home Care support such as: Pest control, room cleaning, tenant damage repairs and apartment modifications due to disability/ageing. All the tenants are living on a low income and cannot afford to fund modifications or repair tenant damage items that fall outside of landlord's responsibility. This places tenants under financial pressure, affecting all aspects of their physical and mental health. The HACC support worker would utilize grant funding to assist with alleviating these multiple pressures during such challenging times.

Total Project Cost: \$10400.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: The application is very well written and clearly articulates that there is a need in Unison's rooming housing for ongoing tenancy issues such as pest control, maintenance and property damage.

AG22-279: **Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Netowrk**

RIMERN goods pick up service

Project Description: We plan to regularly pick up household goods from donors in the City of Yarra - these may be quality second hand goods or brand new.

Our objective is to offer a fortnightly pick up service, and grow it to a service that is doing several pick ups a week. The goods we collect will include the items you need to rebuild a home - furniture, linen, appliances, crockery, bedding etc which will then be rehomed to those in need.

We will work with Welfare Agencies (such as the ones who have provided letters of support attached to this application) to identify the need for each applicant, fulfil their requirements from our warehouse and deliver to their new home in our community. This on the surface looks like a simple service but can have a profound impact on the recipient and aligns well with Councils objectives.

Total Project Cost: \$335830.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$0.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: This application demonstrated that this project offers significant benefits to the community. The application also benefits strong community involvement and partnerships to help build resilience. There is a great need for a project such as this in the community and the application identified strongly with the objectives of the grant.

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Community Strengthening (3-year grant)

AG22-001: Fitzroy Somali Women's Group (Auspiced by Fitzroy Learning Network)

Community Strengthening and social support for Somali women and their families living in Fitzroy

Project Description: We propose to hold a range of social events and community celebrations where Somali women and their children can get to know each other, form networks and friendships, relax and enjoy each other's company, share food, spend time in the outdoors and celebrate the two main Muslim festivals of Eid Al Fitri and Eid Al Adha. Social activities will include regular, informal get-togethers at Atherton Gardens to share food, BBQs in local parks and possibly outings for children to adventure playgrounds and bus excursions to see other parts of Melbourne.

Total Project Cost: \$16670.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application and worthy project for support.

AG22-003: Afghan and Iranian Women's Group in the City of Yarra (Auspiced by Fitzroy Learning Network)

Social, cultural and creative activities for Afghan and Iranian Women in the City of Yarra

Project Description: The group plans to hold the following activities:

Social get togethers, either through Zoom sessions, or in person if meeting rooms are able to be used
Two or three excursions. These could comprise trips to: Dandenong to visit the markets and Afghan shops, to the Dandenongs to go cherry-picking, and to attend the Melbourne Flower Show; possibly one other excursion if funds permit

Creative activities at weekly meetings: embroidery, knitting and machine sewing

Hire a craft and an IT instructor to give one or two classes each: craft – to learn a new skill, IT to learn how to use essential on-line services such as online banking

Three celebrations: ^[1]SEP Nowruz (Afghan-Persian New Year) - Eid Al Fitri, end of Ramadan^[1]SEP, Eid Al Adha, Festival of Sacrifice

Total Project Cost: \$15567.00

Amount Requested: \$4527.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4127.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: Good project with a range of activities, including skills-building activities.

AG22-020: The Pingju Opera Association of Australia

Pingju Opera

Project Description: We will meet weekly and practice our singing in groups and as individuals. There will be a music teacher present to help guide us and build our repertoire. We will perform at the end of the year on the estate and at Chinese festivals. Mainland opera differs from Beijing opera as it is more a grassroots folk culture than the traditional Chinese opera.

Total Project Cost: \$21700.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear and well written application for a good project that meets the stream guidelines.

AG22-028: Chinese Mandarin Community Friendship Association

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Celebrating Community

Project Description: We meet regularly and have singing, dancing, cooking, and entertainment sessions to keep our elderly Chinese Australian members healthy and active. As well as providing educational lessons and talks about a range of subjects from healthy living to how to care for the environment. We also regularly visit any sick and frail members who may be in hospital or a nursing home. We are seeking funding to continue with our activities which apart from our weekly get-togethers includes the following four main celebrations; Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid Autumn Festival and Christmas. Each celebration involves food and special activities.

Total Project Cost: \$26000.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: Overall a good application and a worthy project.

AG22-029: North Richmond Elderly Chinese Friendship Association

Community Activities and Celebrations

Project Description: These are activities we are planning for 2021:

- three cultural events: Dragon boat festival, Mid-autumn Festival and Chinese New Year celebration
- monthly cooking class
- bus trip for Chinese seniors twice a year
- weekly singing and dancing activities
- playing mah-jong three times a week
- visiting anybody who is sick or the family of somebody who has passed away
- bus to the Peking opera
- classes for English, both oral and written
- computer lessons.

The purpose is to help elderly Chinese people on the estate live long and healthy lives. project needs to be done as it helps to reduce isolation among the elderly. We help the community by visiting the sick. Playing mah-jong can help prevent dementia as we are using brain power. When members are happy they are healthy.

Total Project Cost: \$27460.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear application and project that meets community needs, worthy of support.

AG22-035: Fitzroy Chinese Association

Healthy Living in the Community

Project Description: The Fitzroy Chinese Association has 170 members and meets weekly and organizes weekly activities for elderly Chinese residents (Cantonese speaking) at the Atherton Garden's Estate. The activities include:

- Workshops delivered by volunteers on well-being, welfare and health
- Mild exercise sessions
- Free lunch for members
- Monthly excursion
- Lawn bowling
- Singing
- Festival celebration

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The Association also coordinates volunteers to visit elderly members at home and to help with grocery shopping. The Association provides a social environment for its members and has fostered friendships and a social network among the Chinese community in Yarra. It also helps the elderly members to stay active. The project run by the local residents for the local residents, aims to reduce the social isolation experienced by Chinese residents and to nurture meaningful and socially inclusive life.

Total Project Cost: \$20620.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A good project and application.

AG22-036: Fitzroy Public Housing Residents

Community Care for Atherton Gardens residents

Project Description: Our group meets every Tuesday, and provide 50 free lunches over course of the year. We also do the following indoor activities: Cooking group, Sewing group, Exercise group, Singing group, Dance group, Riddles, Current affairs forum, ping-pong group, Festivals (dragon boat festival, mid autumn festival, Christmas, New Year, Chinese New Year), Mahjong group, Teaching tai chi. And there are outdoor activities: Farm excursion, Outings excursions, Walking Groups, Visiting the elderly and disabled in hospital, Swimming group, Participating in Community activities, Participating in government related activity, Aged and Disability Services. With festivals such as Chinese New Year, we invite people to perform and guests to come. We also provide a sewing service to the community.

Total Project Cost: \$27540.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application showing a strong need in the community for the types of support and activities the group provides.

AG22-038: Fitzroy Atherton Gardens Table Tennis Association

Friendship through Table Tennis at Atherton Gardens

Project Description: The Association provides table tennis playing opportunities at Atherton Gardens in Fitzroy two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:00pm and 9:30pm. Usually we have between 20 and 30 people playing each week and more than 100 on our competition days which are held three times a year. There are volunteer coaches and people attending come from many different cultures. Everyone is welcome. It is a great opportunity to make new friends and get to know other people from the Commission Estate.

Total Project Cost: \$16000.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: Clear and precise application by an organisation with strong ability to deliver. Good outcomes, worthy of support.

AG22-039: Mei's Art(Mei Lan Fang's Art Chinese Beijing Opera Friendship Association)INC

Celebrating Chinese Beijing Opera in the City of Yarra .

Project Description: We are amateur Chinese Beijing Opera group based at the Richmond Housing Estate. The purpose of our project is to provide an ongoing opportunity for our members to come together and practice in a social setting. Our members enjoy learning and it keeps them in contact with their culture. The members also enjoy performing and sharing their culture with other members of the community. We meet

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weekly at the community centre at 110 Elizabeth ST Richmond. It is a great social event for our members and helps to prevent social isolation. During the year we perform at many different venues including the Lunar New Year Festival in Victoria St and the Moon Lantern Festival at the Richmond Estate. This year we also will have show at the Richmond Library Theatre on 23/10/2021 to celebrate 26th anniversary of the founding of Mei's Art.

Total Project Cost: \$11332.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile project to support - bringing Chinese culture to our city is very important and also providing entertainment to those elderly Chinese Citizens who may have suffered because of Covid. Hopefully non-Chinese-speaking citizens will also be able to enjoy this opera.

AG22-040: Yarra Chinese Friendship Association

Show You Have a Loving Heart

Project Description: The Show You Have a Loving Heart program supports senior public housing residents and members of the Yarra Chinese Friendship Association through regular home visits, delivering meals, helping with medical needs, visiting local doctors and hospitals. We have also developed and run regular Mahjong, Chess and Dancing sessions for the elderly which happen three times a week on the Atherton Gardens Estate involving around 100 people. There are birthday celebrations, Christmas Day celebrations, special activities and excursions to the city and gardens. We also wish to help the members improve their English in terms of listening, speaking, reading and writing to be able to communicate in daily conversation and build vocabulary.

Total Project Cost: \$26500.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A well-known group in Yarra, capable of project delivery. A worthy project to support.

AG22-041: Melbourne Yarra Yue Opera Troupe

Melbourne Yarra Yue Opera Troupe

Project Description: The group has 67 members and meets twice weekly to practice traditional Chinese Opera performances. This provides members with the opportunity to socialise and provide support to each other, while also engaging in traditional and culturally appropriate activities, ie. Chinese Opera. The group also provides an opportunity for members to share a culturally appropriate meal. The group normally performs for free for other Chinese residents throughout the year in Yarra and beyond, which provides a sense of happiness and connection for the community to their cultural roots. Many residents are isolated elderly community members, and this provides comfort and connection. During the pandemic this group has had to practice online and has also provided masks and sanitiser to members, delivering to their homes, to keep everyone safe. During the pandemic, the group have met online and performed on WeChat. The group intends to begin practising and performing again in 2021 while the COVID restrictions begin easing.

Total Project Cost: \$18104.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3800.00

Recommendation: \$3,800.00

Panel Comments: A clear and informative application by a well-known and capable group. A worthy project to support.

AG22-042: Fitzroy Multicultural Families and Children's Group (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)

Social activities for women and children of multicultural backgrounds living in Fitzroy

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Project Description: We plan to hold the following activities:

Four excursions to other parts of Melbourne/outside Melbourne;

Four BBQs or picnics, to be held locally;

Eight fortnightly casual get-togethers to be held on the Atherton Gardens estate during the summer months.

The purpose of the project is to give women and children from different cultural backgrounds, the majority also with a refugee background, the opportunity to make friends, enjoy social activities and visit parts of Melbourne they might not otherwise get to visit and with a wider social group than just their own cultural group. This year we aim to try and include more Christian women in what is at the moment a predominantly Muslim group, although from different cultural backgrounds

Total Project Cost: \$6520.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A solid community initiative likely to have positive impact on participating families and aligning with priorities.

AG22-043: Australian Yugoslav Pensioners

Australian Yugoslav Pensioners Social Club

Project Description: The Club has regular luncheons every Wednesday at Bargoonga Nganjin at the North Fitzroy Library, for around 60 pensioners from Yugoslav backgrounds. These hot lunches are prepared specially in the kitchens of the community centre. We also have singing and dancing sessions and celebrate important national days like Australia Day, father's and mother's days, Easter and Christmas. We organise picnics, camping and other activities like fishing. We visit the sick in hospitals and in homes, assist the elderly with their shopping and visit other multicultural groups. Each year we take two trips - one to Yarrawonga and one to Bright staying for three nights each time. The purpose of this project is to provide pensioners with a Yugoslav background an opportunity to socialise with each other on an ongoing basis through weekly lunches and scheduled camping trips and picnics. This work needs to be done as it provides support to promote community and encourages greater participation, understanding and mutual respect. The community need is for people from similar cultural backgrounds to come together to socialise and share common experiences. It provides a network of support for people who may be disadvantaged and unconnected with mainstream community services. It encourages cross-cultural exchange demonstrating the value of our multicultural heritage.

Total Project Cost: \$34800.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: Application has clear aims, target group, activities and outcomes. Overall meets funding priorities and worthy of support.

AG22-044: Greek Pensioners Club of North Fitzroy

Greek Pensioners Social Club

Project Description: Our senior citizens club has around 40 members and we meet on Thursdays during the day at the Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Community Hub. We provide cooked meals and entertainment to our members on a weekly basis and offer a range of activities on a variety of topics such as cultural matters, health education, and education on social issues. We also plan to organise an exhibition of Greek traditional food along with an exhibition of Greek embroidery, some pieces of which are more than 100 year old.

Total Project Cost: \$27596.00

Amount Requested: \$3500.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

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Panel Comments: A much needed project in the CoY and good application that meets Guidelines.

AG22-045: **Circolo Pensionati Italiani Di North Fitzroy**

The Ginnastica per Pensionati Exercise Program for Italian Seniors

Project Description: The Ginnastica per Pensionati exercise program for Italian seniors is held in the Edinburgh Gardens. The program has been running since 2010. The program is run by volunteers, and employs an exercise trainer to run the sessions. This year we have a new instructor who is a qualified gym instructor who works for Yarra Council and is from an Italian background. 50 - 60 people come weekly to the sessions and for a simple hot lunch, such as soup, pizza or pasta. Also, four times per year we run a healthy lunch for all members together. These are important because the pensioner members can have a traditional home cooked meal and socialise, which is particularly important for the widows and widowers who live alone.

Total Project Cost: \$31700.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: Great program providing community lead health and wellbeing activities for the elderly Italian community.

AG22-059: **You Yi Zhi Qiao - Crossing The Bridge Inc. (Auspiced by Auspicious Arts Projects Inc)**

We Are One

Project Description: Our project has the targets as:

Loneliness and non-English speaking are the senior Chinese community problems, especially in the hard time within and outside the City of Yarra. Our project focus on improving members English skill, physical exercise, cultural activities, the virtues of good eating and general health, positive life style and ever continuing education.

A greater understanding in the general community of Australia issues, values, and contributions to Australia society.

To achieve this, We have English class once a week. Attend seminars from government departments. Attend more activities(such like visiting museums) to integrate with mainstream.

Increase mental and physical well being of our members.

Everyday chat online to talk each other. Once a week we have chorus rehearsal, physical exercises. Take part in multicultural festivals Celebrations.

Total Project Cost: \$12800.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: An important cultural project that meets Guidelines and reputable supporting/auspice organisation.

AG22-070: **Indochinese Elderly Refugees Association VIC**

Community Engagement and Accessibility during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond

Project Description: IERA offers free services and facilitates new and innovative accessibility programs for the benefit of the Yarra older people community. This project offers a combination of online, telephone, and offline connection opportunities for seniors, particularly social housing vulnerable and disable tenants, will be connected with local groups and activities, supported to develop technology skills, and increase participation in the community so that they could take advantage of diverse activities as a result of digital inclusion initiatives bridging geographical divides. As a result of this, the project will reduce isolation and loneliness by bringing seniors and the community together during COVID-19 and beyond by using online

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communication tools as well as other methods for social connection. It provides proactive information and referral, community connection, and kindness to break down loneliness and isolation using a trauma-informed, culturally appropriate approach. We will provide social and emotional support to Vietnamese speaking seniors aged over 65 in the City of Yarra who are isolated at home because of COVID-19.

Moreover, our project also addresses the impacts of complex multiple issues on vulnerable tenants; direct specialized resources to the emerging and specific needs of disadvantaged groups. For example, we assist them to access mainstream services relevant to their needs. Our staffs receive cultural awareness training and can assist our target seniors who are with poor English language skills by translating, interpreting, or filling the form for them...

Besides, our project will build appropriate and enabling services and supports as our CALD seniors need tailored information, our health professionals need to know how to communicate effectively and appropriately, and our services need to be more accessible.

We held information sessions delivered by a wide range of local service providers, develop and deliver online workshops to seniors through our group online meetings, and face to face when allowed

Total Project Cost: \$16240.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: Strong application demonstrating significant need in the elderly community, addressing isolation and access to our increasingly digitally reliant world.

AG22-093: Halkidkion Elderly Citizens Club Melbourne Inc

Information and Social Sessions for the Elderly

Project Description: Provide social interaction between elderly members, many who are generally lonely. Information of government requirements and assistance. Information between elder members and younger people from the same area of Greece.

Total Project Cost: \$12720.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A new Greek group based in Clifton Hill. A worthy project of support and meets the guidelines.

AG22-120: Australian Croatian Senior Citizens Club Nikola Tavelic

Support for senior CALD people living in the City of Yarra

Project Description: The funding will help our newly established club to organize different social and recreational activities to keep the members engaged and healthy, including info sessions that are important to elderly members, meals, playing games (such as cards, boccie etc.), organizing excursions, celebration of different holidays including International Women's day, Father's day, Mother's day, Elderly day, Christmas, Easter etc. We help members to meet with their peers coming from the same and similar ethnic background, help to reduce their social isolation and make them feel at home. We promote and explain government initiatives and information of interest to the CALD communities including information on COVID-19, vaccination and other relevant information of interest to our seniors. We plan to purchase cards, boccie, bingo, domino and other social games to keep the members active.

Total Project Cost: \$11820.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application with good evaluation strategies for a project that will support seniors. Recommended for full funding.

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AG22-125: Yarra Ethnic Arts Exchange Association Inc.

Community service for elderly people in North Richmond

Project Description: Our organization has many free activities for local elder people, such as singing, dancing, Chinese painting and calligraphy, free English class, Ping Pong activity, ballroom dancing, lectures on gardening and cooking, etc. This year we adapted by meeting on Zoom but next year we will resume all free activities for local people and welcome people from other communities as well. We will have a show for Chinese painting and calligraphy next year. We will hold a Ping Pong competition next year as well. We will still do free performance for two Age Care every quarterly, but we will plan to do free performance for one more Age Care next year. We will take members of our organization to do the excursion next year.

Total Project Cost: \$12750.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3700.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application for a worthy project to support elderly people in North Richmond.

AG22-128: U3A Chinese in Yarra

Operational Expenditures

Project Description: We provide a whole series of academic as well as health enhancing programs such as painting, calligraphy, history, tai-chi, group exercises, cultural singing and dancing. When things are normal, we hold activities three times a week when members and friends come together to socialise, engage, or exchange knowledge and experiences. There had been a long period of time when there were lockdowns because of Corona Virus as well as renovation carried out at the public hall where we gather, and during those periods, we went online via Zoom. While Zoom sessions are not as satisfactory as face-to-face gatherings, there nevertheless provide some degree of social experiences which provide certain amount of satisfaction and reliefs.

Total Project Cost: \$131600.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A well-prepared application which meets a number of the Community Strengthening priority areas.

AG22-142: Australia-China Veterans Club Inc.

On-going expenditures

Project Description: We meet weekly at the Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre (Covid-19 permitting) where we have choir, cultural singing and dancing, musical instrumental, table-tennis, tai-chi, photography, arts and painting, karaoke, English classes, computer literacy classes plus the occasional outings and seminars.

Total Project Cost: \$99000.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A very good application for a worthy project that will benefit the Yarra community by reducing social isolation and supporting a disadvantaged group.

AG22-154: Yarra Chinese Women's Group

Health and Happiness for Chinese Women

Project Description: Our group provides a range of activities and weekly meetings for the Chinese Australian women of the City of Yarra. We provide healthy lunches, play Mahjong, do Tai Chi, go on outings and

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excursions, have seminars and guest lecturers. We have seminars in regard to health and hygiene for women. We have a series of activities and special days that we celebrate throughout the year. These include International Women's Day, Mother's Day, Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, a special Anniversary Celebration, Mid Autumn Festival, Senior's Week, Christmas and Chinese New Year celebrations. Also people can come and be grouped together with others that enjoy the same things.

Total Project Cost: \$25920.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A project worthy of support which addresses the guidelines. A fairly straight forward application - the panel members know of this group and their work.

AG22-176: Richmond & Burnley Historical Inc

Collecting, maintaining and promoting the history of Richmond, Burnley and Cremorne

Project Description: Collection management - to collect, record, index and manage the large collection of images, maps, documents and ephemera.

Digitisation and records management - improving the practices and processes using IT and equipment to capture, store and index the collection for ease of access and security of the collection.

Promote the history of the area - respond to hundreds of enquiries from the public by email, phone calls, access to the collection and seek acquisitions to enhance the collection.

- conduct walks and talks throughout the year to extend the knowledge of the area and connections within the community.

Strengthen the support from volunteers through assignment of projects, training and development.

Total Project Cost: \$57100.00

Amount Requested: \$3700.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,700.00

Panel Comments: A unique organisation that is dedicated to the history of the LGA and providing education and information to the community. A sound application with good supporting documentation.

AG22-180: Yarra Chinese Friendship Association

Activities for the Elderly Chinese at Atherton Gardens

Project Description: This project aims to get elderly Chinese members of our club out of their homes to exercise and socialise for the health benefits. We have around 200 members based at the Atherton Gardens Estate. Our members sing, dance, play chess and mahjong. We hold various seminars on issues like health, Centrelink, consumer affairs and multicultural issues. We undertake day trips twice per year. We meet weekly on Monday and Saturdays and monthly on a Sunday. We hold 12-13 activities per month.

Total Project Cost: \$24500.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthy project that clearly meets the stream Guidelines.

AG22-184: Richmond Joy Choir Inc

Richmond Joy Choir performances and activities

Project Description: We plan to hold several community celebration activities which can strengthen the function for our choir. These celebration include the major Chinese Festivals as follows:

1) Chinese New Year Festival,

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- 2) Duan Wu Festival
3) Mid-Autumn Festival

We plan to hold our celebration at the community hall at 106 Elizabeth Street Richmond. We believe that it is important to have the celebration within the housing estate because this will most effectively impact everyday community life.

Total Project Cost: \$11000.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3200.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: Clear and succinct application that meets the grant guidelines. Good to see increase in numbers - shows demand.

AG22-196: Societa Mutuo Soccorso Isole Ltd

Covid Survival Program

Project Description: In 2020, like everywhere else, we were forced to close our doors due to government regulations aimed at preventing the spread of Covid-19. But our Schedule of Events planned for 2021 has again been spoiled by continuing Lockdowns and the fear and uncertainty caused by the Delta Variant. Things have not picked up as planned in the past year as a large bulk of our members and guests are in the 'seniors' category which is the demographic most affected by Covid outbreaks. Apart from some Bingo events in December 2020 and the earlier months of this year (moderately attended), we have had to cancel major gatherings such as our fundraiser Dec 2020 annual Christmas Party and Nov. 2020 Market Day mainly attended by Carlton and Fitzroy residents. This has impacted our ability to raise the money necessary to fund our activities and pay our bills especially Insurance (which is our biggest burden). The problem is that our expenses still need to be met, including the servicing of our \$52K ANZ Renovations Loan, taken out in 2019 to successfully install new toilets and a disabled toilet. Insurance of approx. \$8000 is due in November 2021- our broker Whitbread may offer us a cover note until Jan 2022, as occurred last year. We attach last year's Policy showing premium of \$7,551. Each year, we also need to meet fire services maintenance visits, phone and internet, Council rates, the supply charges for utilities (Gas, elect, water etc) and a host of other on-going expenses related to our role within the Italian Community eg. Il Globo Italian Newspaper publicity costs.

Total Project Cost: \$8210.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel is supportive of this application which addresses stream Guidelines accordingly.

AG22-209: Vietnamese Catholic Family Mutual Association Network

Social Support

Project Description: The organisation offers a range of activities for the Vietnamese community including:

- Elderly activities (meetings, meet new friends, readings, poem and music, chess, dominoes & games)
- Exercise to prevent arthritis
- Information and workshops (topics include Centrelink, Health, Family, Aged Care, Gambling, and Domestic Violence)
- Excursions and picnics

Total Project Cost: \$21880.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

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Panel Comments: A worthy project that meets stream guidelines by directing resources to the needs of disadvantaged groups and fostering increased connectedness of people by supporting local groups and activities.

AG22-223: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia Parish of Holy Trinity Richmond Senior Citizens Club

Social and Recreational Activities for Richmond Greek Senior Citizens

Project Description: We will run social and recreational activities for the Greek elderly of Richmond including meals, games, celebrating national and Saints' days, excursions, health lectures and visits from speakers. We support each other as we grow older and meet once a week together at the Church Hall for lunch on a Wednesday. The recreational activities help to keep us healthy and active and stay in touch with our community. We go on excursions several times a year and often this is the only opportunity for some of the older ones to go away. We also keep an eye out for those who are now living alone.

Total Project Cost: \$25100.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: A good project that supports Greek elderly in the Yarra community.

AG22-233: Richmond Beijing Opera Study (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)

Chinese Opera At the North Richmond Housing Estate for the community

Project Description: Beijing Opera Study consists of 30 citizens (mostly seniors) who meet and rehearse different acts on a regular basis for several performance to entertain the local community and to promote traditional Chinese Opera throughout the year. These acts consist of music, songs, dance and acrobatics in a lively and colourful display. Each member plays a different role in various acts, such as acting, singers, musicians, markup artists, event organisers, etc.

Total Project Cost: \$19084.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A good project for a group that make a positive difference in the community, auspiced by a reputable organisation.

