



# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

6:31 pm, Tuesday 26 November 2024

Richmond Town Hall



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## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

“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 Stephen Jolly            Mayor
- Cr Sarah McKenzie        Deputy Mayor
- Cr Evangeline Aston
- Cr Edward Crossland
- Cr Andrew Davies
- Cr Kenneth Gomez
- Cr Sharon Harrison
- Cr Meca Ho
- Cr Sophie Wade

#### Council staff:

##### *Chief Executive Officer*

- Sue Wilkinson

##### *General Managers*

- Brooke Colbert            Governance, Communications and Customer Experience
- Sam Hewett                Infrastructure and Environment
- Kerry McGrath            Community Strengthening
- Mary Osman                City Sustainability and Strategy
- Lucy Roffey                Corporate Services

##### *Governance*

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

### 3. Announcements

No announcements were made.

### 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Cr Aston, Cr Crossland, Cr Davies, Cr Gomez, Cr Jolly, Cr Harrison, Cr Ho, Cr McKenzie 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. Cr Wade advised that previously conflict of interest declarations regarding e-scooters were no longer required given the previous association no longer exists.

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2024, the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2024 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 November 2024 be confirmed.

#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. Question Time

This record is provided from members of the public upon registration and also asked during Question Time and the responses provided is not a transcript of proceedings. A recording of the Council Meeting is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting.

The following questions were asked:

**1. Nicholas James:**

Question:

When will graffiti and speeding in Rathdowne Village and the wider Curtain Ward be addressed in order to improve the lives and safety of residents and encourage more visitors to the area and provide more income for local businesses?

*The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:*

*Thanks for your questions Nicholas*

*Rathdowne Village is on a monthly proactive graffiti removal program and is next scheduled for inspection and removal tomorrow - 27 November. If there is any graffiti that requires removal between the programmed work, residents can report them to Council via the website for immediate removal.*

*Over the past decade, three significant Local Area Traffic Management studies have been undertaken within Curtain Ward.*

*Several projects have already been delivered and we're about to deliver a raised zebra crossing on Rathdowne Street at Fenwick Street. This will help manage vehicle speeds entering Rathdowne Village and provide a safer pedestrian crossing. Three additional pedestrian crossings are being investigated and planned for delivery in Curtain Ward.*

*And finally, after years of advocacy speed limits on Lygon Street are planned to be reduced next year from 60kph to 40kph. All initiatives are designed to improve community safety.*

**2. Sarah Harrison:**

Question:

What verification do staff undertake to ensure that respondents to the "have your say" consultation, have a connection to that municipality as defined in the Local Government Act 2020, and what verification do staff undertake to ensure respondents do not provide multiple responses?

*The General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Experience provided the following response:*

*Thanks for your question Sarah.*

*As part of our standard engagement approach, Council staff ask the following question 'What is your connection to Yarra?' for most of the engagements undertaken. The options which are available are:*

- I live in Yarra*
- I work in Yarra*

- I visit Yarra
- I study in Yarra
- I own a property in Yarra
- I rent in Yarra
- I own a business in Yarra

Council encourages participation from community members and groups who are connected to Yarra in different ways and use our services, open spaces, facilities or contribute to our economic development.

In regard to verification for consultations, staff undertake manual data cleansing process whereby duplications can be identified using email addresses collected, which is a mandatory requirement, and cross checked against IP addresses. In cases where there is a duplication in IP addresses and emails, we will cross check the demographic information collected. This helps us to identify different users using the same email or coming from the same household or organisation.

**3. Simon Moodie:**

Question:

Regarding planning: - Is it possible to try some intermediate process (perhaps Council-brokered mediation between the parties) and hence avoid the time, delay and expense of VCAT proceedings?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

Thank you for your question Simon.

Council planners do work with the applicant and objectors to try and resolve issues before a decision is made, particularly where there are fewer objectors or limited issues. It is also common for applicants to proactively seek to resolve issues with objectors. This can lead to the applicant agreeing to make changes and objections being withdrawn. It can also avoid the need for VCAT hearings in some cases.

We are also looking at the value of reinstating consultation meetings for some matters and will have more information regarding this in the new year.

**4. Shane Delphie:**

Question:

YCAN was delighted by the unanimous adoption by Council earlier this year of Yarra's ambitious Climate Emergency Plan 2024-2030.

A critical aspect of the Plan is its commitment to transparently monitor and report progress across the Plan's 7 transformations and 237 actions. In particular, the Plan states that 'We will establish a means to provide accessible information to show Yarra's transformation so we can be held accountable ...'.

Can Officers provide an update on what progress has been made towards establishing a 'means to provide accessible information' regarding the Plan's implementation and when will we see the first progress report?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

Thank you for your question Shane.

All actions included in the Climate Emergency Action Plan 2024-2027 have been assigned to a team within Council. We will be reporting quarterly on the progress of this action, and a summary of these reports will be included in Council's quarterly community reports we anticipate the first update will be reported on in or around February of next year.

**5. Joe Gagliano:**

Question:

When will the council introduce changes to Rowena Parade Richmond to decrease dangerous traffic conditions?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

Thanks Joe, I think it might be better if you and I met on-site and you can show me exactly and we can design a solution. If your available I will ask for your contact details before you leave.

**6. Shane Hryhorec:**

Question:

Considering the MOU between e-scooter operators and the City of Yarra, which states that scooters should not be parked on footpaths narrower than 1.5 metres, why hasn't the Council implemented geofencing to enforce this rule? With the new council in place, will there be a stronger commitment to addressing concerns raised by people with disabilities, particularly regarding e-scooter accessibility and safety, and working with the Disability Advisory Committee to create more inclusive public spaces?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

Thank you for your question Shane.

Geo fencing is one tool being used by Council to manage E-Scooter parking. As part of a Notice of Motion on tonight's Council agenda a report will be presented to Council in December.

**7. Nicholas James presented the question submitted by Cathrine Mililli:**

Question:

I understand the council were required to apply for a retrospective permit to ensure the BGC does adhere to the requirements of the YPS.

