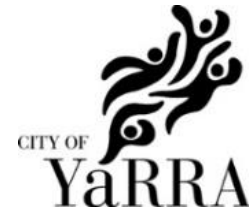


Minutes



Attendees:

In person: Jack Clancy , Michalis Hadjikakou , Gabrielle Murphy , Shane Delphine , Cr Amanda Stone , Lisa Coffa , Craig Lupton

Online: Cr Sophie Wade , Candice Worsteling , Rachel McConville , Lin Oke, Sally Mangan, Fiona Bowie

Apologies: Miranda Sharp, Jo Lane, Ai Tam Do (Tam), Chris Williams, Chris Currie

Chair: Cr Wade / Cr Stone

Minutes:

1. Meeting open/ Acknowledgement of Country – 6.00pm

2. Review of previous minutes and actions (Cr Wade/Cr Stone)

- Review of actions still pending from previous meeting:
 - YEAC members are keen that meetings include a hybrid option (*Actioned at this meeting*)
- Seek approval of previous minutes. **Approved**
- Confirm with members – are there any conflicts of interest with any of tonight's topics. **No conflicts of interest**

3. Councillors provided update on general council matters relevant to this Committee

4. Bringing Nature Back to Yarra (rewilding) focussed discussion (Craig Lupton)

Broad presentation discussion, including update on Council direction for "*ground-storey rewilding of designated areas*", The potential to increase canopy cover via offering saplings to households that request one for a backyard or front yard? With maybe some outreach to promote the idea in areas that we know lack on canopy cover metrics?

- **Action:** Craig to provide maps tree and tubestock planting locations that are additions to the presentation
- **Action:** Craig to provide a copy of Playbook for Urban Biodiversity – A guide to dispelling myths and taking action for urban practitioners.

5. Waste and circular economy focusses discussion (Lisa Coffa)

Presentation and discussion:

- Food and Green Organics (FOGO) service **FOGO Bins will roll out on 1st July 2024. Standard look and feel across Victoria. Yarra focus on avoid and compost first. Lots of communication to clarify process, avoid contamination, building on state govt templated. Issue of compostable bin liners still being worked through.**
- Container Deposit Scheme following the first few months of implementation.
- Other waste and circular economy updates.

6. Active Consultations (Your Say Yarra <https://www.yoursayyarra.com.au/>) - 7.20pm

- [Charles Evans Reserve upgrade](#). Due 18 March
- [Safer Streets Alphington](#). Due 26 Feb
- **Testing improvements to Yarra's cycling network**
 - [Nicholson Street and Victoria Street - Intersection upgrade pilot](#)
 - [Coppin Street, Richmond - Intersection upgrade pilot](#)

7. Are there any emerging issues or opportunities which the committee would like to raise, and that Council should be aware of? Any other business? (Cr Wade/Cr Stone) – 7.30pm

CEP will be the focus of next YEAC meeting

8. Future agenda items (Cr Wade/Cr Stone) – 7.50pm

Suggestions from the previous meetings include:

- Review of Draft Climate Emergency Plan (April 15 Meeting)
- Update on work to support sustainability retrofits in town houses and apartments in Yarra (to be scheduled for a future meeting).

- Hybrid Meeting feedback – overall good. Great attendance

- Meeting closed at 7:45pm

9. Close – 7:45pm

Next YEAC Meeting: Monday 15 April (Climate Emergency Plan focus)

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