AG22-236: Greek Elderly Club North Fitzroy and North Carlton

Greek Cultural Activities in Fitzroy

Project Description: We are seeking funding to support our everyday activities, including our weekly Monday meetings at the North Fitzroy Community Centre. The club provides meals and a number of social activities including dances and excursions. We would like to continue to provide our members with the services they require. This funding will support our activities for the next year. The purpose of the program is to increase the health and well-being of elderly Greek community members who live in the City of Yarra. The program will also help to combat loneliness and provide the benefits of socialisation to members of the club. The funding will also be used to celebrate May Day and provide a special luncheon to our members.

Total Project Cost: \$31628.00

Amount Requested: \$3500.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: A very good application for a project that clearly meets stream priorities. Great to see support and a contribution from the group.

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AG22-237: Australian Somali Women's Healthcare Community Foundation

Kitchen Program /Somali Day

Project Description: We will meet every Sunday in Collingwood at the Neighborhood kitchen with participants coming from Richmond and Collingwood, to teach girls aged 14-21 how to cook - Somali food, Italian food and Australian food. We use volunteer teachers for the program. The Somali Day Festival will bring together people of the Somali-Australian and African-Australian community to come together to celebrate Somali culture and history. The event will take place a Collingwood Town Hall from early afternoon until late in the evening. There will be traditional Somali dresses, food, dancing, music and other cultural activities. It will be a day packed with community celebration, traditional dance, food and storytelling. the event will bring together the Somali community young and old in celebration of the cultural roots and provide an opportunity to celebrate their new life in Australia. The event will showcase the Somali involvement in developing Melbourne into the multicultural capital of the world. Events such as this are a crucially important in developing Somali connections to the wider community and building links between the Somali community living in the City of Yarra.

Total Project Cost: \$27612.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A great application for a worthy project supporting women in the Yarra community.

AG22-240: Yarra Chinese Mini-Fiction Writer's Association Of Australia

Chinese Mini-Story Cultural Program

Project Description: The Chinese Mini-Story Cultural Program involves a series of events and competitions to celebrate the achievements of the Yarra Chinese Mini-Fiction Writer's Association. These will be held at various venues including the Richmond and Fitzroy Yarra Libraries. We have 50 members that will attend and help to promote Chinese writing. We will also launch a contest which will last from April to September and involve global competition. The yearly contest attracts around 200 entries from around the world. The pieces of fiction are limited to 1500 characters each. We have a judging panel who selects the best pieces and then we intend to produce a short book which contains the best pieces. Our club supports cultural storytelling and expression and promotes the linguistic diversity of the City of Yarra.

Total Project Cost: \$24960.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3500.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: An interesting project worthy of support that directs funds to cultural community group for creative activities.

AG22-264: CHINESE GOOD VOICE (MELBOURNE) INC.

Atherton Gardens Estate Chinese Choir

Project Description: We intend to put on a series of performances for Yarra residents during 2022. We are performing at eight cultural events including Chinese New Year, Dragon Boat Festival, Mid Autumn Festival, Chinese National Day, Australia Day, Seniors' Week, Housing Week and Christmas.

Total Project Cost: \$24440.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A good project that meets the guidelines and is worthy of funding. Great work for the community, well done.

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AG22-296: Gioan Hoan Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement Group - Thieu Nhi Thanh The

Social and Spiritual Development of Vietnamese Youths who congregate at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Collingwood)

Project Description: The project encompasses the running of our youth group's activities for 2022 - which have been running since we were founded in 1982. Up until 2020, we have been self-funded through donations and have never received any funding.

Our weekly 2 and a half hour Sunday sessions (10:30AM - 12:30PM) run alongside the school calendar with four terms. During these weekly sessions, we will run through: opening ceremony, ice-breaker games, lunch prepared by parents, religious teachings, scouts lessons and group singing. These weekly sessions aim to progressively develop the social and spiritual foundations of our youths. Moreover, it is a great opportunity for youths of all ages (5 - 28) to reconvene every week and build life-long relationships. Not only are these sessions educational for the youths and a great way to learn their mother tongue (Vietnamese), the volunteer leaders who organise the activities are afforded the opportunity to grow their own leadership skills and teamwork to grow into passionate and self-sacrificing members of the community.

Alongside our weekly sessions during the year, we also organise and fund a range of excursions throughout the year for the youths:

- Easter BBQ at Fairfield Park,
- Term 2 holidays visit to Don Bosco Youth Centre
- Amazing Race in the city
- Annual Weekend Camp
- Interstate trips to National Youth Events

Our youth group is also a big part of a 300 strong Vietnamese Catholic community at St. Joseph's Catholic Church (Collingwood) predominantly made up of first and second generation refugees. As youths we try and support the community where we can especially with different fundraisers (performing for the community at concerts, selling raffle tickets or selling home-cooked goods), as well as supporting the community with the important celebrations such as Easter and Christmas.

Total Project Cost: \$55900.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: A good project worthy of support to assist young people in the community.

AG22-298: Kids Space in Yarra (homework Club) (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)

Holiday Program

Project Description: The Kids Space in Yarra project, will provide holidays program onsite or (online if Covid19 restrictions are on) during school holidays break for primary and early high school. these children will have access to wellbeing and educational activities after almost two years without any holidays activities due to Covid19 lockdown restrictions (now 6th restrictions). Also children will have good time of interacting with their parents to connect with each other a long with culturally diverse volunteers. These holidays activities programs will engage these kids in fun & indirect education after around two years of isolation and lack of physical programs.

Total Project Cost: \$9640.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3600.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

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Panel Comments: A worthy project to support school holidays activities.

Community Support

AG22-281: Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club (Auspiced by Fitzroy Learning Network)

FLSC: Community development program

Project Description: Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club is a grass roots community developed soccer club that utilises soccer as a vehicle to engage families and young people to build positive social connections, stronger and more cohesive communities that are resilient and inclusive.

We would like to deliver the following activities:

- Saturday social soccer at each of the social housing estates in Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond.
- Mums cooking program, during the weekly soccer games, a community cooking program inviting families of players to prepare a meal which is then shared by everyone after the game. This is a critical community building activity.

Total Project Cost: \$33128.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A good application, and it's great to see this soccer program for youth and young children from a CALD background go from strength to strength.

AG22-220: Collingwood Basketball Association

Community Engagement with local public housing and the local CALD community

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball Association has proactively engaged with players from local public housing and CALD communities for many years and we currently have a diverse membership with a large number of players and families participating in Club life from South Sudan. The Club wishes to ensure the ongoing success of this engagement by continuing the Community Liaison Officer role. Following on from the work undertaken by Akech Manyiel who worked with the club for many years, Mabior Deng has continued his work facilitating a connection between players, families, team managers, coaches, and club administration. We are currently utilising Mabior on a consultancy basis and his role, funded by grants, was employed in late 2019. Mabior plays a vital role at the Club by visiting families in their homes to explain involvement with the club in their own language, organises events particularly focused on parents, encourages families to attend training and games, and is involved in our Welcome Days and the club Presentation Day. Mabior was made available to our membership to assist families complete the Victoria Government Get Active Kids Voucher and he also assists families with the basketball registration process.

Total Project Cost: \$217900.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthwhile sports engagement for CALD youth, especially those living in the Collingwood estate. It is a great way to keep kids engaged, healthy and active.

AG22-164: Life Saving Victoria Limited

Building stronger, more vibrant, diversity groups in Yarra through aquatics

Project Description: The project engages vulnerable populations including CALD, People with a disability and Seniors (over 55s) who live within the Yarra Council region. COVID-19 has left all three diversity groups more

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isolated, less connected and at risk. Our programs will reconnect 504 people with their local community, using aquatics as the 'vehicle' to build a stronger, more culturally vibrant society. Program activities include:

1. Aquatic Education 'Incursion' Sessions (in class)
Water Safety Education and/or CPR Practical sessions – up to 15 x 1- hour sessions (330 participants). Sessions build knowledge and confidence for future participation and connection around local aquatic environments and emergency health situations. Delivery available via online platforms if/when required.
2. Beach Recreation 'Excursion' Days (Port Melbourne/South Melbourne Surf Life Saving Clubs)
5 x Half-day beach recreation excursions, delivered on beaches most commonly accessed from Yarra Council region (135 participants). A series of fun activities designed for swimmers or non-swimmers alike. These beach days are integral in identifying and recruiting lifeguards and swim teachers into the training and employment component of our training program.
3. Swimming Lessons (Yarra Leisure Pools)
A 10-week swimming program (15 participants)
This swim program will develop skills of participants, raise their local recreational options, making them safer around water and potentially assisting their chosen pathway to becoming a paid pool lifeguard or swim teacher.
4. Pool Lifeguard/ Swim Teacher Training Courses (Yarra Leisure Pools)
4 x participants trained as qualified lifeguards or swim teachers employable at local facilities and become inspiring role models for their community.
5. Senior Aquatic Recreation courses - 'Grey Medallion' (Yarra Leisure Pools)
A 4-week x 3 hour course (20 participants) which focus on social connection and local facility familiarisation. The aim is to reconnect this vulnerable and isolated group, allowing local facilities to become regular and comfortable meeting places.

Total Project Cost: \$32872.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: Great project and important work for local diverse communities in Yarra to be able to access swim support.

AG22-162: **Three for All Foundation (Many Coloured Sky)**

Queer Refugee and Asylum Seeker Peers (QRASP)

Project Description: Since 2018 we've supported a growing group of LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers across Victoria. Prior to the onset of COVID, the group had 28 members, with fortnightly social events, referrals, a training strategy for services and a successful public education and advocacy program. Since COVID, the group has grown to almost 100 members.

In moving to COVID-normal we invested in our first office and meeting space, in Collingwood, creating a safe space for members to meet, socialise and get support. We aim to continue to build on our hard work and provide a platform for LGBTQIA+ people seeking asylum to meet their own needs, achieve their own goals, provide comprehensive peer support and advocate for change in service delivery and policy.

Our priority at the moment is to build partnerships across refugee, LGBTQI+, health, housing, employment, settlement, legal and local government sectors, to build appropriate access and facilitated referrals, leverage support for service delivery, ensure that services for this group are safe, welcoming and offer appropriate and inclusive supports, provide comprehensive training to staff and advocacy to Boards and senior management of relevant organisations and develop a secondary consultation and advisory service informed

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directly by the lived experience of our participants.. With our office in Yarra, and Yarra's support for both LGBTQ+ and asylum seeker communities, we aim to embed ourselves in and partner with these sectors, communities and networks in the local area.

To undertake this work, we need to extend the hours of our Peer Support Officer, a gay asylum seeker, further build local, relevant partnerships and grow our already-active Queer Refugee and Asylum Seeker Services Network. We also wish to expand our provision of regular social activities, workshops, English-language and other classes and material supports from our Collingwood site (or online as necessary). .

Total Project Cost: \$110296.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application with detailed rationale and outcomes/success measures. Supporting letter from Switch Board and it's good to see a community-led GLBTIQ+ support program for asylum seekers.

AG22-186: Sacred Heart School Fitzroy

Bouncing Back from COVID - Shooting for the Stars

Project Description: Within the Atherton Garden Estate, there is a great interest in basketball and many talented players. Sacred Heart School is in the process of planning an upgrade to the basketball facilities on our campus so that we can provide a space for our school and the local community to use in a competitive format.

We need financial support to supplement the planned upgrade and to buy equipment for training and competition days. Due to the financial constraints associated with belonging to a formal club and competition (uniform, training and match day costs, transport to venues etc...), many of our keen & talented basketball players do not get the opportunity to play in an organised competition or tournament. This project fills the need for primary aged community members - providing inclusion and access to a basketball court (with age appropriate adjustable height basketball rings) without the need for added expenses, and also without the need for any travel.

We hope to run 'HOOPTIME' style competitions in conjunction with 'Helping Hoops' which will take place at the proposed Sacred Heart basketball court which is situated very close to the Atherton Gardens Estate. This will be providing a fantastic opportunity for building a healthy, respectful and inclusive way of playing competitive sport. We will work closely with Helping Hoops so that families and local community members can enjoy sport in a safe, inclusive, entertaining and well-organised environment.

Total Project Cost: \$106700.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A very clear and concise application. Within the Atherton Garden Estate, there is a great interest in basketball and many talented players. Sacred Heart School is in the process of upgrading the basketball facilities so they can provide a space for the local community to use in a competitive format.

AG22-112: cohealth

Cultivating Community Cohesion

Project Description: The Cultivation Community Cohesion project will work strategically with the communities to plan and organise support social activities such as organising community meetings where people can build resilience, skills, confidence and support, providing socialising activities that increase the sense of belonging and pride in their place of living in Yarra, and providing information and follow up sessions about rights and protections in Australia and support services available to constructively deal with discrimination and bias they may experience. The project will provide:

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Create safe and supportive space where people can learn about and discuss discrimination and bias their community may be experiencing and formulate constructive strategies to deal with it.
Provide workshops that train individuals and community leaders to respond racist and discriminatory activities in safe, non-violent and legal ways.
Facilitate connections between the community and their local service providers that impact on their lives such as Council, Housing Office, Police, Neighbourhood Houses and Neighbourhood Just Service and health services to discuss experiences and ventilate grievances and build mutual collaboration.
Organise cultural sharing events to create awareness of diversity in the community to foster cross cultural understanding and collaboration.

Total Project Cost: \$25000.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$9000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: The proposal is to run an anti-racism, anti-discrimination and Human Rights program for Horn of Africa communities, Muslim and non-Muslim living in Yarra as well as three cultural events and Harmony week activities. It is a very worthwhile project spread across four public housing estates.

AG22-047: **HALT - Hope Assistance Local Tradies**

Music & Mental Health – Increasing Health Literacy in the City of Yarra

Project Description: HALT will host an alcohol-free live music event in Yarra that brings together tradespersons (tradies) from the music and events industries to hear HALT's message of help-seeking and help-giving that aims to reduce the lives lost to and impacted by suicide. At this event the HALT message will be coupled with information on protective and preventative strategies, a Q&A on mental health and recovery from a band known and respected by the target audience, and will conclude with a live music performance.

The objectives of this event are to encourage better mental health outcomes within the target audience of tradies in the music, events and construction industries that live and work in Yarra; promote drug and alcohol-free events to the target audience, Yarra venues and the broader music industry as viable options worth exploring, and strengthen HALT's position as a leading service provider in mental health promotion.

We are doing this because:

9 lives are lost to suicide every day in Australia, 50% of musicians report battling symptoms of depression with 12% reported having suicidal thoughts, and for every artist that stands onstage, there are 10 to 100 crew members making that performance, tour, or album run, and those crew members all burn out in the same way (Music Industry Research Association, 2018)

Music industry tradies who live and work in Yarra (the sound & lighting technicians, roadies, riggers & backstage crew) are a traditionally hard to reach group that have been significantly impacted by more than 12 suicides in their community within the past 18 months. COVID:19 has impacted employment, connection and social participation on this group of tradies and HALT needs to take the help giving/seeking message to them in a relatable space.

Total Project Cost: \$45160.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: Clear and comprehensive application. The Project plans to run an alcohol-free music event for tradies from the music and events industries who live in the City of Yarra. The aim is to form networks between health services, local support services, the music industry and the City of Yarra and to encourage local tradies to think about their mental health and seek help when they need it.

AG22-109: **3CR Community Radio**

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Queer Brood podcast series

Project Description: Queer Brood will be an engaging podcast series focused on queer parenting - presenting unique and creative content across 10-12 episodes. The series will go beyond common understandings and perceptions of parenting to uncover a range of deeper issues facing queer communities. The Queer Brood podcasts will ask the question: what does it mean to be a queer parent in a cis heteronormative patriarchy? The shows will explore queer parenting in brown and bla(c)k communities and discuss alternatives to 'traditional' families. Queer Brood will feature core information regarding health services for queer parents while also featuring an historical overview of queer parenting over the decades - what has changed? What has remained the same? Complex concerns regarding non-binary parents and administrative violence (schooling, birth registration etc.) and choice in sperm availability will also be investigated.

All Queer Brood producer / presenters will be from the queer community and be experienced 3CR broadcasters. The team will work collectively with the support of 3CR staff to create a dynamic and engaging audio experience featuring a wealth of knowledge and lived-experience across a diverse range of people.

The Queer Brood series will be broadcast on 3CR 855AM and 3CR digital, distributed across all platforms as an accessible podcast, and made available via the 3CR website. The series will be publicised across all social media channels with a focus on sharing stories and building community. To further publicise the Queer Brood series, there will be a launch party (either in person or online) with stakeholders, participants, community members and listeners. This event will inform the wider queer community about the support that is available if and when they choose to create a family of their own.

Total Project Cost: \$16410.75

Amount Requested: \$9733.75 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: A very clear and concise submission. The Queer Brood podcast project delivers specialised resources to queer parents; develops respectful relationships and diverse gender equity; fosters the development of healthy and respectful relationships within communities and develops the skills and increases participation in the community.

AG22-067: Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra Inc

Zonta Club of Melbourne on Yarra - Breast Care Cushions

Project Description: Since 2005, Zonta Melbourne on Yarra has produced breast care cushions to support patients recovering from breast cancer surgery. The cushion is shaped like a croissant, and fits under the arm to provide comfort in the area where the surgery has taken place. Quote from a recipient June 2021: "I had breast cancer surgery ... & was given one of your beautiful cushions by a breast cancer nurse post-op. It has made it possible for me to get some sleep & sit with less discomfort after a very painful surgery & has given me great comfort. My heartfelt thanks". See attached photos.

Cushions are sewn and assembled by Zonta members in their homes. We have been relying on donated fabric, donations from members, and club fundraising activities for many years. The need for cushions has increased over the years from 50 in 2005, to 595 in 2020. In 2021, 357 cushions have been created to 30 June.

This grant would provide a viable financial platform for cushion and carry-bag production to meet this growing need. Each breast care cushion and bag costs \$8 - \$10 to produce with volunteer labour of club members. The need is 600+ cushions per year for 2021-2022.

Cushions are mainly distributed in the City of Yarra to the following hospitals: Epworth Richmond, Melbourne Breast Unit at Cliveden, Frances Perry House, Freemason's hospital, St Vincent's Private hospital, and Victorian Breast & Oncology Care in Collingwood.

Total Project Cost: \$42350.00

Amount Requested: \$4000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00

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Recommendation: \$3,500.00

Panel Comments: Great and unique project. Well evidenced application demonstrating need, impact with clear budget. In the past the organization has relied on fund-raising and donations to meet costs but the demand for the cushions has outstripped these sources of funding.

AG22-293: **Young Assets Foundation (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)**

Living Out Loud

Project Description: Living Out Loud is a program for youth aged 12-25 years old and will be held every Saturday 11.30am to 5pm at Yarra Youth Services in Fitzroy. The program aims to create an inclusive space for local youth that will result in a positive outcome for both the youth and the wider community. Through a wide range of activities, young people will build their confidence and become more connected. Through delivering a safe space that young people want to join, it will assist in preventing young people to be out on the streets.

Gaining new knowledge and experiences whilst working together and with the community, young people will discover, connect and inspire, ultimately leading them to develop and/or expand on interests and passions that will assist them to navigate their future's.

The project will work in partnership with Yarra Youth Services to deliver the following services to young people:

- career pathways specialists to provide one on one advice and workshops to improve study and employment prospects
- recreational activities to address contemporary social issues, improve relationships between community members and improve the physical and mental health of participants
- cooking and preparing meals to increase life skills of participants, encourage healthy eating and provide a space for positive social engagement
- workshops chosen by participants, such as: fixing bikes, your rights and the law and mental health.

Total Project Cost: \$117285.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application demonstrating the needs among the youth in Yarra and plans to address those needs with partnering organisations.

AG22-106: **MiCare Ltd**

Yarra Women Behind the Wheel

Project Description: This program specifically targets women from refugee and migrant backgrounds who have difficulty obtaining their driver's license. This is a continuing issue often raised in case work and community consultations. Yarra Women Behind the Wheel was developed in response to this growing need and has been successfully running for several years. We wish to continue this program and run it twice during 2022 with approximately 13 women in each round.

Program components include:

- Delivery of three 2-hour sessions on road rules with an English – language component run in collaboration with Carringbush Adult Education;
- Delivery of three 2-hour information sessions covering topics such as law and driving, road safety, fines, roles of the police, buying a car, loans, insurance, child safety restraints. Sessions will run in partnership with Victoria Police, Fitzroy Legal Service and financial counsellors from Neighbourhood Justice Centre;

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- A leadership/mentoring focus where two participants from each round will become the leaders of the program. They will be supported to create flyers, facilitate the sessions including opening and closing the sessions and introduce speakers. Also, they will be involved in devising and presenting a quiz and an evaluation during the final session; and
- Five Driving lesson vouchers per participants to assist with the development of practical driving skills.

Total Project Cost: \$13440.80

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8900.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: Good initiative that benefits a small, though high-need, number of City of Yarra residents. Excellent to see community consultation demonstrating a high demand for this project.

AG22-073: **Midsumma Festival Inc**

Asphyxia and the HOMOsapiens present a concert for Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing audiences

Project Description: Asphyxia is a queer, Deaf and disabled artist, writer, activist and public speaker. She is the author of the children's series *The Grimstones*, which won the APA Book Design Awards Best Designed Children's Series in 2013. Her most recent book, *Future Girl* (published by Allen & Unwin in 2020), is the art journal of Deaf sixteen-year-old Piper, a visual extravaganza of text, paint, collage and drawings, woven into a deeply engaging coming-of-age story set in near-future Melbourne. Deaf since the age of three, Asphyxia learnt to sign when she was eighteen. She is now a Deaf activist, raising awareness of the oppression of Deaf people, and what we can do to change this.

In 2019, Asphyxia collaborated with hearing cabaret artist Sarah Ward to create an innovative, access-embedded bilingual Auslan-English rock cabaret called *The Legend of Queen Kong* (presented at the 2019 Midsumma Festival). Since then, Asphyxia and Sarah Ward have been developing a performance exploring song writing and music-making practices embedded in the Deaf relationship to music, with original compositions by Asphyxia to be performed by Sarah Ward and her acclaimed band, *The HOMOsapiens*, with musical director Bec Matthews (of *Circus Oz*, *Yana Alana* & *The Piranhas*, *Musica Viva*).

The culmination of two years of work documenting sound qualities, instruments and arrangements that made music both accessible and pleasurable for Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing audiences, Asphyxia and *The HOMOsapiens* will present a 3-night concert of this new, original music during the 2022 Midsumma Festival.

This concert will take place 3-5 February 2022 at the Music Market at Collingwood Yards, taking advantage of the accessibility measures of the Yards and Music Market's built-in hearing loop to present Deaf and disability-led art to Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing audiences.

Total Project Cost: \$30183.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: An excellent application. Strong support and well thought out. A great opportunity to present Deaf and disability-led art to Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing audiences.

AG22-205: **Cultivating Community Inc**

Meet and Eat Community Lunch

Project Description: Meet and Eat is a weekly cooking group and community lunch held during school terms. The program is coordinated and facilitated by Cultivating Community in partnership with cohealth and the Fitzroy Learning Network and is held in the Fitzroy Community Food Centre at the Atherton Gardens public housing estate or the Clubhouse at FLN.

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The group offers opportunities to build social and health capital for participants as well as increasing understanding of the health and community services available locally. The group cook together for the first hour enabling participants to develop skills in food preparation, practice verbal and written English skills, learn meal planning skills and negotiate their contribution to the group. The second hour involves sitting to share the meal, practicing social and English skills, trying new foods, learning about local community services. Guest speakers from local organisations and projects are invited to discuss and promote relevant programs and events and the facilitators offer nutrition advice and information to participants. Running since 2016, the group is attended by the broader community as well as Fitzroy Learning Network students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are interested in extending their language skills in a real life setting. Participants are encouraged to take a lead and share recipes from their own cultures providing an opportunity for cultural awareness and community building. Attendance also includes tenants from neighbouring rooming houses as well as people currently experiencing homelessness. All are welcomed and included with multiple levels of participation available and encouraged by facilitators. 2022 will be an especially important time to provide opportunities for the community to reconnect with each other after the effects of having limited contact during the 2020 and 2021. It is vital that these opportunities for people to come together in a safe and connected way are available.

Total Project Cost: \$26760.00

Amount Requested: \$9680.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8480.00

Recommendation: \$8,500.00

Panel Comments: Strong application, and good to see clear outcomes and evaluation process. Good description on benefits and demand.

AG22-009: Association of Oromo Women in Collingwood, City of Yarra

Recreational activities, information and social support for Oromo women and their families living in Collingwood

Project Description: Planned activities are:

- Four information sessions, to be organised in co- operation with MiCare/New Hope Foundation
- Three community celebrations: Eid Al Fitri, Eid Al Adha and a New Year's Cultural Diversity Day. All our celebrations include other communities
- A number of excursions or outdoor activities including BBQs and trips to children's adventure playgrounds.

Total Project Cost: \$16880.00

Amount Requested: \$6800.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$6,800.00

Panel Comments: A good application from this grass-roots organisation that provides support and assistance to women and families who are new arrivals to Australia living in the Collingwood estate.

