

**Active Ageing Advisory Committee  
Summary  
Minutes**



<b>Date:</b>	18/08/2021	<b>Start time:</b>	1.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual – Microsoft Teams	<b>End time:</b>	3.00pm

<b>Chair</b>	Cr Amanda Stone	<b>Minute Taker</b>	CO	<b>Trim Ref:</b>	
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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 here today—and to their Elders past, present and future”.

**Items:**

Item	Topic	Actions
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country:	N/A
2.	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Cr Amanda Stone (Chair), Council Officers (CO), AAAC members (CM)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> RW</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Coordinator Open Space Planning &amp; Design, Coordinator Arts &amp; Culture</p>	N/A
3.	<p><b>Minutes;</b></p> <p><b>Business Arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers provide draft Council Plan when available and include a plan/process for AAAC subgroup input</li> </ul> <p>The timelines do not yet align for feedback on the plan, but this will be provided when it is available. Cr Stone will point out issues during the meeting that could be relevant to the Council Plan.</p> <p>MAC Reform table is not yet complete, but updates on the Aged Care Reform have been shared with Councillors at Council Briefing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction of new officer, Positive Ageing Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aged and Disability Services will follow up AAAC members prior to the next meeting regarding how and when input for the Council Plan will be collated and given to Council</li> <li></li> </ul>

	<p>CO has previously introduced herself to the committee but has now formally started in the role. She is looking forward to working with the committee members and learning more about them and their priorities.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Open Space Planning and Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otter Park, Collingwood</li> </ul> <p>Coordinator Open Space Planning &amp; Design</p> <p>Council is currently working on a new plan for Otter Park in Collingwood. There are very few parks within Collingwood, and this precinct has the lowest amount of open space per person. The access that runs across the park is level and integrates into the grade of the street. Blake went through images of artist impressions of the current plan for the space.</p> <p>Several thoughts and concerns were shared by committee members, around the availability/type of seating, use of the lawn, type of lawn, toilet facilities, seating for social connection, lighting and community ownerships.</p> <p>In the current plan, there are exposed seating edges on the side of each terrace throughout the space. Intention is that each terrace can be accessed by ground level, there will need to be the provision of a ramp to be compliant. The provision of seats will include backrests and armrests. A variety of seat heights will be considered for the space to accommodate the spectrum of users to the park.</p> <p>The intention of the lawn is for it to be actively used by the community. The lawn will require irrigation. Some commentary took place on the state of the toilets currently in the space at times.</p> <p>The importance for the seating arrangement to facilitate small gatherings and the opportunities to have a face to face conversation were captured. Picnic tables are not being considered for the park though, as it is a smaller park. Both safety lighting and decorative lighting is currently been considered for the space.</p> <p>In terms of community ownership of the space, Reko Rennie’s (Renowned Indigenous artist) involvement with the project is expected to bring some recognition of Otter Park as a culturally significant space. The park will contain rubbish bins and a drinking fountain.</p> <p>The importance of strongly contrasting colours was raised in terms of people who experience sensory sensitivity. The extent the colours are contrasting will be influenced by the type of materials used.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO to pass on feedback on the state of the toilets currently in the space</li> <li>• CO to share YourSay link with the minutes</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">A new park for Otter Street   Your Say Yarra</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO to include the All Ages and Abilities Play Space Strategy for discussion as a future agenda item</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Ages and Abilities Play Space Strategy</li> </ul> <p>CO raised that his team are about to begin working on their first All Ages and Abilities Play Space Strategy, which will look beyond traditional playground offerings at new, emerging options in this space. The Active Ageing Advisory Committee will be consulted again on this in future.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Member Updates</b></p> <p>CM- One of the biggest priorities for people is the opportunity to make new connections and build existing connections. The activity is not the most important part – connection with other people is.</p> <p>CM: Feedback from the Chinese group now is around hesitancy getting the vaccination. They receive a lot of information from overseas, particularly mainland China. The arrival of the census letter is a source for anxiety and confusion.</p> <p>CM: Providing feedback to Council through YourSay. Working on some consumer committees with the Department of Health. Currently working with a health network in terms of integrated health services, looking at mobility, medication, mood and their integration.</p> <p>CM: As opposed to people being hesitant to get back to the community and in-person offerings, people are looking for opportunities to connect and be involved with other people.</p> <p>CM: U3A have two upcoming events. Firstly, September 14 on Age-friendly Cities, which will be held virtually. On the October 5 a forum with the subject of ‘Active and Healthy Ageing in the City of Yarra’ is planned, currently for Fitzroy Town Hall. The CEO of VicHealth Dr Sandro Demaio will be speaking. Both events are open to members of the public.</p> <p>CM: Joined the Living Longer Living Stronger program at Richmond Recreation Centre, and it was great to connect with other people who have been coming for several years. Example of a good news story for the City of Yarra.</p> <p>CM: Importance of the Age-friendly Cities domain of ‘communication and information,’ thinking about where people receive their information. Concerns around scam calls and messages, and the people who may be vulnerable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CM to circulate information on upcoming U3A event</li> </ul>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Arts and Culture Strategy 2022 - 2026</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is needed to help Arts and Culture thrive in Yarra? What support is needed? What are our priorities?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lauren to include Arts link in the minutes</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Love Yarra Arts   Your Say Yarra</a></p>

