



Minutes

Council Meeting

6.30pm, Tuesday 18 July 2023

Richmond Town Hall

1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung 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 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 Claudia Nguyen Mayor
- Cr Edward Crossland Deputy Mayor
- Cr Michael Glynatsis Councillor
- Cr Stephen Jolly Councillor
- Cr Herschel Landes Councillor
- Cr Bridgid O’Brien Councillor
- Cr Amanda Stone Councillor
- Cr Sophie Wade Councillor

Council staff

Chief Executive Officer

- Sue Wilkinson Chief Executive Officer

General Managers

- Brooke Colbert Governance, Communications and Customer Experience
- Sam Hewett Infrastructure and Environment
- Kerry McGrath Community Strengthening
- Mary Osman City Sustainability and Strategy
- Jenny Scicluna Corporate Services and Transformation

Governance

- Phil De Losa Manager Governance and Integrity
- Rhys Thomas Senior Governance Advisor
- Mel Nikou Governance Officer

Apology

- Cr Anab Mohamud Councillor

3. Announcements

No announcements were made.

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

No declarations were made.

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Glynatsis

Seconded: Councillor Crossland

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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Nil

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12. General business

Nil

13. Urgent business

Nil

14. Confidential business reports

The following item was deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

Item

14.1 **Fitzroy Adventure Playground 2023-2026 Grant Recommendation**

This item was considered in closed session to allow consideration of private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

These grounds are applicable because the report contains information that has been submitted on a commercial in confidence basis as part of a competitive grant application process.

6. Question time

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Question Time. A recording of the Council Meeting is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. Where a question is taken on notice and unable to be answered at the meeting, the full response is also published on Council's website when it becomes available.

The following questions were asked:

1. **Liam Miles:**

How many Public, Social and affordable housing units have been built in the City of Yarra since the last council election and how many have been done with council support?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

Since the last Council election, 144 dwellings are under construction for social and affordable housing (Elizabeth Street, Richmond) and 13 dwellings have been constructed for affordable housing (Bridge Road, Richmond).

Both of these projects have gotten underway with Council support.

7.1 Draft Concept Plan for Charlotte Street Pocket Park

Reference D23/247548
Author Christian Lundh - Landscape and Urban Designer
Authoriser General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 6.35pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) approve the Draft Concept Plan for Charlotte Street Pocket Park to be taken to community consultation in August - September 2023; and
 - (b) note that the required formal road discontinuance process will commence once a final concept plan is approved.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Landes

Seconded: Councillor Crossland

1. That Council:
 - (a) approve the Draft Concept Plan for Charlotte Street Pocket Park to be taken to community consultation in August - September 2023;
 - (b) note that trial road closure and pop up park is proposed to run over the summer months of 23/24;
 - (c) note that the required formal road discontinuance process will commence once a concept plan has been approved; and
 - (d) note that the discontinuance process will be a separate process that will run in parallel and will consider the trial road closure and pop up park results.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Golden Square Bicentennial Park Masterplan Adoption

Reference D23/233640
Author Julia Mardjuki - Open Space Planner
Authoriser General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 6.40pm

1. That:
 - (a) Council adopts the *Golden Square Masterplan* and associated *Golden Square Masterplan Report*, to use as the guiding document for the strategic planning, development and management of the reserve over the next 10 years; and
 - (b) Council thanks the community for their involvement in the engagement process.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Crossland **Seconded:** Councillor Landes

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Nature Strategy Update

Reference D23/239173
Author Craig Lupton - Senior Biodiversity Officer
Authoriser General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 6.42pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the progress made on actions in the first few years of the Nature Strategy and the significant outcomes it has achieved; and
 - (b) receives future progress reports through the Annual Plan reporting process.

