



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 at 7.00pm
Fitzroy Town Hall**

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1. Acknowledgement of Country

“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 Misha Coleman (Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager Chief Executive's Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Director Community Wellbeing)
- Gracie Karabinis (Group Manager People, Culture and Community)
- Chris Leivers (Director City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

Leave of absence

- Cr Bridgid O'Brien

Apologies

- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Daniel Nguyen

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

Councillor Stone declared a conflict of interest on items 4.2 and 11.3.

4. Confidential business reports

Item

- 4.1 Contractual matters
- 4.2 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.3 Proposed developments

Confidential business reports

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989, to allow consideration of:
 - (a) Contractual matters;
 - (b) Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person; and
 - (c) Proposed developments.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this agenda and reproduced as Council Minutes be treated as being and remaining strictly confidential in accordance with the provisions of sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 until Council resolves otherwise.

CARRIED

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

5. Confirmation of minutes

Nil

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Nil

6. Petitions and joint letters

6.1 Petition - Precinct Plan for neighbourhood bordered by Vere Street, Wellington Street, Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street

Public Submission

Nina Hansen addressed Council on the matter.

Reference: D19/237196

A petition containing 60 signatures from residents and a further 26 names from change.org are requesting that Council consider completing a Planning Scheme Amendment to introduce Planning Controls for the neighbourhood precinct bordered by Vere Street, Wellington Street, Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street to ensure the long-term liveability of the rapidly growing area.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Petition - Parking removal on Yarra Street and Studley Street, Abbotsford

Reference: D19/237244 (*this was tabled by Cr Jolly during the discussion on item 11.3*)

A petition containing 116 signatures from residents are requesting that Council not make a hasty, impracticable decision about the proposal to remove approximately 80 parking bays.

It is of great importance to residents that they are accessible to the emergency services available and that Council establish a constructive, collaborative process to achieve a satisfactory solution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Public question time

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) 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.

7.1 Geoff Golden, YCAN - Cities Power Partnership

On the 14th August, a roundtable discussion was held with the Climate Council to mark the City of Yarra joining the Cities Power Partnership. In doing so, Yarra joined a network of over 100 councils around Australia (including Moreland, Darebin and Boroondara) who are committed to tackling climate change at a local level. YCAN commends Yarra for supporting this initiative, and thanks Council for inviting us to participate in the roundtable discussion. Through this platform Yarra will get access to knowledge sharing opportunities, analytical tools and be able to profile its sustainability work to inspire other communities nationally.

City of Yarra, as a new Partner in this program, has six months to select five key actions from the partnership pledge ranging from renewable energy, efficiency, transport and advocacy. We commend Council for their efforts to date in reducing its own carbon footprint through initiatives such as solar panels on Council buildings, sourcing renewable energy through the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project and installing energy efficient streetlights. Council is also committed to reach higher again with the Climate Emergency Plan currently in development. In this context, YCAN sees the Cities Power Partnership as another avenue for making visible commitments to stretch goals around climate action, and a framework for being held accountable to these commitments.

The Cities Power Partnership is a forum for information sharing between councils. Given City of Yarra is relatively advanced in its climate action journey, YCAN sees this as an opportunity for Council to profile successful projects, and to share experience and knowledge. In this way, Yarra will be able to expand its sphere of influence and accelerate efforts beyond its borders.

Questions:

Given the 6-month timeframe for selecting five key actions from the partnership pledge expires in February 2020, what actions is Council considering for this important commitment under the Cities Power Partnership?

How does Council plan to leverage the significant opportunities to partner and share information with other councils through the Cities Power Partnership?

Response:

The Mayor advised that in relation to the specific key actions under the Cities Partnership, you may be aware that we have recently released our Draft Climate Emergency Plan for consultation that closes on the 9 February 2020, so it is premature to be outlining what the five priority areas will be while we are out for consultation, so we might miss the six month deadline but we won't miss it by much, so I hope YCAN can encourage everyone they can to have their say on that. In terms of leveraging and information sharing, you may also know that in February next year we are planning to have a hackathon, it's called a local government hackathon and that's really about looking at different solutions and ways to transition

to zero carbon community with local government and that is in collaboration with the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action as well as the Cities Power Partnership. At this stage we have staff coming from seventeen leading Victorian Councils and those of you that don't know Hack is really about getting a lot of different types of minds together to come up with innovative outcomes, that was a YCAN initiative that came out of the roundtable discussion that we had in August, so that is the next big thing after the Melbourne Renewable Project that was a big joint purchase of wind power.

7.2 Louise Elliot - Section 173 Agreement

Question:

My two questions relate to information provided by Bruce Phillips to the Council Meeting on 26 November when he advised that a section 173 agreement is an option for the 1.2 m wide pedestrian path which VCAT required in the planning permit it approved for St Vincent's Private Hospital. At the previous Council meeting two ROW discontinuance resolutions were passed, with the Collingwood one, including a Section 173 Agreement published two days later in the Government Gazette. Since then two more Thursdays have passed without the Fitzroy discontinuance being gazetted, so I therefore ask the Mayor the following questions:

Has Yarra yet formally lodged the discontinuance of ROW no.1600 with the Government Gazette, and if not can this be further delayed to allow Council to begin discussions with St Vincent's Healthcare about formulating a Section 173 Agreement which could benefit both parties?

Is it feasible that these discussions (which might also consider the revised permit plans that will now include the bluestone pedestrian path required by VCAT) could proceed prior to the next Council meeting, if this time-frame suits St Vincent's Healthcare, so as to enable the Mayor to report on progress on 4 February?

Response:

The Director Corporate Business and Finance advised that he had received advice that it was gazetted on Thursday 5 September.

The Director Planning and Place Making also advised that there is a planning permit as Council and a number of people in the community are aware, it does not require a Section 173 Agreement, that does not mean that a Section 173 Agreement couldn't be entered into, there is no obligation on the hospital to agree to go down that path. If it was Council's wishes to enter into a dialogue with the hospital for a 173 agreement, that would be possible, the hospital may say yes, they may say no. If that was the wish of Council then we would need specific instructions of the Council of what the purpose of the 173 agreement would be so that dialogue could outline that to the hospital hierarchy and seek their judgement.

The Mayor also advised to give her undertaking that Council will enter into a dialogue as there is some capacity for dialogue and negotiation over this and will do that before the next Council meeting.

8. Delegates' reports

8.1 Councillor Chen Yi Mei - Yarra Energy Foundation AGM

Committee	Yarra Energy Foundation AGM
Appointed Councillors	Cr Stone & Cr Chen Yi Mei
Date of Council Meeting	17 December 2019
Date of Report	2 December 2019
Report Author	Cr Chen Yi Mei

DELEGATES REPORT

Yarra Energy Foundation held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

YEF had an eventful and busy year responding to community concerns on our changing climate. As we head into 2020, YEF understands the importance of leading the way in responding to these concerns with practical steps each member of the community can make at home and at work, while continuing to undertake independent research of innovative technologies that can be deployed to the Yarra community to reduce our carbon footprint.

Key achievement across the year are:

- (a) Over 25 Solar and Battery information sessions;
- (b) Over 60 community engagement sessions directly assisting over 300 low-income and CALD residents claim the \$50 benefit scheme with electric retail comparisons and energy efficiency behaviour change tips resulting in \$15,000 invested back into the community;
- (c) Over 300 phone consultations with businesses and residents;
- (d) 12 energy efficiency workshops with Neighbourhood houses, Women's Groups, and language learning groups;
- (e) Over 1450 people have actively engaged with YEF on a face to face basis across all of our community engagement activities; and
- (f) Generated roughly \$150,000 additional income through YEF programs and developed diverse income streams to enable funding of future projects for Yarra.

