



## Yarra Multicultural Advisory Group – MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b> Wednesday 21 Jun 2023	<b>Time:</b> 10.00AM – 11.30AM
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**Location:** Meeting Room 3, Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Rd, Richmond VIC 3121

**Chair:** Cr Anab Mohamud

**Minutes:** Cristina Del Frate

**Attendance:** Lanying Xu (Libraries), Xiao Yu Wang (Yarra Ethnic Friendship Association), Yang Wang (U3A Chinese in Yarra), Wei Bin Xia (Richmond Joy choir), Fu Du (Fitzroy Chinese Association), Jack Djoric (Australian Serbian Pensioners Club), Dinesh Nettur (Vic Police Multicultural Liaison), Kim Chua (Yarra Resident Voice Group), Jimmy Wong.

**Apologies:** Amani Nyikang (City of Yarra)

	AGENDA ITEM	MEMBER/SPEAKER
1	<p><b>Welcome and introductions.</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>	Cr Anab Mohamud
2	<p><b>Councillor introduction and update</b></p> <p>The Budget for 23/24 has been adopted and is available on the website for your review. It is closely aligned with the Council Plan.</p>	Cr Anab Mohamud
3	<p><b>Community Grants</b></p> <p>Yarra’s Annual Grants round is currently open and will close 31 July. A range of different grants is available see <a href="#">here</a> for more information.</p> <p>Multicultural community groups who have been approved for the recurring 3 year funding need not apply as this will be the final year to receive those grants. If you are unsure, call Michael on 9205 5146.</p>	Michael van Vliet
3	<p><b>Anti-Racism Project in partnership with Victoria University</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mario is a researcher from Victoria University, and working on a project about Experiences of racism with Yarra Council.</li> <li>-Experiences of racism occur every day and most times, people do not report these.</li> <li>-The aim of this project is to hear about these experiences and look at ways to improve the situation. Even though reporting systems are not great, it is important to report these incidents and speak to someone.</li> </ul>	Dr Mario Peucker

	<p>- this project brings the opportunity for community to fill in a survey in English, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese and Arabic.</p> <p>-people who are interested can also hold their own focus groups (some training and payment is available), as well as attend a Community Forum on 11 July at Fitzroy Town Hall 12.30-2pm.</p> <p>-Contact Cristina for more information 9205 5174.</p>	
4	<p><b>Neighbourhood House Partnership Framework</b></p> <p>-There are 9 Neighbourhood Houses in Yarra which provide training, social and recreational opportunities for community at low / no cost.</p> <p>-They are an important part of the community, providing services to people who are financially disadvantaged or isolated.</p> <p>-Council helps fund these Houses, and is in the process of developing a strategy to outline our relationship with them. The draft of this strategy is now open for feedback and will be finalised in the coming months.</p> <p>-if you want to provide feedback or find out more, contact Kathy Vrettas on 9205 5566.</p>	Tara Bewley and Kathy Vrettas
5	<p><b>Yarra Libraries updates</b></p> <p>-August is Chinese Reading Month.</p> <p>-you can get also help with your digital devices at a library, just speak to library staff.</p> <p>-Lanying's role at libraries as CALD digital support is ending at the end of June.</p>	Lanying Xu
6	<p><b>Other items</b></p> <p>-Council will be holding another meeting for YMAG members (and other community) on 4th July at the Learning Bank. This meeting is to gather feedback on the re-development of the website. Contact Cristina if you want to attend.</p> <p>-Kim encourages seniors to get the 5th Covid vaccination to avoid catching Covid this winter.</p> <p>-Dinesh (Vicpol) has a role which is to connect with the multicultural community. If you would like to hear a presentation to your group from police (road safety, living with confidence, elder abuse), please let him know. (Cristina can put you in contact)</p>	All
	<p><b>Next meeting:</b>  <b>Wednesday 20 September, 10-11.30am, Richmond Town Hall</b></p>	

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If you would like an interpreter at the meeting, please contact Amani.