Councillor O'Brien arrived to the meeting at 6.52pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone **Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the progress made on actions in the first few years of the Nature Strategy and the significant outcomes it has achieved; and
 - (b) receives future progress reports through the Annual Plan reporting process.
2. That councillors be consulted on the future form of this strategy prior to any decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Electoral Structure Review

Reference	D23/232097
Author	Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
Authoriser	General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Experience

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 6.54pm

1. That:
 - (a) Council endorse the submission to the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel at **Attachment Two**; and
 - (b) in the event the engagement with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation is concluded and a proposal for Woi wurrung ward names is agreed before 2 August 2023, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, after consulting Councillors, to make a further submission to the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel with suggested ward names.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Jackie Fristacky; and

Glen McCallum, Protect Fitzroy North Inc.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That:
 - (a) Council endorse the submission to the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel at **Attachment Two** with additional comments that:
 - (i) naming wards based on suburbs, without the ward boundaries matching the actual suburb is confusing for residents and should be avoided; and
 - (ii) the triangular piece of land bordered by Queens Parade, Heidelberg Road and Hoddle Street should be included in what is currently proposed to be named the Fitzroy North ward. It is currently included in the ward south of Heidelberg Road and has created confusion for residents, councillors and planners for many years. The barrier created by these 3 major roads precludes its perception as being part of a ward to the south; and
 - (b) in the event the engagement with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation is concluded and a proposal for Woi wurrung ward names is agreed before 2 August 2023, Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, after consulting Councillors, to make a further submission to the Electoral Representation Advisory Panel with suggested ward names.

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Jolly, Stone, O'Brien and Glynatsis

Against: Councillors Crossland, Nguyen, Landes and Wade

The Mayor used her casting vote to vote against.

LOST

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Landes

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CARRIED

7.5 Fossil Fuel related advertising on Council property

Reference D23/255097
Author Indy Lingam - Greenhouse Program Leader
Authoriser General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 7.29pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) not permit advertising on Council property which specifically promotes fossil fuels, or by companies which extract, produce and/or refine fossil fuels;
 - (b) notes the definitions of 'fossil fuels' and 'Council property' as provided in the Council report which provide the scope of this resolution; and
 - (c) notes that that agreements with third parties relating to this initiative would not come into place until such time as agreements and leases are renewed or negotiated.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone **Seconded:** Councillor Wade

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Notices of motion

Nil

9. Petitions and joint letters

Nil

Councillor Jolly returned at 7.37pm

10. Questions without notice

10.1 Councillor Stone - Planning Powers

Question:

On 16 May a motion was passed by this Council to write to the Minister for Planning expressing concern about and seeking a meeting about the proposed removal of some planning powers from local government. I assume this has been actioned and would like to know what the response has been?

Response:

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided a response.

10.2 Councillor Landes - Bridge Road Tram Stops

Question:

Has there been any progress with repairs of the tram stops on Bridge Road?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer provided a response.

10.3 Councillor Stone - Scotchmer LAPM3 Precinct

Question:

Now that most of the work around the Scotchmer LAPM precinct is concluded, most residents have commented how good it is however some have said that cars are still speeding. When can we expect a follow-up on monitoring the area i.e. traffic volume and speeds?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

11. Delegates' reports

11.1 Councillor Stoe - Friends of Baucau Inc.

Start time: 7.41pm

Committee	Friends of Baucau Inc.
Appointed Councillors	Cr Amanda Stone
Date of Council Meeting	Tuesday 18 July 2023
Date of Report	Monday 17 July 2023
Report Author	Cr Amanda Stone

DELEGATES REPORT

Friends of Baucau Inc. is a not-for-profit community organisation that was formed to foster a partnership between the people and municipalities of Yarra, Darebin and Baucau District in Timor Leste.

In 2014, the Victoria State Government brokered municipal agreements between some Victorian municipalities and districts in Timor Leste to support the transition to a system of local government. A Municipal Agreement was signed between Yarra and Darebin Councils and the District of Baucau.

Friends of Baucau meets monthly in the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room to plan work with our partners in Baucau to provide financial and other support for a range of different development projects. Currently the main focus has been to support women's empowerment projects, teacher training, and sustainable livelihoods.