YEF Solar Programs across the year have resulted in:

Over 1500 residents registered for our Community Solar Programs



Resulting in over 1550 kW of residential rooftop Solar PV Systems



That's 6,150 solar panels on over 350 rooftops



Avoiding 2,390 CO2 ton equivalent per annum, or,
71,704 CO2 ton equivalent over 30 years

Yarra Energy Foundation is looking forward to working closely with Council on the finalisation and implementation of the Climate Emergency Plan.



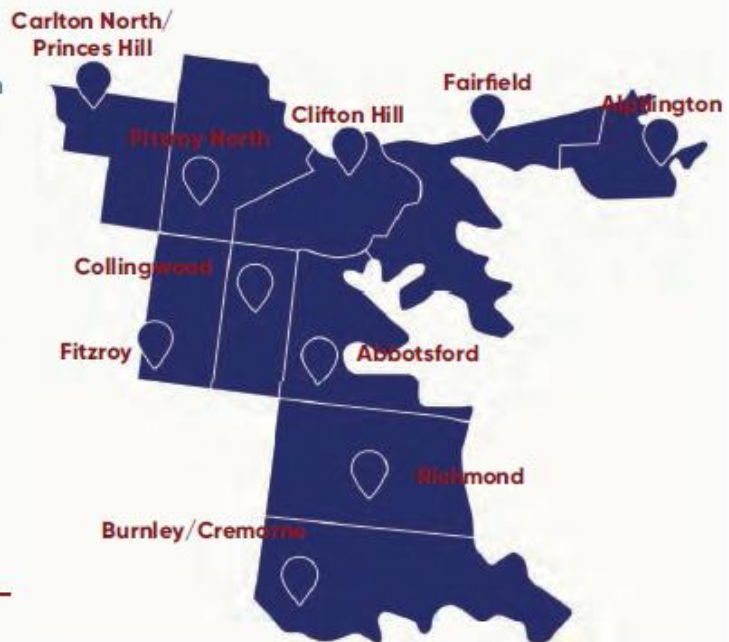
**YARRA ENERGY FOUNDATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**



About Yarra Energy Foundation

Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF) is an independent, for-purpose organisation with a huge ambition – to achieve a zero carbon future in the City of Yarra. YEF exists to engage and inspire people who live and do business in the City of Yarra to take practical steps towards this goal.

Established by Yarra City Council in 2010, YEF receives critical core funding support from the Council and is governed by an independent board of highly skilled and experienced professionals.



Our Community

The City of Yarra is primarily young, single, educated, and affluent, with the largest age group being 25-29 year olds, followed by 30-34 year olds. However, Yarra has a significant population of vulnerable residents. 10.8% of residents live in social housing, 18% of households are considered low income, and 24% are over the age of 50. Yarra is culturally diverse, with 23% of residents coming from non-English speaking backgrounds. Annually, the City of Yarra emits 924kTCO₂.



Population
89,151+



Businesses
13,600+



Annual Emissions
924kTCO₂

Our Vision

Yarra as a vibrant, zero carbon community that is diverse, participatory and sustainable.

Businesses, homes, schools, community facilities, our transport and waste systems are efficient and effective and have a positive impact on the environment. People care about and contribute to their community and the local environment.

Our Purpose

We empower the community by developing and providing pathways and solutions that enable all residents, businesses and other organisations to move towards a zero carbon city, through energy efficiency and renewable energy uptake.

We inspire the community by sharing stories, building networks and demonstrating what is possible in building a vibrant zero carbon future.

Our Programs

We deliver practical programs and pathways to solutions that help our community reduce energy use. Working with residents, businesses and community groups we develop initiatives that aim to make a carbon free future accessible for all.



A Message from the Chair



On behalf of Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF), I am pleased to be sharing the Annual Report for the 2018-19 financial year.

This financial year has been very successful for YEF, building on its experience in community engagement to bring significant carbon reduction to both Yarra and further communities across Victoria. Through this work YEF continues to build its reputation as an adviser on the transition to reducing emissions in the energy sector.

As residents and businesses across Yarra become increasingly motivated to take action towards a carbon free future, our core programs continue to focus on our commitment to assisting this transition in the most equitable way possible. By providing energy solutions that lower costs, we are helping to create a vibrant zero carbon community that is diverse, participatory and sustainable.

For the first time, this financial year has seen YEF's expertise extend beyond Yarra, allowing important revenue streams that in turn allow further programs within the Yarra community. Four regional Solar Bulk Buys throughout this period generated significant income that will be used towards a second iteration of our important Low Income Retrofit Program, helping vulnerable residents in Yarra save money and reduce their emissions, as well as improving the thermal comfort of their homes.

The leadership skills of CEO Dean Kline continues to steer YEF towards a bright organisation future. Dean has substantially grown YEF's existing programs as well navigated important partnership agreements and relationships. As the YEF team continues to evolve, Dean's leadership ensures staff deliver programs efficiently and to a scale that is impressive given the small nature of the organisation.

I look forward to continue working with the YEF team and our key stakeholders as we continue to grow and offer practical solutions for residents and business in moving towards our goal of a zero-carbon future in the City of Yarra.

A Message from the CEO



It has been another fantastic year as CEO of the Yarra Energy Foundation. The 2018-2019 period has seen YEF consolidate its position as leaders in the coordination of solar bulk buys, with numerous programs occurring concurrently across the state resulting in significant carbon reduction.

Our key relationship with Yarra City Council (YCC) continues to grow as YEF evolves. We were proud to launch the Yarra Solar Bulk Buy in early March, offering quality solar to local residents at bulk buy prices. As the financial year drew to a close, 200 quotes had been issued, 35 sales were completed, and over 105 kW/s had been sold along with 5 batteries packages. These initial numbers are set to grow extensively in the 2019-2020 financial year. YEF and Eko Energy facilitated two successful community information sessions with over 200 people attending, and additional two information sessions are set to take place in July and August.

YEF's other Solar Bulk Buys continued at various stages across the state, with hundreds of installations a result of YEF's work in this space. YEF continued to receive interest from other councils around the country throughout this year, as the momentum towards renewable energy increases and

YEF's reputation becomes more established. At the end of the financial year, YEF reached a milestone of 2 megawatts of installed solar through our programs – the equivalent of a small solar farm and equating to 8,000 solar panels being placed on Victorian roof tops. This achievement can give us all confidence that YEF and the wider community are rising to the climate urgency challenge. As articulated by YCC, in a climate emergency Yarra must look beyond its borders and provide leadership to the wider community. YEF has and will continue to position YCC as a leader in this space.

Within Yarra, weekly community engagement sessions were hosted by YEF throughout this financial year at a number of local community centres. Through these sessions, YEF was able to assist over 300 low-income residents with their energy bills and provide impartial advice and assistance on switching from expensive retailers, as well as running multiple energy workshops for Yarra residents. YEF also facilitated tailored energy workshops to women in hardship groups through an ongoing relationship with Carringbush Adult Learning Centre. Concurrently, YEF guided these residents through the process of claiming a \$50 payment from Victorian Government with one-on-one assistance with the Victorian Energy Compare website. Resulting in over \$15,000 being paid out to low income households.

YEF's Commercial Program continued to evolve throughout this financial year, with numerous significant installations and consultations from business such

as David Jones and Forensicare. Relationships with key stakeholders continued to develop, as YEF works to establish a comprehensive offering for business that includes both solar and tailored energy efficiency measures.

Overall, the 2018-2019 period has been a very successful and productive year. I would like to thank the YEF staff for their hard work over the past year, as well the Board of Directors for their ongoing support and guidance. Throughout the 2019-2020 period YEF will continue to implement important programs across Yarra and beyond, working with residents, businesses and schools to lower carbon emissions.

