



Minutes

Extraordinary Council Meeting

6.32pm, Tuesday 22 October 2024

Richmond Town Hall

1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung 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 acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.

We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.

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.”

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

- Cr Edward Crossland Mayor
- Cr Anab Mohamud Deputy Mayor
- Cr Michael Glynatsis Councillor
- Cr Stephen Jolly Councillor – not in attendance
- Cr Herschel Landes Councillor
- Cr Claudia Nguyen Councillor
- Cr Bridgid O’Brien Councillor
- Cr Amanda Stone Councillor
- Cr Sophie Wade Councillor

Council staff

Chief Executive Officer

- Sue Wilkinson Chief Executive Officer

General Managers

- Brooke Colbert Governance, Communications and Customer Experience
- Kerry McGrath Community Strengthening
- Lucy Roffey Corporate Services

Governance

- Phil De Losa Manager Governance and Integrity
- Patrick O’Gorman Senior Governance Coordinator
- Mel Nikou Governance Officer

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

Cr Crossland, Cr Glynatsis, Cr Landes, Cr Mohamud, Cr Nguyen, Cr O’Brien, Cr Stone and Cr Wade declared that they had familiarised themselves with the matters being presented to this meeting and that they do not have a conflict of interest.

4. Council business reports

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Reference	D24/149930
Author	Ben McNair - Manager Strategic Communications and Engagement
Authoriser	General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Experience
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 6.35pm

1. That Council receives the City of Yarra Annual Report 2023/2024 at **Attachment One**.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Crossland

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. That Council receives the City of Yarra Annual Report 2023/2024 at **Attachment One**, subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) Update the adoption date of the Community Engagement Policy on page 225 to 15 September 2020;
 - (b) Update the adoption date of the Meeting Procedures – Governance Rules on page 228 to 23 August 2022;
 - (c) Update the assessment for section 17 – Audit and Risk Committee on the governance management checklist on page 227 to read “Established - Date of establishment: 21 January 2020”;
 - (d) Update the assessment for section 18 – Internal Audit on the Governance and Management Checklist on page 227 to read “Engaged - Date of engagement of current provider: 1 September 2020 in accordance with Section 53 of the Act; and
 - (e) Insert the following information into section 5 under the heading “Public Transparency”:
 - (i) Yarra City Council shall be transparent in its decision making processes and provide access to Council information in accordance with Council’s Public Transparency Policy and relevant legislation. In fulfilling this commitment, Council will ensure that information is publicly available in accordance with the policy (including all policies, plans and reports required under the Local Government Act 2020 or any other Act), unless the information is confidential or the public availability of the information would be contrary to the public interest. Council endeavours to make information publicly available via our website, however some information may be subject to a Freedom of Information request or access is restricted to certain persons or subject to a payment of a fee as governed by relevant legislative or regulatory provisions. A summary of information which is publicly available on Council’s website includes but not limited to:
 - a. Council Plan, strategies and policies;
 - b. Annual Reports;
 - c. Annual Budgets;
 - d. Long Term Financial Plan;
 - e. Council meeting agendas and minutes;
 - f. Council meeting recordings;

- g. Councillor contact details;
- h. Councillor expense reports and personal interest return summaries;
- i. Instruments of delegation;
- j. Local laws and incorporated documents; and
- k. Workforce Plan.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Landes

Seconded: Councillor Wade

That Council, in accordance with Rule 73, suspend standing orders to recognise the passing of the first Mayor of Yarra and to allow retiring Councillors to address the conclusion of the Council term.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor invited Councillor Stone to say a few words on the passing of John Sawyer, former Mayor of the City of Yarra.

The Mayor also invited councillors that are not contesting the election to say a few words about their council term at Yarra. The Deputy Mayor, Mohamud, Councillor Stone, Councillor Nguyen and Councillor Landes all addressed Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

That standing orders be resumed.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 7.12pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 26 November 2024

Mayor