

Minutes

Heritage and Planning Advisory Committee



Date	19 February 2026
Time	6:00pm-7:45pm
Location	Richmond Town Hall, Meeting Rm1
Chair	Cr Kenneth Gomez
Minute taker	Richa Swarup, Kate Yuncken, Nerelle Jennings
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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	Cr Kenneth Gomez – Chair, Cr Edward Crossland
Committee members	Allie Wu, Cameron White, Clint Ebeyer, Danny Bearzato, Glen McCallum, Hayden Brown, Ian Wight, Jenny Rizzo, Kristianna Scheffel, Sally Vivian
Council Officers	Kate Yuncken (Manager City Strategy), Narelle Jennings (Acting Manager Statutory Planning), Joerg Langeloh (Sr Coordinator Strategic Planning), Richa Swarup, (Principal Adviser City Heritage - City Strategy)
Guests	-
Apologies	None

Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes/Actions
1.	Acknowledgement of Country, Welcome & Introductions	The Chair welcomed the Committee members. All members and Yarra Staff introduced themselves.
2.	Declarations of conflict of interests of interest	No conflicts were declared.
3.	Action from previous meeting	The committee adopted the minutes of the previous meeting and suggested that the documents referred for circulation to the committee in the previous meeting’s minutes be circulated again as some members did not receive the documents. Action: That Principal Adviser City Heritage recirculates documents indicated in the previous meeting minutes.
4.	Work Plan – Strategic Planning Update	Sr Coordinator Strategic Planning provided an update about the current status and approval process for the following Planning Scheme amendments of City of Yarra: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment C271yara Fitzroy -Collingwood • Amendment C273yara Heidelberg Road • Draft Amendment C318 Cremorne Urban Design Framework • Amendment C291 Bridge Rd & Victoria St,

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment C331yara Live Music Precincts, • Amendment C334yara Planning Permit Trigger Removals and Solar Panel Exemptions <p>He also explained DTP's proposed process for DDO to BFO translations.</p> <p>The committee discussed the Great Design Fast Track process. The committee was concerned that this is not a transparent process and takes away the third party appeals right.</p> <p>Actions: That:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning will provide further updates on the next meeting. • Committee members can provide early feedback on C331 and C334 whilst the amendments are awaiting authorisation to exhibit.
5.	Heritage Strategy update	<p>Principal Adviser City Heritage provided an overview of the City of Yarra Heritage Strategy. She also provided an update on the implementation status and the current focus.</p> <p>Action: None</p>
6.	Continuous improvement initiative: Heritage Design Guide- An illustrated version of the Yarra's Heritage Policy	<p>Principal Adviser, City Heritage (City Strategy) presented the approach and scope of the <i>Heritage Design Guide- An illustrated version of the Yarra's Heritage Policy</i> which is currently underway to seek the committee's feedback. She also presented three example diagrams that illustrate individual sections of the policy. The Committee provided following feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guide will be a useful document. • Refer to any exemplars for the heritage guide. • There is a need to see how this interacts with ResCode and giving guidance to people, so it is clear that there are other requirements. • Maximise illustrations – City of Melbourne example. • Include text no- How to identify if your property is in Heritage Overlay. • Bring back for final review - May meeting. • Consider if any conservation tips can be added - e.g. The sorts of paint to use - links to other sources that provide this information. • The tittle 'design guide' suggests more than just an interpretation of policy. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the draft guide should be presented to the Committee in the next meeting.
7.	Heritage Promotion	<p>Principal Adviser City Heritage updated that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council participates in the Open House Melbourne (OHM) and promotes Yarra's heritage precincts via a Yarra precinct page on OHM website.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian Heritage Festival's current year's theme is 'change'- Council is exploring ways to promote history and change via the Yarra Life magazine which will focus on significant precincts and places in each ward. <p>Actions: None</p>
8.	Future meeting:	<p>The committee members requested that the agenda and any reference documents should be sent earlier than a week before the meeting. Their view was that one week timeframe currently being followed is not sufficient to go through the documents to provide meaningful feedback.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the HPAC meeting agenda should be sent more than a week in advance and any reference material should be sent earlier, if possible.
9.	Close	The chair thanked the members and closed the meeting.