

## EQUITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – YMAG MINUTES

**Date:** Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Time:** 10.00AM – 11.30AM

**Location:** Meeting Room 3, Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd, Richmond VIC 3121

**Chair:** Cristina Del Frate (in absence of the Deputy Mayor, Cr Anab Mohamed)

**Minutes:** Amani Nyikang

**Branch Attendees:** Cristina Del Frate, Amani Nyikang, Micheal Van Vliet

	AGENDA ITEM	MEMBER/SPEAKER
1	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>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</p>	Cristina Del Frate
2	<p><b>Councillor introduction and update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council staff member chaired the meeting in absence of Deputy Mayor, Cr Anab Mohamed.</li> <li>• Members checked-in (via attendance sheet)</li> <li>• Round the table introductions</li> <li>• Council elections coming up in October, it is compulsory to vote.</li> <li>• The 24/25 Budget was endorsed at Council at the meeting last week.</li> </ul>	Cristina Del Frate
3	<p><b>ITEM 1: Multicultural Partnerships update</b></p> <p><b>Multicultural Partnership Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Multicultural Partnership Policy has been finalised and will be available on the Yarra webpage soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Yarra Community Awards</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community members are invited to nominate individuals or groups who are making a difference in Yarra by filling in an online form during the nomination period before Sunday, 30th June.</li> <li>• There are 7 categories ranging from Sports, Arts, Heritage, Sustainability and Diversity and Inclusion.</li> <li>• Local council elections here happening in October. Council democracy ambassadors can deliver free voter education sessions to your communities upon request.</li> </ul>	Amani Nyikang

4	<p><b>ITEM 2: Yarra Libraries updates: Bilingual Storytimes Series</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A series of bilingual storytimes that will be running from 16<sup>th</sup> of July every Tuesday in Collingwood Library. The series will be called “Storytime Around the World” where preschool children are introduced to a wide range of stories, books, songs and activities, developing language, social and motor skills.</li> <li>• The aim of the program is for community members from non-English speaking backgrounds to teach children other languages that other children speak at home. This will also encourage children that speak other languages to learn about other cultures while reading.</li> <li>• The program is delivered in partnership with Yarra’s BLO’s officers, Council staff and external agencies.</li> <li>• Common languages such as Mandarin and Vietnamese will be taught every term and less common ones like Spanish, Arabic, Wurundjeri Woi wurrung, Maori etc will be taught once every term. Bookings for these sessions are not required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Yarra pop-up Libraries</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yarra libraries is having a Pop-up at North Richmond Community health Centre once a month starting 1<sup>st</sup> of July (every 4<sup>th</sup> Monday).</li> <li>• The pop-up area will be used by community members to gather, read, and socialise.</li> </ul>	Tegan McKnight
5	<p><b>ITEM 3: The 2025 Yarra Annual Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2025 Annual Grants are now open and close on July 31 2024.</li> <li>• 1.2 million has been allocated to the 2025 annual grants program to provide funding towards small to medium-sized projects that respond to the social, cultural, recreational, economic and sustainability needs of the Yarra community.</li> <li>• Council will be introducing rental fee for community use of council venues. Council encourages community to apply for grants to off-set the hire fee.</li> </ul>	Michael Van Vliet
6	<p><b>ITEM 5: other items</b></p> <p><b>Actions arising from previous minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CoY to update YMAG members on the Edinburgh Gardan Grandstand development.</li> <li>• Next meeting will be in September—date to be confirmed.</li> <li>• Topics for next year YMAG meeting could cover recycling, centrelink, powers of attorney, legal advice, council elections, digital literacy and gambling</li> </ul>	All
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