The matter of that retrospective permit remains ongoing. Given that, can this council explain how the BGC can remain open for business despite the fact it does not have a legal permit that satisfies the YPS.

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

A retrospective planning permit application has been made for the Burnley Golf Course re-design works.

Under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 it is possible for a planning permit application to be made retrospectively.

The application is not seeking approval to use the land for a Golf Course because the use is existing and is permitted under the Yarra Planning Scheme.

**8. Theresa Saldanha:**

Question:

Would like specific details on the plans to deliver heat relief for the community during extreme weather days, which cover the pools and any other council facilities.

Please see details in email sent to Councillors and CEO this morning (25/11/24).

The General Manager Corporate Services provided the following response:

Thanks for your question.

The State's Emergency Management Commission is the control agency for extreme heat and the Department of Health issues heat health alerts and advice. Council is a member of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee, with emergency service agencies, which has a Heatwave Sub-Plan. This includes preparedness actions for Council run services.

Council actively disseminates all state's Heat Health alerts via its external usual channels, including to external agencies supporting at risk community members.

Council libraries are ready and prepared to extend their opening hours Monday through to Sunday during a declared heatwave - details are on our website. Additional staff will be rostered during these periods, with usual library services provided, as well as heatwave safety tips in multiple languages, cooling amenities and provision of cold water.

Council's aquatic centres can be used as place of refuge for everyone and people experiencing homelessness may access our centres free of charge for relief or for a shower.

**9. Victoria Chipperfield:**

Question:

The Yarra Energy Foundation was established in 2010. Could Council advise what accountability and regulatory practices has been put in place to ensure transparency of the millions of Yarra rate payer dollars that have been provided to the Foundation over the past fourteen years?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

Thank you for your question, Victoria.

Funding provided to the Yarra Energy Foundation since 2010 has been delivered through Funding Agreements between the two parties. The reporting requirements of these agreements have differed, over the years but have included regular reporting to Council on organisational development and progress, as well as progress reporting and outcomes of specific set activities to be delivered by YEF in that period.



**10. Paul Jackson:**

Question:

What protections exist in the Transparency Policy to ensure councillors can engage their community without being unnecessarily restricted by wide ranging and unnecessary "confidentiality" declarations and to ensure the true spirit of transparency is upheld and that "confidentiality" is not used and abused to thwart reasonable access by the community to information they may seek?

*The General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Experience provided the following response:*

*Thanks Paul for your question*

*Yarra's Public Transparency Policy sets out the sorts of information that is freely and actively published, is available on public register and is available upon request.*

*Council's starting position is to provide as much information as is possible – and to make that information as easy as possible to access in accordance with the Public Transparency Principles of the Local Government Act 2020.*

*However, the Local Government Act establishes the categories of information that are deemed to be confidential.*

*Both Councillors and Council Officers face penalties for the breach of this provision of the Act.*

*The Public Transparency Policy is currently being updated and is scheduled to be presented to Council for adoption next year.*

**11. Matthew Crisfield-Smith:**

Question:

As you may be aware, Council is currently constructing a chain mesh fence which will effectively privatise the Quarries Park soccer pitch. The fence is approximately double the height of the previous fence and will restrict public access to three points, all in the southern half, none of which are connected to any pedestrian paths. Disappointingly, Council did not undertake any public consultation or approve the project via a Councillor vote. To ensure public access, can Council reduce the fence height to the previous height (approximately 60cm) and provide public access points in the northern half of the ground?

**12. Lloyd Thomas:**

Question:

As you might be aware, Council is permanently fencing off the Quarries Park soccer pitch. Given that neither the Ramsden Street Reserve cricket/football oval to the south east or Fair Field Park soccer pitches to the north east have any fencing, can Council advise why the Quarries Park soccer pitch requires a fence that is approximately double the height of the previous fence and why no public access points are provided in the northern half of the ground to provide convenient access from the existing pedestrian paths to the north?"

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response for questions 11 and 12:

The project to rehabilitate the Yambla Reserve sports field was approved by Council as part of Council's budgets in 23/24 and again in 24/25. This project complements the investment Council is making in upgrading the Yambla Sports Pavilion – a decision to award a contract is due next month. And Council is currently designing a dog off-leash area for Quarries Park adjacent to Yambla Reserve which we hope to construct in 2025/26.

The height of the fence was designed to support organised sports at the reserve and public access to the sports fields is guaranteed 7 days per day through unlocked gates. It is of a similar type, size and materiality as other sports ground fences at Citizens Park, Kevin Bartlett Reserve and Fairlea Netball centre.

The fence at the soccer pitch at Yambla Reserve is similar to other sports field fences in Yarra including Citizen's Park, Kevin Bartlett Reserve and Fairlea netball. Fences like this are very common at soccer pitches across Melbourne.

The fence responded to feedback about soccer balls escaping the playing fields and dogs running on the field of play during games.

As stated earlier, Council is designing and will soon construct a purpose-built off-leash play park for dogs adjacent to Yambla Reserve and will also install a new access gate on the northern end of the pitch to improve access.

**13. Michael Spencer:**

Question:

I refer to the introduction of FOGO waste collection from 1 July 2024 and ask; has council collected any data on use of waste collection services since the introduction of FOGO and the container deposit scheme (CDS)? For example, the number or proportion of residents using FOGO bins and any change in the use of other waste collection services such as general waste to landfill or, since the introduction of CDS, change in the use of yellow recycling bins. If so, can council provide this data?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

Thanks for your questions Michael.

The introduction of the universal FOGO service and the State Government's container deposit scheme has been incredibly successful.

Since FOGO was introduced in Yarra on 1 July 2024, to October 2024 a total of 1,024 tonnes of material has been diverted from landfill and is instead being turned into compost material.

In relation to the CDS, the Collingwood reverse vending machine has received 1.3 million containers (to September 2024) – lots of which may have been collected via Council's mixed recycling or glass collection bins (or dumped on the street).

A full analysis on the impact on the kerbside service hasn't yet been undertaken given how new both services are.

