

Minutes

Yarra Environment Advisory Committee



Date	Thursday 27 February 2025
Time	6-8pm
Location	Richmond Town Hall, Meeting Room 1
Chair	Cr Aston
Minute taker	Sam Green

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.

Attendees

Councillor/s	Cr Aston
Committee members	Shane Delphine, Fiona Bowie, Sally Mangan, Jack Clancy, Lin Oke, Gabrielle Murphy
Council Officers	Michael Oke, Sam Green
Guests	-
Apologies	Chris Currie, Rachel McConville, Michalis Hadjikakau, Chris Williams, Jo Lane

Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	
2.	Declarations of conflict of interests of interest	No conflicts of interest were declared.
3.	Climate Emergency Plan	<p>An overview of the item was provided by the Climate Emergency Coordinator which outlined the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A recap of the Climate Emergency Plan• Governance, monitoring and reporting of the Climate Emergency Plan• A snapshot of Climate Emergency Plan achievements since adoption in July 2024. <p>Matters raised/questions posed by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee keen to understand the 'pain points' in the delivery of the Climate Emergency Plan.• Committee keen to know more about the 'Yarra Youth: Can't Vote, Can Campaign' program. <p>Actions (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cr Aston requested a report to Council at (approx.) the end of the FY detailing the number of trees and plants planted, where various species are planted, and tree and plant survival rates.
4.	Council Plan	<p>An overview of the Council Plan process was provided by Cr Aston which outlined the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The process being undertaken in the development of the

		<p>Council Plan.</p> <p>Matters raised by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input into the Council Plan provided at the previous committee meeting on 10 February was tabled and this feedback was further endorsed by the attending committee members. • The committee recommended that in the Council Plan, Council commit to implementing the Climate Emergency Plan in full.
5.	Active Consultations	<p>An overview of the item was provided by the Sustainability Unit Manager which outlined the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations currently on Your Say Yarra which are relevant to the committee and asking for community input and feedback.
Other Business		<p>The following matters of general business were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for an increase in permeable surfaces, for example the possible use of Porous Lane in Yarra - https://www.porouslane.com.au/ • Possible new ideas around how Council might reduce the cost of waste collection and disposal. • Using Victoria Street, Richmond as a trial site to test a range of activities which improve amenity.
Meeting closed		The meeting closed at 8pm.
Next scheduled meeting		Thursday 17 April 2025, 6-8pm, Richmond Town Hall.