

Active Ageing Advisory Committee

Minutes



Date:	21/02/2024	Start time:	1.00pm
Location:	Collingwood Town Hall – Labor Room Virtual Available	End time:	3.00pm

Chair	Cr Amanda Stone	Minute Taker	Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing	Trim Ref:	
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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 here today—and to their Elders past, present and future”.

Items:

ItemNo.	Topic	Actions
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Attendance: Cr Stone, Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing, Coordinator of Community Planning, Manager of Aged and Disability Services, 5 Community Members (CM) Apologies: 1 CM (CM) Chair also informed the Committee of the resignation of CM	
3.	Minutes: Business Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to share email regarding Climate Emergency session in late November.Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to follow up with members about a December date for catch up.	
4.	New Aged Care Act <ul style="list-style-type: none">Updates and feedback relating to the new Aged Care Act	Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to circulate New Aged Care Act

	<p>A briefing regarding the new Aged Care Act was provided, and the feedback processes available; including a survey, webinar, or written submission. The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) will make a submission which Yarra will contribute to. AAAC members input will be included in Yarra’s contribution.</p> <p>A summary was provided of the eight consultation paper chapter headings, three of which have been identified by the MAV as particular areas of interest: introduction, entry to system, and governance.</p> <p>Discussion from members included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Querying of the emphasis on choice and control, as many people do not have the capacity to choose and control. - Comments around vulnerable people and associated risk management activities, particularly in the context of prevention versus addressing a complaint. - Emphasising the importance of having a consistent system, rather than one which depends on politicians and parties. <p>Further feedback can be provided to Pia and/or Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing prior to Friday March 1.</p>	<p>PowerPoint with the February minutes.</p> <p>Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to send link to consultation webinar for Aged Care Act with February minutes.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Standing agenda item: Aged Care Reforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timelines/Status of Reforms <p>Committee members were provided with an overview of Yarra’s current service offerings within the current Commonwealth Home Support Program. Key elements of the new model, the Support at Home Program were also outlined.</p> <p>Some context regarding what other Victorian Councils are doing in this space was given, noting this decision may go to a Council meeting during the AAAC term. Should this take place, AAAC members will be advised and a special meeting may be scheduled.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Member update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each member to share an update <p>CM – Attended a climate emergency session in November, noting there is significant community interest. There is a need to balance what could be done with budgetary restraints.</p>	<p>Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to add ‘Age-friendly Cities’ to a future agenda.</p> <p>Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to make meeting with U3A Ageing Well group regarding current</p>

	<p>CM – Additional cyber security sessions took place at Finbar Neighbourhood House since the most recent AAAC meeting and have continued to be well attended.</p> <p>CM – Community health with the state government budget is currently quite tight and challenging. There is a lawyer and financial counsellor on-site each week at cohealth, as cohealth continues to focus and address the social determinants of health. Identified gaps around older people and mental health – it is challenging to source appropriate supports for people struggling with anxiety, depression, hoarding, squalor, and other serious mental illnesses. Brotherhood of St Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageingce has just appointed a Critical Interim Support worker for hoarding and squalor.</p> <p>CM – U3A has surpassed 400 members, with more than 50 courses. New courses include pickleball and downsizing. Discussion around challenges in partnering with for profit v not for profit organisations at U3A in terms of facilitating courses, and potential conflict of interest. The topic of age-friendly cities is still a priority to U3A who are keen to progress this.</p> <p>CM – There continue to be challenges around footpaths and e-scooters. Consideration around various groups and activities throughout Yarra - there are plenty of people who do not have access to new groups or are not aware of them.</p>	<p>status of Ageing Well Consultation.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Councillor update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Stone to share update <p>At the most recent Council meeting there was a recommendation from Governance to wind up all advisory committees in September 2024, then undertake a review. This was not supported by Councillors as it would equate to ten months without advisory committees. Advisory Committees may be extended until June 2025 – an update will be provided when we know.</p> <p>There is a new ward structure, Council will be moving to single-Councillor wards.</p> <p>Council has adopted a financial sustainability strategy, which outlines how Yarra will become financially sustainable.</p> <p>Open space is constrained at Yarra, and Council has been working on a planning process which compels developers to provide additional open space. Recently, three new pocket parks have opened.</p>	<p>Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to share results from deliberative panel.</p>

	<p>Council is reviewing all services they delivered, and working with a deliberative panel regarding which services should be replaced, continued, ceased etc. The principles developed by the panel will be available shortly.</p>	
8.	<p>E-Scooter update and feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current status of e-scooters in Yarra and areas to provide feedback. <p>Coordinator Community Planning shared a document the Disability Advisory Committee e-scooter subgroup have generated. Committee members discussed additional areas of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compliant measures and how they are being monitored - The need for further independent evaluation to be undertaken; cost benefit analysis, lifecycle analysis, climate impact. - Accidents on the road and insurance; Transport Accident Commission and cyclists, e-scooters. - Interest in developing a joint position with the Disability Advisory Committee for advocacy to Yarra Council and the state government. 	<p>Coordinator Community Planning to follow up with DAC regarding interest for shared position.</p>
9.	<p>Active and Healthy Ageing Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key insights from engagement activities • Feedback regarding possible gaps or priorities 	<p>Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to share Powerpoint presentation with the February minutes.</p> <p>Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to contact U3A to share and seek feedback on work so far.</p>
10.	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable and Social Housing in Yarra • Extension of Advisory Committees • Reminder of dates for 2024 	

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 April