**14. Elisabeth Honey:**

Question:

Given unusual Council elections—a postal vote for one councillor in a newly-defined Lennox Ward, no Labour or Liberals, two discernible blocks— Greens, and Purple Leaflet— plus five unknown independents.

Now to your motion - ideas positive and negative—from the leader of Purple Leaflet.

It feels dictatorial.

For transparency—as Andrew Davies, our new member in Lennox is an independent who must vote on all these matters in one fell swoop, with little time to consider the issues, debate them, or consult those affected—I ask who was involved in the drafting of this motion?

The Mayor provided the following response:

*The motion is not a dictatorial motion but rather the most democratic one in the history of this council. It involves an amalgamation of the election promises and pledges of the majority of Councillors that you are looking at right now. How often do Australians say we voted for people and then they do nothing, like a bear in Canada, go into hibernation until the next election. We are being accused of implementing our program at the very first meeting, that's not dictatorship that is democracy. I am so proud we are putting our program up for discussion and debate. The question relating to how many people were involved in it – every single one of the independents, in fact, it was tabled over a week ago and actually released by mistake by the Fitzroy Residents Association on their website before anyone else saw it and then it was a feature in a massive article in the Herald Sun. Every single councillor without exception has moved some type of amendment to this motion, Cr Wade, Cr Crossland, Cr McKenzie and almost most of the independents, except the people who are actually moving it because you can't amend your own motion. This is something we are extremely proud of. We have had dozens and dozens and dozens of emails from people saying we don't like bits of the motion, overwhelmingly say they like all of it and some people say they like some of it. That is democracy and I am so proud of that and we are going to have a democratic debate. By the way, this will be the last time, well at least whilst I am Mayor that we will have a large motion of this character, from here on end we will have an issue based motion. But for this first meeting we want to hit the ground running and implement our program. I would encourage you to stay and contribute to the discussion if you've registered, on the motion itself.*

**15. Michael Phillipson:**

Question:

Re: 25-43 Wangaratta Street Richmond.

Failing to comply with the conditions on planning permit PLN21/0666 issued on 22/4/2022 to install 31 bicycle parking spaces within the building and commencing use on July 2022 before the plans were endorsed contrary to condition 1.

The matter remains unresolved. Bike parking has not been installed and the illegal bike parking spots installed in car park no.24 have not been removed.

Why is the applicant being given such favourable treatment by Council and an infringement notice not been issued after 2.5 years.

Have fines ever been issued by council on this matter?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

Thank you for your question Michael.

Appropriate enforcement action has been taken to date and Officers continue to investigate to ensure compliance with the Planning Permit requirements.

I can confirm that a fine was issued. Council continues to be in discussion with the applicant to ensure compliance with the permit.

**16. Karen Hovenga:**

Question:

How will the Mayor and council make council meetings a safe space for people to provide differing opinions on council motions and questions?

The Mayor provided the following response:

Thank you Karen for raising this question. In my opinion the most important question that has been raised so far because if we get this wrong we going to wreck this council. I witnessed what you went through and I can verify that it did happen and it wasn't a good thing and I can tell you on my watch, for the year I will be Mayor that there will be zero tolerance for any type of aggression or micro aggression or anything of that character. It is very, very easy when you are sitting in the crowd and someone is sitting up here, well let me just backtrack for a minute. When you are sitting here up the front, it is like a star chamber, you're on your own, you have a microphone, you know your being videoed, you've got everybody out there watching you, you feel like everyone is stabbing you in the back, especially when you are saying something that you think other people don't agree with, its nerve racking, it's really scary and I would ask everybody, especially when we move onto the next agenda item, that when someone is speaking and they are saying something that you like, it's really, really easy to show respect . But when someone is saying something that you don't like, that's the test. The great thing about this country is that, unlike in the 70's and in my country, we don't kill each other, we don't beat each other up if we have different political views. So I am going to ask all of you here and at every meeting from now on, to show respect to anyone that is speaking, especially when they are saying something you don't agree with, that's the real test. So I thank Karen for raising this, I think it is an extremely important issue and I promise you that I will try my very best to keep that type of friendly and encouraging regime, with zero tolerance for aggression or micro aggression and I would ask you or anyone else, if you think we are failing at the job to please let us know, but we will try our best.

**17. Sascha Jesaulenko-Ash:**

Question:

My question regards Councils position on installing CCTV in high crime areas. I have been sent a literature review which was created by Yarra City Council in 2016 called 'EFFECTIVENESS OF CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION' to state the benefit of CCTV is inconclusive.

Considering we have a new Council, my question is "does this literature review represent Council's current position on CCTV or will the new Council be reviewing the CCTV policy, as wanted by the community, considering the evidence of the current policy is embarrassingly outdated?"

*The General Manager Community Strengthening provided the following response:*

*Thanks for your question Sascha*

*Community safety is a priority for Council and our community and our latest social research and engagement reinforces this.*

*Officers will update this document as an important input to Council's plans to address issues of community safety, in conjunction with relevant state government and other agencies.*

**18. Remy Larocca:**

Question:

The Fitzroy Gasworks development includes commercial spaces that could play a vital role in supporting local businesses. However, with the high cost of renting commercial spaces, many young people in Yarra who aspire to own a business face significant barriers. Would the council be willing to explore zoning or other initiatives that allocate some of these commercial lots specifically for young entrepreneurs? Such a move could include subsidised rent or grants to encourage youth-led businesses, fostering local economic growth while empowering the next generation of business owners in our community.

*The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:*

*Thank you for your question Remy.*

*Council values fostering opportunities for youth-led businesses and supporting local economic growth.*

*The Fitzroy Gasworks Development Plan was approved by the State Government in September 2022 and the overall plan for the site does show commercial uses on the site, We will pass on the suggestion to Development Victoria.*

**19. Nick Koklanos:**

Question:

Will council replace any of the five car parking spots that will be removed should the Charlotte Street pocket park be constructed?