The year in review 2018-2019

Community and Key Stakeholder Engagement



YEF assists BEON in selecting local community groups for Corporate Social Responsibility solar installations



YEF hosts weekly information sessions to provide impartial advice for local residents concerning their energy bills

The 2018-2019 financial year began with YEF hosting two community consultations in partnership with Yarra City Council, the findings from which will ultimately inform the Community Green House Action Plan (CGAP). Furthermore, YEF and YCC sat down with over 20 Yarra residents to seek their views on what community action they would like to see, and 75 further responses were also received online.

Through YEF's review of Solar PV options for Stomping Ground Brewery's install and our ongoing relationship with the selected provider (BEON), YEF became the point-of-call for BEON to assist them in their Corporate Social Responsibility endeavours. Subsequently, throughout this period YEF worked in partnership with BEON in seeking to donate a solar PV system to a Yarra community group.

Throughout this quarter YEF held roughly a dozen sessions at Collingwood Neighbourhood House, Finbar Neighbourhood House, and Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House to help residents assess the deal they are receiving on their energy bills and provide impartial advice and assistance on switching, as well as guide residents through the process of claiming a \$50 payment from Vic Gov for registering on the Vic compare site.

YEF also engaged with the community at both the ministerial launch of the Gippy Bulk Buy and the AVWA Solar Showcase; both officially opened by the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio.



YEF supports North Carlton Primary in a Yarra Sustainability Grant submission

A further opportunity for community engagement in this period was possible in assisting North Carlton Primary in a submission for funding for composting bins through the Yarra Sustainability Grants. YEF agreed to act as an auspice if the school is successful. Additionally, YEF began organising LED replacement quotes for North Carlton Primary utilising VEECs where possible.

YEF continued to support hundreds of local residents by providing weekly energy bill and energy efficiency information sessions at Collingwood Neighbourhood House, Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House, Holden Street Neighbourhood House and Finbar Neighbourhood House resulting in over 400 face-to-face billing assistance.

Early in the calendar year YEF met with the COO of Solar Victoria to discuss opportunities moving forward. YEF was also invited by the CEO of Sustainability Victoria to join a senior executive round table, with the purpose of this dialogue to bring senior executives together to explore and consider how we can work to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable Victorians.

YEF, Sustainability Victoria and the Latrobe Valley Community Power Hub celebrated the closing of the Gippy Bulk Buy program. YEF organised the event at the Summit Adventure Park in Trafalgar, the site of a 65 kW PV system through the program.

This install was funded through an Environmental Upgrade Agreement (EUAs) through Baw Baw Shire Council. The Gippy Bulk Buy's success has resulted in potentially extending the Program for another 12 months, as well as adding two more council regions to the Solar Program.

Australian Environment Film Association attended an energy workshop that YEF facilitated at Finbar Neighbourhood House in this period. Through this meeting, the AEFA and YEF began work together on potentially creating energy saving tip video clips to promote energy efficiency and responses to climate change.

YEF also facilitated tailored energy workshops to women in hardship groups through an ongoing relationship with Carringbush Adult Learning Centre. Concurrently, YEF guided these residents through the process of claiming a \$50 payment from Victorian Government with one-on-one assistance with the Victorian Energy Compare website. Resulting in over \$15,000 being paid out to low income households.

Key Commercial Outcomes

In the commercial space, the start of this financial year saw YEF finalise a two year supplier contract with Genesis Now and EnergyMakeovers, with an initial campaign planned to work together to promote SV business grants. Throughout this period YEF developed materials and gained approvals from SV for co-branding, before providing collateral and information to the YCC Economic Development team for promotion through the Yarra City Council website and 3,000 businesses currently on Council's fortnightly e-bulletin database.

YEF also finalised a two year supplier contracts with Suntrix and Envirogroup. All 6 suppliers on the YEF Commercial Solar panel were offered and/or completed contracts and explored targeted campaigns regarding to the Yarra region.

In early August, YEF launched the campaign with SV with a morning breakfast information session, utilising local business venue, and YEF client, Stomping Ground brewery. 15 local businesses were in attendance, including David Jones, Makmur Foods, and Neca Education, as well as industry bodies such as Energy Australia and AGL. YEF board representatives and other supplier panel members were also in attendance. The outcomes of this event include significant energy efficiency retrofit measures to assist with critical business energy supply limitations and production constraints.

YEF attended numerous events in the commercial solar sector, including an industry summit and the investment solutions forum. From these forums, YEF has been able to tailor solutions with Forensicare to model indicative solar system solutions that assists with internal budget planning discussions.

Key Commercial Outcomes



YEF produces council brief
"Why establish EUA's in Yarra?"



YEF works with St Philip's
Anglican Church on energy
efficiency measures resulting in
11,390 kg/CO2-e reductions



YEF works with Jordan furniture
on solar installation of over
131kW

The YEF Supplier Panel saw an expansion in this quarter. A EOI was issued to a seventh supplier Quality Energy, due to a on need for more potential capacity to service the SME demographic of Yarra and beyond as the target for potential EUA finance (subject to approval by Council) and future SME campaigns.

Projects secured through YEF Supplier Tendering Process included an LED lighting retrofit solution for St Philip's Anglican Church which will result in an estimated 76% energy cost saving, 11,390 kg/CO2-e reductions and 2.6 yr payback. The winning bidder was Genesis Now, based on detail provided in quote and fit-for-purpose of solution.

YEF supported Jordan Furniture in the purchasing solar PV for two of three viable sites, totalling over 131kW and resulting on 58% energy cost savings at one site and a 19% energy cost saving at the other. Combined, these installations total over 200,00kg/CO2-e reductions.

YEF continued discussions with Yarra Eco Development, exploring business initiatives across Yarra. YEF continued to assess and engage additional providers of services to compliment and bundle with residential and SME solution initiatives planned.

This period also saw YEF work extensively on supporting the development of the EcologicApp platform, that allows people to assess the need for energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits on their properties. Working closely with developers of the app, YEF was able to progress development to a point to which a trial is planned for July. YEF will encourage registrants of the Yarra Solar Bulk buy to use the app.

Key Residential Outcomes



YEF plans Yarra Solar Bulk Buy in partnership with Yarra City Council

YEF began the financial year's residential work by finalising project plans to roll out our Yarra Solar Bulk Buy Program. Funding for this flagship project was made possible from income generated from projects outside of Yarra, such as regional solar bulk buys.

The announcement of the Victoria State Government Solar Rebate delayed the launch of the Yarra Solar Program, so that all facts and processes could be fully understood upon the release of more information.



YEF's regional solar bulk buys continue to generate significant carbon reduction

YEF continued to work with Liberty CERC (Common Equity Rental Housing Co-op), Woodside St Sustainable Group, Holden St Neighbourhood House, and Finbar Neighbourhood House to promote the \$50 payment from Vic Gov, as well as building our current database to positively affect our most vulnerable residents for our low-income retrofit program. Moreover, YEF has found community consultation with these groups as critical in informing residents of the dynamic - and almost daily - changes in the energy market, policy and technologies.

YEF continued to work in partnership with the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association on the Solar Showcase Bulk Buy Program. YEF continued to offer much needed transparent and face-to-face advice regarding Solar PV for our Vietnamese Community members, with over 400 people attending our 5 information sessions.

YEF's regional Bulk Buys remained a core priority throughout the start of the financial year: with multiple programs operating concurrently across the state, YEF was able to support hundreds of residents in transitioning to renewable energy. YEF reached a total of 696 leads generated through these programs, resulting in more than 500 kW's sold and over 500 residents attending workshops across the state.

Towards the end of the 2018 calendar year YEF worked towards finalising project plans of the Low Income Retrofit project as well as a City of Yarra Solar bulk buy. The concept of a combined project titled "Comfortable Homes Yarra" was explored.



YEF reached a milestone of 2 megawatts of installed solar through our programs

The significant aid provided by the Victorian State Government's solar rebate will allow YEF to heavily target renters and landlords for the first time. 10 community info sessions were planned as part of this project – some specifically targeted at tenants as well as others targeted at landlords.

