



Date	Wednesday 11 February 2025
Time	1pm - 3pm
Location	Wurundjeri Room, Collingwood Town Hall
Chair	Councillor Sharon Harrison
Minute taker	Sarah Mathers
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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	Deputy Mayor, Councillor Sarah McKenzie, and Councillor Sharon Harrison
Committee members	Jonno Morris (Representing Yarra U3A), Janet Pope, Sandra Heeps, Catherine Comans, Christine Gibbs, Peter Hillie, Debra Chapman, Michael Glover, Mary Natoli.
Council Officers	Malcolm McCall - Manager Equity and Community Development Lauren Krnjacki - Coordinator Ageing Well and Disability Inclusion Jess Barry – Lead - Ageing Well and Disability Inclusion Sarah Mathers - Community Engagement Officer, Ageing Well
Guests	Patrick O’Gorman - Senior Governance Coordinator Community Caroline Gillies - Infrastructure Planner, City Strategy Evan Psaros - Senior Coordinator, Infrastructure, Traffic and Engineering Wendy Dinning - Manager, Victoria Street Revitalisation Project Eddie Ngyuen - Senior Project Officer, Victoria Street Revitalisation Project Troy Hill - Health and Fitness Programs Officer, Yarra Leisure
Apologies	Nhung Do

Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	Chair - Cr. Harrison Councillor Introduction and Updates
2.	Declarations of conflict of interests	None
3.	Governance	This item was presented by the Chair. Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirming members had meeting details for 2026 • Endorsing Minutes • Actions arising from previous meeting 22.10.2025

3.	Community Infrastructure Plan	<p>This item was presented by Infrastructure Planner, City Strategy who gave an overview of the key drivers of the Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP)</p> <p>Matters Raised by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member asked what work is underway to make Yarra dementia friendly? <p><i>Answered that Universal Design and dementia enabling environments overlap</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr. McKenzie asked what we can do in terms of next step for dementia awareness and dementia friendly spaces? <p><i>Answered that budget discussions are crucial to support dementia friendly initiatives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member asked if this CIP work feeds into considerations for upgrades of other infrastructure <p><i>Answered by explaining the scope of CIP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair raised that capacity to work in universal design should increase and noted audit needed inform where gaps are. • A committee member raised Climate Safe infrastructure and asked, what is happening in this area? <p><i>Explained where this fits into scope of CIP</i></p> <p>Actions (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Ageing Well and Disability Inclusion to send CIP presentation slides out with minutes
4.	Footpath safety	<p>This item was presented by Senior Coordinator, Infrastructure, Traffic and Engineering</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 414kilometers of linear footpaths in Yarra, maintained on a \$323 million budget. • Historic / legacy aspect / context of Yarra affects everything. Competition for space, development, constraints of underground infrastructure. <p>Matters raised by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member raised shared bike paths as a concern <p><i>Answered that this falls into Open Spaces and the trend is to not share bike and pedestrian usage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr. McKenzie asked the minimum width for shared paths <p><i>Answered that there is a 2-meter requirement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member asked about CitiPower removing trees Council has just planted in Cremorne <p><i>Answered that the member can raise specific concerns via Council inbox</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Harrison spoke to the value of our trees and asked whether root barriers can be standard practice. <p><i>Answered that these are not an effective measure, with best practice being different species of trees planted</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member asked for inclusion of aged care and independent living facilities in the Footpath Hierarchy <p><i>Senior Coordinator, Infrastructure, Traffic and Engineering to follow up</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr McKenzie raised the Linear Park masterplan and

		<p>invited members and community to speak to this issue regarding path widths or other age-friendly perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member raised an increase to accessible parking in Yarra • A committee member raised diagonal parking and Ute trays/back of large cars hanging over footpaths <p><i>The chair suggested audit of accessible parking spaces and encouraged photos and descriptions of incidents to her and to Council's inbox.</i></p> <p><i>Senior Coordinator, Infrastructure, Traffic and Engineering invites members to send queries to his team</i></p> <p>Actions (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Senior Coordinator, Infrastructure, Traffic and Engineering to look into aged care and independent living facilities in the footpath hierarchy</i>
5.	Ageing Well Policy	<p>This item was presented by Coordinator Ageing Well and Disability Inclusion and Lead Ageing Well and Disability Inclusion</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Themes of public feedback given during the engagement period for the draft Ageing Well Policy • Any changes made in response to feedback • Overlap of ageing well and Universal Design. The hope is to get this embedded across the organisation and everything we do. <p>Matters raised by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member asked about reinvestment of funds from previous aged care service delivery budget to go back to ageing well as previously approved by Council resolution <p><i>The Chair will get a response and follow up. Noting we need to report on this.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member said Yarra needs to take responsibility for people who cannot get My Aged Care assessment. Service navigation is a vital service and lack of it is a reason places like Access Health are closing. <p><i>Manager Equity and Community Development to take issue of Care Navigator on Notice.</i></p> <p>Actions arising (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Harrison to get a response on reinvestment of reinvestment of funds from previous service delivery budget to go back to Ageing Well and follow up. • Manager Equity and Community Development to take issue of Care Navigator role and care navigation on Notice.
6.	Victoria St Revitalisation	<p>This item was presented by Manager, Victoria Street Revitalisation Project and Senior Project Officer, Victoria Street Revitalisation Project:</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project budget of 900k • Currently drafting the plan • Quick wins – replanting, roller doors painted silver to

		<p>reduce ‘visual clutter’, new lights.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community reference groups, valuable. <p>Matters raised by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member suggested involving kids from local school <p><i>Answered that Council is not proceeding with art projects as part of this revitalisation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Injecting Room (SIR) raised as a roadblock to any revitalisation. But also noted that it’s needed. <p><i>Answered that the SIR sits outside of remit of this project.</i></p> <p>Actions arising (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Advocacy Roadmap 25-29</i> to be shared with minutes regarding interest in SIR
7. Other Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move for Life program 2. An update on Cohealth 3. Other matters Raised: 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This item was presented by Health and Fitness Programs Officer, Yarra Leisure, who attended to answer questions on the <i>Move for Life</i> program which is heavily subscribed across our leisure centres. <p>Matters raised by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A committee member raised several issues about the Fitzroy Leisure centre - not enough space, different teaching styles of instructors, no water aerobics classes. Suggested an off-peak membership for older people. Also, raised staff rostering issues and related them to climate change goals and staff transport methods to and from work. • A second committee member commented that the program is good and they have not had any problems or heard of any in regard to differing teaching styles. <p><i>The Chair noted that some of the concerns raised fell within the scope of the AAAC and others fell outside it. And noted that Health and Fitness Programs Officer, Yarra Leisure could take the relevant feedback to the concerned areas.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. An update on Cohealth was given by Cr. McKenzie who outlined Council’s ongoing advocacy and referred to a rapid review by Steven Duckett at Grattan Institute which received 300 submissions. 3. Other Matters Raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council joining UNSW Falls Prevention Alliance • Unanimous congratulations given to Open Library program. • Increased facilities hire rates, with U3A now paying Not-for-Profit rather than concession rates. Request for reduction to previous rates for this group. Also, ongoing issue of storage space at Collingwood Library meeting room.
Meeting closed		The meeting closed at 3.00pm
Next scheduled meeting		Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 1pm – 3pm