*The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:*

*Thank you for your question Nick.*

*The Charlotte Street Pocket Park results in the loss of 5 spaces in Charlotte Street. Council officers have investigated opportunities for additional on-street car parking in Church Street if Charlotte Street were to be closed at this intersection.*

*From these investigations and discussions with the Department of Transport, two additional spaces have been identified outside 399 Church Street, where there is currently a 'no standing zone'. Please note that these spaces can only be provided if Charlotte Street were to be closed.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION - (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

That Council alter the order of business to consider item 8.1 (Notice of Motion No.19 of 2024 – New Direction for Yarra) prior to Council business reports.

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7. Council Business Reports

### 7.1. Instrument of Delegation to the Planning Decisions Committee

**Author** Patrick O'Gorman – Senior Governance Coordinator

**Authoriser** General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Service

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. In the exercise of the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 2020:
  - (a) Adopt the Instrument of Delegation by the Council to the Planning Decisions Committee as set out in Attachment one; and
  - (b) Declare that this Instrument of Delegation come into force immediately upon resolution of Council and the common seal of Council is affixed to this Instrument.
2. Adopt the Protocols for the Use of Delegated Authority (Planning Protocols) incorporating the changes set out in Attachment two.

#### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Glen McCallum; and

Anne Coveny.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

That Council:

1. In the exercise of the powers conferred by the Local Government Act 2020:
  - (a) Adopt the Instrument of Delegation by the Council to the Planning Decisions Committee as set out in Attachment one, subject to the following:
    - (i) Amend the instrument of Delegation to the Planning Decisions Committee to replace '15' with '6' at sections 2.1, 2.4 and 2.5.; and
  - (b) Declare that this Instrument of Delegation come into force immediately upon resolution of Council and the common seal of Council is affixed to this Instrument.
2. Adopt the Protocols for the Use of Delegated Authority (Planning Protocols) incorporating the changes set out in Attachment two, subject to the following:
  - (a) Amend the protocols for the Use of Delegated Authority to replace '15' with '6' throughout and to replace '1 to 14' with '1 to 5' throughout.

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Ho

**Against:** Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**



## 7.2. Governance Report - November 2024

**Author** Patrick O'Gorman – Senior Governance Coordinator

**Authoriser** General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Service

### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Appoint Jeff Rigby as external member to the Audit and Risk Committee for the period 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2027.
2. Receive the Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Activity Report from 1 January 2024 to 31 July 2024.
3. Adopt the dates for Ordinary Council meetings for 2025 to be held at 6.30pm as set out in Attachment three.
4. Adopt the dates for the Planning Decisions Committee meetings for 2025 to be held at 6.30pm as set out in Attachment three.
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6. Appoint the following Councillors to the Audit and Risk Committee for 2025:

Committee	Appointments for 2025
Audit and Risk Committee	Mayor (or alternative Councillor) Cr _____

7. Appoint the following Councillors to the Advisory Committees listed below until 30 June 2025:

Advisory Committee	Appointments for 2025
Active Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr _____
Active Transport Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____
Arts Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____
Business Advisory Group	Cr _____ ...
Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee	All Councillors
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____
Environment Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____

Family and Children’s Services Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____
Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____ Cr _____
Multicultural Advisory Group	Cr _____
Rainbow Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____
Yana Ngargna Advisory Group	Cr _____ Cr _____
Yarra Libraries Advisory Committee	Cr _____ Cr _____

8. Appoint the following Councillors to the external bodies for 2025:

Organisation or body	Appointments for 2025
Australian Local Government Women’s Association	Cr _____
Collingwood Children’s Farm Management Committee	Cr _____
Friends of Baucau	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)
Mayors for Peace	Cr _____
Merri Creek Management Committee	Cr _____
Metropolitan Transport Forum	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)
The M9	Mayor Cr _____
Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action	Cr _____
Victorian Local Governance Association	Cr _____ Cr _____ (substitute)

9. Notes that Division 2 of Part 2 of the Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Act 2024 and Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Amendment Regulations 2024 came into force on 26 October 2024.

Public Submission

Paul Jackson addressed Council on the matter.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

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Arts Advisory Committee	<u>Cr McKenzie</u>
Business Advisory Group	<u>Cr Aston</u> <u>Cr Davies</u> <u>Cr Ho</u> <u>Cr Crossland</u> <u>Cr Gomez</u>
Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Committee	All Councillors
Disability Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Harrison</u>
Environment Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Aston</u>
Family and Children's Services Advisory Committee	<u>Cr McKenzie</u>
<u>Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Cr Aston</u> <u>Cr Davies</u> <u>Cr Gomez</u>

Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr Gomez Cr Davies
<u>Housing Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Cr Aston</u> <u>Cr McKenzie</u> <u>Cr Wade</u>
Multicultural Advisory Group	<u>Cr Ho</u>
<u>Planning Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Cr Davies</u> <u>Cr Gomez</u>
Rainbow Advisory Committee	<u>Cr Crossland</u>
Yana Ngargna Advisory Group	<u>Cr Wade</u>
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Metropolitan Transport Forum	<u>Cr Wade</u>
Municipal Association of Victoria	<u>Cr Gomez</u> <u>Cr Crossland (substitute)</u>
The <u>Metropolitan 9</u>	<u>Mayor</u> <u>Cr McKenzie</u>
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#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 7.3. Annual Grants 2025

**Author** Michael Van Vliet – Community Grants Team Leader  
**Authoriser** General Manager Community Strengthening

#### Officer Recommendation

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**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

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**COUNCIL RESOLUTION - (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

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That the meeting be extended for a further 30 minutes.