The project plan that was developed throughout this period outlined an offer of not only Solar PV and Batteries at a bulk purchase price, but also free low income retrofits, residential scorecard assessments, energy efficiency upgrades (insulation, LED lighting, draught proofing, soft furnishings and Window coverings), reverse cycle heating and cooling, secondary glazing, and DIY student and renters kits (caulking, draught proofing etc.).

In the first half of 2019, YEF reached a milestone of 2 megawatts of installed solar through our programs, the equivalent of a small solar farm and equating to 8,000 solar panels being placed on Victorian roof tops. This achievement can give us all confidence that YEF and the wider community are rising to the climate emergency.

YEF and the YCC were proud to launch the Yarra Solar Bulk Buy in early March, offering quality solar installations to local residents at bulk buy prices. Possible due to income generated outside of Yarra, YEF was happy to bring experience gained over numerous regional bulk buys to the Yarra community. The program continued to gain interest with over 270 people registering their interest over the first 3 months – despite minimal publicity. As the financial year drew to a close, 200 quotes were issued, 35 sales were completed, over 105 kW's were sold, and 5 batteries installations were sold through the program.

YEF and Eko Energy facilitated two successful community information sessions with over 200 people attending. An additional two information sessions are set to take place in July and August.

YEF's other Solar Bulk Buys continued at various stages across the State, with hundreds of installations of residential solar a result of YEF's work in this space. YEF continued to field interest from other councils around the country through this period, as the momentum towards renewable energy ever increases.

Board of Directors



Jennifer Lauber Patterson – Chair

Jennifer is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Frontier Energy and is the Head of the Climate Markets and Investment Association for Australia and New Zealand. Jennifer was formally in senior executive roles in the electricity industry prior to setting up ANZ's Electricity and Environmental Markets Business and National Australia's Bank (NAB) Treasury Solutions Business. Jennifer has been named one of the 100 Global Sustainability Leaders by ABC Carbon in 2012 and 2013.



Ken Guthrie

Ken has over 30 years' experience working in sustainable energy, renewable energy and energy efficiency. He leads the development of international standards on solar energy and represents Australia as the Chair of the International Energy Agency Solar Heating and Cooling Program. Ken is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is the Managing Director of Sustainable Energy Transformation Pty Ltd. His qualifications include a Master of Engineering Science degree and a Graduate Diploma in Business.



Inna Kulawiec

Inna is Commercial Contracts Manager at City Facilities Management where she is responsible for developing and execution of commercial strategy with national partners and contractors. Prior to this Inna spent five years at PwC in project management and transaction roles, before moving into a commercial management role with AEMO where she led the negotiations of long term multi-million dollar infrastructure deals. At Alcoa Inna led energy procurement and commercial services functions supporting manufacturing facilities in Victoria and New South Wales.



Melissa Cutler

Mel is ANZ's Head of Environmental Sustainability and responsible for developing and deploying the bank's internal global environmental agenda. Immediately prior to the ANZ role she spent seven years working in Brisbane as an Associate Director at the Clean Energy Finance Corporation and a Program Director for the Great Barrier Reef Foundation, during which time she explored green financing mechanisms for renewable energy, energy efficiency and marine resilience initiatives. Mel has worked for the Australian and New Zealand Governments on a variety of voluntary and regulatory carbon schemes and was also employed as a climate change and carbon management specialist for a New Zealand-based engineering firm, Beca.



Mike Pucar

Mike Pucar is a dynamic results driven leader that has built high performance teams. Broad operations experience having worked in retail, wholesale and network businesses of varying scale from start up to large corporate. Proven experience in transforming businesses, improving process and customer experience, reducing costs, decrease risk and accomplish strategic initiatives. Mike Pucar joined the Board of Directors in September 2017.



Cr Amanda Stone

Cr Stone was elected in October 2016 and is a representative of the Langridge ward. Cr Stone was first elected to Yarra City Council in November 2008 and re-elected in October 2012. She served as Yarra's Mayor in 2008-2009 and again in 2016-2017. An education consultant who has previously worked as a teacher, student counsellor and assistant principal, Cr Stone holds a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diplomas in Education and Child Psychology as well as GAICD. Cr Stone serves on a number of not-for-profit organisations involved in social justice and the environment, she chairs the Collingwood headspace Consortium and is a member of the Greens. Cr Amanda Stone joined the Board of Directors in February 2018.



Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei

Cr Chen Yi Mei is a young professional, currently working as a lawyer. She has Bachelor degrees in Laws and Arts and was admitted to the legal profession in 2014. Cr Chen Yi Mei is passionate about social justice and is a member of the Australian Labor Party. She believes a strong community is one where everyone is made to feel like they belong. Her keen interest in planning and environment law encouraged her to run for council and she is proud to represent the Melba Ward as a local Richmond resident.



Cr James Searle (Resigned)

Cr Searle was elected in October 2016 and is a representative of the Melba ward. Currently working in university student services management, Cr Searle has a background in retail and hospitality, higher education, training and IT. Cr Searle is a member of the Victorian Greens and a volunteer member of Victoria State Emergency Service (SES).



Jonathon Cartwright (Resigned)

Jonathon Cartwright is an experienced strategy & brand professional. In transformation & growth environments he focuses on collaboration, engaging people & strengthening brands. Jon's management experience over the last ten years includes senior advisory roles with top global & ASX companies. Jonathon Cartwright joined the Board of Directors in February 2018.

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Yarra Energy Foundation Limited
For the year ended 30 June 2019

Income	2019	2018
Revenue	475,358	437,980
Interest Income	5,364	3691
Total Income	480,723	441,671
Total Income	480,723	441,671
Expenses		
Depreciation	435	2141
Employment Expenses	343,318	293,453
General and Administrative Expenses	36,659	44,198
Occupancy Costs	18,000	18,000
Project Expenses	21,212	-
Total Expenses	419,624	357,792
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	61,099	(83,879)
Net Profit After Tax	61,099	(83,879)
Net Profit After Dividends Paid	61,099	(83,879)
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	61,099	(83,879)

Statement of Financial Position

Yarra Energy Foundation Limited
As of 30 June 2019

Assets	30 JUN 2019	30 JUN 2018
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	176,270	131,812
Other Assets	12,108	10,391
Total Current Assets	188,378	142,203
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	696	1,130
Total Non-Current Assets	696	1,130
Total Assets	189,074	143,333
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and Other Payables	13,082	19,399
Deferred Income	6,000	29,737
Employee Liabilities	26,393	16,382
Total Current Liabilities	45,475	65,518
Non-Current Liabilities		
Employee Liabilities	13,209	8,524
Total Non-Current Liabilities	13,209	8,524
Total Liabilities	58,684	74,042
Net Assets	130,390	69,921
Equity		
Retained Earnings	130,390	69,921
Total Equity	130,390	69,921

Statement of Cash Flows

Yarra Energy Foundation Limited
For the year ended 30 June 2019

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	2019	2018
Receipts from grants and commissions	498,401	489,280
Payments to suppliers and employees	(459,307)	(390,538)
Interest received	5,364	3,691
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	44,458	102,433
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	1357
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	-	1357
Reconciliation		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	44,458.	101,076
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	131,812	30,736
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	176,270	131,812

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:

- (a) note this Delegates Report; and
- (b) receives the Yarra Energy Foundation Annual Report for 2018-2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Councillor Stone - Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA)

Committee	Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA)
Appointed Councillors	Cr Amanda Stone
Date of Council Meeting	17 th December 2019
Date of Report	17 th December 2019
Report Author	Cr Amanda Stone

DELEGATES REPORT

The City of Yarra is a member of NAGA.

NAGA formed in 2002 as a network that shares information, coordinates emission reduction and adaptation activities and cooperates on the research and development of innovative projects. NAGA's goal is to substantially contribute to the transition to a low-carbon future by delivering effective programs and leveraging local government, community and business action.

