

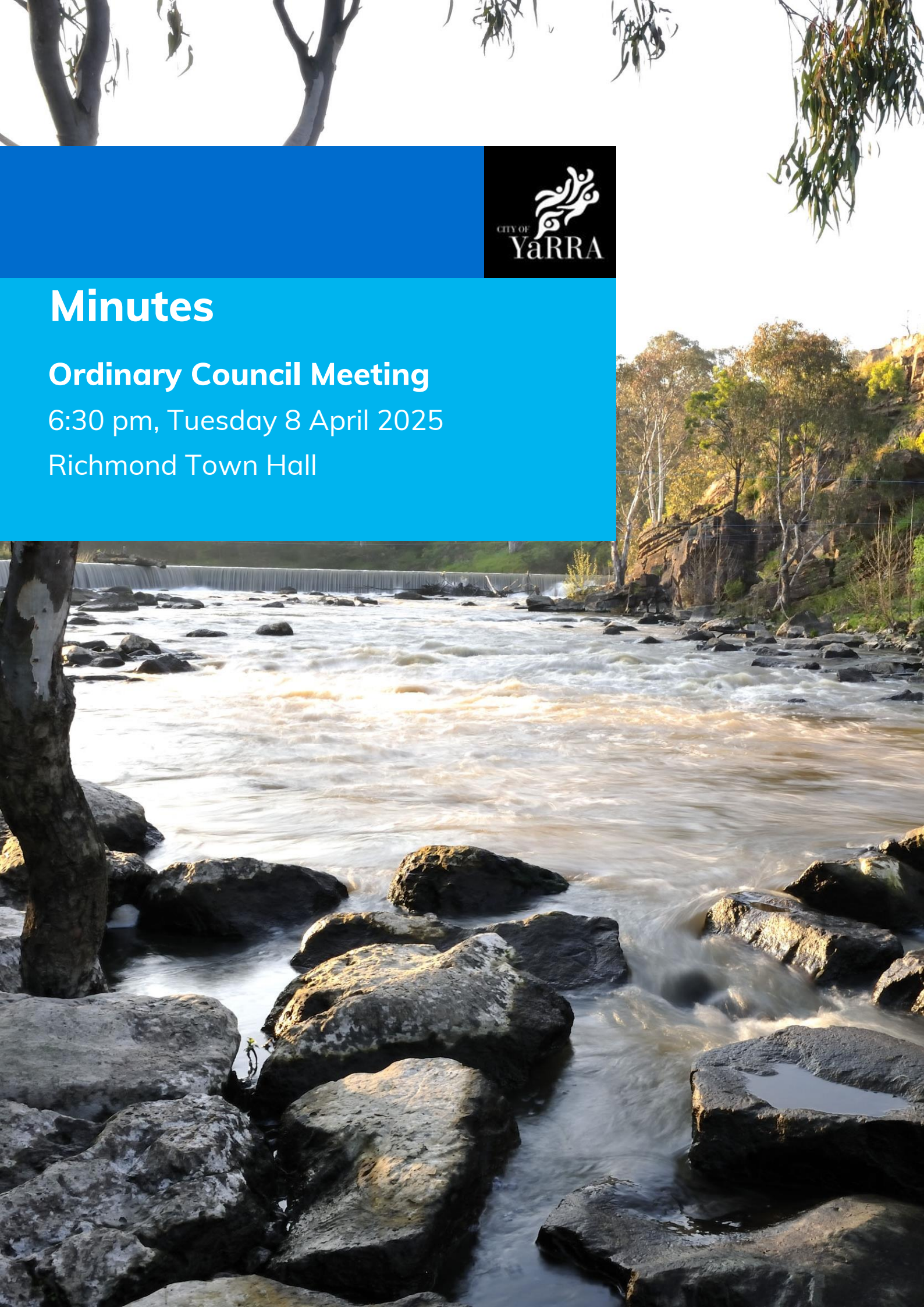


# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday 8 April 2025

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:

##### *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

Councillor Crossland gave notice that he will be taking leave for the period 24 April to 24 October 2025 for parental leave in accordance with the provisions of section 35 of the Local Government Act 2020.