The Women's Economic Empowerment Committee also meets regularly to plan support for the 3 key partners focused upon supporting women in Baucau: the Centre for Women's Development (CFHD); Fundasaun Uma Pas, a women's shelter; and the Women's Association for Development in Baucau (AFEHABAD).

Following a challenging period for fundraising and communication during COVID, activities are now back in full swing with the Annual General meeting held in April alongside a fundraising event featuring the film "Circle of Silence" the story of Shirley Shackleton's quest for the truth about the Balibo Five.

The film makers, Collingwood locals Luigi Acquisto and Stella Zammataro, spoke about the making of the film and the efforts by Shirley who died in January this year before the film's release.

A second fundraiser was also held last week as part of Leaps and Bounds Music Festival. Spirit of Timor held at Collingwood Town Hall, featured Dili Allstars and Timor OANS and attracted a wide audience including many of East Timorese background.

Funds raised from these events and from the ongoing sales of coffee will support women's empowerment programs and a permaculture program in the District of Baucau.

Yarra and Darebin's Municipal Agreement has been on hold since the COVID lockdowns. However a delegation of local officials is expected in Melbourne later this year with Yarra hosting some. In return, a delegation of Friends of Baucau members and Neighbourhood House members from Yarra and Darebin will visit Baucau during 2024. This will provide an opportunity for both councils to reignite the municipal cooperation and for each council to investigate ways to support the transition to a form of local government in one of our nearest and poorest

neighbours.



Friends of Baucau Inc (FoB) is an incorporated community organisation based in the cities of Darebin and Yarra in Victoria, Australia. We promote friendship links between people in these cities and the communities of the Baucau Municipality in Timor-Leste.

We aim to:

- assist the people of Baucau Sub-District, through transfer of knowledge, skills, and resources as appropriate, particularly regarding health, education and training and community development.
- support projects aimed at strengthening communities and education selfsufficiency, and consistent with cultural, environmental and social sustainability in the Baucau Sub-District.
- build better knowledge and understanding between the communities of Baucau, Darebin and Yarra.
- work to achieve the above aims in conjunction with the City of Darebin and the City of Yarra.

We thank Darebin and Yarra councils for their ongoing support.

Friends of Baucau Committee of Management 2022

- Ursula Harrison, **Convenor**
- Glenda Lasslett, **Deputy Convenor**
- Kathleen Walsh, **Secretary**
- Shane Campbell, **Treasurer**

Members

- James Pilbrow
- Chris Dureau
- Wendy Dinning (City of Darebin)
- Cr Susanne Newton (City of Darebin)
- Cr Amanda Stone (City of Yarra)
- Sarah Ernst (City of Yarra)
- Leanne Coughlin

CONVENOR'S REPORT

In 2022 our small but dedicated committee continued our work with the 11 sucos in the sub-district of Baucau, Timor Leste.

We work closely with our partners in Baucau: Rui Sequeira, xefe of Samalare; Uma Paz, a women's safe house; CFHD Centro Feto Haburas Dezenvolvimento, a women's growth and development centre; and AFEHA-BAD, the women's association for empowerment in Baucau.

Our teacher training scholarship program, the *Salustiano Freitas Scholarship Fund*, provides fees and living allowance for trainee teachers from the Baucau municipality at the Instituto Catolico Para Formacao de Professores.

This year we were pleased to welcome a new member of the Committee of Management, Wendy Dinning, Acting Manager, Equity and Wellbeing, City of Darebin.

Our fundraising efforts this year included coffee sales, catering for Music In Exile at Fairfield Amphitheatre, and a House Music concert.

Many thanks to our supporters over the year, and especially to our dedicated committee members.

Ursula Harrison

PROJECTS IN BAUCAU

Mana Femy Belo and the team at FUP serve the most vulnerable women through refuge, housing and legal advice. FUP reaches out to remote areas of Baucau. This car was partly supported by Friends of Baucau and makes trips on the challenging back roads of Timor-Leste a little easier.



Maun Rui Sequeira is a great advocate for his community's school. The community started a kindergarten but lack more than basic resources.