Projects

The Victorian Greenhouse Alliances are working with Darebin City Council and the MAV to develop a **Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)** for Victorian councils to procure low cost renewable energy for council operations. 48 councils across Victoria have signed a letter of agency for the MAV to go to tender for this contract. This includes five NAGA councils (Darebin, Banyule, Whittlesea, Hume and Manningham). Three other NAGA councils, including Yarra, are already part of Melbourne Renewable Energy Project so already procure 100% renewable energy.

Local Government Climate Change Research Practice Hub – now Climate Change Exchange

NAGA and lead council, Hume City Council, were successful in winning funding from the Collaborative Council fund to develop a research hub focusing on the needs of local governments, run in conjunction with RMIT and Federation University. The project has now ended for funding purposes and the final report has been submitted to Local Government Victoria at DELWP.

The aim of the hub (the Climate Change Exchange (CCE)) is to:

- (a) provide an online support desk for queries regarding climate change research that had been done to date and is currently being carried out;
- (b) develop research briefs and guidance materials/tools;
- (c) initiate collaborative research projects;
- (d) identify the need for and run professional development; and
- (e) connect and train the climate change community of practice.

Further funding is being sought to advance the hub further.

Climate emergency

NAGA have run two workshops to explore ways that councils could deliver on their climate emergency declarations – one face to face amongst council officers in October and a webinar with councillors and officers in November.

NAGA have also continued to work with a smaller group of councils in the NAGA region who have declared climate emergencies to identified areas they may wish to work on together. Advocacy is a key area these councils (Melbourne, Moreland, Yarra and Darebin) have indicated they want to work together on, and NAGA will be facilitating these discussions with the inclusion of Port Phillip council with a view to some joint work next year.

Knowledge Sharing

In addition to the very successful Greenhouse Alliances Conference earlier this year, NAGA continues to facilitate information sharing within the region including:

Climate emergency network and workshop

To help councils communicate with each other and share ideas, NAGA hosts a Basecamp group (an online communication tool) where interested councils can discuss ideas, ask each other questions, and share resources on this topic. There are over 60 officers from nearly 30 councils in this group.

Climate risk workshop

Minter Ellison's Sarah Barker gave a very impactful presentation on the legal responsibilities of councils on climate change to NAGA CEOs, chief finance officers and risk officers at a workshop on 25 October. The next step is to bring back key officers from each council in the new-year so they can review together the steps they have taken to integrate climate change into their council's risk profiles and support each other to continue doing so.

Climate grief and burnout workshop

NAGA is exploring the benefits of running a workshop for council officers who work on climate change to explore the challenges of working in this space and supporting the emotional sustainability of this work. Workshops run by Psychology for a Safe Climate have received good feedback from other organisations (RMIT and Climate Works) and Greenhouse Alliances across the state are interested in being involved in this.

A national voice

NAGA has been in contact with similar Alliances in other states to understand what kind of advocacy is going on around the country and what appetite there would be for working together on a national voice.

Climate Emergency Australia

A proposal by Darebin Council to continue to grow sectorial capacity through developing a national network of local governments acting on the climate emergency. This proposal was discussed at the recent NAGA Executive meeting and will be further developed early in 2020. In the meantime, a Climate Emergency Summit to be held in March will include a NAGA facilitated workshop aimed at building this network.

Citizen's Assembly on the Climate Emergency

A proposal for a citizen's assembly for the northern region including all NAGA councils was also discussed at last week's NAGA Executive meeting. Discussions are being held with Latrobe University, Northlink and NAGA councils to identify the purpose and approach.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council:
 - (a) note this Delegate's Report; and
 - (b) note that further details on a Citizen's Assembly on the Climate Emergency for Melbourne's north and on a Climate Emergency Australia network will be provided early in 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Councillor Fristacky - Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAG)

Committee	Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting (BAC) 11 December 2019 Meeting
Appointed Councillors	Cr James Searle, Cr Jackie Fristacky
Date of Council Meeting	17 December 2019
Date of Report	15 December 2019
Report Author	Cr Jackie Fristacky

DELEGATES REPORT

The Bicycle Advisory Committee met 11 December at Collingwood Town Hall, including Cr Fristacky (Meeting Chair) and officers Peter Eckersley, Simon Exon and Michael Oke.

KEY DISCUSSION ITEMS**1. Draft Climate Emergency Plan**

Michael Oke, Manager Sustainability Unit, set out the framework of the draft CEP adopted by Council at its meeting in 3 December 2020 for community feedback. Distributed and discussed in more detail, was draft CEP Strategic Priority 4: Transition to zero emissions transport, currently comprising 15% of total emissions.

FEEDBACK: BAC raised the need for quantitative-measurable goals, including targets for cycling, reallocation of car spaces, funding for implementation, and integration of goals such as the Urban Forest Strategy within Local Area Placemaking Management studies.

2. Yarra Advisory Committees

BAC was advised that Council had at several recent meetings, endorsed:

- (a) **Revised the BAC Terms of Reference** on 3 December, in line with unified structures of all Yarra's advisory committees. The BAC Terms of Reference had been updated in line with feedback from BAC members in 2018/19 and that these and a common agenda, minute and reporting structure were now operative;
- (b) **A report on an Active Transport Advisory Committee (ATAC)** to go to Council in early 2020 following a Notice of Motion seeking such report on the merits of an ATAC to cover walking, cycling and other forms of mobility: e-scooters, mobility devices, skateboards; and
- (c) a report to Council in 2020 on an **Integrated Transport Plan and Committee**.

ACTION: BAC members asked that feedback be provided to Council on views expressed at the BAC meeting on a broader ATAC, that:

- (a) There was considerable difference in subject matter in that walking and use of disability devices for mobility largely related to use of footpath space, whereas the key issue for cycling related to sharing road space;
- (b) meetings would need to be monthly to deal with an extended agenda covering disability devices for mobility, walking, cycling, e-scooters,

skateboards, et al;

- (c) mobility disability devices should be handled by the Disability Advisory Committee;
- (d) While conflicting interests would be useful to discuss, at the same time, there were concerns given the varied agenda and interests, that membership attendance might be more intermittent depending on the agenda set for meetings; and
- (e) Concern that feedback on cycling matters would be diminished under such an expanded terms of reference.

3. **30km/hr trial in Fitzroy**

Advice was provided that the 30km/h trial in Fitzroy had been evaluated and was to be reported to Council's meeting 17 December. Members were invited to view the report on-line and present submissions in writing, at Council's meeting, or both.

ACTION: Members highlighted scope for extension of speed reductions to 30 km/h through the LAPM process in particular, the current review in North Carlton.

4. **Other Council decisions**

BAC was advised that Council at its formal meeting on 3 December 2019, attended and addressed by BAC members, Troy Parsons and Jeremy Lawrence, had endorsed:

- (a) trial separated bike lanes in Elizabeth Street, Richmond from Church to Hoddle Streets, with installation from March 2020. The path running east would have a 2.3 metre width and west 2.1 metres. It would involve moving tree planting from kerbside to the footpath; and
- (b) In principle support for a trial e-bike share scheme with the Yarra's CEO authorised to enter into a joint MOU with appropriate operators following an outcome of City of Melbourne e-bike tender processes, anticipated to also include the City of Port Phillip.

ACTION: These initiatives were welcomed by BAC members. Emphasised again to Council, was the need for a less restrictive MOU than that which had applied to O-bikes so that although dealing with regulatory necessities, the successful operation of a trial e-bike share scheme would be supported by the MOU framework.

5. **Other matters**

Members re-iterated the need for improving bike access to the new Richmond High School and primary schools via Coppin and other streets.