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<b>Author</b>	Councillor Jolly
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Public Submissions

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3. Eamon Veaney
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5. Gabrielle Murphy
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7. Stuart Whiley, Edinburgh Cricket Club
8. Romy Zyngier
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24. Elizabeth Clarke, LEGS (Let's Enhance Gleadell Street)
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The meeting resumed at 9.02pm

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**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

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**Division**

**For:** Councillors Crossland, McKenzie and Wade

**Against:** Councillors Aston, Davies, Gomez, Harrison, Ho and Jolly

**LOST**

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

Democracy

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**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

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## Division

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**Moved:** Councillor Aston

### Brunswick Street Oval Redevelopment

9. That Council ~~notes that the community has been waiting since 2018 to see the resolution of this project and is looking forward to seeing progress. agrees to expedite this redevelopment project and complete the current consultation with the community with respect to the latest design proposal without unnecessary delay.~~
10. That Council ~~notes that requests~~ that a report is to be presented to the December 2024 Council meeting providing advice on: a full accounting of the funds expended to date, including Victorian State government funding, to provide full transparency of the development of this community asset.
  - (a) a full accounting of the funds expended to date;
  - (b) the budget to complete this project as contemplated by the current design put to community consultation; and
  - (c) the funds available to Council to complete this project, including Victorian State government funding and any interest earned on that funding so as to provide full transparency of the development of this community asset.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

### Elizabeth St cycle lane

- (b) Providing advice on:
  - (iv) parking lane widths noting the curb-to-curb widths of Lennox St; and
- (c) The report is to include:
  - (i) traffic engineering advice and costings to make the adjustments for the trial and costing for the works to be permanent;
  - (ii) any required approvals from the Department of Transport and Planning;
  - (iii) include a plan to seek funding from the State Government to assist Council in performing any works recommended; and
  - (iv) include previous collected consultation data from the community

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

### Elizabeth St cycle lane

- (iv) include previous collected consultation data from the community and any other information previously provided to Council.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

##### Coppin Street 'bike-friendly' pop-ups

12. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle to consider the results of the current 'bike friendly' pop-up trial and community consultation, community feedback via 'Have Your Say' and traffic counts from Coppin and neighbouring streets to measure diversion of vehicles, together with options and costs in relation to:
- (a) Alteration of the configuration of the trial pop-ups to reduce the vehicle traffic congestion particularly at the Coppin Street and Swan Street intersection

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

##### Coppin Street 'bike-friendly' pop-ups

12. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle to consider: ~~options and costs in relation to:~~ the results of the current 'bike friendly' pop-up trial and community consultation, as well as the following:
- (a) Council notes that:
- (i) Permanent changes to existing infrastructure cannot be made as part of a trial, such as the central media island on Coppin St at the intersection of Swan St;
  - (ii) The Southbound left turning traffic lane from Coppin St into Swan St will be reinstated as part of a permanent design; and
  - (iii) No other turning lanes were temporarily removed as part of the 'bike friendly' pop-up trial on Coppin St.
- (b) Exploration of different design solutions that could allow for greater continuity of separated cycling treatment as part of a permanent design, including bi-directional treatment;
- (c) Traffic counts, including rationale and potential means of address of perceived increased traffic on Coppin St; ~~the removal of the 'bike friendly' pop-ups in Richmond so as to modify the Coppin Street, Richmond cycle lanes to~~
- (d) Details of the amount currently in Council's Victorian Government Safe Local Roads and Streets Program and a projection for funds expected in 2025/2026. This data should be broken down into projects and zones.

#### Division

**For:** Councillors Crossland, McKenzie and Wade

**Against:** Councillors Aston, Davies, Gomez, Harrison, Ho and Jolly

**LOST**

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

### Bin collection and waste charge

14, That a report be presented to the December 2024 Council meeting outlining the options available for Council in relation to reviewing separate waste charges including the consideration of moving to a flat waste charge similar to that employed at Merri-bek, Port Philip, Boroondara, Stonnington, Glen Eira, Moonee Valley, Kingston and Whitehorse Councils, including any processes required for changes to the current system and the financial impacts to be considered in developing the 2025/26 budget. In addition this report should also include financial impacts and the process to:

(a to c) no change

Further, that data on the amount of resident bin's capacity used when collected across should also be included to assess whether changes in bin pickup frequency is warranted

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

### Charlotte St Park

15, That Council:

- (a) Determines to pause the delivery of a park at Charlotte Street, including by ceasing the current tender to construct the park and pausing any work to pursue or gazette the discontinuance of the road until a report can be received in 2025, per subparagraph (d);
- (b) Advises the community/submitters of Council's decision;
- (c) Note that the allocated project funds will be retained in the Public Open Space Reserve;
- (d) Seeks a report to be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle to:
  - (i) Provide Councillors with information arising from the previous consultation and road closure processes for their consideration;
  - (ii) Provide options and costs in relation to an alternative site for this park in Cremorne including off-lease dog exercise areas; and
  - (iii) Detail the amount currently in the Open Space Reserve and a projection for funds expected in 2025/26. This data should be broken down into zones.
- (e). That submitters to the Charlotte Street process be notified that the item will be discussed in the February 2025 meeting.

## Division

**For:** Councillors Crossland, McKenzie and Wade

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**Against:** Councillors Aston, Davies, Gomez, Harrison, Ho and Jolly

LOST

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

##### Citizens Park

- 16, That a report be presented to the March 2025 Council meeting cycle on the options and costs in relation to ~~for~~ the 25/26 budget for the establishment of a safe off lead dog exercise area to accommodate separate dedicated areas for large and small dogs elsewhere from Citizens Park.
- 17, That it is made clear to the community via local signage, social media and traditional media that no dogs will be prevented from using the park while the report is developed and presented to Council for a decision.

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

##### Angled Parking

- 18, ~~That given Council believes that the removal of angled parking should only occur if there is strong community support that all~~ That all and any proposals for the permanent removal of angled parking will be presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting for a decision, except Miller St, Fitzroy North (resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 9 April 2024).

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

That part 21 of the motion as set out in the agenda be removed.

##### Meals

- 21, ~~That Council ends the practice of providing meals prior to Council meetings. Further that Councillors can claim an individual meal allowance in accordance with the Councillor Support Policy for evening meetings (only) to be spent at local business in Yarra excluding food delivery services.~~

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and removed from the motion.

