

Yarra Environment Advisory Committee (YEAC)

Thursday 25 August 2022, 6-8pm

Richmond Town Hall, Meeting Room 3



Agenda

Attendees: Caitlyn Socwell, Lin Oke, Chris Williams, Chris Currie, Miranda Sharp, Fiona Bowie, Ai Tam Do (Tam), Jack Clancy, Gabrielle Murphy, Jo Lane, Rachel McConville, Pierre Dao, Shane Delphine, Michalis Hadjiikakau, Candice Worsteling, Sally Mangan, Andrew Vance (previous YEAC member), Cr Sophie Wade (Mayor), Cr Amanda Stone, Michael Oke, Jane Ward, Lisa Coffa, Sam Green.

Apologies: Craig Lupton, Sai Tavate

Facilitation: Sam Green

Meeting minutes:

DISCUSSION TOPIC	SPEAKER	MINUTES
The role of YEAC from a council perspective (agenda item 4)	Michael Oke, Sustainability Unit Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council has 13 advisory committees. Each brings together community members with interest in these specific areas to advise Council, including in the development and delivery of Council policies and programs and Council's broader advocacy agenda. All committees operate in a similar way and follow an overarching TOR• This committee has 16 members and 2 councillors (currently Crs Wade and Stone). The committee meets for 2 hours every 2 months and covers areas: climate emergency, biodiversity, waste, water, urban agriculture.• To be most effective, the committee will provide advice that Council can act on/is within Council's remit, is timely and is in response to opportunities available or a process being undertaken (eg, the development of a strategy).• The committee will have the opportunity to respond to relevant consultation opportunities (eg, the development of programs, projects, campaigns, strategies, plans, policies)• The committee is not a decision-making group. Committee advice to Council can be tabled at a Council Meeting by councillors. This advice will either be for noting or with a recommendation.• The matters discussed within committee meetings are confidential. This is a safe space to share ideas including not-yet public information. Committee members need to ask permission to make public items from the committee discussions.• To get the best out of your term on the committee, it is advised that you be an active and collaborative participant. This is a large and diverse group, so consideration for differing opinions is important.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members may bring issues to YEAC for discussion. Agenda items may be provided to Sam Green (secretariat) for inclusion in the agenda. • Individuals on the committee cannot make submissions to consultations on behalf of the committee but may make individual submissions. • The committee is not a community action group. • All conflicts of interest must be declared. • Sign up to Yarra Environment News to learn more about Council's climate/environmental programs, projects and campaigns.
An overview of council's work relevant to the committee: urban agriculture (agenda item 5)	Jane Ward, Urban Agriculture Facilitator	Presentation attached to minutes.
An overview of council's work relevant to the committee: waste minimisation (agenda item 5)	Lisa Coffa, Senior Advisor, Waste Minimisation	Presentation attached to minutes.
An overview of council's work relevant to the committee: climate emergency (agenda item 5)	Sam Green, Climate Emergency Coordinator	Presentation postponed until 8 September meeting due to other discussions in this meeting running overtime.
An overview of council's work relevant to the committee: biodiversity (agenda item 5)	Craig Lupton, Senior Biodiversity Officer (an apology)	This presentation will be made at a future YEAC meeting.
An overview of council's work relevant to the committee: water (agenda item 5)	Sainath Tavate, Coordinator, Drainage and Stormwater (an apology)	This presentation will be made at a future YEAC meeting.
Topics of interest for YEAC over next 3 months?	All	Suggestions made in the meeting and in subsequent emails include:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support for apartment owners and renters in taking climate action (an overview of this will be included in the overview of Council’s climate emergency work at next meeting).• Support for vulnerable communities in taking climate action (an overview of this will be included in the overview of Council’s climate emergency work at next meeting).• The capacity and results of the North Fitzroy community battery / future community battery installations in Yarra (to be scheduled).• Staying in touch as a group – what mechanism works best? (to be discussed at 8 September meeting)• An update on Collingwood Children’s Farm community garden (Chris Williams) (to be scheduled).
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