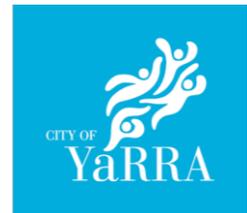


Minutes

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 28 August 2023 6.00pm – 7:00pm Carlton Library
Attendees	Claudia Nguyen: Mayor Sophie Wade: Councillor Steph Little: Committee Member Deb Neumann: Committee Member Tomas Zagoda: Committee Member Natasha Savic: Coordinator Library Resources, Technology and Operations Rose Barletta: A/Manager Library Services Apologies: Cory Greenwood (Library Staff), Committee Member Emily Loynd, Committee Member David Miller, Committee Member Emery Houltham, Committee Member Anna Houltham (Guardian to Emery), Suyin Lam Committee Member

Item	Context/Notes	Time	Personnel
1. Welcome	Regroup and intros	5 mins	Chair/All
2. Update on Library of Things Pilot (Lending)	Supporting a circular economy https://library.yarracity.vic.gov.au/browse-and-borrow/library-of-things Phase 1 – pilot update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Induction cooktops are circulation• 39 holds/reservations• 9 checkouts to date – 3 week loan period	10 mins	Rose and Natasha
3. Yarra Libraries Collection Development Policy	Yarra Libraries are reviewing and updating their collection development policy. The committee discussed the process of how items are acquired and how items that may be viewed as controversial are managed.	40 mins	Natasha presented the Collection Development Policy for group

	<p>Local History Collection Development Policy https://library.yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/library-policies</p> <p>Collection Development Policy https://library.yarracity.vic.gov.au/browse-and-borrow/suggest-an-item</p> <p>Reflection & brainstorming exercise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussed the current state of our collection development policies.</i> • <i>Discuss controversial material and acquisition</i> We discussed the process of providing feedback and complaints via council website and email. All requests for suggested items are submitted via and online form via 'send a request' https://coyl.libsvic.ent.sirsiidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/coyl/ and we average 150 requests per month. Items that reach a set amount of holds (5) are identified via a reporting tool, and extra copies are purchased to meet community interest. It was suggested that we look into an auto-response when suggested an item to clearly document when a request was submitted – this was not possible at the time. <i>Update:</i> the library team was able to create a new form and enable auto responses. • <i>Discuss key collection areas in debate</i> <p>Public Libraries take guidance from ALIA (Australian Library and Information Association) and APLA (Australian Public Library Alliance) when developing policies and guidelines.</p> <p>“Library and information staff are responsible for developing and maintaining library collections. Selection and availability of items in a collection is made by library staff with professional expertise and experience and is not based on personal, political, moral and/or religious views. A perception that material may offend or cause controversy to a person or a group of people is not, of itself, a reason to limit purchase or provision of an item containing that material.” ALIA/APLA Joint Statement in support of free access to information in Australian libraries</p> <p>A suggestion to include rainbow stickers to identify LGBTQI reading material. It was discussed that community members also preferred not to have items identified to enable browsing and reading of material as a personal preference. LAC members suggested continuing with LGBTQI book displays, creating bookmarks, reading lists and other resources to help community members search for LGBTQI books.</p>	<p>discussion/ All</p>
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4. Other Business	Next meeting – request to review programs and performance indicators ; how the new Libraries, Arts and Events team can leverage community meeting room bookings as a partnership and opportunity. Meeting closed 7:00pm		Chair/All