Mana Regina de Sousa and AFHEBAD team work closely with local women and community groups to create small businesses. This group sews clothes for sale at local markets.



FoB's Salustiano Freitas Scholarship Fund supports quality education in Timor-Leste, providing scholarships to young Timorese to undertake their Bachelor of Teaching at ICFP.

The scholarship applicants are selected on merit by ICFP, and then scholarships are awarded to students who pass the entrance exams but would have difficulty paying the fees.

Julieta is a recent graduate who was supported by FoB. The Bachelor of Education qualifies graduates to teach from year one primary school up to year ten junior secondary school.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

COFFEE SALES

Sales of Timor grown organic and fair trade sourced coffee continue to underpin our fundraising efforts each year. Coffee Mio in Thornbury source, roast, and package the coffee on our behalf. Our coffee sales took a hit during the pandemic but we managed to sell almost 200 kilos from late 2021 to August 2022. We have some arrangements with local neighbourhood houses, small retail outlets and cafes to sell the coffee. We welcome further inquiries regarding coffee sales and purchase. Coffee is available as ground or beans in 500 gram packs. A discount is given for sales of 5 kilos or more.

MUSIC IN EXILE

A wonderful summer music event held at Fairfield Amphitheatre, sponsored by City of Yarra. Friends of Baucau were invited to provide food for one Sunday afternoon. Thanks to Sabine and her husband Ade, we offered some tasty and very popular Timorese sweet and savoury snacks. Leanne Coughlin employed her catering skills, learned from community events at Alphington Community Centre, to whip up some very healthy salads, so that we could offer patrons a small meal. As it was quite a hot day, the Zuper Dupers, cold drinks and slices of watermelon were also a hit. Thanks to our very efficient team, Glenda Lasslett, James Pilbrow, Leanne Coughlin and Ursula Harrison.

CONCERT IN THE HOME

In December 2022 we held our second Concert in the Home. What a fabulous afternoon it was.

The very talented singer, songwriter and musician Gabriel Vargas entertained a group of 50 friends and supporters with songs from his homeland Brazil, his own compositions, and impressive repertoire of popular songs. And any titles the audience threw at him he could play and sing back to us!

It was an unseasonably hot afternoon early in summer, but everyone was thrilled to be there at what turned out to be our first live fundraising event since before the pandemic.

Proceeds from the event have been directed towards our teachers' training scholarship program, *The Salustiano Freitas Scholarship Fund*, and with a very generous offer from a supporter at the concert, a donation of an additional scholarship was made in memory of Jesse Chaplin-Burch. Sincere thanks to Gabriel Vargas for donating his time with passion and enthusiasm, and to Kathleen Walsh and Graham Lanphier for hosting the event once again.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Following a challenging three years for Friends of Baucau a return to relatively normal operations has led to financial improvement in 2022. Coffee sales provided a strong ongoing revenue stream. In February catering for a City of Yarra Music In Exile concert boosted our finances as did the December House Concert.

Also worth noting, the absence of expenses usually incurred for travel between Australia and Timor-Leste. There was no travel expenditure in 2022 and 2021, compared with \$4,900 in 2020 and \$14,700 in 2019 (Neighbourhood Houses visit, offset by participant contributions)

A comparison of revenue and costs between the 2022 and 2021 financial results reveals:

Revenue

- A decrease of \$5,300 in Council support grants. A total of \$800 was received from City of Yarra for the Music in Exile concert catering.
- An increase of \$3,223 in coffee packet sales.
- The House Concert in December realised \$3,279 from event ticket sales, wine and coffee sales, raffle proceeds and donations.
- A decrease of \$4,420 in donations.

Expenses

- Insurance policy renewals were \$679 lower, as 2021 and 2020 renewals were paid in 2021.
- Coffee packet purchases and associated costs were \$3,326 lower.
- Music In Exile Festival catering stall costs of \$891 were incurred.
- FoB incurred expenses for catering and performance costs for the METAC Cultural Dinner at Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House.
- Expenses of \$1,983 were incurred for the House Concert
- Website hosting/subscription renewals were \$732 higher because we paid 2021 and 2022 together.
- City of Darebin Food Act annual registration fee (required for the operation of event catering activities) of \$495.
- Timor-Leste programs/special appeals funding was \$20,239 lower in 2022. Funding comprised the Salustiano Freitas Scholarship Fund contribution (\$690) and a grant for the purchase of new furniture for the Baucau community centre (\$1,100).

