

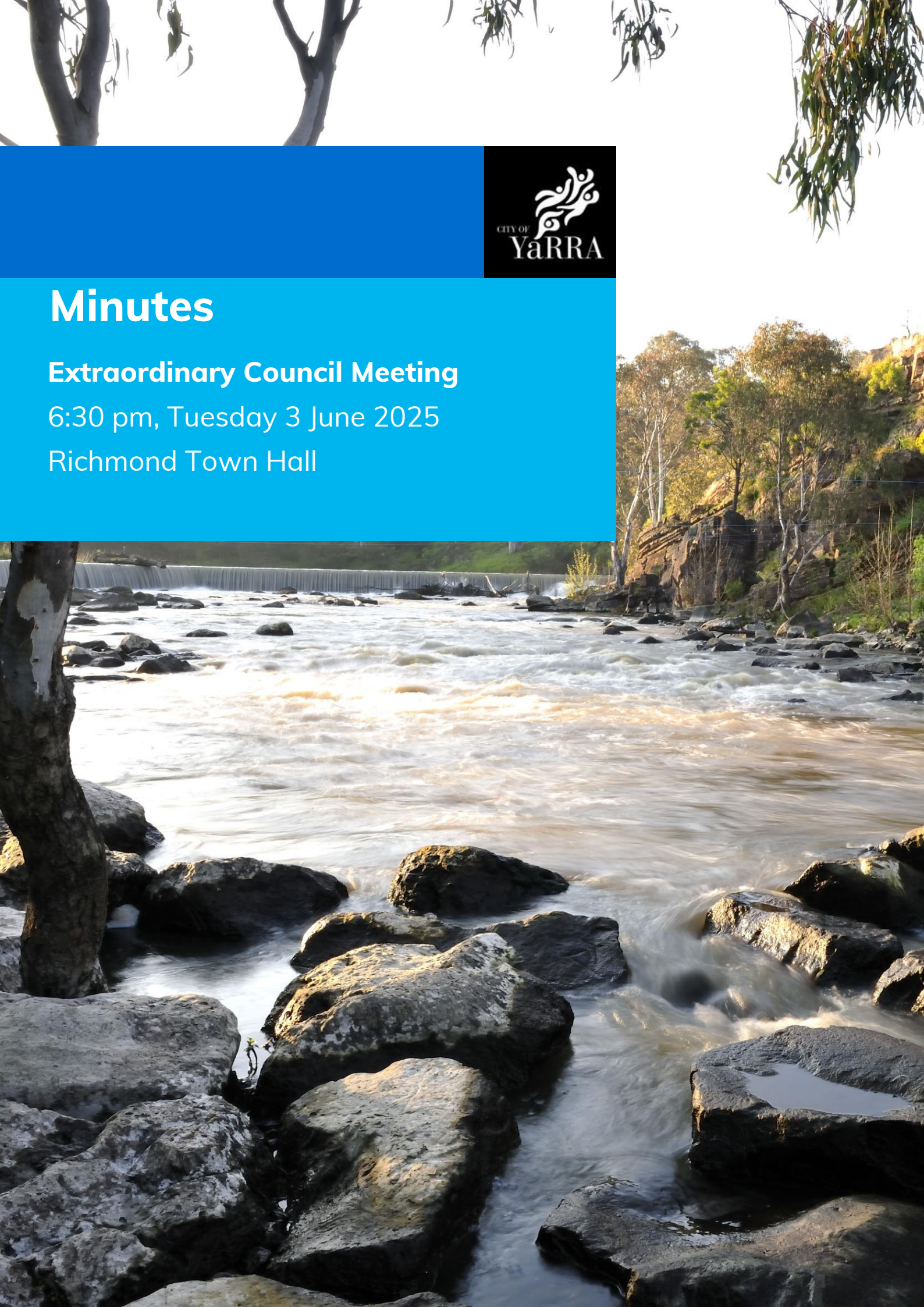


Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday 3 June 2025

Richmond Town Hall



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1. Acknowledgement of Country

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra.

We acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.

We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.

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 here today—and to their Elders past, present and future.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors:

- Cr Stephen Jolly Mayor
- Cr Sarah McKenzie Deputy Mayor
- Cr Evangeline Aston
- Cr Andrew Davies
- Cr Kenneth Gomez
- Cr Sharron Harrison
- Cr Meca Ho

Absent

- Cr Edward Crossland Parental Leave

Apology

- Cr Sophie Wade

Council staff:

Chief Executive Officer

- Sue Wilkinson

General Managers

- Brooke Colbert Governance, Communications and Customer Experience
- Sam Hewett Infrastructure and Environment
- Kerry McGrath Community Strengthening
- Mary Osman City Sustainability and Strategy
- Lucy Roffey Corporate Services

Governance

- Phil De Losa Manager Governance and Integrity
- Patrick O’Gorman Senior Governance Coordinator
- Mel Nikou Governance Officer

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Cr Aston, Cr Davies, Cr Gomez, Cr Jolly, Cr Harrison, Cr Ho and Cr McKenzie declared that they had familiarised themselves with the matters being presented to this meeting and that they do not have a conflict of interest.

4. Council Business Reports

4.1. Draft Council Plan 2025-29 - Community Feedback

Author	Emily Woodin – Coordinator Business Planning and Performance
Authoriser	General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Service

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives and notes all the written and verbal feedback received during the consultation period.
2. Acknowledges all speakers who have spoken in support of their written feedback.
3. Thanks the community for their submissions and participation in the process.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Jane Burns, Merri Merri Wayi Collaboration;

Shane Delphine, Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN);

Anne Gunner;

Karen Hovenga; and

Dr Sean Mulcahy, Rainbow Local Government Campaign.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Harrison

Seconded: Councillor McKenzie

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CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Ho

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2. Hearing of Draft 2025/26 Budget Submissions

Author John Brockway – Chief Financial Officer
Authoriser General Manager Corporate Services

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the written and verbal feedback received in relation to the 2025-26 Draft Budget and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan.
2. Acknowledges speakers for their attendance in support of their written feedback.
3. Thanks the community for their contributions throughout the submission process.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Michael Kwasny, Richmond City Cricket Club;

David Brien, Victorian State Emergency Service Heidelberg Unit;

John Howarth on behalf of Barkly Street, Fitzroy North Residents;

Anne Macvean;

Brian Ward, Owners Corporation of 101-111 Rose St Fitzroy;

Adam Wilson, Yarra Drug and Health Forum;

Dr Sean Mulcahy, Rainbow Local Government;

Karen Hovenga;

Charlie McCullin, Yarralea Children's Centre;

Mark Hoare, Fitzroy Residents Association;

Shane Delphine, Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN);

Gary Shadforth, Cremorne Community Inc.;

Anna Rizio;

Marja Maher, Collingwood Children's Farm;

Marika Ruzya, Richmond West Primary School; and

Zoran Lakic, FC Melbourne.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Davies

Seconded: Councillor Ho

That Council, in accordance with Rule 54.6, extend the invitation to address the meeting to Zoran Lakic, the additional person present at this meeting without having registered, that indicated a desire to address Council in relation to the Draft 2025/26 Budget.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Ho

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Davies

Seconded: Councillor Gomez

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Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm

Confirmed on Tuesday 17 June 2025

Mayor