AG22-116: MiCare Ltd

African Women's Group

Project Description: The project involves running monthly information sessions on a range of topics such as digital literacy, public speaking, law, consumer rights, parenting, health and wellbeing and finance for migrants and refugee women from a range of African cultural groups residing in the City of Yarra. The program also aims to reduce social isolation by providing participants to a safe space to socialise, share, learn, develop skills and support other women with shared experiences. This program operates by empowering and enabling women to extend their leadership skills. This will enhance their skills in planning, public speaking, facilitation of sessions and promotion of the group through creating flyers and invitations. Mentoring is an important part of the program and is provided by MiCare and partnership organisations involved in the project. Information delivered will also give participants the confidence and skills which in

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turn will impact positively on decisions and choices they make. The project will also include one outing and two cultural celebrations/events are also proposed for the year.

Total Project Cost: \$12699.00

Amount Requested: \$8534.00 **Minimum Required:** \$7459.00

Recommendation: \$8,534.00

Panel Comments: A thorough and well-presented application which strongly meets an identified community need. The project will deliver monthly information sessions to migrant and refugee women living in Collingwood and Abbotsford. The sessions are participatory with the women encouraged to help in the planning and delivery of the sessions, thereby increasing their confidence, skills and knowledge. The project also includes one outing and two cultural celebrations.

AG22-232: Project Respect

Community Connectedness: From Garden to Table

Project Description: This project will develop a therapeutic healing and wellbeing space for women who have experienced trafficking for sexual exploitation and women with experience of the sex industry. The space and activities will provide the opportunity for women to continue their healing from violence and trauma, regardless of their stage of healing. It will be a safe space for all women involved to experience increased social inclusion, foster connections and build confidence. It will provide an opportunity for women to meet other women and share their similar, or different, lived experiences, and form bonds that will last well beyond the allocated times of the activities.

This will be achieved by holding a regular social inclusion initiatives: - A fortnightly therapeutic community gardening session delivered by a skilled worker from Cultivating Communities, our partner organisation, to develop a welcoming, functional and therapeutic garden space. Women can assist in growing the food utilised in our community lunch to promote a holistic approach to food, and to share in the process of cooking a tasty and nutritious meal as part of the community lunch program. This activity will also provide the opportunity to educate and build women's knowledge about gardening and sustainability. The relaxing, positive and therapeutic garden space will be open to women to come and sit and relax at any time during the week, regardless of whether the structured activities are running, providing a safe sanctuary.

Total Project Cost: \$18264.00

Amount Requested: \$9980.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$9,980.00

Panel Comments: This is a strong application with clearly defined community needs, aims and measurements of success and offers great benefit to the target community group and wider community.

AG22-229: Carringbush Adult Education

Women's Referral and Support Service - Pilot

Project Description: This project will pilot a Women's Referral and Support Service based at the Neighbourhood Justice Centre (NJC) in Collingwood. This service will provide incidental and short-term support to women, primarily but not exclusively to those of CALD background, with the aim to reduce vulnerability to financial hardship, financial abuse and further marginalisation caused by barriers to accessing information and services.

The project will primarily target women of CALD background living on the Collingwood public housing estate as CALD women, particularly those who are migrants and refugees, experience higher levels of disadvantage, systemic barriers, economic and social exclusion (De Maio et al. 2017). The Referral and Support Service will provide support to migrant and refugee women who commonly experience the following barriers:

- Low levels of English language and literacy

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- Low digital literacy and skills
- Lack of experience in navigating services and systems
- Complex personal circumstances that that require triaging and advocacy to access supports

The service will assist with a wide range of issues, including connecting with the most appropriate and professional services, facilitating referrals and intake, form-filling, liaising with other service providers and advocating on behalf of the individual where appropriate (e.g. getting access to an interpreter, accessing affordable payment plans).

The Referral and Support Service will increase marginalised women's access to support and information, increase the women's confidence to navigate Australian services and systems and promote inclusive service provision in Yarra through collaboration.

De Maio, J., Silbert, M., Stathopoulos, M., Rioseco, P., Jenkinson, R. & Edwards, B. (2017). Empowering migrant and refugee women: Supporting and empowering women beyond five-year post-settlement. (Research Report No. 38). Melbourne: Australian Institute of Family Studies.

Total Project Cost: \$29522.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A very good, well thought out application with wide support and an in-kind contribution. This initiative could look for adequate funding sources elsewhere following a successful pilot program.

AG22-076: GR8M8S Foundation Inc

Collingwood Magpies Footy Program (CMFP) - "More than Just Footy"

Project Description: This Crime Prevention and Wellbeing program provides engagement support pathways for at risk and disadvantaged community members through the Collingwood Magpies.

The Collingwood Magpies "More than just Footy" Program looks to reduce the recidivism rates throughout the City of Yarra and provide positive health outcomes participants at risk. The project will provide direct preventative and early intervention support through linkage to specialised community engagement clinicians that provide pivotal support in engagement with services such as Victoria Police, YSAS, Headspace Collingwood, Neighbourhood Justice Centre-Collingwood and other community health services. The project looks to increase vocational opportunities in providing participants through casual employment within the program as well as pro social activities through the local community. The workers employed within the project will look to enhance opportunities for participants as well as seek to provide support.

Total Project Cost: \$75270.00

Amount Requested: \$9200.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$9,200.00

Panel Comments: A very worthwhile project with a clear purpose and plan. The project aims to help troubled/disadvantaged/ disengaged youth, both male and female to gain the support and skills to engage in the community.

AG22-225: The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc - Collingwood Branch

The Wool Project - Farm to Fibre Workshops

Project Description: Our project has a two-fold purpose:

- to process the fleece of the sheep at the Collingwood Children's Farm (CCF) into yarn; and
- to run a series of workshops at the CCF in collaboration with the Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild of Victoria (HWSG).

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The CCF has donated another year of fleeces to our branch. We are excited to build on the learnings of our project from 2021 and try to reach more citizens of Yarra with our workshops in 2022.

The CCF sheep are mostly Shropshire breed whose wool does not lend itself to hand spinning. However, the staple length of the wool can be machine spun. We have a mill, Wool2Yarn, that is prepared to assist us with spinning with whom we worked on our project this year. While the mill is in Mornington, it is a small business, and the spinning operation is run by a woman. They produce some recycled yarn and used merino fabric scraps in some of their yarn so they have an environmental focus that aligns with our initiative.

The yarn will be used by our members to make projects that can be sold via our market stall or through our social media. The funds we raise get donated to various charities within Yarra or are used to support our groups charitable initiatives in Yarra.

In 2021 our workshop series booked out within an hour of their being advertised evidencing a strong need in the community for affordable craft classes. In 2022 we plan to run the same workshops in spinning, knitting, crochet and dyeing and possibly add more (either different craft or duplicate classes). In an effort to engage housing estate residents, we will look at doing some targeted advertising prior to listing the workshops on our social media pages.

Total Project Cost: \$11848.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6700.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: An interesting project with a creative focus which proposes to build relationships and share skills. The project fits two of the priority areas, developing partnerships to achieve shared strategic outcomes and developing skills and increasing participation in the community.

Family and Early Years

AG22-151: **Fitzroy Legal Service Inc**

Yarra FLS Health Justice Partnership

Project Description: Our aim is to provide accessible legal support to primary carers who are victim survivors of family violence, noting the harmful effect of family violence on the health of adult and child victim survivors, and the inextricable link between the health of a primary carer and their children. The burden of family violence upon the health and wellbeing of primary carers and their children can compound into significant social, legal and financial challenges. Equally, legal issues and proceedings can encumber the health and wellbeing of victim survivors. Expedient and accessible legal support and advice is essential for victim survivors who are experiencing past or present family violence.

We seek funding to establish the 'Yarra FLS Health Justice Partnership' operating at the Connie Benn Centre, with an underpinning focus on early intervention and collaboration. Provision of specialist family violence legal support is complementary to the existing health care and family support services that Yarra City Maternal and Child Health and Family Services teams (CoY Services), and Connie Benn Centre services provide to victim survivors.

We propose to establish a fortnightly legal outreach, spanning a period of 9 months, with the following objectives:

1. Create a direct referral pathway between FLS, CoY Services and Connie Benn Centre based services, to enable victim survivors timely access to family violence legal support;
2. Establish a culturally and physically safe legal outreach (onsite or remote service delivery, dependant

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on COVID-19 restrictions) attended by an experienced family violence lawyer.

3. Improve legal outcomes, and lessen the burden for victim survivors of family violence, through the provision of legal advice and/or representation in family violence and family law matters, intervention orders and associated legal issues;

4. Deliver Family Violence legal training and ongoing support to CoY Services and the Connie Benn Centre team, inclusive of secondary consultations.

Total Project Cost: \$13300.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$10000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A well-written application using current research and data.
Good to see community connections and partnerships.

AG22-090: Jesuit Social Services

Implementation of Parent Group module on healthier masculinities

Project Description: This project will build upon the 2021 project whereby, together with the Coordinator of Family Services, The Men's Project is increasing awareness of the Man Box among staff and commenced co-design of a module that could be used by frontline staff to engage groups of parents across the the Maternal Child Health Team and Family Services Teams.

In Phase 2, noting that the funding available will not allow full implementation and co-design is in progress, we would like to progress this work. The phases below reflect next steps:

1. Develop a partnership agreement
2. Build program materials and facilitation notes to guide delivery of module with role plays and preparation for different scenarios
3. City of Yarra staff training - develop skills required to deliver training package
4. Co-facilitation of agreed module / session for each staff member to increase confidence
5. Ongoing coaching with a particular focus on supporting people responsible for training new staff
6. Pre and post session evaluations
7. Project management and oversight - including check-ins with Project Steering Group.

Total Project Cost: \$13000.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A very good application and project worthy of support.
Great to see up to date research to support application.

AG22-069: Kids Space in Yarra (homework Club) (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)

Homework Club

Project Description: The Kids Space in Yarra project, will provide a twice weekly onsite or (online if Covid19 restrictions are on) opportunity throughout the school term for primary and early high school children to access educational support in the form of homework and reading assistance. Also children will have good time of interacting with their parents to connect with each other a long with culturally diverse volunteers. There will be if possible (due to Covid19) holiday programs to engage these kids in fun & indirect education.

Total Project Cost: \$48900.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$9500.00

Recommendation: \$8,700.00

Panel Comments: A good and timely project worth supporting. The panel believed the admin fee was very high and that could be adjusted - represented in lower amount recommended.

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AG22-251: Drummond Street Services

little&big The multicultural/multi generational musical playgroup on the Collingwood estate

Project Description: You may have watched "Old people's home for 4 year olds" on the ABC. A group of older adults living alone, join a group of lively 4-year-olds in an intergenerational play school for learning, connection and friendship.

We hope to run fun, educational musical playgroups for 90 minutes, for 8 weeks (when weather is better), during school terms 1 and 2 in 2022. 16 sessions in total.

This health promoting initiative is for First Nations and CALD elderly people living on Collingwood housing estate who are isolated, and young/sole parents on the same estate who need community connection and support to come out of lock-downs and re-establish healthy routines for their children and themselves. We could potentially offer this on all estates across Yarra if required (see attached doc), or we could see this as a pilot program.

Each week will use the same simple format:

Some lively songs to start – incorporating stretching and exercise.

A sharing activity on our theme of the week (a simple craft activity as older participants talk with younger ones and parents about the theme).

These will include:

- What I like about my neighbourhood
- We are all different, we are all equal
- Understanding our feelings
- How to stay healthy as you grow
- Keeping myself safe (protective behaviours)
- Looking after each other
- How to live a happy life (mental health focus)
- Staying connected as a community

High energy obstacle course circuit using Playgroup Victoria's equipment set out in a circle (outside if weather permits, or in the youth space/basketball court area). A fun spectacle for the older generation to watch.

Finish with some songs and a healthy morning tea.

The 8 week group can be run in both term 1 and 2 in 2022 within this budget.

Total Project Cost: \$24168.00

Amount Requested: \$9600.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$8,650.00

Panel Comments: This application demonstrated a high level of community consultation/involvement/interest in the project and was well supported. Application could have been stronger by quantifying outcomes and evaluation and from making stronger links between these and the Council objectives for Family & Early Years.

AG22-261: Mums in Yarra Community Group (Auspiced by Richmond Community Learning Centre)

Mums in Yarra Community Mental Wellbeing and Play Education Pilot

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Project Description: Mums in Yarra (MiY) Community Group will organise and host a program of events curated to support mothers/primary carers, and children's wellbeing/development. The program will be educational, skills-based, provide space for safe discussions and sharing, and social connections and play.

MiY proposes to run this as a pilot program, in partnership with Yarra City Council, Richmond Community Learning Centre (RCLC), and local mental health and childhood development experts (See Attachments 2-5).

The events will be structured into two inextricably linked themes; maternal mental health and wellbeing, and infant and child attachment, wellbeing, and development.

Each of the two series within the program will be divided into 4/5 events, with each series run twice in 2022 (Term 1 & Term 3). The program will be evaluated for reach, accessibility, feasibility and utility.

Maternal (and primary carer) mental health and wellbeing:

Dynamic combination of education, sharing of experiences and skills practices across:

- Post-Partum Mental Health (drawing on resourcing and training by Perinatal Anxiety & Depression Australia, PANDA),
- Mothering & Matrescence – common emotional experiences and challenges,
- Self-Care in Motherhood (including focus on wellbeing during the isolation and impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic),
- Mindful Engagement and Compassion-Focussed practices

Infant/Child Attachment, Wellbeing & Development:

Dynamic combination of education, skills practices, and take-away resources across following areas:

- Circle of Security Parenting Roadmap
- Improve Security for Children - positively shifting intergenerational parenting practices
- Social-emotional development in the first 5 years - enhancing responsiveness to children's behaviours
- Learning Through Play Everyday
- Supporting Literacy and Numeracy Through Play

Sessions will be held at RCLC, and targeted at families in the local catchment. Groups will be small-medium and after completion of the program participants will be encouraged and supported to keep meeting at Richmond Community Learning Centre for social and play groups (and to connect in with current playgroups).

Total Project Cost: \$20112.00

Amount Requested: \$9768.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6600.00

Recommendation: \$8,650.00

Panel Comments: Panel believed this was a well written application and were supportive of the project. Evaluation methods could have been more detailed / stronger.

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AG22-152: Reading Out of Poverty Inc

Books for Birth

Project Description: Books from Birth is a program focused on providing early literacy skills and school preparedness for children aged 0-5 years. Our primary target is children from low socio- economic backgrounds, including migrants, refugees, and Indigenous individuals. The program will focus on parents and their children who are living in public housing estates of Richmond, Carlton and Collingwood. We strive to help children discover the joy of reading in their early years. We empower parents to be their child's first teacher. The project will set up 6 mobile pop up libraries in the housing estates to increase access and availability to books for children. We seek to engage their children in reading and early literacy activities. ROOP will collaborate with each of the housing estate management to ensure the pop libraries are well-used by the local residents. Project funding will contribute towards.

Over 12 months,

- Providing 1000 educational resources and 4000 children's books in the Richmond, Carlton and Collingwood housing estates across 6 locations.
 - Providing 1500 of volunteer hours of literacy tutoring and mentoring.
- Our research highlighted nearly 67% of children in the Housing Estates of Richmond, Carlton and Collingwood have never visited a public library and 54% don't own a single book. We seek to bring books closer to them and introduce a love of reading in their early years.

Total Project Cost: \$26320.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A good project worthy of support. Panel would like to see partnerships formed - such as with Yarra libraries, etc.

AG22-150: Fitzroy Primary School

Ready 4 School (R4S) Program

Project Description: Drawing from a range of evidence-based practices and informed by latest research, the R4S program seeks to strengthen the pathway from Kinder to Foundation between Fitzroy Primary and local Early Learning Centres. Through a process of collaboration, modelling of instructional practices, formative assessment and feedback, emergent literacy and numeracy skills will be targeted through the lens of play and intentional teaching practices for Kinder aged children (as identified in the VEYLDF (2016) (see website links) and the E4Kids study (see attached)).

Whilst the program focusses on emergent literacy and numeracy, the R4S activities targets all areas of early childhood development: fine and gross motor skills, metacognition encompassing scientific method, social emotional and oral language development as well as the traditional arms of emerging literacy and numeracy, all under the banner of play.

This program is especially pertinent for the children who will later struggle at school. The R4S program has examined which key aspects of emergent literacy and numeracy are essential to understanding, sequencing these along a continuum of emerging literacy and numeracy skills.

The program has 6 phases (see attached) delivered across the year which aim to:

- Develop closer ties with three ELC's in the local area through collaboration with and mentoring ELC staff
- Deliver play based and intentional teaching practices with also support emergent literacy and numeracy

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skills to children

-Deepen transitional information between schools and ELC's to support the pathway of CALD children (but not exclude all children) to school

-Use evidence-based assessment and teaching practices to support the development of Kinder aged children.

Total Project Cost: \$32080.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A strong application, well written and good evidence for project need and evaluation.

Festivals and Events

AG22-211: Tibi Access

Groove Tunes

Project Description: In January 2022, Tibi will bring Groove Tunes to life as an all accessible gig. I (Dina-founder) want people of all abilities to feel included & enjoy a night of live music. In planning this event, additional features have been included that may be of assistance to people. These features include; AUSLAN interpreters (Deaf/Hard of Hearing), an accessible webpage, a sensory zone/pack (Neuro Diverse), braille tickets (Blind), large signage and a team of volunteers who will undertake Tibi's disability awareness training. Groove Tunes will not only be a night of live music but an educational night for industry professionals.

1 in 5 people in Australia are living with a disability. Through a survey Tibi conducted, people living with a disability expressed their love of attending live music events, however the fear and lack of access stopped them from going.

This event will be held at the renowned venue in the City of Yarra - The Corner Hotel. After much research and discussion, Corner Hotel is the chosen venue due space to include accessibility features (e.g. ramp). The City of Yarra is a chosen location for this event due to its access to public transport and central location.

Employment will be provided to; musicians, graphic designers, merchandise production company, Tibi staff, AUSLAN interpreters, production team, venue staff, accessibility website auditor, photographers/videographers.

Tibi has made a conscious effort to support people with disabilities in employment. Eliza Hull (artist), Dina Bassile (event manager and founder), Simply Photographz (photographer) and Ben Pettingill (websites accessibility) are all people who are involved in this project who live with a disability. We are seeking funding so that we may add two more acts to the line who represent peoples living with disability. We will first be looking to source City of Yarra artists to fill these slots.

Total Project Cost: \$62433.00

Amount Requested: \$9335.53 **Minimum Required:** \$4379.00

Recommendation: \$4,379.00

Panel Comments: A strongly planned and articulated project that seeks to provide an active example of how live music gigs can be more accessible. Good to see letters of support from the venue and other partners and OzCo funding.

AG22-022: Collingwood Housing Estate Arts Committee (CHEAC) (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)

Collingwood Harvest Festival

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Project Description: The Collingwood Harvest Festival is a community arts festival situated in the heart of Collingwood at Harmsworth Park on the Collingwood Housing Estate. The Festival is created by the community for the community by inviting residents of the Housing Estate and the broader community to connect through music, arts and food. The Festival has been running for 20 years and is an integral part of Yarra's cultural calendar.

Festival activities include:

Opening speeches by local estate resident, a dignitary from the local council and an MP (In 2021 this included Adam Bandt, Richard Wynne and Yarra Deputy Mayor Cr Claudia Nguyen).
 Aboriginal sacred fire and Welcome to Country from local Wurundjeri Elder
 Performances by local estate residents including 'Yuling Chinese Choir,' 'Race-Rage Rhymes' and professional acts encouraging crowd participation. PBS DJs to play between performances. Professional sound engineer / stage manager engaged and professional equipment hired to ensure high production quality.
 Arts and crafts workshops facilitated by partner agencies including Drummond Street, Stitches, Carringbush, The Wellington and CHEAC.
 Stalls by local agencies and groups providing information about their services
 Food stalls (food by donation) provided by BANH Inc.'s Cultural Catering team. Includes Somali, Vietnamese, Chinese and East-Timorese cuisine.
 "Conversation Pit" - a community engagement space for anyone to connect and mingle with the community
 Art installations made by local artists
 Stalls from local businesses in and around Collingwood, Abbotsford, Fitzroy. These may include second-hand clothing stalls, jewellery stalls, food and tea stalls.

Total Project Cost: \$27620.00

Amount Requested: \$12000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$10000.00

Recommendation: \$12,000.00

Panel Comments: This festival has a significant history of more than 20 years in City of Yarra. It brings together the community and celebrates its diversity. It is run by and for the community.

AG22-037: Agency Projects

UNTOLD

Project Description: UNTOLD is a series of talks by inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from diverse creative fields. Tailored for audiences who are interested in the process of ideas that shape our surroundings and experiences, UNTOLD brings people together to talk and listen, and to share their intangible capital: knowledge, experience, histories, culture and ideas.

In 2022, Agency will present four UNTOLD talks featuring leading local Indigenous creative practitioners at Collingwood Yards. With a focus on showcasing artistic and cultural practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who live, work or exhibit in the City of Yarra, UNTOLD will serve the dual purpose of both celebrating and elevating Indigenous voices, and attracting and engaging new audiences.

The series will create new presentation opportunities for locally based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, providing a dedicated and culturally safe platform from which they can discuss, share and promote their work with diverse audiences from across the Collingwood Yards precinct and beyond. They will be marketed as an engaging series of talks that audiences can attend / subscribe to as individual sessions or a package. (NB. The talks will be free events).

Confirmed keynote speakers for the series include Uncle Jack Charles, Jenna Lee, Kimberley Moulton and Lisa Waup. Agency will work with these four speakers to identify and invite an additional two featured speakers for each session.

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UNTOLD will be presented in partnership with COMPOSITE at Collingwood Yards - a dedicated space run by Bus Projects with the technical capacity to stream in guests, project visuals to enhance the talks, and film contributing speakers for a virtual audience.

Total Project Cost: \$23480.00

Amount Requested: \$12000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$9000.00

Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: Incredible speakers, impeccably presented project, obvious benefits for various communities and celebration of local Indigenous knowledge.

AG22-012: Progressive Broadcasting Services (PBS 106.7FM)

PBS Rock A Bye Baby

Project Description: Rock-A-Bye Baby (RABB) is an ongoing series of family friendly events produced by PBS 106.7FM as an opportunity to deliver high quality, live and contemporary music to local families. In 2022 PBS will hold four Rock A Bye Baby events at the Fitzroy Town Hall. A musical act that represents the City of Yarra's rich and diverse culture is programed for a one-hour daytime musical performance (11am to midday) for a crowd of children and parents/guardians.

Rock A Bye Baby has been running for over ten years but the aim of the event is to make it as accessible as possible and this is done via the ticket price, \$5 for adults and kids (infants under 12 months free), and by offering free entry to the first 50 concession card holders.

Total Project Cost: \$27936.00

Amount Requested: \$6600.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$6,600.00

Panel Comments: Good use of local facilities and organisations, extending community engagement within an organisation that traditionally works with adults. A fun program!

AG22-138: Midsumma Festival Inc

Quippings: The Experiment at the 2022 Midsumma Festival

Project Description: Quippings is an inclusive disability and queer-led spoken word and performance troupe, under the creative direction of a team of producers, founded in the City of Yarra in 2011. As a collective of queer disabled creatives and performers, Quippings has a long and proud history of creating and presenting work through variety shows and collaborative projects.

Quippings embraces emerging and established artists who identify as being:

- Deaf and/or disabled and queer, or
- Deaf and/or disabled and allies to the queer community

Quippings work centres on the lived experiences of Deaf and disabled embodiment, and only performs original work created by artists within the troupe.

For Quippings, defining disability rights politics in performance is a model for expressing disability and/or Deaf pride. The Quippings troupe employs the social model of disability in developing and delivering performances, rather than the medical model of disability, constructing performance events in order to reflect on the struggles of artists with disability, while also celebrating the success and achievements of Deaf/artists with disability. Using performance to address the ongoing need for access and inclusion, Quippings is on the forefront of pushing for evolution in disability arts aesthetics approaches. Quippings challenge expectations and present high-quality performance.

For the 2022 Midsumma Festival, producers and performers from Quippings will enter a phase of artistic development from November 2021-January 2022, in order to develop a new work to be performed in

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Nebula, Arts Access Victoria's mobile accessible arts space, as part of the 2022 Midsumma Festival.

This presentation at our 2022 Midsumma Festival will be part of our keynote program AND/OR, which platforms and highlights work driven by artists at the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and disability communities, and will be presented in the City of Yarra 3-5 February 2022, in partnership with Arts Access Victoria and Circus Oz.

Total Project Cost: \$34630.00

Amount Requested: \$15000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$15,000.00

Panel Comments: Great project, providing a showcase for an established group of artists. Supported by major festival

AG22-214: Multicultural Arts Victoria

Upclose

Project Description: UP-CLOSE is a new MAV program that responds directly to both the challenges of inequality and equity in the music industry and the devastating impact of Covid-19 on the Yarra Music scene and burgeoning careers of young Yarra-based culturally diverse artists.

The project aims to produce and promote high quality audio-visual new live performance work that will assist in career recovery. These performances will take place at a venue in Yarra and (depending on Covid-19 restrictions) will have an element of live audiences.

We will produce 4 live music videos for 4 diverse creatives (total of 16) that are either Yarra residents or who regularly perform or work in Yarra. Each video will have a duration of 10 to 15 mins with 2 original songs by the artists and a short interview.

