

YANA NGARGNA YANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: 27 October 2025

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Location: Councillors Office, Richmond Town Hall

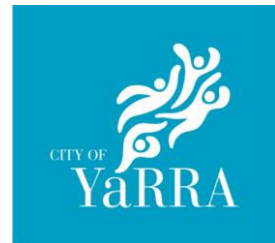
Co-Chairs: Aunty Annette Xiberras (Community) and Cr Wade (Council)

Minutes: Laura Gathoni (Project Support and Administration Officer, City of Yarra)

Attendees: Worrin William, Cr Harrison, Andrew Gardiner, Sofii Belling Harding, Tiana Koehrer, Mark Jones, Illana Atkinson, Malcolm McCall, Amber Perry.

Apologies: Robert Thorpe, Jaynaya Williams, Kerry McGrath, Ariel Blum

	AGENDA ITEM	MEMBER/SPEAKER
1	<p>Acknowledgement of Country: Welcome to country</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	Annette
2	<p>Welcome and introduction, apologies, additions to the agenda</p> <p>Aunty Annette Xiberra nominated and elected co-chair</p>	Chair
3	<p>Aboriginal Partnerships – Where we’ve been and where to from here</p> <p>Guided by three core documents: Council Plan, Health & Wellbeing Plan and Yana Ngargna Policy.</p>	Principal Advisor Aboriginal
4	<p>Governance – Terms of reference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-chair selection <p>The advisory committee is set up to provide insights and lived experiences to assist Council in decision-making</p>	Senior Governance Coordinator
5	<p>Marnelng framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 	Principal Advisor Aboriginal Partnerships and



		Manager Aging, Equity and Community Development
6	<p>Yana Ngargna Policy</p> <p>The council is working on a new policy framework to guide its work with the community over the next four years.</p>	Principal Advisor Aboriginal Partnerships and Senior Policy Advisor
7	<p>Smith St Dreaming</p> <p>Arts and Culture Coordinator was an apology for this meeting and will be invited to next to give an update</p>	Arts and Culture Coordinator (Acting)
8	<p>Advisory group aspirations</p> <p>Yarra Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) has been submitted and is currently with Reconciliation Australia.</p>	Co-chairs
9	<p>Wrap up and next meeting</p>	Co-chairs