### 4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Cr Aston, Cr Crossland, Cr Davies, Cr Gomez, Cr Jolly, Cr Harrison, Cr Ho, Cr McKenzie, 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.

### 5. Confirmation of Minutes

#### MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That confirmation of the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2025 be deferred to the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

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

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

LOST

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 March 2025 be confirmed.

#### 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

## 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. **Christine Maynard:**

Question:

I attended the council meeting on Feb 11 2025 where Kerry responded to my question in relation to the over three million dollars the state government owes the CoY ratepayer due to the failed debacle called the Injection Room.

Funnily enough, you want to pretty up Victoria St with a few plants and waste more of our valuable money.

In the last two months, what has anyone involved in this council done to get the ratepayers money back?

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

*As detailed at the February 2025 Council meeting, Council has consistently advocated for the state government to either directly commission a relevant agency to deliver syringe management services and associated cleansing, or to provide full financial support to Council for the delivery of this service.*

*These efforts have continued over the past few months, with repeated formal approaches and meetings, including those involving the Mayor with the Minister for Mental Health and the CEO with senior officers at the Victorian Department of Health and Department of Families Fairness and Housing.*

### 2. **Hayden Oberin:**

Question:

As a local resident and active community member for almost 20 years, I value Yarra's rich heritage, including our laneways, which I regularly maintain by weeding and cleaning dumped rubbish for collection.

Like many, specifically I use the laneway between St Georges Road and Egremont Street daily, walking my daughter to school and walking our dogs.

Given this context and also acknowledging this topic is not on the agenda for a decision (but will be in future), my question is: Will the council consider the community benefit of selling this public asset vs private profit, especially considering the previous council's rejection?"

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

*Thanks for your question Hayden.*

*Any proposal to discontinue and potentially sell a laneway is initially assessed for its current community benefit (e.g. traffic flow, pedestrian and cycle movement, drainage, other underground assets etc) and against any future community benefit.*

The laneway you refer to will be considered by the Council in the coming month or 2 and a community consultation period may be called for. Council would then consider the community sentiment (including in relation to the asset's community benefit) prior to making a decision on the laneway's future.

**3. Glenn Morrison:**

Question:

"At the 11 March 2025 Council meeting I asked the question

"Why, in 2022 did Council design and build the treatment at the corner of Brunswick Street North and Park Street to accommodate the turning of a semi-trailers from Brunswick Street North into Park Street."

Mr Hewitt's response was so general that it did not answer the question so for the 8 April 2025 Council meeting I'd like to ask the same question in the hope of getting a response. Thankyou. "

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

Thanks for your question Glenn and good to talk to you yesterday.

As we discussed, it seems that attempts to improve safety and soften traffic volumes and speeds motivated this treatment at this intersection. There was significant consultation at the time and there were various options canvassed and each attracted various levels of support and opposition.

The Council has some options it will consider as part of its budget process that could influence traffic flows in streets around this area – including streets used by large trucks. These may include the Linear Park Masterplan and possible road safety studies for Rae St and Brunswick St North. We'd welcome your contributions on Council's budget when it is released for consultation later this month.

**4. Paul Jackson:**

Question:

What protections are in place to ensure that questions asked during question time at a council meeting are answered directly , honestly & without obfuscations by council officers.

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

Thank you for your question Paul.

Under section 53.3.3 of Council's Governance Rules, it states that the Chair, or the person nominated by the Chair must provide a succinct response to the question asked. This protection is in place to ensure that all answers provided are clearly expressed.

**5. Susan Mahar:**

Question:

There are many reasons to worry about the sale of Yarra's public laneways to developers as we prepare for the impacts of climate change. But a major concern relates to Yarra's recently released change in storm water overlays.

What evidence is there that blocked laneways will not compound the issue of flooding given what we now know about increased flood risks in Yarra?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

Thanks for your question Susan.

