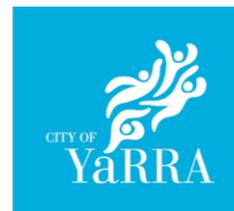


Minutes

Library Advisory Committee



Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

Date/Time	Monday 1 May 2023 6.00pm – 7:30pm Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library
Attendees	Mayor Cr Claudia Nguyen Cr Sophie Wade Library staff representatives Committee Members

Item	Context/Notes	Time	Personnel
1. Welcome	Introductions	10 mins	Chair/All
2. Lending Library of Things	<p>Yarra Libraries are piloting a Library of Things program with two portable induction cooktops being made available to lend from June 2023. A brief presentation was given (slides attached). The committee provided ideas and feedback about potential future phases of the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Officers noted that a trolley to move large objects is among one of the most-sought-after items requested in community Facebook groups, after cardboard boxes.Cloth nappies were also identified as an item that could be added to the lending library.Committee members felt there were three emergent themes surrounding the nature of items being suggested:<ul style="list-style-type: none">'moment in your life' objects that are needed for specific life events (e.g. moving house, nursing a baby)'seasonal' objects that are only needed on special occasions (e.g. Book Week costumes, cake tins)'try before you buy' objects that people might want to experiment with before deciding if they wanted to purchase their own (e.g. musical instruments, induction cooktops)Committee members expressed a preference for objects to be made available across all Yarra Libraries' branches, with the view that requiring a car to travel to a specific branch to collect an item would not make the program very accessible to members.	30 mins	CG/All

3. Future Focus – Voice of community	Library Strategic Plan 2022-2026: Our Next Chapter A reflection & brainstorming exercise was held to inform the shape of the committee and set priorities for future agenda items (e.g Collection Development policy). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members also highlighted value in providing feedback on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programs & services ○ Pilots ○ Value-add options to share with the broader community 	30 mins	RB/All
4. Other Business	No other business. Meeting closed 7:30pm		Chair/All



Library Advisory Committee

1 May 2023

Library of Things

Project Overview & Engagement Plan
May 2023

What is a Library of Things?



A "library of things" is a borrowing service that allows people to check out a wide range of items that they may only need for a short period of time, but that they don't want to buy or can't afford to buy.

Unlike a traditional library, a library of things lends out items such as tools, kitchen appliances, sporting equipment, musical instruments, board games, toys, and even clothing. The idea behind a library of things is to reduce waste, save money, and provide access to resources that might be otherwise inaccessible to some people.

Library of Things - pilot



Yarra Libraries are piloting a “Library of Things” program with two new induction cooktops, which will be integrated with an existing collection of energy efficiency kits.

- A Power-Mate™ Lite Energy Monitor
- An Energy Saving Thermometer to check whether the temperature of your rooms, fridge and freezer are set to the most energy efficient ranges
- A Non-contact Thermometer measuring the temperature of an object or surface using an infrared sensor
- A Water Flow Measuring Cup to calculate flow rate and help save water

Saturday 27 May 2023

Soft launch at an event with Open Table
(induction cooking workshop)



Context

Rising costs of living
Remote/flexible work



Conscious consumerism
Concerns about environmental impact
Limited space in home - sharing or
apartment living; downsizing

CoY has high % of sharehouses
Sustainability is high priority*
(Community Vision)

Circular Economy plan
Climate Emergency plan

100% Renewable Yarra

Join with others in the Yarra community to create a city powered by 100% renewables. Four ways to take action:

- Switch to 100% renewable electricity
- Install rooftop solar
- Create an all-electric home
- Use less energy



Scope



Focus

Provide a service that enables community members to borrow objects they would only use occasionally, and might otherwise have purchased and/or provide an outlet for community members to donate objects that take up space in their home and are no longer needed.

***Pilot** - Test community interest in a broader program of lending objects.*

Limits/Parameters

Objects must be of reasonable scale and weight in order to be transported safely

Objects must be in good working order

Negotiables

Loan amounts - how long/how many

Where the items are kept

Non-negotiables

What items are included in the pilot (2x induction cooktops)

Subject to demand - there may be funding available to purchase more

Feedback & Questions



Who else might we be working with on this project?

What else would you like to see available for loan from Yarra Libraries?

Do you have any thoughts on how long the induction cooktops should be available for loan (or other items if offered in future?)

Where do you think the objects should be kept?

One library in particular, or shared across all five locations? Somewhere else?

What does a successful Library of Things look like?

Next Steps



Get ready

Develop the pilot



Gather Information

Engage the LAC for feedback and ideas on developing phase two



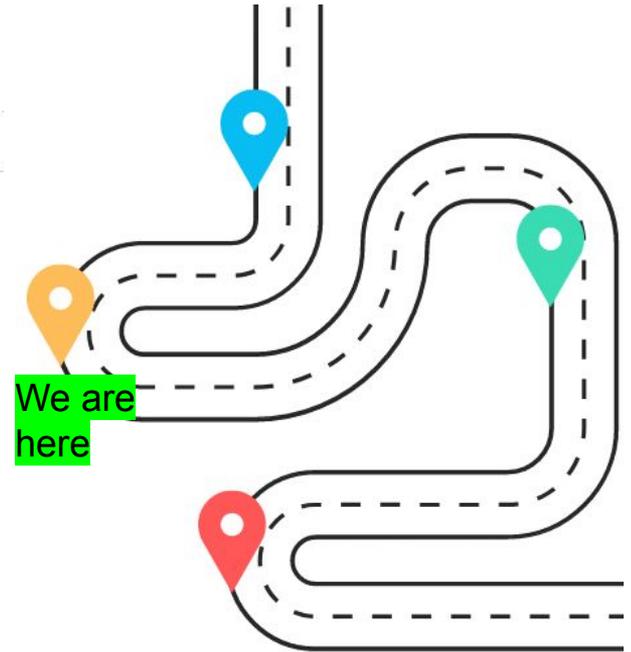
Review pilot

Consider feedback



Consider options for the future

Present findings to the LAC and explore options/future scenarios



Library Strategic Pillars

Our strategic pillars



As a committee, how do you want to shape the future of our Libraries?

What are one or two things that you would like to see or do as a committee member?

What will make a difference for you?

