

**Yarra City Council**  
**Business Advisory Group**  
**Meeting minutes**



**Meeting number 4 of 4 – 2023**

Date: Thursday 2 November 2023

Time: 8am to 10am

Location: Learning Bank, 124 Victoria St, Richmond

**Attendance:**

First Name	Initial	Business Name
<b>Present</b>		
Cr Herschel Landes	HL	Yarra Councillor
Cr Michael Glynatsis	MG	Yarra Councillor (Chair)
Jeremy Ellis	JE	LaunchPad
Luke Phillips	LP	Into Coffee
Paula Glynn	PG	PixelStorm
<b>Apologies</b>		
<b>Guest</b>		
Aaron Gray	AG	Yarra Council
Carolyn Neville	CN	Yarra Council
Julie Reid	JR	Yarra Council
Kate Yuncken	KY	Yarra Council
Michael Oke	MO	Yarra Council
Shelley Woolcock	SW	Yarra Council
Simon Osborne	SO	Yarra Council
Will Anderson	WA	Yarra Council
<b>Absent</b>		
Kevin Cahya Tjangdjaja	KC	Makmur Enterprises
Maz Azorakos	MA	Sogo Hair
Sebastian Pasinetti	SP	Oko Restaurant
Freya Berwick	FB	Sense of Self
Helen Haines	HH	Dollars and Sense Consulting
James Richardson	JR	Optimising
Matthew Kovacs	MK	Ventia
Sam Rush	SR	HANDSOM
Shane Hryhorec	SH	Push Mobility
Xue Zhou	XZ	Addict food and coffee
Guido Melo	GM	Melko
Nick Campbell	NC	Local Brewing Co.

	Action/Update
<p><b>1. Acknowledgement of Country</b></p> <p>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 here today—and to their Elders past, present and future.”</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p>	
<p><b>3. Declaration of conflict of interest</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<p><b>4. Actions arising from previous meeting and adoption of minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Minutes adopted.</li> <li>2. SO thanks everyone for attending the Yarra Business Summit</li> </ol>	
<p><b>5. Statutory and Strategic Planning review</b></p> <p>Yarra Council is undertaking a service review of Statutory and Strategic Planning.</p> <p>This comes as a suggestion from the <a href="#">Municipal Monitor's report</a> from September 2022.</p> <p>JR sought feedback from BAG members and their experiences of planning at Yarra. Including the way the planning departments engage with the community, the community's access to information and the quality of Council planning reports.</p> <p>HL expressed disappointment in the low turnout of BAG members (three online, none in person) at this meeting. Usually this would be a “hot topic” with lots of discussion.</p> <p><a href="#">Your Say Yarra consultation</a> is now open and seeking responses until 9am Monday 4 December 2023.</p>	
<p><b>6. New Climate Emergency Plan</b></p> <p>Yarra's current Climate Emergency Plan 2020-2024 is up for renewal.</p> <p>AG and MO from Yarra's Sustainability team sought feedback and ideas from BAG members to develop a new draft Climate Emergency Plan.</p> <p><a href="#">Your Say Yarra consultation</a> is now open and seeking responses until 9am Monday 4 December 2023.</p>	
<p><b>7. Welcome to Learning Bank</b></p> <p>Welcome to the new space from CN</p>	
<p><b>8. General business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Closing</b></p> <p>SO thank you for everyone's attendance this year. Meeting closed.</p>	