Through a mix of small funding allocations, MAV has produced previous episodes (<https://www.mav.org.au/event/upclose-2021/> in partnership with Harmonic Whale team; and have been successful in securing support for a 2nd edition in Darebin thanks to recovery grant support from City of Darebin.

Total Project Cost: \$34626.50

Amount Requested: \$12000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: MAV provides consistent community based programming. This project to support emerging diverse music is in safe hands and will deliver creative package in venues across Yarra.

Social Enterprise

AG22-207: Fitted for Work

Retail Experience Development Program (RED)

Project Description: The RED program supports young women under the age of 25 to gain experience and confidence to launch a career in the retail sector.

25 participants a year will take part in a retail webinar event with Fitted for Work retail partners Elk and Taking Shape, to learn about choosing a career in retail.

10 participants will go on to a 4 week-work experience and learning placement, which will include:

Retail Experience

A 2-day work experience placement with our professional retail partners Elk and Taking shape. A hands-on

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experience to learn essential retail skills as, visual merchandising, stock management, and processing sales. 2 days of practical shadow shifts with our experienced team at our donations hub in Richmond, working on developing eBay listings and social media posts to generate sales for our online store The Conscious Closet

Tailored Job Support

Unlimited access to the full suite of Fitted for Work job support services, design resume and application letters ready to apply for roles, interview skills/practice, and advice on creating a great first impression.

Retail Training

A program of self-paced online modules provides principles of great customer service and sales basics. 2 half-day workshops with our retail partners onsite at their premises, give a behind-the-scenes tour and essential knowledge of the professional retail environment.

Job Search Masterclass

A job search essentials workshop includes a professional makeup session plus tips on how to present for work. An interview styling session with styling advice, clothing, and accessories ready to start a dream job in retail. Participants leave with a specialized LinkedIn Profile and professional headshot Photo.

Participants will be registered into our social enterprise She works and connected with retail employment opportunities. We offer mentorship, during and after the program, supporting participants to progress towards career goals, grow confidence, purpose, and networks

Total Project Cost: \$60406.00

Amount Requested: \$15000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$12000.00

Recommendation: \$15,000.00

Panel Comments: A very good application that provides all necessary detail. The applicant's track record of delivering this service and associated outcomes leaves little concern over funding this project.

AG22-126: Jigsaw Group (Aus) Limited

Equipment to provide traineeships and award-wage employment for people with disability in Abbotsford

Project Description: At the heart of Jigsaw's model to train and transition people with disability into mainstream employment is a thriving digitisation business. This business offers end-to-end document and data management services including preparation and conversion of paper records to digital files, quality control and information management of the new digital records. It acts as a training ground and supported employer for Jigsaw trainees with disability as they progress through Jigsaw's employment pathway towards their goal of mainstream employment.

For this project, we are requesting funding to purchase two scanners and accompanying computers for the digitisation business in our Abbotsford hub.

Jigsaw Melbourne opened its doors in Abbotsford in June 2021 and is currently supporting 40 people through the initial stage of Jigsaw's pathway - Jigsaw Academy. As part of their training in Jigsaw Academy, trainees undertake work experience in the digitisation business before progressing to paid employment with Jigsaw (normally after 12-18 months in Academy, depending on the individual). When Jigsaw Abbotsford is operating at full capacity, we will have 110 trainees at Academy stage, and 60 people with disability in award-wage employment with Jigsaw at any one time.

We have worked with over 100 corporate and government clients nationwide, and have already secured five Melbourne clients: Yarra Libraries, Klasev (commercial construction), Adams Pest Control, Gymnastics Australia and EcoDynamics (earthworks and landscaping for public infrastructure projects).

We are delighted to have exceeded our expectations in both the number of trainees and the number of

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business clients we have at Jigsaw Abbotsford this soon after opening. The requested equipment will allow us to grow to full capacity more rapidly than originally planned, as each scanner increases our capacity to take on work for business clients and equates to 3 FTE award-wage jobs and 6-9 traineeships we can offer to people with disability.

Total Project Cost: \$111557.00

Amount Requested: \$13738.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2272.00

Recommendation: \$13,738.00

Panel Comments: The application was strong, with well documented processes, measures and outcomes. It provides a demonstrated model that is exciting to be delivered for local families.

AG22-257: Loom Arts and Management

Loom Artist Retail Program

Project Description: We plan to create a multifaceted platform for artists with disability to design and create their own products for purchase, with the aim of increasing the potential of people with disability to be active participants of both the economic and artistic landscape. This project will involve the development of an online shop, delivery of face-to-face retail services through market stalls, and the training and employment of people with disability as administrative and retail staff.

Loom's retail platform will provide direct employment for artists with disability to be paid for their artwork through both design and licensing, and individual artwork commissions. The initiative will also create opportunities for people with disability to be employed at every stage of the retail process including online order administration, invoicing, packaging and posting, customer communications and market stall hosting.

Products sold will include (but are not limited to) t-shirts, tote bags, tea towels, printed fabric and limited release garments, original artworks and high quality art prints. All products will showcase designs by artists with disability, and will employ the artist in each step of the idea inception, graphic and digital design, prototype phase, and final design delivery before sale.

This platform will support artists with disability to create sustainable commercial careers, build the capacity of retail employees within online and face-to-face contexts and ensure that all are properly remunerated for their work.

Loom's retail production initiative will directly create employment opportunities for people with disability, and actively contribute to the increase of people with disability as economic participants within the City of Yarra community.

Total Project Cost: \$106132.00

Amount Requested: \$15000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$13000.00

Recommendation: \$11,000.00

Panel Comments: Good application from emerging group that looks connected to its community. Could strengthen application with more local information from Council plans etc, but overall clear line between funding and creating opportunities for employment for people with a disability.

It is recommended that as per the applicant's statement the funding will go towards: Point of sale system: \$1,500; Online store website development: \$1,800; Accessibility services for online content: \$2,500.

What won't be funded is the request to cover part of the cost of product manufacturing, as this should be addressed by the revenue generated by the sale of products.

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Sport & Recreation

AG22-077: Football Club Clifton Hill Inc

FCCH Portable Defibrillator Replacement

Project Description: Our junior club which is based at Coulson Reserve in Clifton Hill requires a replacement defibrillator after it was stolen via a break in.

Total Project Cost: \$85680.00

Amount Requested: \$2000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$1750.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: The club was uninsured when its previous defibrillator was stolen after the clubhouse was broken into.

AG22-089: Yarra Table Tennis Club Inc. (Auspiced by Table Tennis Victoria Inc.)

Group Coaching of Female Members

Project Description: Yarra Table Tennis Club (YTTC) wish to apply for a City of Yarra grant to provide free group coaching lessons to female club members in 2022, aiming to attract more females to the sport of table tennis.

The project will consist of 2-hours group coaching sessions for female members with priority given to beginners and low level players. The requested grant will be used to pay a certified coach.

YTTC will advertise the free group coaching sessions to attract more female members.

Depending on the outcome of project YTTC would consider repeating the project in later years either with a council grant or with club own money.

Total Project Cost: \$5044.00

Amount Requested: \$1850.00 **Minimum Required:** \$1100.00

Recommendation: \$1,850.00

Panel Comments: Female participation in sport is a priority among the wider community and will be encouraged through this program.

AG22-288: Alphington Football Club Inc

New Portable Soccer Goals

Project Description: AFC wish to purchase 8 new portable soccer goals (with nets). This will provide goals for all teams up to Under 14 (U14). We require two smaller goals (3mx2m) for our Development Squad and U10s and larger goals for our U11 to U14 teams (5mx2m).

AFC have access to two pitches - a full size and reduced size pitch. For junior games, Football Victoria requires a reduced pitch size. Therefore AFC use part of the full pitch and the reduced size pitch. We cannot use the full pitch permanent goals for junior games and the reduced size pitch does not have permanent goals. Therefore we require portable goals.

The Project will enable:

- Our junior teams to play games at home (Sun)
- All teams to use the goals for training purposes (Tues to Thurs)
- Two junior games to occur at the same time on both pitches

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- Goals are portable so junior players and a coach can carry them from the storage shed to the pitches (approx 200m - 400m)

8 goals will allow AFC to hold two junior games at home at the same time. This is becoming a necessity because of the increase in the number of junior teams. It will also enable AFC to offer more than one team per year level. Currently we have had to limit teams to one per year level.

Goals would be purchased for next season and would be expected to last at least 5 seasons.

Goals will replace 6 existing portable goals. One has broken and the remaining 5 are starting to chip and break at the connection points due to regular set up and dismantling. Chips are occurring because goals are PVC (plastic) and are not reinforced in areas where there is heavy utilisation.

Total Project Cost: \$6359.84

Amount Requested: \$1499.92 **Minimum Required:** \$774.98

Recommendation: \$1,340.00

Panel Comments: The panel supported the club's request to upgrade their equipment by acquiring new portable soccer goals.

AG22-252: Football Club Clifton Hill Inc

FC Clifton Hill Junior Portable Goals Upgrade

Project Description: We would like to purchase 2 new set of portable goals for our junior boys and girls teams that play at Coulson Reserve Clifton Hill. We have 6 teams ranging in age groups from 5 years of age to 12 years of age. The teams play in the Football Victoria Community State League competitions.

Total Project Cost: \$4000.00

Amount Requested: \$19000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$1500.00

Recommendation: \$950.00

Panel Comments: This will allow the club to continue to grow its investment in promoting football participation to female participants.

AG22-188: Collingwood Basketball Association

Support for young players to play competitive basketball

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball Association proactively engages with players from local public housing and CALD communities and has approximately 53 players playing in the club's representative program. Representative Basketball involves travel to metropolitan and regional basketball stadiums every week as part of Basketball Victoria's state-wide Victorian Junior Basketball League. Many of these families find it difficult to pay registration fees (currently \$560) plus weekly game fees. The club recognises that there are many benefits for these players to be involved with a local, community sporting club so currently subsidises registrations fees as needed. This project will allow the club to continue to provide some assistance to players from local public housing, CALD communities and financially disadvantaged families in order to assist with registration fees.

Total Project Cost: \$81142.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4000.00

Recommendation: \$4,000.00

Panel Comments: A good way to increase participation levels among young CALD residents of the Collingwood Estate.

AG22-046: Richmond Harriers Inc

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Richmond Harriers Athletics School Activities

Project Description: Over the past 5 years Richmond Harriers have been promoting after school athletics activities with the local school community. These after school athletics activities are with both primary and secondary school age children. The programs has been run by club members on voluntary basis with aim to promote participation in physical activities to improve the health and well being of young participants in an inclusive and positive environment.

Over the period we have almost 100 students participate in the programs in age cohort from 8 up to 15 years old. Some students have gone on to compete in athletics for their school and through little athletics program reaching state level.

To continue to enhance the program we would like to further develop the coaching capability of our volunteers through the Athletics Victoria Program and other programs , increase the participation of students, particularly those disadvantaged, by providing enhance resources and activities that will provide more incentive for them to participate.

Total Project Cost: \$22020.00

Amount Requested: \$1860.00 **Minimum Required:** \$500.00

Recommendation: \$1,860.00

Panel Comments: A good program designed to involve young people in athletics.

AG22-157: Clifton Hill Cricket Club Inc

Building girls' participation in local cricket

Project Description: Clifton Hill Cricket Club (CHCC) believes passionately in promoting cricket as a fun, social game that women and girls can play with their friends and without fear of judgment.

Evidence both within the game and from leading organisations such as Sports Coach UK and Women in Sport (WiS) shows that having the right session leader or activator with the right people skills has an impact on women's and girl's satisfaction and performance in the game.

CHCC has identified an accredited Cricket Australia Level 3 High Performance Coach to: (i) provide master classes and skills development for our women teams to empower them to, in turn, teach and develop new players; and (ii) work with Stage 2 girls (13 - 15 tears)s to develop solid base levels of skills for female inclusive and enjoyable cricket activity and to provide a pathway for participation in senior women's' cricket.

Total Project Cost: \$6136.00

Amount Requested: \$3700.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2000.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: Female participation is important for both physical and social wellbeing and is to be commended.

AG22-115: Renegade Pub Football League

Safety and Inclusion

Project Description: The main aim of this is to upskill our coaches and players paying particular attention to players from a non-sporting or non-football background.

The aim would be to bring in multiple providers to run training sessions that focus on player safety and employing safe techniques in a contact sport.

This would include:

- Safe tackling techniques
- Ruck training

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- Forward, Defensive and Midfield training

Australian Rules football can be dangerous especially if people aren't equipped with the skills to protect themselves. A large number of injuries to inexperienced players are avoidable with the right coaching and skills in place.

Total Project Cost: \$7322.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2000.00

Recommendation: \$2,000.00

Panel Comments: The Renegade Pub Football League (RPFL) presents as an established and organised association. It's objective to encourage participation on sports regardless of ability, gender, etc. is highly appreciated.

AG22-270: Clifton Hill Cricket Club Inc

Coaching education for junior club cricket coaches (volunteers) and parents

Project Description: Employ an accredited Cricket Australia Level 3 High Performance Coach to increase the skills, knowledge and understanding of Clifton Hill Junior Club volunteer coaches, committee members, parents and team managers. The training and education will help build confidence and skills in parents and volunteers to in turn help junior players within the club.

Total Project Cost: \$2700.00

Amount Requested: \$1350.00 **Minimum Required:** \$500.00

Recommendation: \$500.00

Panel Comments: Funding to be directed to monthly group education session: \$100 per hour x 1 hours per month x 5 months = \$500.

AG22-144: COLLINGWOOD CITY FOOTBALL CLUB (CCFC)

COLLINGWOOD JUNIOR EAGLES

Project Description: The Junior Eagles program is a soccer skills training program for children and young people aged 6 to 28 years with an intellectual or physical disability. The aims of the program include; to provide the children and young people with an opportunity to learn soccer skills in a safe and welcoming environment where the players' abilities and progress is valued, to improve player physical fitness, to prepare children for integration with other teams as appropriate, and supporting players who wish to compete in the FV All Abilities competition and contributing to the further development of the initiative. The program also supports families of children with special needs by providing recreational/ sporting opportunities for their children and inclusion in a community club, being the Collingwood City Football Club. The program began with children under 18 years of age. However, in December 2020 we split the players into 2 groups based on age. The younger group (7 - 13 years) had expanded considerably over the previous 2 years. This group of younger players require a higher coach to player ratio, and the new structure has worked extremely well in better allowing us to meet their needs. The older group is aged over 14 but predominantly over 18. The splitting of the groups has assisted in the provision of the program over 2020 and 2021 by differently accommodating social distancing in the group over 18 years of age and hence compliance with Covid safety guidelines. However, the new structure was also planned to improve the program and better meet the needs of all players. The older players have also very much enjoyed their own training time and expanded in numbers and confidence.

Total Project Cost: \$13506.00

Amount Requested: \$4716.00 **Minimum Required:** \$4716.00

Recommendation: \$4,566.00

Panel Comments: A thoroughly detailed application. The application was made in a very clear way which made assessment much easier.

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AG22-081: Fitzroy City Soccer Club

Purchase of Portable Soccer Goals

Project Description: This project involves the purchase of one Australian Standard AS 4866.1-2007 portable soccer goal (per quote attached), which are arguably the most important equipment items for soccer clubs, for use by all players at our club and in our community who frequent the club. We are growing, particularly in our female football and autism programs, and these goals are essential to boosting our capacity and starting new programs in these areas.

It is also our intention for all players at the club to train simultaneously to create a more cohesive club atmosphere and enjoy the experience of shooting on goal at training without damaging the playing surface in front of the permanent goals. Portable goals provide added capacity for many teams to train on the one pitch, which provides an enhanced experience for all and in turn will improve the vibrancy / overall viability of our club and enable us to keep fees to a minimum, so that we can maximise community participation.

We require only one portable soccer goal (half a set) to complement our existing portable soccer goal, meaning both can be used together to create greater training and match day opportunities to cater for these participants.

Total Project Cost: \$2849.00

Amount Requested: \$1425.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$1,425.00

Panel Comments: A good purchase in that the equipment will be specifically utilised to develop both the female and all abilities programs.

AG22-087: Yarra Table Tennis Club Inc. (Auspiced by Table Tennis Victoria Inc.)

Spinneroos for Yarra Children

Project Description: The project aims to attract local Yarra children to the sport of table tennis.

Yarra Table Tennis Club (YTTC) wish to apply for an annual Yarra City grant to provide a free Spinneroos program to interested local Yarra children in 2022.

Spinneroos is a Table Tennis Australia (TTA) entry level program designed to encourage younger (primary school) children to try table tennis. The children will "learn through play to develop fundamental movement skills and social skills through fun activities while making new friends in a safe environment".

Further Spinneroos information can be viewed at: <https://www.spinneroos.com.au/home/>

A Spinneroos term consists of 8 weeks of 1 hr/w group coaching lessons for up to 10 children per coach.

The requested grant will be used to cover the payments to TTA for the Yarra children and to hire a certified coach. The grant shall not be used to subsidise club membership fees.

It is hoped that the children attending the free Spinneroos program will continue playing table tennis by becoming members of YTTC (\$40 per calendar year fee for juniors) or of another club.

Depending on the outcome of project YTTC would consider repeating the project in later years either with a council grant or with club own money.

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Subsequent to this project, YTTC could continue to serve as a Spinneroos program provider for children from outside the City of Yarra on a user-pay basis.

Total Project Cost: \$6662.00

Amount Requested: \$3850.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2000.00

Recommendation: \$3,600.00

Panel Comments: A great program to introduce young people to table tennis.

AG22-221: Collingwood Basketball Association

Access All Abilities Basketball

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball Association run a weekly basketball program during school term for young people with a disability / special needs who would like to learn basketball skills in a fun, friendly, inclusive environment. We encourage brother and sisters, and parents /guardians to be part of the program and get involved on the court if they wish. Programs are run by skilled coaches from the club who are sensitive to the needs of the participants. Participants are in a small group with a ratio of approximately 1 coach per 2-3 participants. Each session covers appropriate activities depending on the ability of the participant, including skills such as passing, dribbling and shooting activities. Participation, co-operation, teamwork and fun are the main goals of the program. The Program is run for 90 minutes and we provide merchandise for participants to create a sense of comradery and belonging in a group/team sport.

Total Project Cost: \$5562.00

Amount Requested: \$3000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$2500.00

Recommendation: \$3,000.00

Panel Comments: This project will successfully enable all-access participation in the next season of basketball.

AG22-213: Collingwood Basketball Association

Support for young basketball players to participate in tournaments

Project Description: Collingwood Basketball Association proactively engages with basketball players from local public housing and CALD communities. We have 53 young athletes playing in the Club's representative teams which is the highest standard of junior basketball in Victoria. We anticipate this number of players for the upcoming season.

Part of the commitment to play at the representative level is to participate in at least two tournaments per year. The Club believes participation in tournaments encourages team cohesion and aids improvement on the court. However, it is expensive to participate in tournaments for many families who are financially disadvantaged. This project will allow the Club to subsidise registration and accommodation costs for players from local public housing, CALD communities and financially disadvantaged families so that the players can participate in two tournaments per year with their teammates. This is important for skill development, self esteem, team cohesion and bonding and connectedness with community. Participating in a basketball tournament with peers is an enriching experience for our young players.

Total Project Cost: \$82250.00

Amount Requested: \$5000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3250.00

Recommendation: \$3,250.00

Panel Comments: The application is well-presented and meets several goals in terms of building social cohesion.

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Youth & Middle Years

AG22-178: Abbotsford Primary School

Post Covid Mental Health Support Program

Project Description: 1. The school seeks to provide much needed mental health support to targeted students and their families who are manifesting behaviours that are indicative of heightened anxiety and depression, and to assist in the development of individualised support programs.
2. The school seeks to develop and share an accessible support program with our wider community which includes our EAL/CALD Communities and Community Support Services.
3. Resource sharing and professional development with school staff within our network.

Steps to achieve this objective

1. A qualified mental health specialist will be engaged to provide targeted counselling support to students.
2. The mental health specialist with the school-based Primary Welfare Officer will provide workshops and webinars to train teachers at our school with an open invitation to other teachers in our cluster with whom we frequently collaborate, focusing on mindfulness techniques and strategies that can be used in the classroom as part of an enhanced daily well-being regime.
3. The mental health specialist will provide mental health support and family based coping strategies to parents by way of workshops and webinars that will be made available to all on the school website's wellbeing page.
4. Over a third of our enrolment are from an EAL background, some of which have formed part of our most hardest to communicate with during the Covid 19 Pandemic. We would like to pay particular attention to extending our reach to these families by ensuring their inclusion by engaging community leaders and volunteers to translate and interpret material and during workshops/webinars.

Total Project Cost: \$21480.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: A well written application articulating the need and positive outcomes engaging a mental health specialist would have. The application would have been strengthened by the inclusion of support letters from the school community. Panel supportive of funding this project.

AG22-153: Australian African Community Development Incorporated (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)

North Richmond and Collingwood curriculum support and homework program

Project Description: This project has been a collaboration between AACDA, BANH and local families which has expanded in both content and reach. This project will deliver curriculum and homework support to school aged children (6-18yrs) from African backgrounds for people living in Richmond, Collingwood and Fitzroy public housing estates. The project aims to strengthen their learning foundations and build their confidence and self-esteem by:

- Assisting primary and secondary students with their studies in a friendly and supportive environment
- Providing safe, inclusive and culturally appropriate learning environment outside of school hours
- Improving literacy, numeracy and communication skills
- To improve social connectedness and the emotional and mental development
- Developing student's positive attitude towards learning
- Improving student's skills to become independent learners and critical thinkers

Total Project Cost: \$38960.00

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Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$9000.00

Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: A clear budget and good project, happy to support.

AG22-194: **Three for All Foundation (Many Coloured Sky)**

Queer International Student Peers (QISP)

Project Description: Queer International Student Peers (QISP) is a peer-led social support group that provides participants with opportunities to gain social connection and emotional and practical support, and to develop and lead activities whilst building on leadership skills within the group. The project will provide safe and inclusive peer support, workshops and relevant health education and mental health support to LGBTQI+ international students, increase access to services via refined referral pathways, and build capacity within the services sector to embed the ongoing immediate and long-term needs of the LGBTQI+ international student cohort.

Project activities include:

Engage a Peer Support Officer (from within the existing peer group) to work on the development of the group.

Connect with interested LGBTQI+ international students through our peer networks, universities etc.

Run fortnightly workshop events and weekly social group activities, peer support, and buddy system - online or face-to-face as restrictions allow.

Workshop content as per the needs of the group – e.g. how to be safe during the pandemic, staying connected during Covid lockdowns, sexual health, diversity training, peer support training (this element of the project will become the ongoing work of the group).

Provide limited financial support during lockdown and recovery periods - many of our current participants have lost employment due to Covid-19 and do not have access to Centrelink supports. We will provide \$50 to members in need each month so they can connect via internet/phone to activities as well as personal wellbeing support via the Peer Support Officer and other peers.

Total Project Cost: \$73946.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$5000.00

Recommendation: \$7,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel liked this project and the fact that it is peer-led. Also that there are good opportunities to partner with Yarra City. Would like to know how it will benefit Yarra compared to other councils.

AG22-053: **Carlton Scout Group, The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch**

Carlton Scouts Inclusion Program

Project Description: We seek support to extend access and inclusion to families experiencing social disadvantage and build upon our successful response to COVID-19. We hope to continue to heavily subsidise membership for 15-20% of our members, that includes weekly activities, outdoor excursions and weekend camps for young people.

Our programs are designed to promote social cohesion by developing leadership and interpersonal skills in young people. Adapted programs developed by new volunteers have diversified our program to be culturally sensitive and adapted to the needs of new members and their families. A constant is an enjoyment of nature

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and an engagement in the local community through partnership with local organisations.

We specifically request support for the 15-20% of our membership facing financial barriers to participation. Of the 18 members currently receiving financial support, 55% are in public housing and the remaining 45% are unemployed or have lost significant income over COVID-19. We wish to subsidise their membership fee, uniform, excursion fees and provide equipment for camping and outdoor activities so nobody will be excluded. In 2020 we worked with local youth services to identify target social groups to approach with new program offers and removed barriers to participation. We have received support from City of Yarra, City of Melbourne and Nelson Alexander to hold outreach events, offer fully subsidised memberships and create our equipment library to provide loan items for outdoor adventure activities.

In 2021 we would like to offer twelve fully funded and eight partially funded memberships. We have capacity to increase our membership from 105 to 120 families and will continue to collaborate closely with local youth services to offer subsidised memberships to new families from Yarra.

Total Project Cost: \$313920.00

Amount Requested: \$9600.00 **Minimum Required:** \$7500.00

Recommendation: \$7,500.00

Panel Comments: A good application that the panel was happy to support.

AG22-243: Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club (Auspiced by Fitzroy Learning Network)

FLSC connecting, developing and growing the youth of Yarra

Project Description: Fitzroy Lions offers young people the opportunity to participate in physical activity in a team environment. Our teams come from ethnically diverse communities that would often not mix. We wish to continue bringing together culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people living in social housing and provide them with a platform to be active, develop a positive sense of identity, build confidence, connect with community, learn new skills and develop a passion for soccer. The demand is high and we are expanding the number of teams to ensure youth get the opportunity to participate. We are developing youth to be a productive member of the greater community as majority of the youth have very difficult personal situations and poor role models. The club provides a community and connection they often lack in their personal lives. We are positively changing young people's perception of their skills and their place in the community.