BAC members were invited to input into consultations on Yarra's budget for 2020/21.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That Council:

- (a) notes this Delegate's Report on the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting of 11 December 2019; and
- (b) refers matters raised by the BAC to the following officers for attention:
 - (i) Governance regarding terms of reference and meetings for an Active Transport Advisory Committee, per item 2 above;

- (ii) Managers responsible for Local Area Placemaking Management (LAPM) regarding extension of 30km/h through LAPMs, per item 3 above;
- (iii) the CEO per item 4 regarding the e-bike share MOU; and
- (iv) the responsible Directors regarding improved bike access in Richmond, per item 5 above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Councillor Fristacky - The Boite 40 Year History Website Launch

I seek to record a major milestone for Yarra's The Boite celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. This was marked by the launch of a 40 Year History Website <https://www.boite.com.au/the-history-project> on Saturday 7 December 2019 at The Boite's home in the Mark Street Hall, North Fitzroy. Boite Director, Therese Virtue with Roger King, of North Fitzroy have been the mainstays behind The Boite since October 1984, in excess of 35 years.

An iconic multicultural music organisation, the Boite supports artists from diverse cultural communities. Its agenda is to share the cultural richness of migrants to create cross cultural connections through music. The Boite has been supported in its programs by Multicultural Arts Victoria, the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Creative Victoria, Public Records Office History Grants, the City of Yarra and other Councils.

The Boite's first concert in Melbourne was held 1 June 1979 at the Actors Theatre, Church Street, Richmond. This was followed by concerts at the Richmond West Primary School, Citizens Park, and creation of a Bridge Road Festival. From early 1990, the Boite coordinated the Fairfield Amphitheatre Series of Concerts.

In 1999, The Boite inaugurated the Millennium Chorus at Hamer Hall with a 400 voice choir, and the Boite Singers Festival and, in 1994, launched the Koori Café. Its Boite Schools Chorus launched in 2004, has involved 9,000 students across Victoria in 42 concerts.

The City of Yarra has been home to The Boite for 39 of its 40-year history. Yarra is most fortunate to have an organisation of this energy and achievement in the municipality.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That this Delegate's report on The Boite's 40th anniversary celebrations be noted and that the Mayor be authorised to write congratulating The Boite on this milestone, its achievements over the years and the launch of its 40 Year History Website.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. General Business

Nil

10. Questions without notice

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Questions Without Notice) 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.

10.1 Councillor Searle - Music Festival Noise

Question:

On Saturday there was a music festival held at the Burnley Circus site which raised some issues about noise and other amenity issues from neighbours. We want to encourage these sort of festivals to be held in Yarra, it's great to have music festivals in Yarra, but we need to manage off-site amenities as well.

What systems do we put in place and will be put in place to make sure that noise from events like this is managed and also that notification of residents is undertaken because we had some assertions made that some residents didn't know about it and there was a letterbox drop, but it actually wasn't done widely?

A confetti gun was also used at the festival which resulted in bits of paper ending up in the park and down near the riverbank.

What can we do as a Council to manage things like confetti and balloons and those sort of things from people who are hiring our venues and our facilities to stop them from polluting the local environment?

Response:

The Director Community Wellbeing advised he was advised of the small number of noise complaints. There is a process in place to manage that and operate within the EPA guidelines. In relation to the notification, I will have to take that on notice.

We would not be encouraging the use of confetti guns, balloons or any other type of activity that would cause pollution within the environment. We do work comprehensively with the hirers of this space and we will let them know. We were not aware that they were using a confetti gun prior to the event, but we are aware of the complaints about it and we are now following up with that provider. We will also take this into account with any other future applications.

10.2 Councillor Stone - Wellington Street Bike Lane Safety

Question:

There have been some concerns expressed by residents and people using the bike lane about cars charging into it from side streets and I have observed people edging out into it trying to get into traffic and parking over it, motorbikes using it and a whole lot of breaches of the road rules.

What is Council's approach to enforcing that to kind of get the appropriate behaviours up and running and people getting use to looking out for that bike lane and who's role is it?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making took the question on notice.

- 10.3 Councillor Jolly - Change.org Petition - Hillsong Church is trying to proselytise their religion in Australian Schools. We say No!

Question:

Can the Mayor please write to the State Education Minister in light of the petition that one your Nicholls Ward residents, Fiona Newton who hosts “Chicks Talking Footy” on JOY 94.9 FM, that was sent out yesterday, that has already raised ten thousand signatures and relates to the fact that Hillsong that are one of these ‘fruit cake’ religious groups that is attempting to get permission to preach in public schools (they have already started in Queensland) and now attempting to preach in public schools in Victoria. There is great concern particularly amongst the LGBTI community but also generally in the City of Yarra and beyond that we should keep religion out of public schools, they can do what they want to do but not in our public school system.

Madam Mayor can you look at this petition, contact the State Education Minister and ask if they have received any requests from Hillsong to speak at our public schools and if so, what is their response going to be in the fact that we are all united in this, that homophobia and religion in public schools is not something that we would condone in the City of Yarra.

Response:

The Mayor advised that she had not seen the petition and if the details of the petition could be forwarded to her outlining the issues and the ask that the petition is seeking would be happy to look at it and seek clarification from the Education Minister in Victoria to ascertain what they know or don't know and what they intend to do or not do and relay that information back to Councillors.

- 10.4 Councillor Searle - Live Streaming of Council Meetings

Question:

In relation to Councils live streaming, are we able to simulcast it on Facebook live as some other municipalities do? If not, it would be good to get a report or some information in future about what it would take to simulcast it on Facebook live.

Response:

The Group Manager Chief Executives Office took the question on notice.

11.1 Brunswick Street Oval Precinct Community Consultation Report

Reference: D19/226437
Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the Brunswick Street Oval Precinct – Community Consultation Findings report including the finalised concept plan and scope; and
 - (b) authorise officers to proceed to a tender for architectural and consultant services for the project using the finalised concept plan and scope.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky **Seconded:** Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the Brunswick Street Oval Precinct – Community Consultation Findings report including the finalised concept plan and scope; and
 - (b) authorise officers to proceed to a tender for architectural and consultant services for the project using the finalised concept plan and scope.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Stone

- (b) authorise officers to proceed to a tender for architectural and consultant services for the project using the finalised concept plan and scope, subject to inclusion of provisions for best practice in Environmentally Sustainable Design and Performance.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky **Seconded:** Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the Brunswick Street Oval Precinct – Community Consultation Findings report including the finalised concept plan and scope; and
 - (b) authorise officers to proceed to a tender for architectural and consultant services for the project using the finalised concept plan and scope, subject to inclusion of provisions for best practice in Environmentally Sustainable Design and Performance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 Options for a Yarra Holistic Waste Service

Reference: D19/230572

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council notes the report; and
 - (b) Council notes that Officers propose to bring a report to Council in February 2020 with a recommendation on a proposed model, and the timing for roll out of a 4 bin model across Yarra.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Carole Wilkinson, YCAN; and

Kimi Nishimura.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That:
 - (a) Council notes the report; and
 - (b) Council notes that Officers propose to bring a report to Council in February 2020 with a recommendation on a proposed model, and the timing for roll out of a 4 bin model across Yarra.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 Studley Street and Yarra Street, Abbotsford - Parking Amendments

Reference: D19/225091

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

Councillor Stone left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 8.15pm.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the contents of this report;
 - (b) note the specific advice provided by the MFB that the current parking arrangement prevents the direct and timely response to an emergency event in Studley Street and Yarra Street;
 - (c) endorse the removal of parking from one side of Studley Street (between Hoddle Street and Nicholson Street and Yarra Street (between Hoddle Street and Clarke Street) – Option 1 of this report;
 - (d) note the proposed changes to parking restrictions in order to support residential parking in these areas as a priority, and
 - (e) instruct officers to inform residents in the affected streets of the reason for the removal of parking in these locations prior to its removal.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Petition tabled by Cr Jolly by residents;