Most laneways play a role in the city's stormwater management - either through hosting a legal point of discharge, through overland flow or by housing a drainage pipe underneath.

Some laneways will never be discontinued and sold because they, amongst other things, play a major role in stormwater management.

In the event Council elects to consider the discontinuance of a laneway that may then facilitate a development, Council's engineers will assess the laneway for its drainage role and may require an easement to be applied in Council's favour to protect this stormwater management role in future.

**6. Peter Wearne, Yarra Drug and Health Forum:**

Question:

Last month at the March 11th council meeting, Council determined to cease funding Yarra Drug and Health Forum from 30th June 2025, despite an officer recommendation for a 12 month continuation.

Councillors have received correspondence from the Forum addressing the matters raised in that meeting. Will Councillors reconsider this decision?

The Mayor provided the following response:

As we did not receive any motions to rescind that decision, it cannot be reconsidered. However, you still have the option to put in a submission to the draft budget when that is released on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month and the other option would be to apply for the community grants program.

What Council voted on a month ago, was not whether or not your organisation does good work, no one said that or would ever suggest that. We give grants to top tier organisations i.e. Toy Library, Fitzroy Legal Service, Princess Hill Community Centre, Collingwood Children's Farm, Young Farmers Program and the Aboriginal Torres Strait Access and Engagement Program. These are the types of organisations that we felt were deserving of the multi-year grants. Your organisation facilitates community dialogue, which is very important however not on the same level as the other organisations and that is why we did what we did. If you feel that we were sly towards your organisation then I apologise on behalf of Council, that is not what we intended and I urge you to exercise those options.

**7. Joe Gagliano:**

Question:

As council management seem to not be planning for events, and thus allow Yarra council to miss out on tens of thousands of dollars, when will the council actually enforce parking regulations on event days and nights - ensuring there are specific dates mentioned in your reply?



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

Thank you Joe for your question.

I note your comment however that is not correct. The Parking Services team do plan our resourcing in a proactive manner.

In advance of this year's AFL and other major events, an internal review was completed and Council has significantly increased our parking enforcement presence, particularly in high-demand areas like Richmond.

Council's infringement data shows a significant increase in infringements issued for Rowena Parade.

**8. Karen Hovenga:**

Question:

When will the Lennox/Swan St bike intersection treatment be installed? It was funded in the previous budget and, as a member of ATAC, I understand that the project has DTP approval.

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

Thank you for your question, Karen.

Officers are currently focused on Elizabeth Street and Coppin St bike treatments. Lennox/Swan intersection will be considered post this.

**9. Virginia Noonan:**

Question:

Laneways in the City of Yarra are a significant part of our history and heritage and must be protected. What protection does the council have in place to stop developers from expanding their footprint in an area by buying properties around their site and then squashing any opposition to their proposal?

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

Thank you for your question, Virginia.

There is nothing to stop someone from applying for a planning permit over any area of land, regardless of whether they own the land. However a planning permit will only be granted where all relevant planning controls are complied with. This includes heritage, if the land is in a Heritage Overlay.

Separate approval will be required from the landowner (before someone can act on a permit granted to build over land that they do not own).

So, in the case of a laneway, the developer has to apply to Council to discontinue and sell the laneway under the Local Government Act. Under this Act, there is a separate set of decision-making parameters that also need to be met before Council would sell the land.

**10. Elizabeth Clarke:**

Question:

At the November meeting Councillors asked, 'How much money is in the Developer's Fund for parks public space , and how much can be expected in the next financial year?'

I ask this question again "'How much money is in the Developer's Fund for parks public space , and how much can be expected in the next financial year?' "

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

Thank you for your question Elizabeth.

Within the public open space reserve Council has approximately \$30 Million and aims to collect between \$4 – 5 Million annually and that is depended on the level of construction and development that is existing or occurring in the municipality.

The Mayor also added:

We are going to get three new parks in the City of Yarra; one in the northern part of the municipality and two in the Cremorne area. The reason why I cannot say much on the location, think about it, the land owners would just jack up the cost, it is commercial in confidence. Residents particularly in Cremorne have the least amount of open green space in the municipality compared to Collingwood.