Due to the impacts of COVID-19 and compounding pre-existing economic challenges, right now for many people in our community being able to access community sport and recreation is a lifeline.

Total Project Cost: \$57008.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$9000.00

Recommendation: \$9,000.00

Panel Comments: A great, grassroots organisation and program, nice progression, well supported. Panel supportive of funding this application.

AG22-004: Breath Circle (Auspiced by Sacred Heart School Fitzroy)

Breath Circle Programs

Project Description: Breath Circle 6-week School Programs:

Children: Breath Circle's 6 week programs involve working with children for one session per week. During the 1hour sessions conducted by a trained and experienced facilitator, children engage in play-based group learning through movement, mindful breathing and singing, to create clear minds, regulate emotions, and build resilience. Children will be supported to develop greater self-awareness which can have positive impacts on their personal relationships, education and learning, and sense of wellbeing.

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Educators/Teachers: Breath Circle's school programs include an educators training component which empowers educators to use breath awareness as a tool for self-regulation, allowing them to better handle stress and control impulses, resulting in calm, harmonious classrooms for educators and children. We build capacity of educators to teach mindful breathing to children, as a daily wellbeing practice.

Parents/Carers: Our programs include a 1 hour parent meeting/training session to create community connection, enhance community participation and empower individuals to be resourceful in relation to their own mental health and wellbeing, as well as the health and wellbeing of their children and community. We offer parent participation throughout our program.

Total Project Cost: \$12780.00

Amount Requested: \$9900.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3300.00

Recommendation: \$3,300.00

Panel Comments: A good project with clear need for it in the community.

Panel would have liked to see more detail in the budget. Supportive to fund trial session.

AG22-050: **Operation Newstart Incorporated**

Operation Newstart Northern

Project Description: - Outdoor adventure activities including mountain bike riding, caving, canoeing, surfing, hiking, high ropes course.

- Camps including an overnight surf camp, overnight hike camp and a three day expedition canoe camp with Rubicon outdoors.

- Community engagement workshops with Headspace on mental health and wellbeing, YSAS on drugs and alcohol workshop,

-Yarra Youth Centre street art and hip hop writing workshops, respectful relationships workshop

- volunteering at Collingwood Children's Farm

-Weekly PT sessions with a trainer from Yarra leisure centres at Richmond, Fitzroy and Collingwood. -

Community project of donating bikes to eight newly arrived young people from Collingwood English Language School.

- Pathway exploration through TAFE visits/workshops of Culinary Arts and Landscaping at Melbourne Polytechnic.

- Personal development skills through goal setting, character strength workshops and growth mindset work.

- Surf Life Saving and First aid certificate through South Melbourne Life Saving Club.

-Graduation for young people at Yarra Youth Centre

Total Project Cost: \$51816.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: Panel was supportive of this project and would have liked to see some more clarity on the organisation, program and partnerships in the application.

AG22-034: **Rotary Club of Richmond**

Rotary Club of Richmond Next Step Project

Project Description: To support disadvantaged young people who attend the Collingwood Secondary College within the City of Yarra as recommended by the school's Year Level Coordinator/s. The Career Advisor case manages the young people, arranges a mentor if needed, helps them to define their first career job with a matching education plan, arranges work experience, and helps them gain their first career job.

In 2022 students from both Fitzroy and Collingwood College will be included in the program as the campus combine at the Gasworks Senior Campus

Total Project Cost: \$21535.00

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Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

Panel Comments: Panel is supportive of the project for funding and has the following notes on application: Please do not cut and paste from previous years / be aware of formatting.

Also wondering why ticked 'no' to working with children - where is the child safety commitment document?

AG22-101: Fitzroy Scout Group (Auspiced by The Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch)

Fitzroy Scouts Equitable Access Program

Project Description: Fitzroy Scouts Equitable Access Program develops disadvantaged migrant youth through participation in the Scouting program, outdoor adventure and camping. We heavily subsidise weekly activities, outdoor excursions and weekend camps for the participating youth to ensure as many children as possible can benefit regardless of their circumstances. These activities build resilience and interpersonal skills and provide participants with opportunities to engage with nature. The Scouting program provides non-formal education, which helps young people to develop and grow holistically, and is run by volunteer leaders.

This project requires financial support in three areas. Firstly, to subsidise the cost of outdoor and educational experiences, allowing participants to experience the proven benefits of the Scouting Development Program. This funding would allow us to run at least four subsidised camps for the Cubs (8-11) section and at least six subsidised camps for the Scouts (11-14) section. Additionally, it would fund the running of a 40-week program for the Scout section. These camps and activities build life skills, citizenship and connections with the broader Australian community.

Secondly, to cover a portion of the membership/insurance costs and uniforms/badge purchases. These are costs that are 'normally' covered by parents and present a barrier to our members participating safely and without visible difference. Badges in particular are used to acknowledge the hard work of youth participants towards their goals.

Finally, to cover organisational costs, such as hall hire costs and leader training. The hall is hired at a discounted rate from All Saints Parish as a reflection of their support and offers a safe venue next to Atherton Gardens, so families can walk when attending weekly program nights. Training for our volunteer leaders is required to maintain the high-quality and child safety of the program and increase both volunteer and participant engagement.

Total Project Cost: \$113700.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$6000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: A worthy project and application by a reputable organisation. Panel happy to support.

AG22-294: Young Assets Foundation (Auspiced by BANH Neighbour House)

Richmond Youth Homework Club

Project Description: The Richmond Youth Homework Club is an after school program that provides learning support to senior high school and young university students every Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm at the Richmond Youth Hub, 110 Elizabeth St, Richmond. The program provides a safe and welcoming learning space, education resource (including laptops), specialist tutors, study skills workshops, mentors, and specialist transition support at the key points of primary to secondary, high school to university and university to the workplace. The space aims to address the high need for education support amongst residents for Richmond public housing and will create a culture of inspiration, success and leadership.

The Richmond Youth Homework Club will address educational disadvantage amongst young people in

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Richmond, especially targeting students from a refugee, migrant and Indigenous backgrounds. The program will take place in the new Richmond Youth Hub, a space that has highly accessible and welcoming to residents of Richmond public housing.

The Homework Club will recruit, manage and make available to students a pool of over 5 specialist volunteer tutors to assist them with their homework, exam preparation, literacy and numeracy, and pathway planning. Students requiring individual support will be given the opportunity to establish a mentor relationship with a tutor, which will be managed by the program. The program has the capacity to support 70 different students each year and 30 different students each session.

The Homework Club manager, in consultation with students and parents, will establish a Homework Club student committee that will provide students with the opportunity to have their voice heard in the wider community, make decisions about the Homework Club program and build their leadership and teamwork skills.

Total Project Cost: \$49912.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: Excellent, well written application that clearly identifies the need for the project, partnership with key local stakeholders, and strong objectives for young people. Panel happy to support for minimum requested amount - staff costs seemed high.

AG22-118: ILBIJERRI Theatre Company

ILBIJERRI ENSEMBLE - Creating career pathways for young First Nations people

Project Description: The Ensemble is a professional development program open to First Nations emerging and aspiring artists. The program consists of open fortnightly workshops throughout the year, as well as opportunities to work intensively, as professional actors, alongside established First Nations artists. Ensemble members build an essential tool kit of performance skills, experience, network connections and confidence. The program creates opportunities for participants to learn a range of performance and theatre skills whilst connecting with their peers and building self-confidence. This program fosters the next generation of First Nations theatre artists, and the growth of the next generation of powerful, culturally and politically savvy First Nations voices.

The ILBIJERRI Ensemble is an annual program of:

- Fortnightly participatory theatre workshops open to Indigenous young people online and in person (COVID permitting)
- Showcase Production

The annual program culminates in a showcase production which offers the opportunity for secondment to a professional production member (Producing, Stage Management, Lighting/Set/Costume/Sound Design, Playwriting, Directing, Marketing etc) in addition to devising and performing in the work. This provides a holistic understanding of the theatre making process and an introduction to a wealth of career pathways. It is vital that we develop skilled First Nation professionals in these areas.

ILBIJERRI Youth Ensemble is the only ongoing Indigenous youth theatre program delivered in Melbourne. Through providing opportunities to participate in the performing arts we can encourage more First Nations young people to explore professional training opportunities and pursue rewarding careers in our industry. For many, this will be their first professional work experience, so it is a very significant program in the sector development space.

Total Project Cost: \$139000.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8000.00

Recommendation: \$10,000.00

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Panel Comments: Panel happy to support this application - a good project that aligns with stream priorities by a reputable organisation with clear links to the Yarra community.

AG22-246: Collingwood Toy Library Inc

Celebrating 30 years of Collingwood Toy Library

Project Description: We have a big birthday coming up in 2022 as the Collingwood Toy Library turns 30! We would like to celebrate this milestone by launching a refresh of our brand identity.

Over the last 5 years, our strategy has been to increase our collection of toys and games for older children, and expand our opening hours to make our service more accessible to families with different schedules. We are now also undertaking a project to offer a toy library service to vulnerable families in Fitzroy.

With all these changes, we want to refresh our brand identity to reflect our wider target market and convey more clearly why it is a great thing to join the toy library. We will work with a designer to refresh our graphic assets, style guide and core communication materials including our website and flyer. We have a fantastically talented group of volunteers who can then take these new assets and guidelines to apply across all our visual communication materials including print, web updates, email newsletters and social media, following the style guide to eliminate ongoing design costs.

We would love to have a big celebration of play for our birthday but accept that this is not feasible in the current environment. Instead, we would like to have a small in-person launch of the brand refresh with key stakeholders and invite our members to celebrate with us by taking home a custom branded tote bag (or similar custom merchandise) that will double as a promotional tool in the hands of our passionate members as they move around the community.

Total Project Cost: \$9220.00

Amount Requested: \$6300.00 **Minimum Required:** \$3000.00 **Recommendation:** \$2,250.00

Panel Comments: A great project initiative that is seeking to be adaptive and engaging of the community.

AG22-161: Australian Vietnamese Women's Association

Brighter Futures

Project Description: Engage Yarra Tutoring Program (EYTP) be continued into 2019. This on-going program will provide free tutoring support to primary school students from the disadvantaged CALD families, particularly those in the Richmond housing estate with non-English education background who cannot help their children at home nor afford to pay for private tutoring in order to improve the children's confidence and performance at school. The tutoring program will be inclusive and supportive of other ethnic communities especially new comers.

The program will be run every Tuesday afternoon during the school terms to strengthen the children's bilingual language and communication skills.

Total Project Cost: \$20670.00

Amount Requested: \$10000.00 **Minimum Required:** \$8,000.00 **Recommendation:** \$8,000.00

Panel Comments: The panel thought this is an important project that supports children on the housing commission estates and their families.

8.4 2021/22 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report September

Reference	D21/173460
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Purpose

1. To present the 2021/22 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report September to Council for endorsement.
2. To present changes to the 2021/22 Annual Plan to strengthen alignment to the Council Plan 2021-25.

Critical analysis

History and background

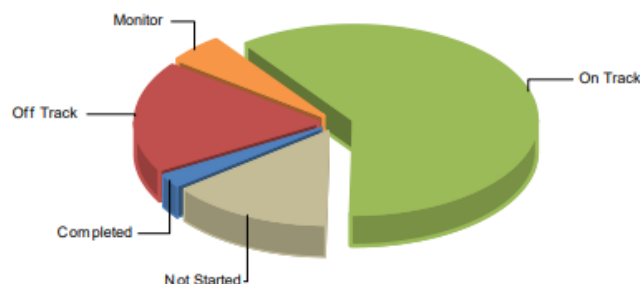
3. The Annual Plan is the organisation's annual response to Initiatives contained in the four year Council Plan. Council Plan Initiatives are significant projects and activities that are proposed to be worked on over the term of the Council Plan.
4. The Annual Plan and Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Reports are two of Council's key accountability documents to the community.
5. The Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report notes the year-to-date progress of the Annual Plan Actions and Milestones providing a performance rating and supporting commentary.
6. The 2021/22 Annual Plan was endorsed by Council on 24 June 2021 and is fully funded in the 2021/22 Budget.
7. At the time of endorsement of the 2021/22 Annual Plan, the actions were aligned to the Council Plan 2017-21. The resolution at adoption referenced a realignment of the actions to the Council Plan 2021-25.
8. The Council Plan 2021-25 was adopted on 19 October 2021 and actions in the 2021/22 Annual Plan have been realigned in accordance with the resolution.
9. This year, 2021/22, represents the first year of the Council Plan 2021-25.

Discussion

Quarterly Progress Report September

10. The 2021/22 Annual Plan contains 44 Actions, 37 were scheduled to have commenced in the September quarter, 5 actions are scheduled to commence in the December quarter and 2 actions' milestones have not been determined due to the impact of COVID-19.
11. The result as of 30 September, is 37 Actions commenced and 27 (73%) of those Actions achieved a result of Completed/On Track.
12. The result of 73% is measured against the performance target of 75%.
13. The COVID-19 restrictions and community lockdowns continued to have a significant impact on Council services and projects during the first quarter. From the closure of recreational facilities and programs, libraries and service centres, suspension of programs, to disruptions of works and construction projects and the challenges to undertake community consultation and engagement activities. These factors have impacted on our ability to complete several September milestones in the Annual Plan in the attached progress report.

14. A mid-year review of the 2021/22 Annual Plan will be undertaken in December when we have a clearer understanding of the impact the recent extended lockdown has had on our original targets.
15. Annual Plan Action progress summary as at 31 September 2021:



Strategic Objective	No. of Actions Reported	Complete	On track (>=90%)	Monitor (75-90%)	Off track (<75%)	Not Started
Climate and environment	5	0	4	0	0	1
Social equity and health	15	0	11	0	2	2
Local economy	1	0	0	0	1	0
Place and nature	13	0	7	0	3	3
Transport and movement	5	0	2	1	2	0
Democracy and governance	5	1	2	1	0	1
	44 (100%)	1 (2.27%)	26 (59.09%)	2 (4.55%)	8 (18.18%)	7 (15.91%)

16. The following thresholds are used to determine the status of an action:
 - (a) (a) On track $\geq 90\%$
 - (b) (b) Monitor 75-89%
 - (c) (c) Off track $< 75\%$.
17. The 10 actions where progress was rated monitor (75-89%) or off-track ($< 75\%$) are:

Monitor status:

 - (a) 5.05 Gipps Street intersection safety improvements;
 - (b) 6.05 Develop Yarra as a Smart City; using technology to enhance liveability;

Off track:

 - (c) 2.04 Safeguarding Children and Young People Action plan (2021-2024);
 - (d) 2.10 National Aged Care and Disability Reform;
 - (e) 3.01 Precinct/Business Grants to facilitate local activation;
 - (f) 4.04 State Government suburban parks program;
 - (g) 4.05 New open space planning and design, Cremorne;
 - (h) 4.06 Brunswick Street Activity Centre Urban Design – Kerr Street outstand;
 - (i) 5.01 Public Transport Advocacy; and
 - (j) 5.05 Road safety studies and implementation program.
18. The action 2.04 Safeguarding Children and Young People Action Plan (2021-2024) is off track due the State Government announcement of new Child Safe Standards that took effect 01 July 2021. This is an external factor outside of Council's control.

19. The milestones for action 2.04 Safeguarding Children and Young People Action plan (2021-2024) are proposed to be changed to reflect the status of the work that responds to the new Child Safe Standards. These are:

September	Conduct review of previous Child Safe Action Plan (2019 - 2021)
December	Continue implementation of actions carried over from previous plan and organisational readiness activities in preparation for introduction of new Victorian Child Safe Standards (effective 01 July 2021)
	Seek endorsement of Year 1 Action Plan (2021/22)
	Commence implementation of Year 1 actions
March	Continue to implement Year 1 actions
June	Report to Executive on progress and outcomes

Proposed realignment changes

20. The endorsed Annual Plan has been realigned to the new Council Plan and this process identified that there were some potential gaps in the current 2021/22 Annual Plan when compared to the Council Plan 2021-25.
21. Actions in the endorsed 2021/22 Annual Plan have been reviewed by Officers and Executive against the Council Plan 2021-25 Initiatives.
22. The proposed changes to the 2021/22 Annual Plan will create a stronger link to the Council Plan 2021-25.
23. The proposed changes relate to work that Council is already doing or planning for, that wasn't included in the endorsed 2021/22 Annual Plan that feature in the new Council Plan or align with Council Plan Initiatives. Changes are funded and align with existing commitments.
24. The proposed changes are:

Strategic Objective: Climate and environment

- **1.01 Climate Emergency changed to 'Climate Emergency Plan'**

Additional milestones that relate to installation of solar panels on Council buildings and supporting business and vulnerable communities in the climate emergency:

September	Shortlist sites for installation of solar panels on Council buildings
March	Engage Yarra businesses seeking to go 100% renewable through a group Power Purchase Arrangement (PPA) process
June	Complete installation of solar panels on Council owned buildings
	Implement the Heathy Homes project, through carrying out energy retrofits to support vulnerable and low-income households to improve energy efficiency and thermal comfort

- **New Action: 1.02 Roadmap to zero**

Council will develop a 'road map 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 of Yarra by 2030.

Milestones

September	Engage with consultants to develop a Roadmap to Zero for Council
March	Provide Roadmap to Zero to Council

- **New Action: 1.07 Food waste avoidance program**

In partnership with other areas of Council, as well as community groups and organisations, we will deliver a broad education and engagement program to empower

the Yarra community to reduce food waste over the next twelve months, and into the future.

Quarterly Milestones

March Develop plan, website, tools and collateral to support the Yarra community to reduce food waste

June Implement the plan to support the Yarra community to reduce food waste

- **New Action: 1.08 Proud to be Plastic Free Program**

The Proudly Plastic Free program is a behaviour change campaign aimed at reducing the use of single use plastic packaging in food traders and educating the community on plastic waste avoidance.

Milestones

December Build on past actions and experience promoting waste reduction to develop a behaviour change program to reduce the use of single use plastic packaging throughout Yarra

March Commence delivery of the behaviour change program

Strategic Objective: Local economy

- **New Action: 3.02 Outdoor Activation**

In response to COVID-19, Yarra implemented an outdoor dining program to support hospitality businesses to trade safely outdoors. In October 2021 the Victorian Government granted Yarra with \$1.5 million to support outdoor activation across all industry and business types.

Milestones

September Commence identification and planning of outdoor activation projects

December Present permanent Parklet Policy to Council

Commence first phase of outdoor activation projects

Open parklet program

March Commence second phase of outdoor activation projects

June Complete all outdoor activation activities and acquit funds

- **New Action: 3.03 Yarra's Business Application Support (YBAS) program**

The Yarra Business Application Support (YBAS) program is in its second year and continues to offer new businesses a 'concierge style' process where they deal with one point of contact for all their permit requirements.

Milestones

December Complete review of year including trend analysis

June Complete midyear trend analysis (ongoing)

- **New Action: 3.04 Revitalisation of North Richmond State Government Project**

State government funding has enabled a dedicated Council Economic Development officer to work directly with Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and the North Richmond community to develop and commence delivery of a North Richmond Precinct Action Plan (NRPAP).

Milestones

September Complete action planning workshops with reference groups and translate into draft North Richmond Precinct Action Plan (NRPAP)

December Launch NRPAP and select year one projects

March	Commence and implement Year 1 projects Plan Year 2 projects
June	Complete and launch Year 1 projects (funded FY2122). Finalise Year 2 plans

25. Once endorsed, the new actions and milestones will form part of the 2021/22 Annual Plan and will be reported on in future quarterly progress reports.

Options

26. There are no options for consideration in the report.

Community and stakeholder engagement

27. Significant community engagement and consultation was undertaken during the development of the 2021/22 Budget, Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-25. The 2021/22 Annual Plan reflects the community priorities identified during these processes.
28. Projects contained in the 2021/22 Annual Plan are subject to external consultation and engagement on a case-by-case basis.

Policy analysis

Alignment to Community Vision and Council Plan

29. The 2021/22 Annual Plan represents Year 1 of the Council Plan 2021-25 adopted on 19 October 2021.
30. The Council Plan 2021-25 addresses Yarra 2036 Community Vision with alignment and between the Vision Themes and Priorities and the Council Plan's Strategic Objectives, Strategies and Initiatives.

Climate emergency and sustainability implications

31. The Council Plan 2021-25 includes a Strategic Objective 'Climate and environment' that addresses climate emergency and sustainability implications. The 2021/22 Annual Plan includes five actions that respond to Initiatives under this Strategic Objective.
32. A further three actions are proposed to be included in 'Climate and environment' to align to Initiatives in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Community and social implications

33. The Council Plan 2021-25 includes a Strategic Objective 'Social equity and health' that addresses community and social implications. The 2021/22 Annual Plan includes 12 actions that respond to Initiatives under this Strategic Objective.
34. The Council Plan 2021-25 incorporates the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan that guides how Council will promote health and wellbeing across the municipality.

Economic development implications

35. The Council Plan 2021-25 includes a Strategic Objective 'Local economy' that addresses economic development implications. The 2021/22 Annual Plan includes one action that responds to Initiatives under this Strategic Objective.
36. A further three actions are proposed to be included in 'Local economy' to align to Initiatives in the Council Plan 2021-25.

Human rights and gender equality implications

37. The Council Plan 2021-25 includes a Strategic Objective 'Social equity and health' that addresses human rights and gender equality implications. The 2021/22 Annual Plan includes three actions that respond to Initiatives under this Strategic Objective.

Operational analysis

Financial and resource impacts

38. Actions in the 2021/22 Annual Plan, and new actions included to strengthen alignment between the 2021/22 Annual Plan and Council Plan 2021-25, are resourced within the 2021/22 Budget.

Legal Implications

39. There are no legal implications.

Conclusion

40. The 2021/22 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Report September (Attachment 1) is presented to Council for noting.
41. Changes to the 2021/22 Annual Plan to strengthen alignment to the Council Plan 2021-25 are presented to Council for endorsement.
42. Once endorsed, the new actions and milestones will form part of the 2021/22 Annual Plan and will be reported on in future quarterly progress reports.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:

- (a) Council note the 2021/22 Annual Plan Progress Report for September
- (b) Council endorse the following changes to the 2021/22 Annual Plan:

- (i) 1.01 Climate Emergency Plan

Add milestones

September	Shortlist sites for installation of solar panels on Council buildings
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March	Engage Yarra businesses seeking to go 100% renewable through a group Power Purchase Arrangement (PPA) process
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June	Complete installation of solar panels on Council owned buildings
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Implement the Heathy Homes project, through carrying our energy retrofits to support vulnerable and low-income households to improve energy efficiency and thermal comfort

- (ii) 1.02 Roadmap to zero

Add Action and milestones

Council will develop a 'road map 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 of Yarra by 2030.

September	Engage with consultants to develop a Roadmap to Zero for Council
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March	Provide Roadmap to Zero to Council
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- (iii) 1.07 Food waste avoidance program

Add Action and milestones

In partnership with other areas of Council, as well as community groups and organisations, we will deliver a broad education and engagement program to empower the Yarra community to reduce food waste over the next twelve months, and into the future.