Commander David Selleck, MFB;

Raymond Endean;

Kimi Nishimura;

Robert Burke;

Cheryle Cameron;

Danny Bearzatto;

Stuart Critchell;

Fiona Hudson;

Elizabeth Davis;

David Fricke;

Lochlan Turner; and

Jeremy Lawrence.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the contents of this report;
 - (b) defer consideration of the proposed removal of parking spaces to enable:
 - (i) further discussions with the MFB and local residents; and

- (ii) further investigation into laneway access, including consideration of width measurements, any other relevant issues and the precedents of traffic treatments across Yarra and other inner Melbourne suburbs;

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Searle

- (iii) parking occupancy observations to be made on Studley Street, Yarra Street and neighbouring streets including in the evening; and
- (iv) a further report to be produced for Council and local residents to investigate the questions raised and solutions suggested by local residents including:
 - a. the effect of the proposed changes on parking on neighbouring streets (based on the occupancy observations);
 - b. the regulatory provisions governing parking vehicles on footpaths, whether Council has the ability to allow footpath parking and its effect on DDA compliance;
 - c. whether line marking of parking bays can be done in such a way to compel drivers to park closer to the curb and increase clearance (as on St Philips St);
 - d. advice from emergency services on whether their vehicles can use rear laneways for access to properties in an emergency and/or whether smaller vehicles can be used to access narrow streets;
 - e. whether footpaths can be redesigned to increase road width and what cost and other implications there would be in this;
 - f. whether angle parking could be introduced; and
 - g. any other issues officers consider relevant.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:

- (a) note the contents of this report; and
- (b) defer consideration of the proposed removal of parking spaces to enable:
 - (i) further discussions with the MFB and local residents;
 - (ii) further investigation into laneway access, including consideration of width measurements, any other relevant issues and the precedents of traffic treatments across Yarra and other inner Melbourne suburbs;
 - (iii) parking occupancy observations to be made on Studley Street, Yarra Street and neighbouring streets including in the evening; and
 - (iv) a further report to be produced for Council and local residents to investigate the questions raised and solutions suggested by local residents including:
 - a. the effect of the proposed changes on parking on neighbouring streets (based on the occupancy observations);
 - b. the regulatory provisions governing parking vehicles on footpaths, whether Council has the ability to allow footpath parking and its effect on DDA compliance;

- c. whether line marking of parking bays can be done in such a way to compel drivers to park closer to the curb and increase clearance (as on St Philips St);
- d. advice from emergency services on whether their vehicles can use rear laneways for access to properties in an emergency and/or whether smaller vehicles can be used to access narrow streets;
- e. whether footpaths can be redesigned to increase road width and what cost and other implications there would be in this;
- f. whether angle parking could be introduced; and
- g. any other issues officers consider relevant.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes at 9.41pm.

The meeting resumed at 9.45pm.

11.4 30km/h Trial Evaluation

Reference: D19/225089

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the contents of this report;
 - (b) notes that a permanent change to the speed limit in the trial area requires approval by the Department of Transport (DOT);
 - (c) endorses the proposal to make the 30km/h speed limit permanent in the trial area, subject to DOT approval; and
 - (d) instructs officers to apply to the DOT to make the 30km/h speed limit permanent in the trial area.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Jeremy Lawrence; and

Professor Fields.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the contents of this report;
 - (b) notes that a permanent change to the speed limit in the trial area requires approval by the Department of Transport (DOT);
 - (c) endorses the proposal to make the 30km/h speed limit permanent in the trial area, subject to DOT approval;
 - (d) instructs officers to apply to the DOT to make the 30km/h speed limit permanent in the trial area;
 - (e) endorses extension of the trial 30 km/h maximum speed limit pending the outcome of the above application to DOT; and
 - (f) consider further extension of 30km/h maximum speed including as part of LAPM reviews, subject to DOT approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 Management Policy in Relation to Laneways, Passageways and Rights of Way in Yarra

Reference: D19/225741

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council adopts the Management Policy in relation to laneways, passageways and Rights of Way (ROWs) in Yarra;
 - (b) Officers proceed with the assessment of Council's Register of Public Roads based on the directions set out in the adopted Policy;
 - (c) Council instructs officers to prepare a draft amendment to Council's Road Management Plan (2017-2021) that incorporates the adopted Policy; and
 - (d) Council instructs officers to prepare a report to Council on the draft amendment to Council's Road Management Plan (2017-2021) in early 2020 prior to public exhibition.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That:
 - (a) Council adopts the Management Policy in relation to laneways, passageways and Rights of Way (ROWs) in Yarra;
 - (b) Officers proceed with the assessment of Council's Register of Public Roads based on the directions set out in the adopted Policy;
 - (c) Council instructs officers to prepare a draft amendment to Council's Road Management Plan (2017-2021) that incorporates the adopted Policy; and
 - (d) Council instructs officers to prepare a report to Council on the draft amendment to Council's Road Management Plan (2017-2021) in early 2020 prior to public exhibition.
2. That Council note that options for other future possible uses of non-public roads - outlined in Paragraph 63 of this report and including open space, urban agriculture, green infrastructure, laneway activation - will be considered on a case by case basis and subject to a council resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.6 Heidelberg Road corridor - proposed interim provisions in Amendment C272 and permanent provisions in Amendment C273 - Local Area Plan and Discussion Paper

Reference: D19/203099

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding recent planning studies in relation to Heidelberg Rd;
 - (b) note the strategic planning work and preliminary consultation undertaken while preparing the proposals, together with the supporting building form, heritage and transport documents in the attachments to this report;
 - (c) endorse, for the purpose of informing Amendment C272 and for future public consultation, the **Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan October 2019 (Attachment 3)** and the associated **Heidelberg Road Corridor – Background Issues and Discussion Paper October 2019 (Attachment 2)**; and
 - (d) endorse for the purpose of Amendment C272 the **Heidelberg Road Heritage Review (Stage 1) 2019 (Attachment 4)**, the **Heidelberg Road Heritage Review (Stage 2) 2019 - Stage 2 Report (Attachment 5)**, the **Heidelberg Road Built Form Framework Part 1 Urban Context Analysis, July 2019 (Attachment 7)** and the **Heidelberg Road Built Form Framework – Design Strategy & Recommendations, September 2019 (Attachment 8)**.
2. That Council
 - (a) write to the Minister for Planning requesting Interim provisions be approved for the Yarra Planning Scheme through the Amendment C272 introducing a new Design and Development Overlay (DDO18) and additional Heritage Overlays (HO) **(Attachment 10)** under S 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; and
 - (b) note that a further report will be provided to Council regarding public consulting and finalising the Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan, and exhibiting permanent built form provisions, Darebin City Council has finalised similar proposals.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Todd Perry;

Jenny Livingston;

Brad Marsh; and

Penelope Clark.

Councillor Jolly propose the following alternate motion. Councillor Stone indicated seconding the motion with some amendments.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report regarding recent planning studies in relation to Heidelberg Rd;

- (b) note the strategic planning work and preliminary consultation undertaken while preparing the proposals, together with the supporting building form, heritage and transport documents in the attachments to this report; and
 - (c) defer consideration of the Report on:
 - (i) Amendment C272, the **Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan October 2019 (Attachment 3)** and the associated **Heidelberg Road Corridor – Background Issues and Discussion Paper October 2019 (Attachment 2)**; and
 - (ii) the **Heidelberg Road Heritage Review (Stage 1) 2019 (Attachment 4)**, the **Heidelberg Road Heritage Review (Stage 2) 2019 - Stage 2 Report (Attachment 5)**, the **Heidelberg Road Built Form Framework Part 1 Urban Context Analysis, July 2019 (Attachment 7)** and the **Heidelberg Road Built Form Framework – Design Strategy & Recommendations, September 2019 (Attachment 8)**,
- until February 2020, to enable:
- (i) community input and consideration by Council of Amendment C272 and introducing a new Design and Development Overlay (DDO18) and additional Heritage Overlays (HO) **(Attachment 10)** under S 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987; together with the Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan; and
 - (ii) Darebin City Council has finalised similar proposals.