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

##### Advisory Committees

- 22, ~~That as part of the 2025 review of the Council Committees Policy, consideration be given to the formation of Housing, Planning and Financial Sustainability Advisory Committees, Interest Groups or Project Consultative Groups. That Council establish three new Advisory Committees (AC) to be chaired by a Councillor(s) and a public expression of interest process be implemented to seek resident volunteers for the ACs;~~
- ~~(a) — Housing AC;~~
- ~~(b) — Planning AC; and~~
- ~~(c) — Financial Sustainability AC.~~
- 23, That Council notes the intent of the review of the Council Committees Policy is to align Advisory Committees, Interest Groups and Project Consultative Groups with the objectives of the new Council Plan. That draft terms of reference be prepared for the three committees to be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle for Council consideration.

**Division**

**For:** Councillors Crossland and Wade

**Against:** Councillors Aston, Davies, Gomez, Harrison, Ho, Jolly and McKenzie

**LOST**

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

Safety at Pedestrian Crossings

- 24, That Council notes that the pedestrian crossings near the corners of Peel and Langridge Wellington Streets, Collingwood and at the north end of Nicholson St, Abbotsford near Johnston St and the bicycle and pedestrian crossing on Scotchmer St between Fergie and Apperley streets, Fitzroy North require a street lighting and street foliage review to enhance perceptions of community safety.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

Flood overlay

- 26, ~~That an update a report be provided to Council on the state of the community's stormwater drain network and the progress towards updating the Asset Plan with respect to the matters relevant to a full understanding of the current and future capacity of Council's stormwater network to cope with expected storm events including, but not limited to, current and planned maintenance and upgrade works.~~
- 27, That Council defer consideration of the 'Keeping Yarra Flood Resilient' agenda item due in February 2025, until a later date to be determined.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*



## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

### Flood overlay

- 26, That a report be provided to Council with respect to the matters relevant to a full understanding of the current and future capacity of Council's stormwater network to cope with expected storm events including, but not limited to, current and planned maintenance and upgrade works and background information regarding the history of the 'Keeping Yarra Flood Resilient' project.
- 27, That Council defer consideration of the 'Keeping Yarra Flood Resilient' agenda item due in February 2025, until a later date to be determined.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

### Parking

- 28, That a report be presented to the March 2025 Council meeting cycle detailing:
- (a) Costings for the proposal for 1-hour of free parking at all Yarra's activity centres;
  - (b) Costings for the first eligible parking permit for free for residents of the City of Yarra including, but not limited to, wider Richmond and the eastern corridor of Yarra which incorporates Boulevard, Lennox, Melba and Langridge wards;
  - (c) Opportunities for the introduction of a Yarra wide residential short-term user pays multi-pass, discount bulk purchase packs to provide cost effective short visitation options for visitors to families and friends in Yarra; and
  - (d) Information for the period from January to December 2024 parking enforcement requests, parking ticket complaints by residents and local traders, enforcement revenue and costs, tickets issued on 'Big Game Nights' and other major events, and holiday periods such as Christmas Day and Australia Day. This data should be broken down into zones across the municipality and also include (but not limited to) residential street permit only zones, disabled parking, Swan Street, Bridge Road and Victoria Street shopping strips, (2) two and (4) four hour and all day zoned parking areas within the wider Richmond and eastern corridor region of Yarra which incorporates Boulevard, Lennox, Melba and Langridge wards.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

### Proactive discriminatory and offensive materials monitoring and removal

- 30, Acknowledges that it prides itself on the City of Yarra being a tolerant, diverse and accepting community, and acknowledges ~~an increase in~~ discriminatory and offensive stickering (esp. racial discrimination) of community assets throughout the City of Yarra.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

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## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

Proactive discriminatory and offensive materials monitoring and removal

- 30, Acknowledges that it prides itself on the City of Yarra being a tolerant, diverse and accepting community, and acknowledges discriminatory and offensive stickering and other graffiti (esp. racial discrimination) ~~of community assets~~ throughout the City of Yarra.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

Working group to address unauthorised raves/doofs along the Yarra River

- 32, That it be noted that Council values the beauty of the Yarra River and the benefits it brings to our community, and believes this precious natural feature requires protection from unauthorised ~~and illegal~~ raves/dance parties/doofs, and residents and wildlife deserve to be free of the excessive noise pollution and disturbance that significantly affects their wellbeing.

~~That Officers form a working group with relevant stakeholders (such as Parks Victoria and Victoria Police and affected community members) to establish clear accountabilities and processes for preventing and shutting down the raves when they occur.~~

- 33, That a working group to address unauthorised raves/doofs along the Yarra River be formed with relevant stakeholders (such as Parks Victoria and Victoria Police, affected community members and event organisers) to establish clear accountabilities and processes for preventing the event's adverse effects on wildlife and residents.

*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Ho

1. That Council acknowledges the community desire for change as expressed in the recent election. This motion is aimed at launching a new direction for Yarra.
2. That Council resolves:

### Democracy

3. To reduce the number of objections required for a planning item to be referred to the Planning Decisions Committee from 15 to 6 or more.
4. That a report be presented to the December 2024 Council meeting to commence community engagement to amend the Governance Rules to repeal the requirement for residents to submit a question in advance for public question time at Council meetings in Rule 53.

5. That from 2025, Ordinary Meetings of Council be conducted on a monthly basis (noting that the Governance Rules provide for the calling of extraordinary meetings). Meetings will rotate between Richmond Town Hall, Fitzroy Town Hall and so on.

E-scooters and E-bikes

6. That a report be presented to the December 2024 Council meeting to include;
- (a) an update on the existing E-scooter contract and any future contract noting that:
    - (i) Yarra City Council intends to ensure that geo-fencing technology is implemented by e-scooter and e-product operators to restrict users from ending their journeys on footpaths narrower than 2.0 metres within the City of Yarra;
    - (ii) This initiative aims to uphold and enforce existing regulations surrounding the use and parking of e-scooters and e-products within the City of Yarra, ensuring that footpaths remain accessible and free of obstructions for all residents and visitors, particularly those with disabilities;
    - (iii) To facilitate this, the Council will provide e-scooter and e-product operators with data on streets where footpaths are less than 1.5 metres wide, enabling operators to apply “no parking” geo-fences on these designated pathways. Council expects that implementation of this geo-fencing technology is to commence as soon as possible, with the objective of being fully operational within the next three months; and
    - (iv) Council officers improve the process whereby community members and businesses can request that an area be geofenced.
  - (b) Council owned land designated e-scooter parking zones to be identified by Officers; and
  - (c) Off market rate fees for the leasing of these zones to e-scooter operators.