NB: In kind support from The City of Yarra for meetings venue hire - refundable bond (\$100), swipe card replacement (\$44)

Financial Year Result

The above items resulted in a surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$3,127 in 2022, compared with an expenditure excess of \$12,944 in 2021 (there was an excess of expenditure over revenue of \$5,983 in 2020).

The end-of-year cash balance in 2022 was \$46,580, compared with a balance of \$43,453 in 2021.

In November 2021, FoB opened a second Bendigo Bank account with a debit card attached, to enable more efficient payment of smaller expenses. A balance of \$500 was included in the 2022 amount above.

The detailed financial report for the 2022 financial year is provided below.

Shane Campbell

Council Meeting Minutes – 18 July 2023

Receipts \$		1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2022	2021	2020	
Council Support	City of Darebin					0.00	7,800.00	5,000.00	
	City of Yarra				2,500.00	2,500.00		5,000.00	
Fundraising	Coffee packet sales - individuals	628.00	400.00	320.00	126.00	1,474.00	1,170.00	762.70	
	Coffee packet sales - organisations	2,140.00	160.00	1,120.00	711.00	4,131.00	1,212.00		
	ALGWA Annual Conference (CoY)					0.00	1,800.00		
Donations	Scholarships					0.00		1,000.00	
	GIVENOW for Timor-Leste					0.00	2,641.17	1,311.25	
	FoB via TryBooking					0.00	50.00	190.00	
	CFHD, Timor-Leste					0.00		1,869.80	
	Calendars 2021					0.00	250.00		
	NENHN					0.00	200.00		
	ACC lunches					0.00	778.90		
	Preston Rotary (G. Lasslett)					0.00	500.00		
Special events	Music In Exile	1,041.00	1,135.00			2,176.00			
	House Concert				3,279.00	3,279.00			
Other Receipts	Membership subscriptions		50.00	50.00	203.98	303.98	354.00	860.00	
	Bank interest	1.07	1.14	1.16	1.10	4.47	5.21	755.50	
	Miscellaneous			0.77		0.77	0.23	316.51	
	Total Receipts	3,810.07	1,746.14	1,491.93	6,821.08	13,869.22	16,761.51	17,065.76	
	Less Expenditure \$	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	2022	2021	2020	
Administration	Postage					0.00	221.00	15.70	
	Venue hire (see note below)	144.00				144.00			
	Website hosting		448.00	448.80		896.80	164.95	170.95	
	Insurance policy renewal	679.47				679.47	697.47	647.47	
	National Storage			118.00	395.00	513.00			
	Darebin Food Act Registration	495.00				495.00		79.35	
	Bank & merchant charges			30.00		30.00	290.38	115.52	
	Miscellaneous				125.63	125.63	20.00	22.51	
	Fundraising	Coffee stalls					0.00		
		Coffee packet costsf				1,995.00	1,995.00		
ALGWA event (City of Yarra)						0.00	3,939.00	525.00	
	Coffee packets - Labels					0.00	1,381.88		
Special events	Music In Exile concert	890.64				890.64			
	METAC Dinner Cateirng			700.00		700.00	300.00	216.00	
	METAC Dinner Performance			500.00		500.00			
	House Concer wine				1,340.00	1,340.00			
	House Concert 2022 chair hire				226.77	226.77			
	House Concert gift voucher				202.00	202.00			
	House Concert 2022 various				213.90	213.90			
	Programs/Appeals	Baucau Festival/Permacamp					0.00	1,886.64	
Scholarships		690.00				690.00	1,330.00	1,396.30	
Travel expenses						0.00		4,923.58	
COVID-19 funding						0.00	5,179.48	9,403.42	
FLD Appeal for Cyclone Seroja						0.00	1,500.00		
AFEHABAD Cyclone Seroja						0.00	550.36		
AFEHABAD COVID-19 relief						0.00	3,805.74		
ASSOCASAUM FETO Cyclone Seroja						0.00	1,053.74		
Furniture (request from Rui S)				1,100.00		1,100.00			
Pece March (organised by Rui S)						0.00	342.47		
CFHD, Timor-Leste (refer above)						0.00		2,635.96	
Fundasaun Uma Paz (vehicle)						0.00	6,380.70	2,881.32	
Permatil (school gardens)						0.00		662.87	
	Total Expenditure \$	2,899.11	448.00	2,896.80	4,498.30	10,742.21	29,705.28	23,048.48	
	Surplus of / (Expenditure exceeding) Receipts	910.96	1,298.14	(1,404.87)	2,322.78	3,127.01	(12,943.77)	(5,982.72)	
Cash at Bank as at 31 December \$						2022	2021	2020	
Bendigo Bank Operating Account	New operating account established in June 2021					46,080.49	43,453.48		
Bendigo Bank Debit Card Account	New debit card account established in November 2021					500.00			
Westpac Operating Account	Funds transferred to Bendigo Bank effective July 2021							10,838.84	
Westpac Cash Reserve Account	Funds transferred to Bendigo Bank effective July 2021							45,558.41	
	Total Funds at end of year					46,580.49	43,453.48	56,397.25	