Following further debate both mover and seconder proposed to move the officer recommendation subject to amendments as noted below.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:

- (a) defer consideration of the officer report regarding recent planning studies in relation to Heidelberg Rd to allow for community input and further council consideration until February 2020:
- (b) note the strategic planning work and preliminary consultation undertaken while preparing the proposals, together with the supporting building form, heritage and transport documents in the attachments to this report;
- (c) endorse, for the purpose of informing Amendment C272 and for future public consultation, the **Heidelberg Road Corridor Local Area Plan October 2019 (Attachment 3)** and the associated **Heidelberg Road Corridor – Background Issues and Discussion Paper October 2019 (Attachment 2)**; and
- (d) endorse for the purpose of Amendment C272 the **Heidelberg Road Heritage Review (Stage 1) 2019 (Attachment 4)**, the **Heidelberg Road Heritage Review (Stage 2) 2019 - Stage 2 Report (Attachment 5)**, the **Heidelberg Road Built Form Framework Part 1 Urban Context Analysis, July 2019 (Attachment 7)** and the **Heidelberg Road Built Form Framework – Design Strategy & Recommendations, September 2019 (Attachment 8)**.

CARRIED

11.7 Brunswick and Smith Streets - Request for Interim DDOs

Reference: D19/184808

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That the meeting be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 11.02pm

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report on the planning for the Fitzroy/Collingwood Activity centres and request for the Minister for Planning for interim DDO schedules;
 - (b) note the preparation of the draft Brunswick and Smith Street Built Form Review – Background Analysis Report, individual Precinct Review reports and supporting heritage analysis and recommendations prepared by Hansen Partnerships and GJM Heritage as in Attachments 1 to 10;
 - (c) note the background analysis, built form frameworks and supporting heritage and transport reports as outlined in Attachments 1 to 10 and endorse them as a basis of seeking interim Planning Scheme provisions, and
 - (d) endorse the interim Design and Development Overlay Schedules as outlined in Attachment 11.
2. That Council request the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 8 (1) (b) and 20 (4) of the Planning and Environment Act to introduce DDO schedules on an interim basis for the Fitzroy/Collingwood Activity centres, with required amendment documentation as in Attachment 12.
3. That Council authorise the CEO to make any minor adjustments required to meet the intent of the above resolutions.
4. That Council note a further report will be presented to Council in 2020 to request interim built form provisions for the stage 2 remaining precincts following further strategic work.

Public Submission

Greg Chenhall addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report on the planning for the Fitzroy/Collingwood Activity centres and request for the Minister for Planning for interim DDO schedules, subject to incorporating the following:
 - (i) maintain service access from the laneways in order to facilitate commercial use

of the properties fronting Brunswick Street;

- (ii) ensure shopfront widths are not reduced to the extent they become commercially unviable;
 - (iii) ensure that less than 50 % of roof area (other than solar panels) is occupied by plant/equipment and ensure such equipment does not cause overshadowing of private or public open space;
 - (iv) in addition, ensure that such plant or equipment does not add to the height by more than 2.6 metres; and
 - (v) ensure that projections such as balconies and building services do not intrude into a setback or an upper level setback;
 - (b) note the preparation of the draft Brunswick and Smith Street Built Form Review – Background Analysis Report, individual Precinct Review reports and supporting heritage analysis and recommendations prepared by Hansen Partnerships and GJM Heritage as in Attachments 1 to 10;
 - (c) note the background analysis, built form frameworks and supporting heritage and transport reports as outlined in Attachments 1 to 10 and endorse them as a basis of seeking interim Planning Scheme provisions, and
 - (d) endorse the interim Design and Development Overlay Schedules as outlined in Attachment 11.
2. That Council request the Minister for Planning in accordance with Section 8 (1) (b) and 20 (4) of the Planning and Environment Act to introduce DDO schedules on an interim basis for the Fitzroy/Collingwood Activity centres, with required amendment documentation as in Attachment 12.
 3. That Council authorise the CEO to make any minor adjustments required to meet the intent of the above resolutions.
 4. That Council note a further report will be presented to Council in 2020 to request interim built form provisions for the stage 2 remaining precincts following further strategic work.
 5. That Council notes that work on permanent controls will take place during 2020 and request that early engagement with the community occur during this process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.8 Development of the Yarra Open Space Strategy

Reference: D19/190410

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report of officers regarding the development of a new Open Space Strategy; and
 - (b) note the attached technical report and other documents underpinning this proposed strategy.
2. That Council authorise the *Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy Technical Report* and *Draft Summary Strategy* being exhibited for the purpose of community consultation;
3. That Council authorise this consultation for January 20, 2020 to March 15, 2020 in accordance with the *Community Engagement Overview* as shown in Attachment 3.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report of officers regarding the development of a new Open Space Strategy; and
 - (b) note the attached technical report and other documents underpinning this proposed strategy.
2. That Council authorise the *Draft Yarra Open Space Strategy Technical Report* and *Draft Summary Strategy* being exhibited for the purpose of community consultation;
3. That Council authorise this consultation for January 20, 2020 to March 15, 2020 in accordance with the *Community Engagement Overview* as shown in Attachment 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Searle

That the meeting be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

11.9 Car Share Implementation Plan

Reference: D19/160495

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report on the Car Share Implementation Plan;
 - (b) note that car share is encouraged in the Yarra Strategic Transport Statement, which includes an action requiring that Council develop a car share policy;
 - (c) note that rollout of car share has been suspended pending the introduction of a car share policy and that the further car share bays cannot occur until an Implementation Plan is adopted by the Council so that officers can process applications lodged by car share providers;
 - (d) adopt the Implementation Plan as attached; and
 - (e) authorise officers to implement the Car Share Policy.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Jeremy Lawrence; and

Justin Passaportis.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report on the Car Share Implementation Plan;
 - (b) note that car share is encouraged in the Yarra Strategic Transport Statement, which includes an action requiring that Council develop a car share policy;
 - (c) note that rollout of car share has been suspended pending the introduction of a car share policy and that the further car share bays cannot occur until an Implementation Plan is adopted by the Council so that officers can process applications lodged by car share providers;
 - (d) adopt the Implementation Plan as attached; and
 - (e) authorise officers to implement the Car Share Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That the meeting be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

11.10 Burnley Park Cottage Review

Reference: D19/203875
Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report;
 - (b) approve the undertaking of a community consultation process to involve park users, community members, Councillors and officers to co-develop an expression of interest process for possible future use of the building; and
 - (c) having regard to the heritage status of the premises, determine that demolition of the structure is non-negotiable / not possible and therefore is not to be included as an option for community consultation.
2. That Officers report back to Council on the outcome of the community consultation process, including recommendations for Council consideration.

Public Submission

Catherine Robinson addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report;
 - (b) approve the undertaking of a community consultation process to involve park users, community members, Councillors and officers to co-develop an expression of interest process (or any other process that may arise from the community consultation) for possible future use of the building;
 - (c) include after the initial consultation process a workshop or workshops with Councillors, officers and key stakeholders to review the submissions and other outcomes of the initial consultation process; and
 - (d) having regard to the heritage status of the premises, determine that demolition of Building 1 (1862) is non-negotiable / not possible and therefore is not to be included as an option for community consultation.
2. That Officers report back to Council on the outcome of the community consultation process, including recommendations for Council consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.11 Report on Assemblies of Councillors

Trim Record Number: D19/217634

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council formally note and record the Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in ***Attachment 1*** hereto.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council formally note and record the Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in ***Attachment 1*** hereto.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 11.55pm.

Confirmed Wednesday 1 January 2020

Mayor