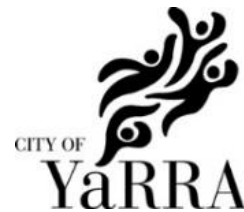


Yarra Environment Advisory Committee (YEAC)



Thursday 1 May 2025, 6.00-8.00pm
Richmond Town Hall, Meeting Room 1
Minutes

Attendees: Chris Currie, Rachel McConville, Lin Oke, Michalis Hadjikakau, Shane Delphine, Sally Mangan, Cr Evangeline Aston, Michael Oke, Sam Green.

Apologies: Caitlin Socwell, Miranda Sharp, Pierre Dao, Ai Tam Do (Tam) (these members are no longer part of the committee), Fiona Bowie, Jack Clancy, Gabrielle Murphy, Chris Williams, Jo Lane.

Chair: Cr Aston

Minutes: Sam Green

1. **Acknowledgement of Country – 6.00pm** (Michael Oke)
2. **Review of actions pending from previous meeting** (Cr Aston)
 - No actions pending from previous meeting.
3. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**
 - Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.
4. **Conflicts of Interest** (Cr Aston)
 - No conflicts of interest with any of this meeting's topics were recorded.
5. **Council Plan Update and Q&A - 6.10pm** (Cr Aston)

Draft Council Plan will be provided on 23 April on Your Say Yarra portal:
<https://yoursayyarra.com.au/councilplan2529>

 - Cr Aston provided an update on the draft Council Plan 2025-2029
 - YEAC members provided feedback on the draft Council Plan noting that it made no mention of climate change, Council's declaration of a climate emergency, commitment to taking action on the climate emergency, nor the Climate Emergency Plan.
 - YEAC members suggested that references to Council's commitment to climate action and the Climate Emergency Plan were important to include given the significant mentions of the importance of Council continuing to take action on the climate emergency in the draft Council Plan community consultations.
 - YEAC members suggested a range of ways that this can be redressed in the draft Council Plan including adding a final page to the plan which speaks to the changed state at the end of the Council Plan.
6. **Draft Budget Update and Q&A - 6.40pm** (Cr Aston)

Draft Council Budget will be provided on 23 April on Your Say Yarra portal: <https://yoursayyarra.com.au/>

 - Cr Aston provided an update on the draft Council Budget
 - YEAC members provided feedback on draft Council Budget including noting that the overall funding for the implementation of the Climate Emergency Plan is smaller than requested or required for full implementation.

7. Councillor update on general council matters relevant to this Committee – 7.10pm (Cr Aston)

- A review of the Community Grants Program has been undertaken with the grants streams to reflect the priorities outlined in the draft Council Plan 2025-2029.

8. Active Consultations – 7:20 (Your Say Yarra <https://www.yoursayyarra.com.au/>)

Please see website for full list of consultations. Note that the consultations listed below are those which relate most closely to YEAC's remit. Members may wish to have input via the Your Say Yarra page, but these consultations are not expected to warrant broader group discussion at the meeting.

- **30km speed limit trial in Fitzroy and Collingwood (<https://yoursayyarra.com.au/30km>)**
Feedback on the trial will assist Council determine its long-term viability.
- **Park Street, Fitzroy North bike lane (<https://yoursayyarra.com.au/parkstreet>)**
Council is trialling a new pop-up bike lane on Park Street in Fitzroy North to help reduce congestion on the Capital City Trail.

9. Are there any emerging issues or opportunities which the committee would like to raise, and that Council should be aware of? Any other business? - 7.30pm (Cr Aston)

- [Porous Lane](#) is looking for to work with Councils in order to demonstrate proof of concept.
- Greening laneways was suggested as a means to increase canopy and shade and mitigate heat.

10. Close – no later than 8.00pm

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