

Minutes

Disability Advisory Committee



Date	Monday 2 June 2025
Time	4.30
Location	Wurundjeri Room Collingwood Town Hall
Chair	Cr Harrison
Minute taker	Council Officer
Content Manager Reference	F25/394

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 Harrison
Committee members	
Council Officers	Manager Aged & Disability Services Coordinator Community Planning Community Access & Inclusion Officer Buildings Project Manager
Guests	Buildings Project Manager
Apologies	n/a

Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	4.30-4.35 Chair Councillor Sharon Harrison Councillor introduction and updates
2.	Declarations of conflict of interests	No Declarations of Interest declared
3.	Minutes & Actions arising from last meeting- April 2024	4.35-4.45 a) Follow up the Empower class staff ratio at the Collingwood Leisure Centre. Action: Cr Harrison will follow up staffing numbers b) Priority areas identified by DAC and alignment to relevant strategies and plans for DAC planning in 2025/26 Action: Coordinator of Community Planning will undertake mapping of the priority areas identified by DAC with relevant strategies and audits that are current (GIS audit, parking strategy etc) and send this information to DAC members. An overview of the item was provided by the Coordinator Community Planning which outlined the following matters.

		<p>I mapped the alignment of the priority areas of the draft action plan, including those priorities identified by DAC with the “Pillars” of the Council draft plan.</p> <p>While there is alignment with all four pillars of the Draft Council Plan, the strongest alignment is with Building the City and Living in the City. There is also alignment to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Justice charter • Yarra Multicultural partnerships • Parking and Transport Action Plan • Municipal Health Plan <p>Cr Harrison commented that Council to be more proactive in advocating for indicators relevant to the State Transport Action Plan. Completed</p> <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <p>c) Climate Voices Program Update</p> <p>Action: Climate emergency Officer to provide more information around the campaign and Coordinator Community Planning will email details to members. Completed</p>
4.	Brunswick Street Oval	<p style="text-align: right;">4.45-5.15</p> <p>An overview of the item was provided by the Project Manager Buildings, Building and Asset Management which outlined the following matters.</p> <p>The project is viewed with the lens of Universal Design and underpinned by seven main principles. The project is at concept stage and incorporates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site precinct • Community sports centre located Brunswick oval • Infrastructure links all the of the redesign of the project • Pavilion • Tennis • Grandstand • Community room <p>The one of the key aspects is that the new design must be elevated, due to contamination on the site.</p> <p>There are no changes to the current community centre however the barriers for access to the community centre are being reviewed, including consideration of connections from internal to external access.</p> <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <p>The design is limited to accessibility from the car park to the building, and the design should have a holistic approach as many precinct designs fall short.</p> <p>Modern facility is designed for the person in the wheelchair to be the viewer and not the player.</p> <p>Instead of paying consultants Council should consider accessing people with disability and paying them a fee to contribute their lived experience to the design.</p> <p>When looking at Disability Discrimination Act compliance and</p>

		<p>Universal Design the design features are accessible and inclusive for all.</p> <p>Whilst the tennis court is accessible, use of the courts is for existing members of the Fitzroy tennis club as per their current user agreement.</p> <p>Cr Harrison will have a conversation with Director regarding the exclusivity of the tennis club.</p> <p>Cr Harison asked could DDA compliant car spaces be looked at- are there efficient DDA compliant parking spaces?</p> <p>Need to take in consideration that transport is not accessible, with one accessible tram stop outside the Fitzroy Bowling Club.</p>
5.	New Committee 2025-2029	<p style="text-align: right;">5.15-5.30</p> <p>An overview of the item was provided by the Manager, Aged & Disability Services which outlined the following matters.</p> <p>Expressions of Interest (EOI) open last Wednesday closes on 22 June. An email was sent out with an EOI link which takes you to the site and opens a form for you to complete.</p> <p>Options are available to make the application process easy and reasonable adjustments are available.</p> <p>Advisory Committee meetings will be scheduled every three months, and time limited working groups or additional meetings may be scheduled if required.</p> <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <p>Can you be on more than one advisory committee?</p> <p>Response; you are able to apply for more than one advisory committee.</p>
6.	Members updates	<p style="text-align: right;">5.30-5.50</p> <p>Matters raised by the committee</p> <p>Member is working on Dual Disability Plan primarily used for people with ID and ABI and/or Autism which will be on the agenda for the ALP state conference. Member will send out the document.</p>
Other Business	Agenda items for next meeting	<p>Welcome and Induction of new committee</p> <p>Invite People & Culture to provide an update on how the review is going later in 2025</p>
Meeting closed		The meeting closed at 6.00pm
Next scheduled meeting	TBA	Wurundjeri Room Collingwood Twon Hall 140 Hoddle Street Abbotsford