

## Active Ageing Advisory Committee

Minutes 16 April 2025



<b>Date</b>	<b>16 April 2025</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>3.00PM to 4.30PM</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>Labour Room Collingwood Town Hall</b>
<b>Chair</b>	<b>Cr Sarah McKenzie</b>
<b>Minute taker</b>	<b>Rebecca Tipper</b>
<b>Content Manager Reference</b>	

### 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

<b>Councillor/s</b>	Cr Sarah McKenzie		
<b>Committee members</b>	Bruce Mcasey Ragini Wheatcroft	Jonathon Morris Sandra Heeps	Mary Natoli
<b>Council Officers</b>	Adrian Murphy Manager Aged & Disability Services Cheryle Gray Coordinator Community Planning Rebecca Tipper Coordinator Ageing Well		
<b>Guests</b>	n/a		

Apologies	n/a
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Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	Chair - Cr Sarah McKenzie
2.	Declarations of conflict of interests of interest	No conflicts of interest noted
3.	Minutes & Actions arising from last meeting- August 2024	<b>Previous Actions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All actions from the previous meeting have been addressed.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Update on Ageing Well Team changes and current priorities</b>	<b>The Coordinator provided an update on the current programs being run by the Ageing Well Team:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intergenerational Week Event – Wed 30 April</li> <li>Seniors and Sprouts Program</li> <li>Companion Animal Support Program</li> <li>Climate Safe Rooms in partnership with the Sustainability Team</li> <li>Djerring Centre community lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Djerring Centre lunch has been successfully trialled and will now be a regular offering by Yarra Council every Tuesday.</li> <li>Currently, there is a small waiting list</li> </ul> </li> <li>Planning is underway for Elder Abuse Awareness Day in June and the Seniors Festival throughout October.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Provide feedback to the Climate Emergency Team noting that the Climate Safe Room project is fantastic and showing fast results.</p>

5.	<p><b>Discussion on reinvesting in aged services in accordance with the Council resolution from March 12, 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Overview by Manager of Aged &amp; Disability Services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee sought an update on the status of re-investment in ageing well.</li> <li>• The Manager provided an overview to set the scene for the discussion.</li> <li>• Yarra has finalised the exit from home care services as of 30 April 2025.</li> <li>• Community transport, meals, home maintenance, and social support groups will continue, with the next Federal Govt Service and Funding Agreement due to run for two years - (2025-2027).</li> <li>• Reform is on-going and will need to monitor key directions across next several years.</li> </ul> <p><b>Council Meeting on 12.03.24:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Committee members presented on the reinvestment in aged services.</li> <li>• The Committee discussed the processes for how Council will prioritise and use the funds now that it is no longer providing subsidies in that area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Current Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This discussion is well-timed as Council is currently finalising the draft Community Vision, Council Plan 2025-29, and budget.</li> <li>• These documents will be ready for public comment from 24 April 2025.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to have an additional meeting early next month for the Committee to brainstorm ideas on priorities. There was clarity sought about what money was available to spend for 're-investment' and Officers took this on notice.</p> <p>Current ideas canvassed at the meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention initiatives - maintaining the wellbeing of older people in the community to delay moving into higher needs categories.</li> <li>• Actions for community members with high needs.</li> <li>• Community connector roles (regarding single aged care assessment referrals).</li> <li>• Improving communications to act as a conduit between orgs providing services and ageing well initiatives.</li> </ul>
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		<p>The Committee agreed to review the upcoming budget.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Request an aged services breakdown of the budget for AAAC tracking.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Submit a budget bid from the AAAC (if Committee deems this is required).</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Schedule a 1-hour special AAAC meeting on MS Teams to discuss ageing well priorities.</p>
6.	<b>New Committee 2025-2029 process and timelines</b>	<p><b>The Coordinator Community Planning provided an update.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new Terms of reference have been reviewed but not yet endorsed – this will be finalised by Council as part of their overall review and development of Committee’s for the coming 4 year cycle.</li> <li>• One proposed change is moving to quarterly meetings. The Committee discussed that this seems inadequate for the content covered at the AAAC and have asked if the AAAC could have the option for more frequent meetings or the ability to adopt a flexible schedule.</li> <li>• When the Expressions of Interest for the AAAC opens current members are welcome to re-apply.</li> <li>• The Committee were asked if they were comfortable for their names to be added to website. In the past we have not included members names on the website or minutes. This was a recent request from a community member.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Add the names of AAAC members to the meeting documentation and website.</p>
7.	Member update	Each member shared an update

Other Business	<b>Agenda items for next meeting</b>	n/a
Meeting closed		The meeting closed at 4.35pm.
Next scheduled meeting	11 June 2025 3.00pm to 4.30pm	Labour Room Collingwood Town Hall 140 Hoddle Street Abbotsford. Note, this meeting will be hybrid.