


Active Ageing Advisory Committee Minutes					
Date:	14/08/2024	Start time:		1.00pm	
Location:	Collingwood Town Hall – Labor Room Virtual Available	End time:		3.00pm	
Chair	Cr Amanda Stone	Minute Taker	Acting Coordinator Community Planning	Trim Ref:	
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.	Apologies:				
3.	Minutes: Business Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinator Home Care to suggest Carefinder to clients looking for a package provider. Coordinator Community Planning to share principles with minutes. Coordinator Community Planning to add reinvestment of funding to next agenda. Coordinator Community Planning to follow up with economic development regarding seniors festival activities. 			N/A	
4.	Yarra Play Space Strategy – Senior Advisor Place Making & Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Play Space Strategy Principles Some comments included			Feedback provided as detailed	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questioning around the word 'welcoming' in the vision: what entails welcoming may differ from person to person/user type to user type - There is a gap, it needs to be recognised that there are differences. Where does Council get involved? - Both rules and processes are required to reach a common understanding of what is appropriate and required, how do we work with the community to enhance the skills within the community to work through and resolve differences - Acknowledgement that people will travel further for different parks due to what they offer - Emphasis of the need for shade in seating spaces etc. - Old people are not all at the same level of fitness, there is diversity. - Important for younger people to see older people being active, it helps address ageism and facilitates intergenerational interactions 	
5.	<p>Climate Safe Rooms- Climate Emergency Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Climate Safe Rooms program will provide for solar and thermal comfort upgrades, assisting low-income households to install solar, improve thermal comfort, and save energy at home. • How could the development and delivery of this program maximise outcomes? - Rent v owners? Public housing? - Advocacy to state government about air conditioning for over 70 would be beneficial – you must do a medical form which is very strict - There are older homeowners living in very old/unacceptable housing, who are struggling with other costs like rates – they might not see this as a priority and would rather a rate reduction - Office of housing should be addressing the needs of public housing tenants - Ots suggest that it is hardest to make home modifications in social housing – hardest category to work with. - First year – the aim is to support ten people to create a climate safe room, and forty with a subsidy - Research using census data into how many households in Yarra will fit the criteria – there will likely be a few thousand which are eligible – which changes whether renters and private renters could be included. - Suggestion that people living alone are more vulnerable - 	Feedback provided as detailed

6.	<p>Standing Agenda Item – Aged Care Reforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates and feedback relating to the aged care reforms. • Update on reinvestment of funding. <p>Yarra exited RAS 30 June, from an organisational perspective this is going well.</p> <p>Yarra in process of transitioning home care .</p> <p>Meals service – Council has a new provider as previous provider were transitioning to frozen only. Commencing September 2nd.</p> <p>New contractor for home maintenance will also be picking up home modifications work.</p> <p>Reinvestment is still a work in progress. Internally we are looking into aged care services and what this means for the future, having exited home care and no longer receiving grants. The resolution on March 12 is front of mind and the commitment Council has made in this area. The amount available is still being identified, the proposal on what to spend will then be determined.</p> <p>New Aged Care Act did not go through, it was meant to have started already.</p>	
7.	<p>Member update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each member shared a brief update 	
8.	<p>Councillor update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Stone update <p>-climate emergency plan endorsed by Council</p> <p>-housing plan for Victoria last night endorsed: need to retain land and not turn all over for housing</p> <p>-encourages members to question what they hear and ask questions if they are not sure.</p>	
9.	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on next iteration of the Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy • Acknowledgement of final Active Ageing Advisory Committee meeting and thanks to Cr Stone. 	

Next Meeting: To be confirmed – likely to be February 2025.