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| | March | Develop plan, website, tools and collateral to support the Yarra community to reduce food waste |
| | June | Implement the plan to support the Yarra community to reduce food waste |
- (iv) 1.08 Proud to be Plastic Free Program
- Add Action and milestones
- The Proudly Plastic Free program is a behaviour change campaign aimed at reducing the use of single use plastic packaging in food traders and educating the community on plastic waste avoidance.
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| | December | Build on past actions and experience promoting waste reduction to develop a behaviour change program to reduce the use of single use plastic packaging throughout Yarra |
| | March | Commence delivery of the behaviour change program |
- (v) 2.04 Safeguarding Children and Young People Action Plan (2021-2024)
- Remove milestones
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| | September | Seek endorsement of Year 1 Action Plan (2021-2022) |
| | | Commence implementation of Year 1 actions |
| | June | Finalise implementation of Year 1 actions |
| | | Report to Executive on Year 1 Action Plan |
- Add milestones
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| | September | Conduct review of previous Child Safe Action Plan (2019 - 2021) |
| | December | Continue implementation of actions carried over from previous plan and organisational readiness activities in preparation for introduction of new Victorian Child Safe Standards (effective 01 July 2021) |
| | | Seek endorsement of Year 1 Action Plan (2021/22) |
| | | Commence implementation of Year 1 actions |
| | March | Continue to implement Year 1 actions |
| | June | Report to Executive on progress and outcomes |
- (vi) 3.02 Outdoor Activation
- Add Action and Milestones
- In response to COVID-19, Yarra implemented an outdoor dining program to support hospitality businesses to trade safely outdoors. In October 2021 the Victorian Government granted Yarra with \$1.5 million to support outdoor activation across all industry and business types.
- Quarterly Milestones
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| | September | Commence identification and planning of outdoor activation projects |
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- Quarterly Milestones
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- Finalise Year 2 plans

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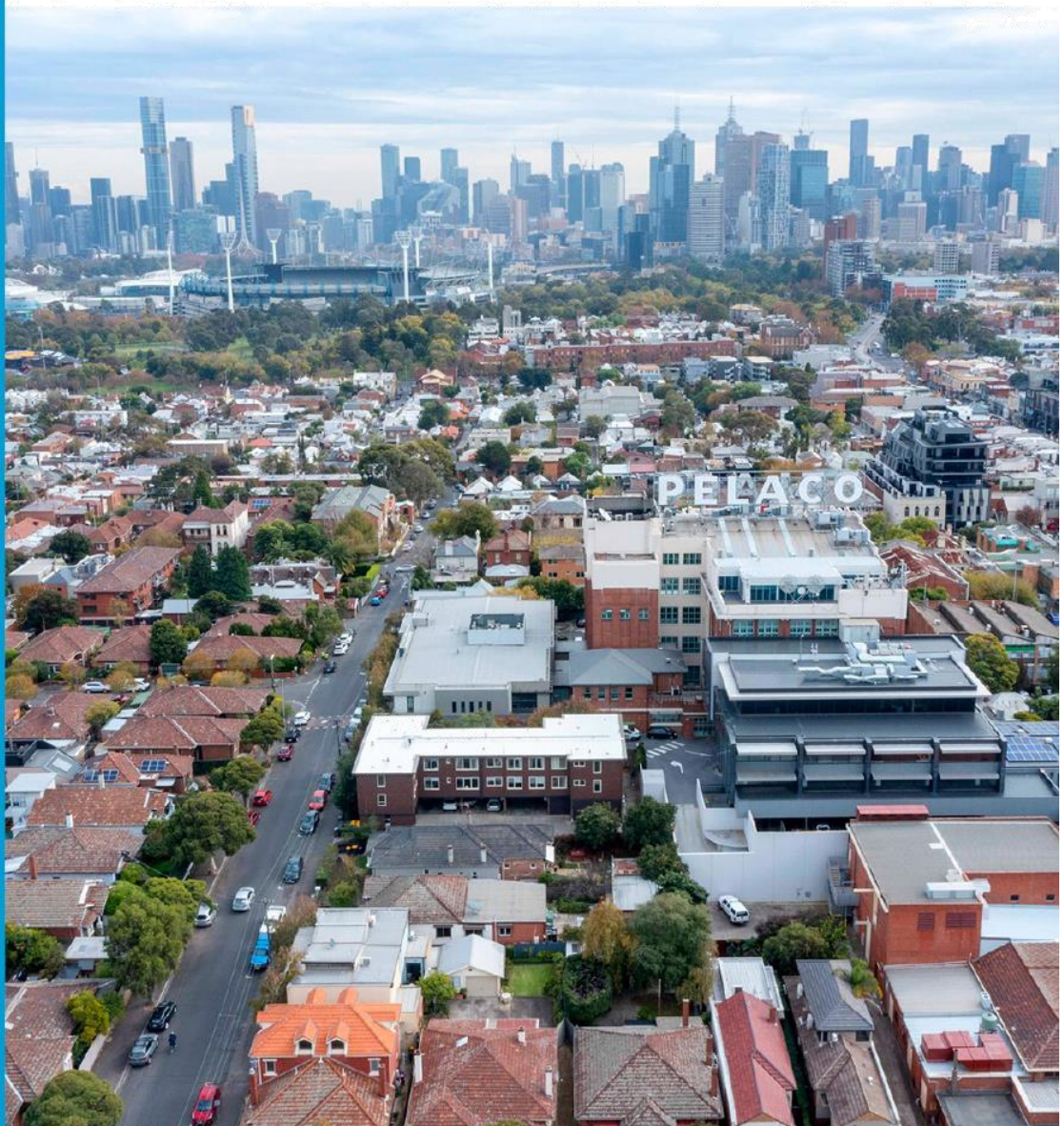
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Annual Plan

2021/22

Progress Report September 2021



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Introduction

The Yarra City Council adopted its Council Plan 2021-25 on 19 October 2022. The Council Plan 2021-25 sets out the medium-term direction of Council and the outcomes sought by Councillors for their term. The Council Plan incorporates the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan. This financial year, 2021/22 is Year 1 of the Council Plan 2021-25.

Under the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) each council is required to produce a four-year Council Plan by 31 October in the year following a general election. The Council Plan must include Strategic Objectives, Strategies, Strategic Indicators and Initiatives. The Act requires that the Council Plan must be developed in accordance with the Strategic Planning Principles. One of these principles is that the Council Plan must address the Community Vision.

The Annual Plan and Budget operationalise the Council Plan. The Annual Plan identifies several initiatives under each Strategic Objective which are significant projects that Council will undertake towards achieving the Strategic Objectives. The Annual Budget and Annual Plan includes some, but not all initiatives from the Council Plan.

The Council Plan 2021-25 has six Strategic Objectives that respond to the Community Vision, which represent the Strategic Direction of Council for their four year term, these are:

Climate and environment: Yarra urgently mitigates climate change while also adapting to its impacts and developing resilience in everything we do. The community, business and industry are supported and encouraged to do the same.

Social equity and health: Yarra's people have equitable access and opportunities to participate in community life. They are empowered, safe and included.

Local economy: Yarra's neighbourhoods and major activity centres, nightlife and employment precincts are thriving, accessible and connected. They support and inspire diverse creative communities, cultural activities, businesses, and local employment.

Place and nature: Yarra's public places, streets and green open spaces bring our community together. They are planned to manage growth, protect our unique character and focus on people and nature.

Transport and movement: Yarra's transport network is sustainable and recognises that streets are important shared public spaces. Transport and movement is accessible, safe and well connected.

Democracy and governance: Yarra is smart, innovative and sustainable. Our decisions and advocacy are built on evidence and meaningful engagement. Good governance is at the heart of our processes and decision-making.

Progress of these projects and actions will be reported in the 2021/22 Annual Plan Quarterly Progress Reports. Further information can be found in the published version of the Council Plan 2021-25 on the City of Yarra's website (<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/council-information/council-plan>).

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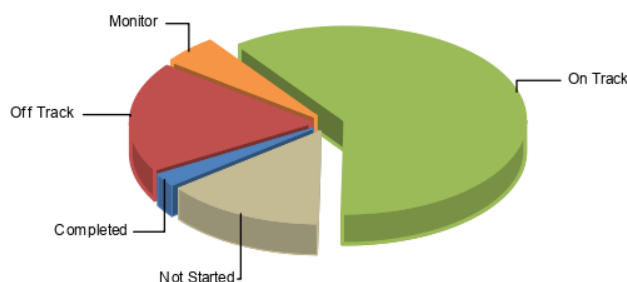
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Quarter Summary

Council has committed to 44 actions across a range of services. Any variations to the Annual Plan are made openly and transparently in the context of priorities that arise over the course of the year.

The status of actions is classified based on the percentage of targets achieved as assessed by the responsible officer (forecast milestones compared to actual work completed).



Strategic Objective	No. of Actions Reported	Complete	On track (>=90%)	Monitor (75-90%)	Off track (<75%)	Not Started
Climate and environment	5	0	4	0	0	1
Social equity and health	15	0	11	0	2	2
Local economy	1	0	0	0	1	0
Place and nature	13	0	7	0	3	3
Transport and movement	5	0	2	1	2	0
Democracy and governance	5	1	2	1	0	1
	44 (100%)	1 (2.27%)	26 (59.09%)	2 (4.55%)	8 (18.18%)	7 (15.91%)

Note: There are 44 actions in the Annual Plan however only 37 actions were scheduled to commence in the September quarter, 7 actions not scheduled to start until later.

Of the 37 actions commenced 27 are completed or on-track. the adjusted performance calculation is therefore $27/37 = 73\%$ on-track/completed.

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1 . Climate and environment

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Strategies

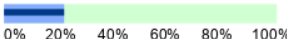

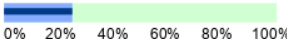



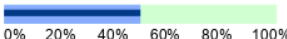



Council's work to achieve this Strategic Objective includes the following strategies:

1. Take urgent action to respond to the climate emergency and extend our impact through advocacy and partnerships
2. Lead and support the community, business and industry to take urgent climate action and transition towards net zero emissions and a circular economy
3. Enhance the resilience of our community to prepare for health-related and other impacts of climate change (MPHWP)
4. Lead, embed and promote the transition towards net zero carbon and a circular economy and extend our impact through advocacy and partnerships

The following actions are being undertaken in 2021/22 to work toward achieving Council's Strategic Objective ; Climate and environment.

Action Progress Summary

-  At least 90% of action target achieved
 -  Between 75 and 90% of action target achieved
 -  Less than 75% of action target achieved
 -  Not Started
 -  Completed
- Target
■ % Complete

Action	Start Date / End Date		
1.01 Climate Emergency Plan	01/07/21 30/06/22		
1.02 Zero Carbon Development Planning Scheme Amendment	01/07/21 30/06/22		
1.03 Energy Efficiency Upgrades at gyms	01/07/21 30/06/22		
1.04 Transitioning Council Assets from the use of Natural Gas	01/07/21 30/06/22		
1.05 Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO) service	01/07/21 30/06/22		

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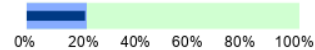
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1.01 Climate Emergency Plan

Council will continue to implement the actions in the adopted Climate Emergency Plan, including:

- Reduce Council's carbon emissions (before offsets) and retain carbon neutral status
- Mobilise and enable the community to take action on climate emergency
- Embed sustainability across key strategies, policies and decision making processes



Branch *Sustainability*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Promote Community Grants for Climate Action Rollout an enhanced community climate action campaign
December	Submit documentation against milestones for Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy Provide status report on progress against the adopted Climate Emergency Plan actions Submit documentation for Council to remain a certified carbon neutral Council
March	Update Council's ESD Buildings Policy to include strengthened guidance for going off gas and climate resilience Deliver new training to key council staff around understanding climate risks and learning to adapt Update processes for embedding sustainability and adaptation at Council following adoption of new Council Plan
June	Update Council on the status of implementation of the Climate Emergency Plan actions
Quarterly Progress Comments	Councillors have been briefed on the climate action program via various updates in the Councillors eBulletin, and the Climate Emergency Plan 6 Month progress report.

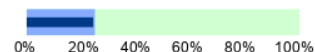
Council created a series of climate action videos featuring past grant recipients that were used on social media and Council's newsletters.

Council promoted the Climate Action stream of Council's Annual Grants 2022 extensively to encourage applications from June – August, including through Council's corporate channels and targeted promotions to relevant organisations, groups and past grant recipients.

This year Council increased the total grants pool of funds to \$108,000 for Annual Grants, with a further \$20,000 dedicated to Small Projects Grants to support the community to take climate action throughout the year. 24 applications were received (an increase from 15 last year) with approx. \$164,000 in grant funds being sought. Decisions will be made in November.

1.02 Zero Carbon Development Planning Scheme Amendment

A key action in the Climate Emergency Plan, Council is allocating funding to develop and implement a zero carbon development planning scheme amendment and develop further environmentally sustainable development guidelines.



Branch *Office of the Director Planning and Place Making*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Continue to work with the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE) Councils in the preparation of a draft planning scheme amendment considerations into all new budget bids (discretionary projects and strategies) Brief Councillors on progress
December	Report to Council on draft planning scheme amendment progress Develop draft guidance and case studies of local zero carbon developments
March	Advocate to Minister for Planning for approval of planning scheme amendment
June	Develop key documents to support planning scheme amendment including evidence base and strategic justification Continue to advocate to the Minister for Planning Update Councillors on progress toward a joint planning scheme amendment being approved by the Minister of Planning

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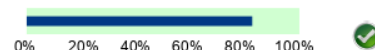
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Quarterly Progress Comments	Council continues on the work in conjunction with CASBE and 29 other Victoria Councils on the draft planning scheme amendment. A consultant team has been appointed to analyse the proposed objectives and standards, as part of the evidence base for the future amendment.
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Council has been briefed on progress towards a zero carbon planning scheme amendment.

1.03 Energy Efficiency Upgrades at gyms

Energy efficiency upgrades will be undertaken at Richmond Recreation Centre and Collingwood Leisure Centre gyms (following earlier similar works at Fitzroy Swimming Pool gym) to deliver significant energy saving costs and improve gym users' thermal comfort and experience. These works include secondary glazing of panels and frames, insulated false ceilings, smart LED lights, draft proofing and insulation.



Branch *Building and Asset Management*

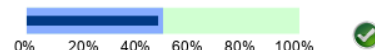
Quarterly Milestones

December	Complete various energy efficiency and thermal envelop upgrades at Richmond Recreation Centre and Collingwood Leisure Centre gyms
Quarterly Progress Comments	All works at Richmond Recreation Centre gym have been completed; works include thermal insulation to ceiling and walls, secondary glazing for all windows, and efficient lighting upgrades. Works at Collingwood Leisure Centre gym are near completion; works include air conditioning efficiency improvements, secondary glazing for all windows, and efficient lighting upgrades.

1.04 Transitioning Council Assets from the use of Natural Gas

Commence the transition from natural gas usage in council owned and operated buildings to electricity from renewable sources as part of Council's commitment to urgent action to respond to the global climate emergency. The current project scope is limited to 20 of 30 Council owned and operated smaller sites that use gas.

The project will fully remove gas equipment from 12 of the 20 sites currently using gas, and partially remove gas equipment from the remaining 8 of those sites.

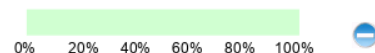


Branch *Building and Asset Management*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Complete 13 of 20 sites within project scope
December	Complete all 20 sites within project scope
Quarterly Progress Comments	12 sites completed and 2 sites in progress.

1.05 Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO) service



Branch *City Works*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Milestones have not been confirmed as service impacted by current Covid-19
Quarterly Progress Comments	Research on service model options has been completed and will be presented to Council in Quarter 2. This will determine milestones and timeframes for the implementation of a FOGO service.

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2. Social equity and health

Yarra's people have equitable access and opportunities to participate in community life. They are empowered, safe and included.

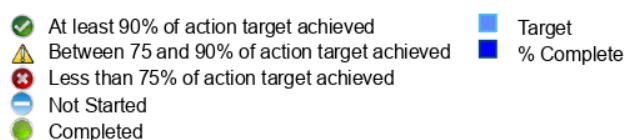
Strategies

Council's work to achieve this Strategic Objective includes the following strategies:

1. Celebrate, respect and embrace Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and heritage, and reflect this in our decision-making, services and activities
2. Build a more resilient, inclusive, safe and connected community, which promotes social, physical and mental wellbeing (MPHWP)
3. Support vulnerable communities and residents of public housing to thrive in the community
4. Work to reduce the harms associated with the use of alcohol, illicit drugs, gambling and tobacco (MPHWP)
5. Celebrate and respect culturally vibrant and socially diverse communities
6. Leverage opportunities and advocate for increased access to public, social and affordable housing stock in new and significant developments
7. Work actively to prevent and respond to gendered violence and all forms of violence by addressing known contributors to violence and promoting a gender equitable, safe and respectful community (MPHWP)

The following actions are being undertaken in 2021/22 to work toward achieving Council's Strategic Objective; Social equity and health.

Action Progress Summary



Action	Start Date / End Date		
2.01 Gender Equity Action Plan (2021-2025)	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✓
2.02 Population Health Planning	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✓
2.03 LGBTIQ+ Strategy (2021-2024)	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	⏸
2.04 Safeguarding Children and Young People Action Plan (2021-2024)	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✗
2.05 Community Grants	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✓
2.06 Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✓
2.07 Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy and Action Plan	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✓
2.08 Access and Inclusion Plan	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✓
2.09 3-year old Kindergarten Reform	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✓
2.10 National Aged Care Reforms	01/07/21 30/06/22	<div><div></div></div>	✗







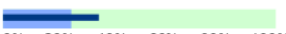



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Action	Start Date / End Date		
2.11 Restorative Care Project	01/07/21 30/06/22		
2.12 Establish Community Transport as a service option available to older residents under the CHSP program	01/07/21 30/06/22		
2.13 Open Libraries Project	01/07/21 30/06/22		
2.14 Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre (including Willowview)	01/07/21 30/06/22		
2.15 Chas Farquhar Children's Services complex	01/07/21 30/06/22		

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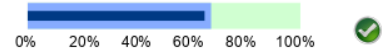
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2.01 Gender Equity Action Plan (2021-2025)

Underpinned by the new Gender Equality Statement of Commitment, Council will develop and implement its Gender Equality Action Plan (GEAP) and other related obligations under the Gender Equality Act 2020. This will ensure compliance with the Act, improve workplace gender equality and contribute to a safe and equal society where the Yarra community have access to equal power, resources and opportunities.



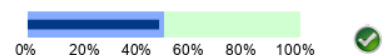
Branch Culture, Capability and Diversity

Quarterly Milestones

September	Report to Council on GE Strategy review and GEAP Consult on new Gender Equality Action Plan 2021-2025 Continue implementation of the Gender Equality Act organisational readiness plan Finalise implementation of current Year 2 Workplace Action Plan
December	Submit GEAP to Commission for Gender Equality Commence implementation of GEAP Year 1 actions
Quarterly Progress	A total of 19 staff consultation session involving 114 employees took place during September on the Workforce Gender Audit Data to inform actions for the GEAP. The consolidated priority actions will be presented at two consultation sessions in November.
Comments	<p>Development of resource/practice tools commenced, the Gender Equality Institute has been engaged to review tools and host Gender Impact Assessment Training for Executive, Gender in Leadership Group, Gender Equality Action Group and Organisational Culture, Capability & Diversity Team in November and a half-day forum for people leaders and policy owners in February 2022.</p> <p>Implementation of Year 2 action plan has been finalised. Findings of the strategy/action plan review found that several actions that could not be completed within the implementation period and will be carried over into the new GEAP.</p> <p>A report on the high-level findings of the Gender Equity Strategy (2016-2021) and corresponding action plans was delivered to Councillors in August 2021. Councillors were also briefed on the Workforce Gender Audit data findings and provided an update on the GEAP at Councillor Briefing in September 2021.</p> <p>The Commissioner has announced an extension for GEAP submission for all in scope entities. GEAPs are now due 31 March 2022. We are now working towards this revised timeline.</p>

2.02 Population Health Planning

Council will undertake research and produce reports to inform the next Health Plan which will be incorporated into the development of the Council Plan 2021-25.



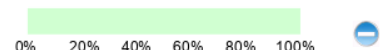
Branch Social Strategy and Community Development

Quarterly Milestones

September	Lodge exemption request with DFFH to allow the MPHWP to be incorporated in the Council Plan
December	Finalise and adopt Council Plan incorporating the MPHWP
Quarterly Progress	Exemption request has been lodged with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to allow the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan to be incorporated in the Council Plan.
Comments	

2.03 LGBTIQ+ Strategy (2021-2024)

Council will continue implementation of its first LGBTIQ+ Strategy which sets out clear priorities and actions which if implemented properly will contribute to the LGBTIQ+ community being welcomed, engaged and included equally.



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Quarterly Milestones

December Report to Council on Year 1 Action Plan
Seek endorsement of Year 2 Action Plan

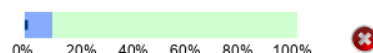
March Commence implementation of Year 2 Action Plan

Quarterly Progress No milestones to report on in quarter 1.

Comments

2.04 Safeguarding Children and Young People Action Plan (2021-2024)

Underpinned by the Child Safe Statement of Commitment, Council will develop and implement its Safeguarding Children and Young People Action Plan. This will ensure compliance with proposed amendments to the Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 which will bring the Victorian Child Safe Standards into alignment with the National Child Safe Principles, improve our organisational safeguarding systems and practices, and contribute to a community where children and young people in Yarra are protected from abuse and have what they need to be safe, healthy and thrive.



Branch Culture, Capability and Diversity

Quarterly Milestones

September Commence implementation of Year 1 actions
Seek endorsement of Year 1 Action Plan (2021-2022)

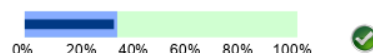
June Report to Executive on Year 1 Action Plan
Finalise implementation of Year 1 actions

Quarterly Progress The previous action plan ended 30 June 2021. The State Government announced new Child Safe Standards (effective 01 July 2021) which impacted the timelines for the preparatory work including a review of the previous plan and project brief for the Yarra Action Plan. This work has commenced, but development of the new Action Plan (2021/2022) cannot commence until the preparatory work is completed as it will be informed by the review findings. Council complies with all current Child Safe Standards and carry-over actions from the current plan continue to be implemented in parallel with preparatory work for the next Plan.

Comments

2.05 Community Grants

Yarra provides a range of community grants to support local groups and community initiatives. Each year we distribute more than \$2 million to strengthen our community and promote health and wellbeing. The grant program ranges across several areas including community development, arts and culture, climate action, sport and recreation, youth and families.



Branch Social Strategy and Community Development

Quarterly Milestones

September Receive grant applications

December Assess grants

March Award grants

Quarterly Progress Council received 288 applications for the following grants;
220 for Annual Grants 2022,
62 for Small Project Grants 2021/22,
6 for Room to Create Response Grants.

Comments

Assessment of applications will take place next quarter

2.06 Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023

The Yana Ngargna Plan 2020-2023, developed through extensive consultation, lays the foundation for Council's partnerships and collaborative projects with the local Woi Wurrung, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

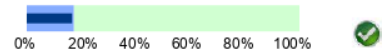
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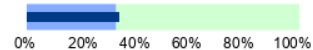
Branch *CEO Office*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Continue implementation of Yana Ngargna 2021 Year 2 Action
December	Finalise implementation of Yana Ngargna 2021 Year 2 Action Plan Develop Yana Ngargna 2022 Year 3 Action Plan
March	Present Yana Ngargna 2021 Year 2 Action Plan implementation report to Council Present Yana Ngargna 2022 Year 3 Action Plan to Council for adoption
June	Commence implementation of the Yana Ngargna 2022 Year 3 Action Plan
Quarterly Progress	Implementation of the Yana Ngargna year 2 Action plan is on track, activities included support and participation in the following networks and groups:
Comments	Yana Ngargna Advisory Group, Yarra's Aboriginal Support Network, The Smith St Working Group, the Multi-Council Jan 26th Group, Black Lives Matter working Group, and Yarra's Public Street Drinking Reference Group.

2.07 Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy and Action Plan

The Active and Healthy Ageing 2020-2022 Action Plan provides strategic actions to ensure our residents aged 50+ remain engaged, active and independent. The actions for 2021-2022 will be revised, to align with new and emerging priorities and needs as we emerge from COVID-19, with a specific focus on our most vulnerable community members (Seniors groups, including CALD; supporting people with dementia and their carers, working with the community to implement initiatives that leverages resources and engages community to address social isolation). Council received funding from the Department of Health to deliver the Seniors Health and Wellbeing Project. The aim of this project is to build on the strengths of residents, acting locally in selected neighbourhoods.

Branch *Aged and Disability Services*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Review and finalise Action Plan 2021 - 2022 Re-establish Yarra Dementia Alliance and commence work on their annual actions Support senior groups to successfully return to venues and re-engage their members
December	Deliver Seniors Christmas Celebration (CHSP clients) and Seniors Week activities Commence action planning for projects identified by the community Engage residents 50+ and other stakeholders to identify and map community assets (skills, knowledge and areas of interest) as part of the Seniors Health and Wellbeing Project Establish a CALD dementia support group as part of the Yarra Dementia Alliance
March	Identify and secure resources to ensure the sustainability of our seniors' groups
June	Deliver two projects as part of the Seniors Health and Wellbeing Project
Quarterly Progress	The Active and Healthy Ageing Action Plan 2021/22 was reviewed, finalised and presented at a Councillor Briefing in August 2021. Due to the impact of COVID-19 it was decided the action plan will cover the period 2021-2023.
Comments	

A research project in partnership with University of Melbourne (Social Work Masters students) was completed. This involved engaging seniors clubs in discussion on resource and other needs to ensure their sustainability. As groups move out of lockdown, this study will assist in resource planning.

All Yarra Dementia Alliance members have been contacted and invited to two additional remote meetings. Three brain health activities are planned for Seniors Festival to promote awareness and membership for the alliance once in-person meeting can commence once COVID-19 restrictions are eased.

Seniors groups are still unable to return to venues due to COVID-19 restrictions. Council has maintained contact with all group presidents and leaders in preparation to support the groups return to in-person meeting once permitted.

Meetings have taken place with a creative agency about possible gift ideas in preparation for the seniors Christmas celebration (CHSP).

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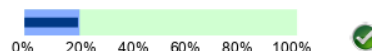
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Contact was made with Asset Based Community Development training agency as part of the initiative to engage residents 50+ and other stakeholders to identify and map community assets (skills, knowledge and areas of interest) as part of the Seniors Health and Wellbeing Project.

A research project has been completed with university students aimed at engaging senior groups to identify gaps, resources and support needs.

2.08 Access and Inclusion Plan

The Access and Inclusion 2020-2022 Action Plan provides strategic actions to ensure people with disability remain engaged, active and empowered. The actions for 2021-2022 will be revised, to align with new and emerging priorities and needs as we emerge from COVID-19, with a specific focus on eliminating barriers to participation, and establishing a cross Council working group to identify and implement opportunities for people with disability to have access to Council programs.



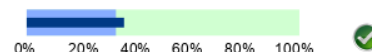
Branch Aged and Disability Services

Quarterly Milestones

September	Finalise Action Plan 2021/22
December	Establish a cross Council working group to identify, scope and develop access projects
March	Continue advocacy to improve the accessibility of public transport and housing and provide update to Council
June	Initiate cross-Council projects and measure and report an assessment of increased participation Implement accessibility assets on City of Yarra digital platforms and Victorian Government QR code
Quarterly Progress Comments	The Action Plan was reviewed, finalised and presented at a Councillor Briefing in August 2021. Due to the impact of COVID-19, the action plan has been amended to cover the period 2021-2023.