Celebrating all our multicultural community

7. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle, outlining the 2025 civic events calendar inclusive of all major events for all major diverse communities represented in Yarra, including but not limited to Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Vietnamese, Chinese and the various African and LGBTIQ+ communities represented here in Yarra.
8. That in the immediate period, Officers are requested to adequately decorate Yarra’s Richmond Town Hall and activity centres and shopping strips with Christmas decorations as appropriate.

Brunswick Street Oval Redevelopment

9. That Council notes that the community has been waiting since 2018 to see the resolution of this project and is looking forward to seeing progress.
10. That Council requests that a report is to be presented to the December 2024 Council meeting providing advice on:
- (a) a full accounting of the funds expended to date;
  - (b) the budget to complete this project as contemplated by the current design put to community consultation;

- (c) the funds available to Council to complete this project, including Victorian State government funding and any interest earned on that funding so as to provide full transparency of the development of this community asset.

#### Elizabeth St cycle lane

- 11. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle to consider options and costs in relation to:
  - (a) Modifying the Elizabeth St, North Richmond cycle lane to:
    - (i) allow both dedicated bike lanes and parking on both sides of Elizabeth St, until Council forms an opinion on its future; and
  - (b) Providing advice on:
    - (i) bike lane widths east and west of Lennox St;
    - (ii) buffer widths east and west of Lennox St;
    - (iii) traffic lane widths east and west bound on Lennox St; and
    - (iv) parking lane widths noting the curb-to-curb widths of Lennox St; and
  - (c) The report is to include:
    - (i) traffic engineering advice and costings to make the adjustments for the trial and costing for the works to be permanent;
    - (ii) any required approvals from the Department of Transport and Planning;
    - (iii) include a plan to seek funding from the State Government to assist Council in performing any works recommended; and
    - (iv) include previous collected consultation data from the community and any other information previously provided to Council.

#### Coppin Street 'bike-friendly' pop-ups

- 12. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle to consider the results of the current 'bike friendly' pop-up trial and community consultation, community feedback via 'Have Your Say' and traffic counts from Coppin and neighbouring streets to measure diversion of vehicles, together with options and costs in relation to:
  - (a) Alteration of the configuration of the trial pop-ups to reduce the vehicle traffic congestion particularly at the Coppin Street and Swan Street intersection
  - (b) the removal of the 'bike-friendly' pop-ups in Richmond so as to modify the Coppin Street, Richmond cycle lanes to:
    - (i) Remove the bike-friendly pop-up barriers in Richmond at the intersection of Coppin Street and Swan Street, both north and south of this intersection, removing the traffic bottlenecks currently occurring; and
    - (ii) Remove the 'bike-friendly' pop-up barriers in Richmond at the intersection of Coppin Street and Bridge Road, both north and south of this intersection, removing the traffic bottlenecks currently occurring; and
  - (c) Detail the amount currently in Council's Victorian Government Safe Local Roads and Streets Program and a projection for funds expected in 2025/2026. This data should be broken down into projects and zones.

#### Napier St field

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13. That a report be presented to the March 2025 Council meeting cycle on the options and costs in relation to for the 2025/26 budget for an all-weather futsal stadium similar to the one recently built at the North Richmond public housing estate on this land and a fence being erected for safe off-leash dog exercise elsewhere on the field.

#### Bin collection and waste charge

14. That a report be presented to the December 2024 Council meeting outlining the options available for Council in relation to reviewing separate waste charges including the consideration of moving to a flat waste charge similar to that employed at Merri-bek, Port Philip, Boroondara, Stonnington, Glen Eira, Moonee Valley, Kingston and Whitehorse Councils, including any processes required for changes to the current system and the financial impacts to be considered in developing the 2025/26 budget. In addition this report should also include financial impacts and the process to:
- (a) introduce weekly recycling collection and processing;
  - (b) commence a community consultation in close co-operation with all Councillors for the introduction of street-based bin collection for some bins for some terraced streets and the introduction of communal glass bins; and
  - (c) end the Abbotsford Alternate Collections Area and immediately restore weekly collection of waste (red lid) bins.

Further, that data on the amount of resident bin's capacity used when collected across should also be included to assess whether changes in bin pickup frequency is warranted.

#### Charlotte St Park

15. That Council:
- (a) Determines not to proceed with the delivery of a park at Charlotte Street, ceases the current tender to construct the park and ceases any work to pursue or gazette the discontinuance of the road;
  - (b) Advises the community/submitters of Council's decision;
  - (c) Note that the allocated project funds will be retained in the Public Open Space Reserve;
  - (d) Seeks a report to be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle to:
    - (i) Provide options and costs in relation to an alternative site for this park in Cremorne including off-lease dog exercise areas; and
    - (ii) Detail the amount currently in the Open Space Reserve and a projection for funds expected in 2025/26. This data should be broken down into zones.

#### Citizens Park

16. That a report be presented to the March 2025 Council meeting cycle on the options and costs in relation to the 25/26 budget for the establishment of a safe off lead dog exercise area to accommodate separate dedicated areas for large and small dogs elsewhere from Citizens Park.
17. That it is made clear to the community via local signage, social media and traditional media that no dogs will be prevented from using the park while the report is developed and presented to Council for a decision.

### Angled Parking

18. That all and any proposals for the permanent removal of angled parking will be presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting for a decision, except Miller St, Fitzroy North (resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 9 April 2024).
19. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle to update the Transport Strategy and Action Plan to specify this intent.

### Housing

20. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CEO and relevant officers seek discussions with State and Federal governments to reopen the plans for a social housing project on the Council-owned land near Collingwood Town Hall and any other appropriate land Council owns and further that the CEO report back to Council on this as soon as possible.

