

Minutes 12 February 2025

Active Ageing Advisory Committee



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| Date | Monday 12 February 2025 |
| Time | 3.00PM to 4.30PM |
| Location | Labour Room Collingwood Town Hall |
| Chair | Cr Sarah McKenzie |
| Minute taker | Coordinator Ageing Well |
| Content Manager Reference | |

Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

| Item number | Item title or subject | Minute notes |
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| 1. | Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country | |
| 2. | Declarations of conflict of interests of interest | No conflicts of interest noted |
| 3. | Minutes & Actions arising from last meeting- August 2024 | There were no actions from the previous meeting. |
| 4. | Update on Ageing Well Policy and engagement on Priority areas | <p>An overview of the item was provided by the Manager Aged & Disability Services which outlined the following matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on Council Plan and priority areas identified as per community engagement in late 2023• Members were asked to read the priority areas identified in the draft Ageing Well Policy and asked what are the key actions to focus on 2025-2026 under the key priority areas? <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work should be people centred.• The work must take a strengths-based approach, highlighting the assets of the community.• We have a lot of people with a lot of skills, we must develop activities to harness these skills.• Community connectors are important to connect the community to Council's work and initiatives.• Community based transport model should be explored.• Look into ways we can support businesses and economic development. |
| 5. | Council Plan 25/29 | An overview of the item was provided by Coordinator Community Planning which outlined the following matters: |

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| | consultation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council Plan informs all our work, decision making and strategic direction over the next 4 years. • It is to be read alongside the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan which guides Council's work in protecting, improving and promoting our community's health and wellbeing • We are seeking members feedback on; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ageing Well- high level key points that should be included in the Council Plan. ○ Strategic Priorities (as per slides), including what we should be doing more, less or the same of. <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key words to include- socially connected, age in place with dignity, accessible community transport, age friendly |
| 6. | E scooters update | <p>An overview of the item was provided by the Manager Aged & Disability Services which outlined the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on e-scooters and Council action. Officers have been tasked with making changes to the e-scooters, including parking and geo fencing. There will also be a compliance blitz, officers will be impounding e-scooters that are being left inappropriately. <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are pleased to see there has been progress taken on this issue and concerns raised by the AAAC are being addressed. |
| 7. | Aged Care Reforms | <p>An overview of the item was provided by the Manager Aged & Disability Services which outlined the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates and feedback relating to the aged care reforms. • Single assessment services have now started, these were temporary from 1 July 2024 until the end of December 2024 and have become a reality as of 1 January 2025. • There are 4 organisations that have been selected by the Commonwealth to lead the assessments, Access Care Australia, Aspire for Life, the Victorian Department of Health and the North West Melbourne Aged Care Assessment Alliance. • Yarra City Council is in North West region of Victoria, it's a very big region. • More information can be found at the Single Assessment System for Aged Care website. • The transition to exit the home-based team at Council continues. We are hoping to complete by 1 April 2025. Clients are being transitioned to Mercy Health. • Update on reinvestment of funding, nothing to report back to the group at this stage. <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member acknowledged that the transition has been excellent, they have received feedback from several |

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| | | <p>people involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted, there are challenges with the single assessment model, as people not sure where to go. The sector is seeing a reduction in numbers presenting for support. It also provides additional stress for carers. • Question for consideration, what is the process for reviewing, monitoring and evaluating the changes from a federal and state wide perspective? Is there a role for the AAAC to play? • What is the plan for how Council will reinvest money that is freed up as a result of the changes? Will this be reinvested for older people in the municipality, AAAC stress that it should be. Committee members unanimously agreed that supporting a community connecting role on staff in the Aged Services Team would be beneficial to localise the work and connect people. • Expressed hope that there would be transparency and a way for the AAAC to see where the funding has been allocated and what will be delivered with the reinvestment. • It was noted that we will need more time on the agenda for this item for future meetings. |
| 8. | Member update | No updates provided; members took time at the beginning of the meeting introducing selves to Cr McKenzie. |
| Other Business | Agenda items for next meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Committee 2025-2029 – process and timelines |
| | | <p>Upcoming consultations; an overview of the item was provided by the Coordinator Community Planning which outlined the following matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council projects identified seeking the input of AAAC members • Options for each project around engagement- can choose to provide input via Your Say Yarra. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fairfield park ○ Quarries park ○ Climate safe rooms |
| Meeting closed | | The meeting closed at 4.26pm. |
| Next scheduled meeting | 16 April 2025 3.00pm to 4.30pm | |