2.09 3-year old Kindergarten Reform

Implement the Kindergarten Infrastructure and Service Plan to support the provision of universal kindergarten access for all children in the two years before school. Council is seeking funding to increase the provision of 3-year old kindergarten places in priority areas in Yarra.



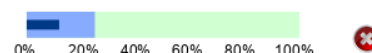
Branch Family, Youth and Children's Services

Quarterly Milestones

September	Prepare and submit funding applications for Atherton Gardens Kindergarten and Collingwood College
December	Complete Central Enrolment Expansion project
June	Progress communication of infrastructure and workforce plan to the community via a marketing campaign
Quarterly Progress Comments	Applications for grants for Atherton Gardens Kindergarten and Collingwood College have been submitted via smartygrants to Department of Education and Training. A project support office has been recruited for the Central Enrolment Expansion project, research has commenced for customer satisfaction, software solutions, process mapping and networking with other councils.

2.10 National Aged Care Reforms

The National Aged Care Reforms have been on-going since 2016. In May 2021, the Federal Government is scheduled to announce its policy and program position in response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care and Safety. This will enable Council to review its role in direct service delivery under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP), and its broader role in supporting older residents will into the future. The CHSP will not remain the same and externally driven change is occurring.



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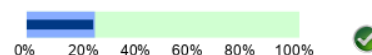
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September	Complete revision of community engagement & deliberative outcomes, aged care market analysis, service options, vision and strategic directions
December	Finalise Council's vision and position on its role in best supporting older people to live well in Yarra and finalise Council's position by 31 December 2021 Complete analysis of the range of options available under the new Aged Care program and alternative approaches available
March	Initiate implementation of new arrangements and directions
Quarterly Progress Comments	Three Councillor Briefings on the National Reforms have been completed and the revision of key data is now scheduled for 30 December 2021. Agreement has been reached with the Department of Health to include the community transport service within Council's CHSP program. Timelines have needed to be extended to cater for the impact of COVID-19 on leadership staffing and redeployment to Emergency management response.

2.11 Restorative Care Project

The restorative care project focusses on increasing participation of younger people, eligible under the Home and Community Care Program (HACCPYP), within services and support options that are tailored to individual needs. The project will also support the capacity within the Home Care Services to work more collaboratively with residents towards person centered care and independence.



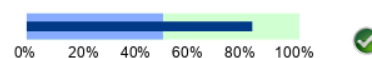
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September	Review the Stage 1 report identifying opportunities for service improvement within the existing service offering and initiate changes (adjustments within existing services)
December	Undertake consultations with residents / service users to test proposed changes, identify other options Engage with services across Council and with local agency partners to explore and develop recommended service options that increase access and participation by younger people with disability
June	Implement new service options with internal Branches and/or local agencies and promote availability for younger people with disability
Quarterly Progress Comments	The stage 1 report identifying opportunities for service improvement within the existing service offering has been reviewed and an action plan has been developed that will direct the next stage of the project. This has included engagement with the State Government Department and key local stakeholders.

2.12 Establish Community Transport as a service option available to older residents under the CHSP program

The community transport service is provided by Council to assist older people and people with a disability to lead active and independent lives and to participate in a range of social activities in the community. Council's community transport service has received new funding under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP). This initiative will support the integration of CHSP transport within the overall service and includes working with advisory groups, service users and other stakeholders to achieve this change.



Branch Aged and Disability Services

Quarterly Milestones

September	Undertake consultations with service user's and Active Ageing Advisory and Disability Advisory Committees outlining the changes and seek feedback, including on service eligibility and fees Present findings and recommendations to Council on final service proposal and implementation
December	Support residents' transition from existing arrangements to CHSP (where required)
March	Increase promotion of CHSP and general community transport service to support older residents and people with disability in accessing local community facilities and events

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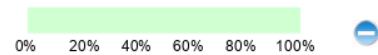
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Quarterly Progress Comments A Briefing Report was presented to Council in July 2021 on actions taken following submission of a funding variation to the Commonwealth Department of Health including inclusion of Community Transport as a funded CHSP service and the outcomes of community consultation.

Consultations with service user's and Active Ageing Advisory and Disability Advisory Committees on changes to the service eligibility and fees occurred in Mar-Apr 2021, feedback was in support of the change, results of the consultation were included in a report to Council in July 2021.

2.13 Open Libraries Project

Council's Richmond and Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Libraries will take part in a project to increase access by extending their opening hours. The Libraries will be open 7am to 10pm seven days a week, normal operating hours will continue, the extra hours will be un-serviced providing greater accessibility to the public while at the same time seeking not to increase operating costs.



Branch Library Services

Quarterly Milestones

December Review patronage and patron feedback
Commence and promote the extended opening hours

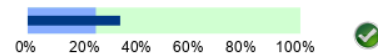
March Monitor satisfaction of Library users with the extended opening hours

June Review the first year with satisfaction survey (update will be included in our annual report)

Quarterly Progress Comments No milestones to report on in quarter 1.

2.14 Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre (including Willowview)

Responding to the outcomes of a Community Needs Analysis, Council will commence planning to establish the Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre as a modern centre to meet the needs of people 50+ including people with specific needs and provide a space that is more welcoming of the general community for a range of functions and activities.



Branch Aged and Disability Services

Quarterly Milestones

September Undertake a stakeholder consultation process for the re-naming of the centre

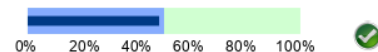
December Complete facility improvements including: an upgrade of the audio-visual equipment, installation of sound baffling in the centre's hall to improve the acoustics for users and replace fluorescent lighting in the hall to improve the amenity of the facility

June Ensure key stakeholders are engaged in the Collingwood Town Hall precinct planning community engagement process
Complete a new initiative bid for the 2022-2023 budget for a future concept design project for the centre in line with precinct planning recommend

Quarterly Progress Comments Consultation with staff and regular users of the facility on re-naming the centre has been completed. Wurundjeri Council engaged on possible Woiewurrung names for the centre and their use in the re-naming of this building. When available the final step will be to go back to stakeholders with recommendations.

2.15 Chas Farquhar Children's Services complex

Construction of a Community Hub will commence in May 2021, with the redevelopment of the site to extend and improve the facilities for children's preschool and other children's services.



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September	Commence construction
June	Complete project
Quarterly Progress	The project will complete the transition of the Chas Farquhar complex to an integrated community hub by creating a community room and outdoor area and extending and upgrading the Richmond Preschool, including a new accessible entry and paths, landscaping, and other site works as part of the hub design.
Comments	Construction activities commenced in the September quarter as planned with initial demolition works being undertaken.

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3 . Local economy

Yarra's neighbourhoods and major activity centres, nightlife and employment precincts are thriving, accessible and connected. They support and inspire diverse creative communities, cultural activities, businesses, and local employment.








Strategies

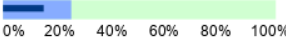

Council's work to achieve this Strategic Objective includes the following strategies:

1. Support Yarra's employment precincts and drive economic development opportunities
2. Revitalise local retail, arts and culture and night-time economy to enhance Yarra as an economic destination and extend our reach through partnerships and advocacy
3. Support and encourage innovative and entrepreneurial activities across Yarra's employment precincts
4. Facilitate local partnerships which create and promote a range of learning, employment and other pathway opportunities for businesses, workers, and residents
5. Manage access, safety and amenity to enhance people's experience when visiting Yarra (MPHWP)

The following actions are being undertaken in 2021/22 to work toward achieving Council's Strategic Objective; Local economy.

Action Progress Summary

-  At least 90% of action target achieved
-  Between 75 and 90% of action target achieved
-  Less than 75% of action target achieved
-  Not Started
-  Completed
-  Target
-  % Complete

Action	Start Date / End Date		
3.01 Precinct/Business Grants to facilitate local activation	01/07/21 30/06/22		

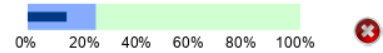
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3.01 Precinct/Business Grants to facilitate local activation

Building on the success of the COVID-19 precinct activation grant program, Council will investigate the potential of establishing a Precinct Activation Grant program that supports local retail businesses undertake collaborative activation initiatives.



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Quarterly Milestones

September Assess the COVID-19 precinct activation grant program including consultation with community and Business Advisory Group

December Undertake feasibility assessment, draft guidelines and governance structure produced

March Submit Budget bid, guidelines completed, communication plan drafted

June Adoption of proposal, EOI process to commence July

Quarterly Progress Council has delivered 50% of the COVID-19 precinct activation grant program to date, and look to deliver the rest once lockdowns are lifted. The BAG has been involved throughout and has provided positive feedback.

Comments Some of the initiatives funded by the grants include:
 Wearehere.place, a new visitor platform designed to highlight the significant cultural history of Fitzroy, and encourages users to explore the area,
 'AbbotsLane' Popup Victoria Street, working with a number of traders to deliver a exciting pop-up hub complete with space for creatives to perform, and engaging all hospitality businesses to allow food to be brought onto the site, scheduled to be delivered November 2021, and
 LoJo E-Passport Campaign, lower Johnston Street traders will put on an event over a weekend in Feb 2022 highlighting the diverse range of operators in the area.

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4 . Place and nature

Yarra's public places, streets and green open spaces bring our community together. They are planned to manage growth, protect our unique character and focus on people and nature.

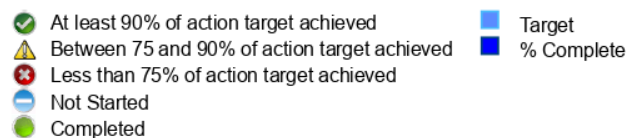
Strategies

Council's work to achieve this Strategic Objective includes the following strategies:

1. Create safe, accessible active spaces that provide diverse physical activity opportunities for the whole community (MPHWP)
2. Plan and manage community infrastructure that responds to growth and changing needs
3. Protect and enhance the biodiversity values, connectivity and resilience of Yarra's natural environment
4. Protect, promote and maintain our unique heritage and ensure development is sustainable
5. Encourage people to connect with Yarra's natural and cultural heritage and prioritise the voices of traditional owners

The following actions are being undertaken in 2021/22 to work toward achieving Council's Strategic Objective ; Place and nature.

Action Progress Summary






Action	Start Date / End Date								
4.01 Progress the Yarra Planning Scheme rewrite	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.02 Progress the translation of interim controls into permanent controls for Activity Centres	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.03 Planning Scheme Amendment to the Open Space Contribution	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.04 State Government suburban parks program	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.05 New open space planning and design, Cremorne	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.06 Brunswick Street Activity Centre Urban Design - Kerr Street outstand	01/06/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.07 Ryan's Reserve Pavilion redevelopment	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.08 Brunswick Street Oval Precinct Redevelopment	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.09 Edinburgh Gardens Public Toilet	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.10 Urban Agriculture Strategy	01/07/21 30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	

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Action	Start Date								
	/ End Date								
4.11 Delivery of Nature Strategy	01/07/21								
	30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.12 Integrated Water Management Community Awareness	01/07/21								
	30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	
4.13 Drainage and Stormwater Management Guidelines	01/07/21								
	30/06/22		0%	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	

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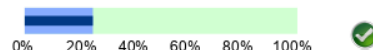
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4.01 Progress the Yarra Planning Scheme rewrite

The Planning Scheme sets out how land can be used, developed and protected. Council has been working on a major rewrite of the Planning Scheme to update areas of local policy that needed to be strengthened. This year Council will finalise the draft Planning Scheme.



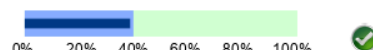
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September	Present report to Council summarising and responding to submissions received during the exhibition period
December	Brief Council on the progress of the independent Panel hearing
March	Brief Council on the release of the independent Panel report and its findings
June	Present report to Council seeking adoption of amendment and seeking Ministerial approval
Quarterly Progress	A report summarising and responding to submissions received during the exhibition period was presented to Council in August 2021.
Comments	Panel hearing scheduled to commence in October.

4.02 Progress the translation of interim controls into permanent controls for Activity Centres

Council will prepare proposed amendments to support the introduction of Design and Development Overlays in the Yarra Planning Scheme for the following activity centres: Victoria Street, Bridge Road, Fitzroy/Collingwood Stages 1 and 2, and Collingwood South.



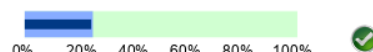
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September	Brief Councillors on processes regarding the requested Standing Advisory Committee approach for permanent planning scheme provision for Victoria Street, Bridge Road, Fitzroy/Collingwood Stages 1 and 2 and Collingwood South Continue to advocate to the Minister for Planning for approval of Council's request for interim planning scheme provisions for Heidelberg Road
December	Present a report to Council reviewing the processes and progression of these initial referrals to the Standing Advisory Committee
March	Brief Council on the release of the Standing Advisory Committee report and its findings for Victoria Street, Bridge Road, and Collingwood South
June	Brief Council on the progress of the proposed amendment for Fitzroy/Collingwood Stages 1 and 2
Quarterly Progress	Councillors were notified in August that the Standing Advisory Committee had been set up with the Terms of Reference, as approved by the Minister.
Comments	Councillors were notified in September about the commencement of the exhibition for Amendment C 291 Yarra (Victoria Street / Bridge Road) and C293 Yarra (Collingwood South). Council received a letter from the Minister in September 2021, approving DDO18 on an interim basis for 18 months for Heidelberg Road.

4.03 Planning Scheme Amendment to the Open Space Contribution

Council will pursue an amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme to increase the open space contribution provided to Council when a new development is subdivided. An increased provision will assist Council to pursue new open space provision in the municipality. Council has sought 'authorisation' from the Minister for Planning to exhibit this Amendment as part of the planning amendment processes.



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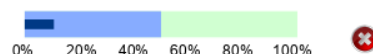
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September	Exhibit planning scheme amendment if 'authorised' to do so by the Minister for Planning
December	Update Councillors on submissions received to the exhibition stage
March	Provide a report to Council with analysis of submissions and officer recommendations
June	Prepare for independent Panel hearing regarding amendment and submissions received
Quarterly Progress	Council received authorisation from the Minister for Planning in late June, the amendment went on public exhibition early September.
Comments	

4.04 State Government suburban parks program

Council will continue the planning and design of two new open spaces (Cambridge Street extension and Otter Street Park) in Collingwood. This project is part of the State Government's Suburban Parks Program.



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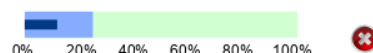
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September	Commence detailed design development Prepare for the commencement of Road Discontinuance Process Inform community of Final Concept Design
December	Complete Contract Documentation and Specification for Tender and Construction
March	Commence construction
June	Substantially complete construction for both open spaces
Quarterly Progress	Cambridge Street Final Concept Layout was delayed due to inaccurate tree data and additional time spent addressing car parking concerns. Changes in both internal and external project managers have also impacted the work program. Preliminary Internal Consultation to understand existing constraints and 'Initial Ideas' consultations have been completed. Tender Evaluation complete and preferred consultant teams nominated.
Comments	<p>Otter Street works have been delayed to allow for the exploration of an expanded park boundary option to increase the extent of 'green' space, in response to feedback received. Delays were also encountered while the need to suitably negotiate or relocate underground services is also being assessed. Tender Evaluation complete, confirming best and final offer.</p> <p>Legal advice is being sought to clarify the road discontinuance process.</p>

4.05 New open space planning and design, Cremorne

Council will prepare design documentation for park extension and redevelopment of the following sites:

- Gwynne Street, Cremorne – small public space on the corner of Gwynne and Stephenson Street
- Stephenson Reserve, Cremorne – small public space on the corner of Dover and Stephenson Street



Branch City Strategy

Quarterly Milestones

September	Undertake tender process for construction of both public spaces
December	Commence construction for Gwynne Street, pending contractor availability
March	Progress construction for both public spaces
June	Substantially complete construction for both open spaces
Quarterly Progress	Council received an overwhelming amount of community feedback and has taken additional time to process and incorporate into the final design documentation package which has delayed the Tender preparation process. The Tender is scheduled to be advertised in February.
Comments	

4.06 Brunswick Street Activity Centre Urban Design - Kerr Street outstand

Council will undertake detailed design and implement works to upgrade an existing kerb outstand on the south east

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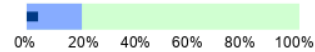
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corner of Kerr Street and Brunswick Street, as part of the endorsed Brunswick Street Streetscape Masterplan. The project will increase public space and improve the public realm with places to sit and new trees and greenery.



Branch *City Strategy*

Quarterly Milestones

September Finalise detail design and commence contract documentation and specification for tender and construction

December Commence construction works

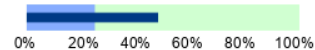
March Complete construction

Quarterly Progress Delays were experienced in the preparation of design and tender documentation due to COVID-19 restrictions which impacted Council's ability to undertake consultation. The engineering design was also delayed while existing underground services were considered.

Traders have expressed concerns around construction taking place over late spring /summer with the expected easing of COVID-19 restrictions allowing stores to open.

4.07 Ryan's Reserve Pavilion redevelopment

Redevelopment of the Ryan's Reserve netball and tennis centre pavilion including public toilet facilities.



Branch *Building and Asset Management*

Quarterly Milestones

September Complete detailed design

December Commence offsite modular fabrication work

March Commence site works

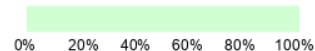
June Complete project

Quarterly Progress Detailed design complete and off-site fabrication work has commenced. This project is on track for completion before the end of the 2021/22 financial year.

Comments

4.08 Brunswick Street Oval Precinct Redevelopment

Council will undertake a major redevelopment that addresses the grandstand, tennis club and courts (being the original and continuously operated sporting facilities in Edinburgh Gardens) along with the community rooms. Advocacy by the Edinburgh Gardens Sporting Community (EGSC) has resulted in \$6.5 million announced funding from the State government for the redevelopment of the buildings in this precinct, to be administered through Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV). The EGSC comprises the Edinburgh Cricket Club, Fitzroy Football Club, Fitzroy Junior Football Club, and Fitzroy Tennis Club.



Branch *Building and Asset Management*

Quarterly Milestones

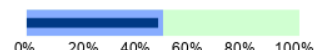
September Milestones to be confirmed

Quarterly Progress Officers are working to finalise a design to reflect the needs of all stakeholders. It is intended that this will be presented to Council in quarter 2. Establishment of future milestones will be subject to Council's direction following consideration of the revised design.

Comments

4.09 Edinburgh Gardens Public Toilet

New public toilets will be constructed in Edinburgh Gardens.



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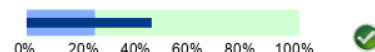
Quarterly Milestones

September Finalise design and engage contractor
December Complete project

Quarterly Progress Design finalised and contractor engaged. The completion of the project has been delayed as a result of COVID-19 impacts, and is now expected to be delivered in 2022, with construction anticipated to be completed before the end of the 2021/22 financial year.

4.10 Urban Agriculture Strategy

Deliver actions outlined in the Urban Agriculture Action Strategy



Branch City Works

Quarterly Milestones

September Finalise Yarra's Urban Agriculture Guidelines and implement the streamlined pathways for applying for Urban Agriculture projects through the Community Growing Spaces Program during 2021/22

December Implement a female Narrap Ranger Traineeship in a partnership with Council, Collingwood Children's Farm and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation to work on urban agriculture projects during 2021/22

March Deliver three My Smart Garden Workshops that informs a holistic approach to 'smarter' and more sustainable home gardening across five elements, including food, shelter, waste, water, and habitat

June Deliver a further three My Smart Garden Workshops that informs a holistic approach to 'smarter' and more sustainable home gardening across five elements, including food, shelter, waste, water, and habitat

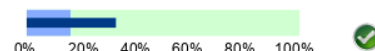
Quarterly Progress Yarra's draft Urban Agriculture Guidelines are complete and work is underway preparing them for promotion on Council's website.

Comments Officers have reviewed and merged the community facing 'Let's grow together' guides (How to apply for a pop-up laneway and How to apply for a Community Growing Space) to reflect guideline outcomes and corporate design standards. These are available on Yarra's website.

A female Narrap Ranger Traineeship, in a partnership with Council, Collingwood Children's Farm and the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Corporation has commenced and will be working on urban agriculture projects during 2021/22.

4.11 Delivery of Nature Strategy

Deliver Year 1 actions outlined in the Nature Strategy Action Plan.



Branch City Works

Quarterly Milestones

September Establish a working group of bushland management experts to increase integrity and innovation in biodiversity management within Council's on-ground management programs

December Establish a 'local legends' community working group with a network focus to Conserve locally rare or threatened flora and fauna

March Establish a 'nature in the neighbourhood' reference group to plan initiatives that focus on increasing nature in the private and streetscape realm at the neighbourhood scale
 Establish working partnerships with academic institutions and actively collaborate with an educational institution on one new biodiversity monitoring project within Yarra

June Develop a Gardens for Wildlife Program in Yarra
 Increase flora and fauna diversity by initiating re-introductions, particularly for flora in key locations. Aim for a 5% increase in indigenous flora diversity within bushland reserves at appropriate locations
 Consolidate and grow areas of high quality and diverse habitat by increasing indigenous vegetation understorey extent (at >25% cover) within Open Space by 0.5 ha

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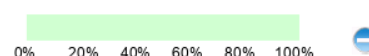
Quarterly Progress Comments Council has joined the Victorian Branch of the Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (AABR). Yarra's Biodiversity Officer was appointed to the Committee to represent both Councils interests and to improve Officer and Contractor skills and knowledge. This appointment seeks to achieve best practice in innovative biodiversity management as it relates to Yarra's bushland management program, and satisfies the September milestone without the need to duplicate this with the establishment of a separate working group.

The Committee consists of a diverse group of experienced practitioners encompassing all areas of bush regeneration including local government, private contractors, restoration businesses, the not for profit sector and training institutions.

Development of the terms of reference for a 'local legends' community working group with a network focus to conserve locally rare or threatened flora and fauna has commenced and liaison underway with Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Co-op, Felix Botanica, Friends of Labyrinth.

4.12 Integrated Water Management Community Awareness

Undertake two community awareness campaigns; one to enhance the community's understanding of the value and function of Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) and another focussing on the community's impact on the water cycle.



Branch Infrastructure Traffic and Civil Engineering

Quarterly Milestones

December Complete WSUD community awareness campaign

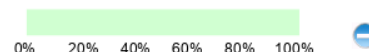
June Complete Water Cycle community awareness campaign

Quarterly Progress No milestone to report on in quarter 1.

Comments

4.13 Drainage and Stormwater Management Guidelines

Developing a range of technical guidelines detailing the best practice for stormwater management and discharge for new developments. These guidelines will aim to minimise the impact of infill development on the capacity of Yarra's drainage network and promote sustainable practices. This project will also deliver an updated Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) policy to manage Yarra's WSUD existing assets and guide the effective introduction of future elements.



Branch Infrastructure Traffic and Civil Engineering

Quarterly Milestones

December Undertake a comprehensive benchmarking and gap analysis to define the project's scope

March Finalise the draft guidelines for stakeholder consultation

June Release the final version of guidelines and publish on Council's website

Quarterly Progress No milestone to report on in quarter 1.

Comments

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5 . Transport and movement

Yarra's transport network is sustainable and recognises that streets are important shared public spaces . Transport and movement is accessible, safe and well connected.








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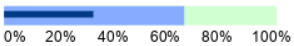
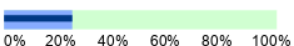
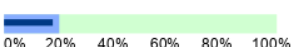

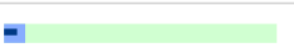
Council's work to achieve this Strategic Objective includes the following strategies:

1. Lead, promote and facilitate the transition to active transport modes for people living and working in Yarra , as well as people moving through Yarra (MPHWP)
2. Advance the transition towards zero-carbon transport by 2030 throughout the municipality
3. Foster strategic partnerships and advocate to improve sustainable and active transport options, integration and accessibility
4. Create a safe, well-connected and accessible local transport network including pedestrian and bike routes through Yarra (MPHWP)

The following actions are being undertaken in 2021/22 to work toward achieving Council's Strategic Objective ; Transport and movement.

Action Progress Summary

-  At least 90% of action target achieved
 -  Between 75 and 90% of action target achieved
 -  Less than 75% of action target achieved
 -  Not Started
 -  Completed
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Action	Start Date / End Date	
5.01 Public Transport Advocacy	01/07/21 30/06/22	
5.02 Transport Action Plan	01/07/21 30/06/22	
5.03 Improve Bicycle Networks	01/07/21 30/06/22	
5.04 Gipps Street Intersection Safety Improvements	01/07/21 30/06/22	
5.05 Road safety studies and implementation program	01/07/21 30/06/22	

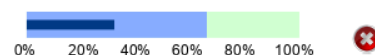
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5.01 Public Transport Advocacy

Advocate to the State Government for improved accessibility to public transport services to meet the needs of all ages and abilities and to cope with significant population growth in Yarra.



