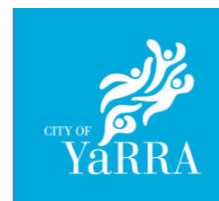


## Minutes

### Rainbow Advisory Committee



<b>Date</b>	26 May 2026
<b>Time</b>	1-2:30pm
<b>Location</b>	Richmond Town Hall, Councillors Office
<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Edward Crossland
<b>Minute taker</b>	Martin Macumber
<b>Content Manager Reference</b>	<b>D26/0213448</b>

#### 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

<b>Councillor/s</b>	Mayor Stephen Jolly and Councillor Edward Crossland
<b>Committee members</b>	David Hood, Zainab, Melissa, BJ
<b>Council Officers</b>	Malcom, Martin Macumber
<b>Guests</b>	
<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies: James Seow, Caleb Hawke, Fenn Aldred, Tom McFeeley, BB

Item number	Item title or subject	Minute notes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country apologies	
2.	Minutes accepted	No objections raised and minutes from previous meeting adopted.
2.	Declarations of conflict of interests of interest	No conflict of interest recorded.
	Business Arising	All materials discussed at last meeting sent to the members, no outstanding actions
3.	Community Safety	Update provided on Rainbow Visibility Campaign Launch.
4.	LGBTIQA+ Heritage Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update provided on next steps and challenges with rollout of LGBTIQA+ Heritage signage.</li> </ul>
	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on supporting the sustainability and retention of queer businesses, including potential policy and economic measures.</li> <li>Noted challenges impacting businesses, including financial pressures and the loss of key cultural venues. Increasing demand on businesses to support community initiatives highlighted.</li> <li>Strong interest in revitalising the area as a significant queer cultural destination.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past initiatives and major events recognised as having positive impacts on local businesses and community visibility.</li> <li>• Opportunities discussed to attract future cultural events and tourism activity.</li> <li>• Noted that similar issues have been identified previously, with a need to explore further action. Council Response</li> <li>• Council outlined current limitations within planning and rating frameworks.</li> <li>• Existing support mechanisms noted, including community grants and economic development programs.</li> <li>• Opportunity identified to improve awareness and uptake of available supports.</li> <li>• Emphasis placed on realistic expectations and the advisory role of the group.</li> <li>• Some potential measures identified as longer-term.</li> </ul> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to develop and present a range of short- and long-term options to support queer businesses and attract cultural activity.</li> <li>• Information on available grants and support programs to be shared with the group.</li> </ul>
Meeting closed		The meeting closed at 2.05pm
Next scheduled meeting		4 August 6pm-7.30pm CTH 24 November 1pm-2.30pm RTH