## Coordinator Arts & Culture

Consultation has already been undertaken to assist the Arts & Culture team in finding their draft priority areas. The priority areas are mostly present in the current strategy, but this strategy provides an opportunity to really focus on these areas. The work Arts and Culture do is not in isolation from the rest of the council which also needs to be kept in mind.

There are four draft priority areas to discuss and consider what possible actions relating to these areas could be.

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture
- Creative places and spaces
- A creative and diverse community
- Art for a sustainable future, a new priority for Arts and Culture

Committee members had ideas around connections between agencies, community art, sustainability, intergenerational activities and the creative process.

Suggestions to the CO from the committee were:

- Looking for links between local organisations or groups like second-hand stores and groups that could use the items
- Ensuring everyone is involved with the arts, as opposed to isolated projects
- Consideration of artists out of work during Coronavirus restrictions
- The importance of giving people opportunities to sample something they might otherwise not have the opportunity to
- Considering art beyond 'coming and looking at something,' but as something that can be done together
- People coming together to repurpose clothing, encouraging social integration and sustainability
- Intergenerational activities where people work together and create something
- The importance of art spaces for older people
- The significance of indigenous art

The priority areas are still in a draft stage and the strategy is still a work in process. Lauren will share detailed notes from what the committee has suggested with Brona and will provide an update when the Arts & Culture Strategy goes to exhibition.

- Members are welcome to contact the CO directly via email with further thoughts or comments on these priority areas:
- CO to include an update on the progress of the Arts and Culture Strategy at a future meeting

<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Aged Care Reforms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Councillor Briefings</li> </ul> <p>Manager Aged &amp; Disability Services;</p> <p>The three briefings are now complete: what we do now and how the MAC system works, analysing the outcomes in the royal commission and federal government response to the royal commission, and what we have done to date in preparing for the change.</p> <p>CO shared part of his work on the human rights of the person as the central principle in the aged care system, accompanied by the competitive market, national model, individualised funding and client directed care.</p> <p>Local government is still waiting on some details from the federal government around what the new home care system will look like, and what the pricing will be.</p> <p>CM: CoHealth have been able to deliver positive outcomes because community health staff are able to work with council officers who know their clients very well. It is important that Council are aware of the critical role the partnerships play between relevant agencies when it comes to highly vulnerable clients: CoHealth, Council etc.</p> <p>The community panel is being revisited by council, which previously included both service users and providers. There is more to do around understanding what the market is doing, and what the maturity of the market is in Yarra. Are there appropriate and sufficient providers in Yarra?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy and Active Ageing Action Plan</li> </ul> <p>CO- Reinforced that the strategic plan creates an overarching plan from an older adults' perspective, including listing the domains of Age-friendly Cities. The recent 'Support for Seniors' Project indicated that seniors' groups areas of major needs was governance, social connection and need to celebrate their culture and food. These priority areas will inform some of our work over the next twelve months.</p> <p>We are investigating the opportunities for restarting the Animal Companion project with volunteers. This concept matches volunteers with an animal (typically a dog) that a person may no longer be able to walk, with a volunteer who could walk it for them.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AS to include in next delegates report to council</li> <li>• CO to share seniors support project work and healthy and active ageing action plan.</li> </ul>
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<b>8.</b>	<b>Other</b>  The iPads for carers program is still taking place. You can still make referrals to the program through emailing CO- Coordinator Community Programs.	

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 20 October 2021, Wurundjeri Meeting Room CTH 1.00 – 3.00pm