Branch *Strategic Transport*

Quarterly Milestones

September Continue to advocate to Department of Transport for accessible tram stops in Bridge Road (eastern end), Swan Street and the Queens Parade bus-tram interchange
Continue to work with Development Victoria for DDA tram stop abutting 433 Smith Street as part of the site redevelopment

December Continue to seek Department of Transport support for improved tram facilities in Brunswick Street

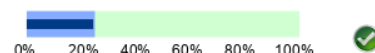
Quarterly Progress Advocacy is occurring with Department of Transport for DDA compliant tram stops in key locations across the city and will continue following the release of the State Government's tram upgrade priority program.

Comments Tram stop upgrades along Brunswick Street is also addressed in the draft Transport Action Plan.

Council officers are engaging with Development Victoria regarding the Gasworks Development and options for delivery of a new DDA tram stop outside 433 Smith Street as part of the site redevelopment

5.02 Transport Action Plan

Improved public transport and active transport are important for an increased population in Yarra and the eastern suburbs. A Transport Action Plan will be formulated that outlines how these aspects can be improved and the key projects that need to be advocated for and delivered.



Branch *Strategic Transport*

Quarterly Milestones

September Hold Briefings with Councillors regarding a draft Transport Action Plan

December Present report to Council recommending a Transport Action Plan

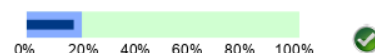
March Commence actions from adopted Transport Action Plan

June Continue actions prepared and readied for implementation via agreed processes by Council resolutions

Quarterly Progress Councillor briefing was held in July to discuss progress of the draft Transport Action Plan. A further briefing of Councillors is scheduled for late October with a view of then finalising the draft Transport Action Plan for presentation to Council.

5.03 Improve Bicycle Networks

Funding for Bicycle Infrastructure projects including bicycle lanes, signage, racks and corrals and signal changes.



Branch *Strategic Transport*

Quarterly Milestones

September Progress bike parking installations and report statistics to Councillors

December Develop officer report seeking a Council determination on the Elizabeth Street separated bike lane trial
Explore opportunities for improved and safer bicycle lanes on key cycling routes with Department of Transport

March Provide report to Councillors regarding progression of the opportunities with Department of Transport

June Provide report to Councillors on cycling improvements achieved since July 2021

Quarterly Progress Designs in progress for the installation of bike corrals at Wellington and Peel Streets intersection and the Easey and Smith Streets intersection in Collingwood. So far 26 bike hoops have been delivered.

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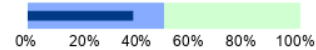
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5.04 Gipps Street Intersection Safety Improvements

Deliver improvement of traffic signals and construction of small sections of protected bike lanes at the Hoddle Street and Wellington Street intersections to significantly improve cyclists' safety and comfort



Branch Strategic Transport

Quarterly Milestones

September Finalise design aspects

March Install bike lane improvements and provide advice to Councillors

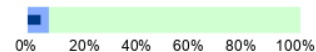
Quarterly Progress Department of Transport is finalising the signals reprogramming to be ready in late October.

Comments

5.05 Road safety studies and implementation program

Road safety/place making treatments and road safety studies will be delivered in the following precincts to improve safety and amenity.

- Carlton North (LAPM 2 design)
- Scotchmer (LAPM 3 implementation)
- Abbotsford (LAPM 13 implementation)
- Princes Hill (LAPM 1 implementation)
- Rose (LAPM 9 implementation)
- Richmond (study)
- Bendigo (LAPM 19 implementation)
- East Clifton Hill/North Abbotsford (Study)



Branch Infrastructure Traffic and Civil Engineering

Quarterly Milestones

September Commence East Clifton Hill/North Abbotsford study

December Commence Scotchmer (LAPM 3) physical works
Complete East Clifton Hill/North Abbotsford study

March Commence Abbotsford (LAPM 13) physical works
Commence and complete Bendigo (LAPM 19) physical works
Commence and complete Princes Hill (LAPM 1) physical works
Commence Richmond study

June Commence and complete Rose (LAPM 9)
Complete Carlton North (LAPM 2) design phase
Complete Scotchmer (LAPM 3) physical works
Complete Richmond study
Complete Abbotsford (LAPM 13) physical works

Quarterly Progress Planning and investigation has commenced for the undertaking of the Clifton Hill/ North Abbotsford study. The Road Safety Study Policy was scheduled for adoption early October, and will inform the approach to this study. There have been some delays to the study program as a result of awaiting confirmation of the approach and due to the inability to collect traffic data to inform the study due to impact of COVID-19 restrictions.

Comments

Work on the Carlton North (LAPM2) design is progressing.

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6 . Democracy and governance

Yarra is smart, innovative and sustainable. Our decisions and advocacy are built on evidence and meaningful engagement. Good governance is at the heart of our processes and decision-making.








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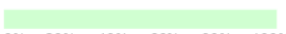

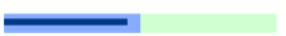



Council's work to achieve this Strategic Objective includes the following strategies:

1. Provide opportunities for meaningful, informed and representative community engagement to inform Council's decision-making
2. Manage our finances responsibly and improve long-term financial management planning
3. Maximise value for our community through efficient service delivery , innovation, strategic partnerships and advocacy
4. Practice good governance, transparency and accountable planning and decision-making
5. Progress and embed our culture of organisational continuous improvement and build resilience to adapt to changing requirements in the future

The following actions are being undertaken in 2021/22 to work toward achieving Council's Strategic Objective ; Democracy and governance.

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6.01 Community Vision and Council Plan	01/07/21 30/06/22		
6.02 Our Voice, Our Actions, Our Customer Experience (CX): CX Program 2020-2022	01/07/21 30/06/22		
6.03 Business Improvement	01/07/21 30/06/22		
6.04 Asset Management Framework and Plan	01/07/21 30/06/22		
6.05 Develop Yarra as a Smart City; using technology to enhance liveability	01/07/21 30/06/22		

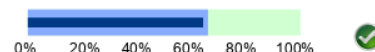
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6.01 Community Vision and Council Plan

For the first time, Council will adopt a long-term Community Vision that will guide Council's strategic planning. We have engaged with the community extensively, including a deliberative panel of representative Yarra community members. The Council Plan 2021-2025 will reflect the community's aspirations as set out in the Community Vision. The Council Plan is the major strategic document that outlines the goals of Council and guides the delivery of services over the next four years.



Branch Corporate Planning and Performance

Quarterly Milestones

September Adopt Community Vision

Present proposed Council Plan to Council for public exhibition

December Adopt Council Plan incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

Quarterly Progress The Yarra 2036 Community Vision was adopted by Council on 20 July 2021. It sets out our community's hopes, aspirations and priorities for the next 15 years.

Comments

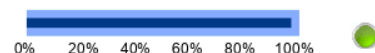
The Vision was developed by a representative panel of 55 Yarra community members in May 2021, working across four panel sessions.

The Vision contains an overarching Vision Statement, eight Vision Themes and thirty Future Priorities that set out the community's vision for the future state of Yarra by 2036. It is Yarra City Council's first community vision and it will inform all planning and decision-making.

The draft Council Plan 2021-25 was presented to Council for public exhibition on 7 September 2021. Community feedback was invited for two weeks before the final Council Plan 2021-25 will be presented for adoption on 19 October. The Council Plan 2021-25 has been informed by one of Council's most comprehensive community engagement processes (including deliberative engagement).

6.02 Our Voice, Our Actions, Our Customer Experience (CX): CX Program 2020-2022

Our CX Program frames a three year program of internal and external service experience improvements to build our vision of 'working together to build a better experience for all' into a reality.



Branch Customer Service

Quarterly Milestones

September Design an evidenced based empathy project that supports service experience outcomes, workforce development and empathy metrics

Quarterly Progress A priority focus of the CX Program for 2021 has been centred on the strategic objective of Empathy. A 'In Your Shoes – Active Empathy' project has been developed to support an organisational wide approach that will deeply connect Yarra's care for community, our values and workplace culture.

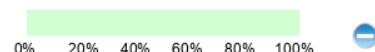
Comments

The purpose of the project is to establish empathy as a professional practice. To date, the project has developed an organisational wide learning program in readiness for implementation phase.

6.03 Business Improvement

Council's Business Improvement Framework identifies the operating context, goals, key activities, outputs and outcomes to be delivered. It incorporates a stronger and more consistent approach to continuous quality improvement.

Implementation of the framework and staff training in continuous improvement methodologies will ensure that Yarra's business improvement priorities are driven by a stronger customer-focussed approach.



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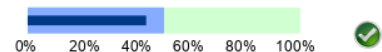
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December	Define, prioritise and action business improvement projects and activities Deliver the Business Improvement Program
June	Deliver the Business Improvement Program Define, prioritise and action business improvement projects and activities
Quarterly Progress Comments	No milestone to report on in quarter 1.

6.04 Asset Management Framework and Plan

Development of Council's Asset Management Framework and Asset Plan in line with the ISO 55000 Asset Management standard and Council's asset management obligations under the Victorian Local Government Act 2020 to ensure that Council's infrastructure assets are managed sustainably to agreed levels of service and risk.



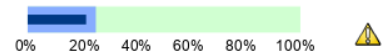
Branch *Building and Asset Management*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Present Asset Management Policy to Council for adoption
June	Present Asset Plan to Council for adoption
Quarterly Progress Comments	Asset Management Policy has been drafted and will be reviewed by the Asset Management Steering Committee before being presented to Council, which is now likely in quarter 3. Asset Management Plans (and associated modelling) for buildings, transport and stormwater assets in development. Asset Plan comprised of (Policy, Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP), Building Asset Management Plan (BAMP), Stormwater Asset Management Plan (SWAMP), Turnkey Asset Management Programs (TAMP) and Open Space Asset Management Plan (OSAMP). A draft BAMP has been completed, SAMP consultant secured. SWAMP and TAMP development are underway.

6.05 Develop Yarra as a Smart City; using technology to enhance liveability

Collaborate with the local community and relevant stakeholders to ensure Yarra becomes a Smart City which delivers a connected, informed and sustainable future.



Branch *Office of the Director City Works and Assets*

Quarterly Milestones

September	Facilitate the Yarra Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) Fest Expo with Yarra libraries featuring schools, local training providers, suppliers and community groups, to build public interest and knowledge around innovation and smart technology
December	Establish the Smart Public Housing Working Group with the intent to develop the project plan to support Yarra's public housing community through the provision of WiFi, devices and training
March	Commence installation of smart poles at key sites across the city to provide Council with integrated smart city services and data to inform evidence-based public space planning
June	Report on data and utilisation from the Yarra Smart Bench Pilot
Quarterly Progress Comments	Planning for the Yarra STEAMfest all-ages expo concluded with the event being ready to launch at Bargoonga Nganjion on Saturday 21 August in alignment with National Science Week 2021. Several partners from Yarra CityLab's smart city network were confirmed as exhibitors including GHD Engineering, NBN Co, the Connected Community HackerSpace, SmarterLite and HSG - EV Charging. Additional exhibitors include Robogals, The Lab and STEAM Ballet. The event was promoted through Yarra Libraries marketing channels including the Libraries What's On publication. At the commencement of the lockdown on 5 August 2021, the decision was made to postpone the event until such time as density limitations and covid-safe requirements would no longer impact community participation and the overall success of the event. The iYarra STEAMfest is ready to be delivered once COVID-19 restrictions allow, the revised target is the first half of 2022 subject to restrictions and other priorities.

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9.1 Notice of Motion No. 14 of 2021 - Half masting of Australian Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag

Reference	D21/158884
Author	Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
Authoriser	Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

I, Councillor Bridgid O'Brien, hereby give notice that it is my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 23 November 2021:

"1. *That Council:*

- (a) *note the support of the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee for the lowering of the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag on dates of significance to Yarra's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and as a symbol of Council's commitment to the ongoing journey of reconciliation;*
- (b) *update the Civic Flag Policy as shown at **Attachment One**, to include a new section at part 2.5 reading: "The Australian National Flag shall be removed and the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag shall be flown at half-mast at Collingwood Town Hall, Fitzroy Town Hall and Richmond Town Hall each year on:*
 - (i) *26 January;*
 - (ii) *15 April (anniversary of the release of National Report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody on 15 April 1991);*
 - (iii) *26 May (National Sorry Day and the anniversary of the tabling in the Commonwealth Parliament of Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families on 26 May 1997); and*
 - (iv) *other dates determined by resolution of Council following consultation with the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee; and*
- (c) *update the Civic Flag Policy Community Flag Schedule as shown at **Attachment One** by no longer flying AFL football club flags during the early part of the finals series (to ensure consistency between the AFL men's and women's competition) or the Rainbow Flag on 8 December (to fly that flag on the four occasions identified in Council's adopted LGBTIQ+ Strategy)."*

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the support of the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee for the lowering of the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag on dates of significance to Yarra's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and as a symbol of Council's commitment to the ongoing journey of reconciliation;
 - (b) update the Civic Flag Policy as shown at **Attachment One**, to include a new section at part 2.5 reading: "The Australian National Flag shall be removed and the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag shall be flown at half-mast at Collingwood Town Hall, Fitzroy Town Hall and Richmond Town Hall each year on:
 - (i) 26 January;
 - (ii) 15 April (anniversary of the release of *National Report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* on 15 April 1991);
 - (iii) 26 May (National Sorry Day and the anniversary of the tabling in the Commonwealth Parliament of *Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families* on 26 May 1997); and
 - (iv) other dates determined by resolution of Council following consultation with the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee; and
 - (c) update the Civic Flag Policy Community Flag Schedule as shown at **Attachment One** by no longer flying AFL football club flags during the early part of the finals series (to ensure consistency between the AFL men's and women's competition) or the Rainbow Flag on 8 December (to fly that flag on the four occasions identified in Council's adopted LGBTIQA+ Strategy).

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CIVIC FLAG POLICY

Title	Civic Flag Policy
Description	A policy to govern the flying of flags at Council's Town Halls, Civic Flagpoles and other facilities.
Category	Civic
Type	Policy
Approval authority	Council
Responsible officer	Group Manager, Chief Executive's Office
Approval date	<u>4/4/2017</u> <u>9/11/2021</u>
Review cycle	Every four years
Review date	<u>4/4/2021</u> <u>9/11/2025</u>
Document Reference (Trim)	D10/57080
Human Rights compatibility	This policy has been assessed and is compatible with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

1. Purpose

A policy to govern the flying of flags at Council's Town Halls, Civic Flagpoles and other facilities and to establish a mechanism to consider requests for flying of flags of significance to the Yarra community.

2. Policy

2.1. Definitions

In this policy,

Civic Flagpoles means the flagpoles erected for the purpose of displaying the flags set out in the Community Flag Schedule.

Collingwood Town Hall means all buildings and grounds at the Collingwood Town Hall and administrative offices at 140 Hoddle Street Abbotsford.

Community Flag Schedule means the schedule adopted in conjunction with this policy and amended by Council resolution thereafter, which sets out which flags shall be flown, when they shall be flown, and which flagpoles shall be used.

Exterior Town Hall flagpoles means the external flagpoles at Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond Town Halls as identified in section 2.2 of this policy.

Fitzroy Town Hall means all buildings and grounds at the Fitzroy Town Hall, including the former Library, former municipal offices, the Ballroom and the Library.

Interior Town Hall flagpoles means the floor mounted portable flagpoles that are used for meetings at Fitzroy and Richmond Town Halls, and displayed in the foyer at Richmond Town Hall.

Richmond Town Hall means all buildings and grounds at the former City Hall at 333 Bridge Road Richmond and the Council administrative offices at 345 Bridge Road Richmond.



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2.2. Exterior Town Hall flagpoles

The exterior flagpoles at Council's Town Halls at Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond shall be used for the flying of the Australian National Flag, the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag.

At Collingwood Town Hall, the following flagpoles shall be used:



The flagpole on the south-east tower of the building, at the intersection of Stanton Street and Eddy Court Abbotsford shall not be used. The use of the flagpole on the facade at the entry to the Collingwood Police Station in Eddy Court Abbotsford shall be controlled by the Collingwood Police.

At Fitzroy Town Hall, the following flagpoles shall be used:



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At Richmond Town Hall, the following flagpoles shall be used:



For occupational health and safety reasons, the flagpole at the top of the Richmond Town Hall clocktower shall not be used.

At each Town Hall, the flags shall be flown with the Australian National Flag in the preeminent position (the centre) and the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag in the next positions (left and right respectively, when viewed facing the front of the building).

In all respects, flying of these flags shall accord with Australian National Flag protocol as published by the Commonwealth Government.

2.3. Interior Town Hall flagpoles

The Australian National Flag, the Australian Aboriginal Flag, the Torres Strait Islander Flag and the City of Yarra flag shall be flown at all public Council Meetings, meetings of Council's Internal Development Approvals Committee and Citizenship Ceremonies.

The interior flagpoles at Richmond Town Hall shall be exclusively reserved for the flying of the Australian National Flag, the Australian Aboriginal Flag, the Torres Strait Islander Flag and the City of Yarra flag. When not in use for a Council meeting or civic function, these flagpoles shall be displayed in the foyer or other public area of the building.

2.4. Civic Flagpoles

The Civic Flagpoles at Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond are reserved for the flying of flags that symbolise and celebrate the diverse community of the City of Yarra and shall be used for flying flags that have special meaning to all or part of Yarra's community. In flying these flags, Council celebrates Yarra's rich history and formally acknowledges the flag flown as one of significance to the City of Yarra.

As they are not lit, no national flag shall be flown from a Civic Flagpole before sunrise or after sunset.

At Collingwood Town Hall, the Civic Flagpole is located on Hoddle Street at the north-west corner of the building. At Fitzroy Town Hall, the Civic Flagpole is located on Napier Street in the forecourt beside

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the entry stairs to the former Fitzroy Library. At Richmond Town Hall the Civic Flagpole is located on Bridge Road at the south-west corner of the building.

Upon the adoption of this policy and upon every subsequent policy review, Council shall adopt a Community Flag Schedule which sets out which flags shall be flown, when they shall be flown, and which flagpoles shall be used. The schedule is to be considered a living document, and can be added to by one of the following mechanisms:

- By Council resolution, either for a one-off occasion or on an ongoing basis.
- By the Chief Executive Officer for a one-off occasion where a resolution from Council is not practicable.
- Upon request by a bona fide organisation at least one calendar month prior to the proposed flag flying date and following approval by Council resolution or by the Chief Executive Officer (where a resolution from Council is not practicable). The flag(s) is to be provided by the organisation making the request.

In considering the addition of flags to the Community Flag Schedule, regard shall be given to whether the flying of the flag will cause offence to sectors of the community or whether highlighting a particular issue, cause or group would be inconsistent with Council's values and commitment to inclusiveness.

The Schedule will expire upon every subsequent policy review, but any flag is eligible to be included again in the following Schedule.

2.5. Half Masting

Commemoration

The Australian National flag on the Town Hall flag poles shall be flown at half-mast in accordance with national flag protocol.

Following a request from the relevant Aboriginal Community and at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer or in his/her absence the Group Manager, Chief Executive's Office, the Australian Aboriginal Flag will be flown at half mast to mark the passing of an Aboriginal person who has contributed significantly to the community of the City of Yarra.

Following a request from the relevant Torres Strait Islander Community and at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer or in his/her absence the Group Manager, Chief Executive's Office, the Torres Strait Islander Flag will be flown at half mast to mark the passing of a Torres Strait Islander person who has contributed significantly to the community of the City of Yarra.

The Yarra City Council flag will be flown at half mast on the Civic Flagpoles at Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond on the day of the funeral following the death of:

- a Councillor of the City of Yarra;
- a former Mayor of the City of Yarra or any of the former Cities of Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond;
- a member or former member of federal or state parliament who held a seat in an electorate in the City of Yarra; and
- an outstanding local citizen (at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer or in his/her absence the Group Manager, Chief Executive's Office).

If the Civic Flagpole is in use on the day of a funeral, the Chief Executive Officer or in his/her absence the Group Manager, Chief Executive's Office shall determine which flag shall be flown.

Community flags can be flown at half mast on the Civic Flagpoles where appropriate.

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Reconciliation

The Australian National Flag shall be removed and the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag shall be flown at half mast at Collingwood Town Hall, Fitzroy Town Hall and Richmond Town Hall each year on:

- 26 January;
- 15 April (anniversary of the release of *National Report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody* on 15 April 1991);
- 26 May (National Sorry Day and the anniversary of the tabling in the Commonwealth Parliament of *Bringing Them Home: Report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families* on 26 May 1997); and
- other dates determined by resolution of Council following consultation with the Yana Ngargna Advisory Committee."

2.6. Notification

Where any flag is flown on the Civic Flagpoles, or where a flag is flown at half mast on the Town Hall, a notice is to appear on Council's website indicating the reason.

2.7. Variation to policy

The Chief Executive Officer or in his/her absence the Group Manager, Chief Executive's Office shall be authorised to permit departures from this policy where adherence to the policy:

- would have financial and staffing implications due to a need to raise or lower a flag outside business hours;
- could cause offence to sectors of the Yarra community;
- results in a conflict between different policy requirements; or
- is warranted due to extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances.

2.8. Responsibility**Governance Support**

The Governance Support Unit is responsible for:

- processing requests for the flying of flags from community organisations;
- preparation and submission of formal Council Reports where a resolution is required; and
- conducting periodic reviews of the Civic Flag Policy and Community Flag Schedule and presenting them to Council for determination.

Venues and Events

The Venues and Events Unit is responsible for:

- appointment of a Flag Marshal for each Town Hall and Civic Flagpole.
- cyclical replacement of flags; and
- timely replacement of damaged flags where a flag is rendered unsuitable for display.

Flag Marshals

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Flag Marshals are responsible for:

- maintaining a subscription to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Commonwealth Flag Network email notification service;
- arranging the flying of flags in accordance with this policy; and
- monitoring the condition of the flags and flagpoles and reporting any maintenance issue as required.

3. Related Documents

- Flags Act (Cth) 1953
- Australian flags – Part 2: The protocols for the appropriate use and the flying of the flag

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COMMUNITY FLAG SCHEDULE

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Flag	When	Where	Conditions
Rainbow Flag	Mid January to mid February (Midsumma)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Aromantic Flag	Last week in February (Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	Except on 27 February
Flag of Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic	27 February (SADR Independence Day)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Trans Flag	31 March (Trans Day of Visibility)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	Except where football club flag is flown.
Brisbane Lions Football Club flag	For one week from Monday morning preceding the AFLW Grand Final	Fitzroy	Flown if the Brisbane Lions Football Club qualifies for the AFLW Grand Final.
	For one week from Monday morning following the AFLW Grand Final	Fitzroy	Flown if the Brisbane Lions Football Club wins the AFLW Premiership.
Collingwood Football Club flag	For one week from Monday morning preceding the AFLW Grand Final	Collingwood	Flown if the Collingwood Football Club qualifies for the AFLW Grand Final.
	For one week from Monday morning following the AFLW Grand Final	Collingwood	Flown if the Collingwood Football Club wins the AFLW Premiership.
Richmond Football Club flag	For one week from Monday morning preceding the AFLW Grand Final	Richmond	Flown if the Richmond Football Club qualifies for the AFLW Grand Final.
	For one week from Monday morning following the AFLW Grand Final	Richmond	Flown if the Richmond Football Club wins the AFLW Premiership.
Rainbow Flag	17 May (International Day Against Homophobia Biphobia and Transphobia)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	

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Vietnamese Yellow Flag	19 June (Vietnamese Veterans Day)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Flag of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons	6 August (Anniversary of the 1945 bombing of Hiroshima, Japan)	Richmond	
Rainbow Flag	23 September (Bi Visibility Day)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	Except where football club flag is flown.
Brisbane Lions Football Club flag	From Friday morning to Monday morning during the AFL Finals series	Fitzroy	Flown if the Brisbane Lions Football Club is competing that weekend in an AFL finals match.
	For one week from Monday morning preceding the AFL Grand Final	Fitzroy	Flown if the Brisbane Lions Football Club qualifies for the AFL Grand Final.
	For one week from Monday morning following the AFL Grand Final	Fitzroy	Flown if the Brisbane Lions Football Club wins the AFL Premiership.
Collingwood Football Club flag	From Friday morning to Monday morning during the AFL Finals series	Collingwood	Flown if the Collingwood Football Club is competing that weekend in an AFL finals match.
	For one week from Monday morning preceding the AFL Grand Final	Collingwood	Flown if the Collingwood Football club qualifies for the AFL Grand Final.
	For one week from Monday morning following the AFL Grand Final	Collingwood	Flown if the Collingwood Football Club wins the AFL Premiership.
Richmond Football Club flag	From Friday morning to Monday morning during the AFL Finals series	Richmond	Flown if the Richmond Football Club is competing that weekend in an AFL finals match.
	For one week from Monday morning preceding the AFL Grand Final	Richmond	Flown if the Richmond Football Club qualifies for the AFL Grand Final.
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United Nations Flag	24 October (United Nations Day)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Rainbow Flag	26 October (Intersex Awareness Day)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Asexual flag	Final week in October (ACE week)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	Except on 24 and 26 October
Trans Flag	20 November (Trans Day of Awareness)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Morning Star Flag	1 December (anniversary of the first raising of the flag in 1961)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Eureka Flag	3 December (anniversary of the Battle of Eureka in 1854)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	
Rainbow-Flag	8-December (anniversary of the signing the Marriage Amendment (Definitions and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017)	Collingwood Fitzroy and Richmond	