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Wade

1. That:

- (a) Council note this Delegates Report; and
- (b) Council note the Annual Report tabled with this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Councillor Stone - Collingwood Children's Farm

Start time: 7.43pm

Committee	Collingwood Children's Farm
Appointed Councillor	Councillor Amanda Stone
Date of Council Meeting	Tuesday 18 July 2023
Date of Report	Monday 17 July 2023
Report Author	Cr Amanda Stone

DELEGATES REPORT

The Collingwood Children's Farm was founded in 1979 to support and engage children experiencing adversity.

The Farm supports social inclusion through a range of community programs delivered on a working farm. These programs develop self-esteem and connectedness particularly for children and those experiencing adversity. The Farm facilitates the participation of children and their families in broader community life and encourages a connection to nature. Its school, work experience and volunteer programs provide educational opportunities around urban agriculture and can offer pathways to further employment in the industry. Visitor feedback is consistently positive.

The Farm is located on Crown Land and is managed by a volunteer Committee of Management elected by Farm Members each year. This committee meets monthly with subcommittees which also meet regularly and an annual strategic planning day. The current committee is a strong skills-based committee.

A Councillor delegate has been appointed to the committee since its inception, under the committee's Constitution. The Farm receives grants from Yarra Council from time to time, including for the long running Young Farmers program. The Farm also partners with Yarra Council on a range of projects including composting, urban agriculture and the work of the Narrap Rangers.

The Farm suffered significant financial losses during the COVID lockdowns, like many not-for-profit organisations, and is still recovering. It derives its income from admission fees, memberships, sales of produce and a small number of paid programs which subsidise the other unpaid programs for the target cohort.

A new Farm CEO, Bert Ferro was appointed late in 2022. Bert is an accountant with a strong history in not-for-profit organisations and is well-placed to steer the Farm through its next phase.

The key focus for the Committee of Management for the next 12 months includes:

- Post-COVID recovery and establishing the Farm on a sound financial footing
- Increasing programs which cater for those community sectors experiencing disadvantage
- Re-establishing the community gardens
- Proceeding with new community rooms, funded by the state government.

The Committee of Management is also focused on reviewing and enhancing its governance structure, ensuring appropriate skills are attracted to the committee, and ensuring financial stability for the Farm.



Winter Solstice Bonfire June 2023



Market Gardens July 2023

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Crossland

1. That Council note this Delegate's Report.

CARRIED

12. General Business

Nil

13. Urgent business

Nil

14. Confidential business

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to allow consideration of confidential information

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 8.11pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 15 August 2023

Mayor