### Animal Faeces

21. That a report be presented to the February Council Meeting cycle to provide an update on the removal of animal faeces around City of Yarra and compliance with Clause 16 of the General Local Law and details of a proposed education campaign with the aim of reducing non-compliance of Clause 16.3.

### Advisory Committees

22. That Council establish three new Advisory Committees (AC) to be chaired by a Councillor(s) and a public expression of interest process be implemented to seek resident volunteers for the ACs;
  - (a) Housing AC;
  - (b) Planning AC; and
  - (c) Financial Sustainability AC.
23. That draft terms of reference be prepared for the three committees to be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle for Council consideration.

### Safety at Pedestrian Crossings

24. That Council notes that the pedestrian crossings near the corners of Peel and Wellington Streets, Collingwood and at the north end of Nicholson St, Abbotsford near Johnston St and the bicycle and pedestrian crossing on Scotchmer St between Fergie and Apperley streets, Fitzroy North require a street lighting and street foliage review to enhance perceptions of community safety.
25. That officers investigate this matter (including advice in relation to third party approvals) as a priority and that consideration of this matter be referred to the mid-year budget review in February 2025.

### Flood overlay

26. That a report be provided to Council with respect to the matters relevant to a full understanding of the current and future capacity of Council's stormwater network to cope with expected storm events including, but not limited to, current and planned maintenance and upgrade works and background information regarding the history of the 'Keeping Yarra Flood Resilient' project.
27. That Council defer consideration of the 'Keeping Yarra Flood Resilient' agenda item due in February 2025, until a later date to be determined.

### Parking

28. That a report be presented to the March 2025 Council meeting cycle detailing:
- (a) Costings for the proposal for 1-hour of free parking at all Yarra's activity centres;
  - (b) Costings for the first eligible parking permit for free for residents of the City of Yarra including, but not limited to, wider Richmond and the eastern corridor of Yarra which incorporates Boulevard, Lennox, Melba and Langridge wards;
  - (c) Opportunities for the introduction of a Yarra wide residential short-term user pays multi-pass, discount bulk purchase packs to provide cost effective short visitation options for visitors to families and friends in Yarra; and
  - (d) Information for the period from January to December 2024 parking enforcement requests, parking ticket complaints by residents and local traders, enforcement revenue and costs, tickets issued on 'Big Game Nights' and other major events, and holiday periods such as Christmas Day and Australia Day. This data should be broken down into zones across the municipality and also include (but not limited to) residential street permit only zones, disabled parking, Swan Street, Bridge Road and Victoria Street shopping strips, (2) two and (4) four hour and all day zoned parking areas within the wider Richmond and eastern corridor region of Yarra which incorporates Boulevard, Lennox, Melba and Langridge wards.

### Pocket Park Community Maintenance

29. That Council acknowledges that significant expertise in gardening and horticulture exists in the community and that a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle detailing options for enabling community-led planting and maintenance of pocket parks and garden beds that can be performed by community members interested in doing so, including the provision of funding to support planting.

### Proactive discriminatory and offensive materials monitoring and removal

30. Acknowledges that it prides itself on the City of Yarra being a tolerant, diverse and accepting community, and acknowledges discriminatory and offensive stickering and other graffiti (esp. racial discrimination) throughout the City of Yarra.
31. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle identifying 'hot spots' for this material (such as the streets surrounding Victoria Park) and opportunities and costs to conduct regular, proactive sweeps of these areas to identify and remove the materials.

### Working group to address unauthorised raves/doofs along the Yarra River

32. That it be noted that Council values the beauty of the Yarra River and the benefits it brings to our community, and believes this precious natural feature requires protection from unauthorised raves/dance parties/doofs, and residents and wildlife deserve to be free of the excessive noise pollution and disturbance that significantly affects their wellbeing.
33. That a working group to address unauthorised raves/doofs along the Yarra River be formed with relevant stakeholders (such as Parks Victoria and Victoria Police, affected community members and event organisers) to establish clear accountabilities and processes for preventing the event's adverse effects on wildlife and residents.

### Climate action

34. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle outlining:
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- (a) the current state of heating in Yarra's leisure centres and options to convert from gas heating to electric heat pump;
- (b) the current state of the community battery in Fitzroy North; and
- (c) the current state of plans to implement on-street EV charging for Yarra households.

#### Sportsgrounds Fees and Charges

- 35. To pause the process to invoice the 2024 winter clubs for use of Yarra's sportsground and facilities.
- 36. That a report be presented to the February 2025 Council meeting cycle outlining options to review Council's Recreation Fees and Charges for use of Yarra's sportsgrounds and facilities.

#### **CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Ho

**Against:** Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION - (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

That the meeting be extended for a further 30 minutes.

#### **CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10.50pm

The meeting resumed at 10.54pm on item 7.1.



## 9. Petitions and Joint Letters

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### 9.1 Petition – Salvation Army Hall, Collingwood

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Reference: D24/469326

A petition containing 28 signatures from residents are requesting that the Salvation Army address the un-sightly and unkept look of the property at 41 Mater Street, Collingwood.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

That the petition be accepted, noted and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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### 9.2 Petition – Make a cul-de-sac on Alexander Street, Collingwood

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Reference: D24/469354

A petition containing 17 signatures from residents are requesting that Council consider making Alexander Street, Collingwood a cul-de-sac.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

That the petition be accepted, noted and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. Questions without Notice

Nil.

## 11. Delegates Reports

Nil.

## 12. General Business

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### 12.1 Councillor McKenzie – 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

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#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That Council acknowledge the 16 days of activism against gendered based violence and note that Yarra City Council is committed to a future where all members of the community are protected and safe from gender-based violence: at home, at work and wherever they are.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is a global campaign led annually by UN Women. It runs every year from 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day).

#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 13. Urgent Business

Nil.

## 14. Confidential Business Reports

Nil.

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 11.30pm

Confirmed Tuesday 17 December 2024

Mayor