

Active Ageing Advisory Committee

Agenda



Date:	5/06/2024	Start time:	1.00pm
Location:	Collingwood Town Hall – Labor Room Virtual Available	End time:	3.00pm

Chair	Cr Amanda Stone	Minute Taker	Coordinator Community Planning	Trim Ref:	
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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:

ItemNo.	Topic	Minutes
1.	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Apologies:	
3.	Minutes: Business Arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to share environmental newsletter with the minutes.Coordinator Active and Healthy Ageing to share documents regarding E-scooters with members.	
4.	Standing Agenda Item – Aged Care Reforms <ul style="list-style-type: none">Updates and feedback relating to the aged care reforms. <p>The process of transitioning clients from Yarra Council to Mercy is underway, and taking place quite smoothly. If clients are finding it challenging, shadowing is offered, as well as service facilitation support.</p>	Coordinator Home Care to suggest going with Carefinder to help the client find a package provider. ***

	<p>Community Member – option to go with Carefinder who will help the client find a package provider.</p> <p>Community Member – commends the staff and acknowledges the skill and strength of the service facilitators.</p> <p>Community Member – questioned whether existing Yarra staff will be moving over to Mercy at all?</p> <p>Very mixed – some care workers are ready to retire, there are currently eight, and by the end of June it will be down to five. There are a couple who want to work as long as they can.</p> <p>Exiting Regional Assessment Service end of June. We currently do not know who the alternative providers are. Municipal Association of Victoria established a working group. Some Councils have extended until December, but in Yarra’s region more have chosen not to extend. Three assessment officers will cease at the end of June.</p> <p>Community Member – acknowledges the efforts of the Regional Assessment Service team and commends the team. Glad to hear intake worker will be staying in the branch.</p> <p>Community Member – question around WV and certainty</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Service Planning and Review Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Planning and Review Principles have been adopted by Council since the last AAAC meeting. <p>16 principles were adopted by Council, and agreed upon using a deliberative engagement process. Two non-negotiables for service review were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to legislative requirements - Changes to funding arrangements or costs 	<p>Coordinator Community Planning to share principles with minutes</p> <p>Yarra Council adopts a series of planning and review principles to support future service delivery Planning and prioritising services for the years ahead Your Say Yarra</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Member update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each member to share an update <p>Community Member – Some discussion took place around funding for neighbourhood houses. It would be good to get some transparency regarding reinvestment of funding following the exit from the home care service.</p> <p>Community Member - acknowledging concerns around making referrals and not knowing where they will go or be received. Cohealth have received Commonwealth Home Support Program accreditation for the first time.</p>	<p>Include information around reinvestment of funding at the August 2024 meeting.</p> <p>Is there any data around space and utilisation?</p> <p>Have something on the website – where to get started with activities to do – or review</p>

	<p>Community Member – shared ongoing concerns around bins, streets, construction. Feeling that Richmond does not receive the same attention in terms of arts and culture. Asset Based Community Development happening at Finbar – art group is continuing to work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion around Parks Victoria and walks which take place <p>Community Member – U3A is bigger than it's ever been in terms of numbers and courses. People are seeing it's value, increasing its breadth.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Councillor update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cr Stone to share update <p>Distress from neighbourhood houses and their supporters – budget included a 2.5% reduction. Efficiency dividend is being driven across the organisation, everyone needs to cut 2.5% from operations. Neighbourhood houses are negotiating a new agreement with Council currently.</p> <p>Service review principles adopted.</p> <p>Climate emergency plan is currently out for its second stage of consultation, focus on guiding principles and transformations and action plan.</p> <p>Public space open contributions – planning scheme has been adopted by Council and now just needs to be signed off by the minister. Panel recommended 8.7%. Process has been very thorough. Every Council needs to make an argument for its own amounts.</p> <p>Play space strategy is currently being worked upon. There is a focus across all age groups and things to consider.</p> <p>Street garden guidelines will allow people to dig in the street if they want to.</p> <p>Cr Stone presented Delegates Report to Council at May meeting. Being followed up by the CEO.</p>	<p>Lauren to share annual grants with group once open.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Seniors Festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Seniors Festival – themes and suggestions <p>Members made the following suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heart of Carlton - Forum for people – harnessing intellect and drive of people – economic development team - Focus on networking in the context of small business - There is a need to focus on carers; carers payments, and promote other carers supports 	<p>Coordinator Community Planning to follow up with economic development</p> <p>Small Business Councils</p>

9.	Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion following Gender Impact Assessment of the Commonwealth Home Support Program, which indicates men are less likely to access Yarra aged care services. <p>Members shared the following insights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Could there be a bias that there are more female staff than male?- There is data around men being less likely to seek support services.- It would be good to interview men - perhaps they are less likely to access services as they are being cared for at home.	Chair
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Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 August