In terms of the Richmond Library, in about two weeks' time, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month, we will be releasing the draft budget and it will have some serious money put towards an expansion of the library.

The state government recently told us that we need to double our population and build 44,000 new homes. We will not allow Yarra to turn into the next Docklands and Southbank, where there are heaps of people and not enough social or physical infrastructure for the families and residents. We will build more libraries, more parks, more bike lanes and have more services, and you will see that starting in the draft budget that will be released later this month. Once the budget is released, you will have a month to review it and make a submission, submissions will be considered and the budget will be adopted in June.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

That item 7.5 – Paid Parking Fees Implementation of Richmond Shopping Strip Parking Pilot Program be considered before item 7.4.

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

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

**Against:** Councillor Crossland

**CARRIED**

## 7. Council Business Reports

### 7.1. Elizabeth Street Bike Lane Trial Update

**Author** Philip Mallis – Principal Strategic Transport Planner

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

#### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 7:12am**

That Council:

1. Resolves to retain the existing Elizabeth Street bike lane trial infrastructure in place until permanent treatment designs are resolved.
2. Finalises the concept design work for the permanent treatment based on the existing trial layout ( Option 1) and present these designs to Council by December 2025 for consideration for release for community consultation.
3. Reports the results of the community engagement outlined in Point 2 above to Council before June 2026 and seek endorsement of a final concept design.
4. Completes a review of parking restrictions (exploring additional opportunities for parking in the surrounding area).
5. Maintain the road using existing patch ups.
6. Defers the road re-sheet program to coincide with the construction of a permanent bike lane treatment.

#### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

1. Zyl Hovenga-Wauchope;
2. Lucas Renzi;
3. Karen Hovenga;
4. Val Flynn;
5. Herschel Landes;
6. Aidan Barac-Dunn;
7. Glenda Ruby;
8. Anna Lindstad;
9. Liam O'Boyle;
10. Alex Feuchtwanger;
11. Geoffrey Guilfoyle;
12. Lyndy U'ren on behalf of Theresa Saldanha;
13. Shelagh Kavanagh;

14. Rebecca Morden;
15. Victoria Chipperfield;
16. Amy Sudibyo;
17. Peter Razos;
18. Robert Buttery;
19. Jackie Fristacky;
20. Brett Willemsen;
21. Hannah Marshall;
22. Meredith Kefford;
23. Owen Dickson;
24. Lyndy U'ren;
25. Jonathan Lowe;
26. Lachlan McKenna;
27. Michael Smith;
28. Aaron John McDonnell;
29. John Lubberink;
30. David Balding;
31. David Leyh;
32. Aaron Roozenburg;
33. Bruce Sutherland;
34. Huong Trieu;
35. Hoa Nguyen;
36. Thanh Ha & Master Kim loan Ha, Phouc Troung Temple;
37. Bich Cam Nguyen, OAM / President Founder Australian Vietnamese Women Association;
38. Eddie Nguyen;
39. Vinne Nhan le;
40. Thuy Kim;
41. Pham Thi Chanh;
42. Tina Tran;
43. Tammy Tran;
44. Nicole Eckersley;
45. Alison McCormack, Bicycle Network Incorporated;
46. Karen Hovenga on behalf of Kirsty R;
47. Troy Parsons;
48. Aaron Moon;

49. Paul Jackson
50. Jonathan Morgan;
51. Alyson Macdonald;
52. Irene Moser;
53. Katarina Radonic;
54. Christine Maynard;
55. Elizabeth Clarke;
56. Peter Long;
57. Adam Promnitz, Yarra Residents Collective; and
58. Petition (9.1) received by Cr Wade on behalf of resident.

#### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

That Council:

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2. Finalises the concept design work for the permanent treatment based on the existing trial layout ( Option 1) and present these designs to Council by December 2025 for consideration for release for community consultation.
3. Reports the results of the community engagement outlined in Point 2 above to Council before June 2026 and seek endorsement of a final concept design.
4. Completes a review of parking restrictions (exploring additional opportunities for parking in the surrounding area).
5. Maintain the road using existing patch ups.
6. Defers the road re-sheet program to coincide with the construction of a permanent bike lane treatment.

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

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

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

**LOST**

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Ho

Council believes that we should keep protected bike lanes on both sides of Elizabeth St, North Richmond and also meet the needs of local residents for some parking on the north side of the street.

Our roads, like all our open spaces, need to be better shared, especially with a rapid population increase expected.

That is why this Council will increase capital works expenditure this year to prepare our area for the future.

Council notes that this boost includes a doubling in bike infrastructure investment from \$560,000 last year to \$1,160,000 in the upcoming budget to be released later this month.

This will see action on bike lanes in Langridge St, Gipps St, Coppin St, Linear Park, Wellington St, on the corner of Johnston/Victoria Sts, plus new bike parking facilities and bike repair stations.

1. Between Lennox and Hoddle St, the new widths will be as follows:
  - o Bike lane 1.5 meters
  - o Buffer 0.5 meters
  - o Parking 2.1 meters
  - o Traffic lane 2.85 meters
2. Between Lennox and Church St, the new widths will be as follows:
  - o Bike lane 1.7 meters
  - o Buffer 0.6 meters
  - o Parking 2.1 meters
  - o Traffic lane 3 meters

This will be implemented as soon as possible.

Note that on all of Elizabeth St, the bike lanes will be wider than at Albert St, East Melbourne, where for years it has been 1.43m on the north side travelling east.

## CALL FOR A DIVISION

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

**Against:** Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**

## 7.2. Coppin Street Cycling Corridor

**Author** Simon Exon – Unit Manager Strategic Transport

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 10:08pm**

That Council:

1. Progresses the Coppin Street NDC Corridor Study to Stage 2 – concept development and design and engagement with the community during 25/26, noting the completion of the first phase of engagement outlined in this report.
2. Retains all the existing trial infrastructure at the Bridge Road and Coppin Street intersections in situ and progresses detailed design work for permanent installations at these intersections to be completed in 2025/2026.
3. Subject to a future budget allocation, constructs the permanent treatments at both intersections.

### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Herschel Landes;

Aidan Barac-Dunn;

Liam O'Boyle;

Jackie Fristacky; and

Alyson Macdonald.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

That this item be deferred to the May Ordinary Council Meeting.

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

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

**Against:** Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10.29pm

The meeting resumed at 10.36pm

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

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**



### 7.3. Urban Renewal of Victoria Street, Richmond and Abbotsford

**Author** Malcolm McCall – Manager Equity and Community Development

**Authoriser** General Manager Community Strengthening

#### **Officer Recommendation**

**Start time: 10:36pm**

That Council:

1. Endorses the development of the Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan: Enhancing Amenity, Boosting the Economy, and Fostering Local Pride, as a locally led initiative aimed at delivering short, medium, and long-term targeted interventions in partnership with residents, businesses, and private and public sector stakeholders.
2. Confirms the defined precinct area for the Plan, extending from Hoddle Street in the west to Victoria Bridge in the east, where Victoria Street transitions into Barkers Road, with a north-south extent reaching 45 metres back on either side of Victoria Street. The Precinct includes key discontinuous roads to the south, such as Little Butler Street, Victoria Place, Eureka Street, and Coles Terrace.
3. Recognises that the revitalisation plan will be implemented over multiple years, requiring multiple initiatives and collaboration with existing and emerging partners, while being delivered within existing funding constraints.
4. Endorses a phased approach to developing the Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan, with an initial phase assessing proposed interventions supported by independent, expert advice, followed by a Draft Plan submitted to Council for endorsement for public exhibition, and the production of a Final Plan for adoption.
5. Supports the establishment of structured working groups for the Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan, with Phase 1 focusing on stakeholder engagement and intervention assessment, and Phase 2 on delivery, partnerships, and evaluation.
6. Recognises that officers will pursue an incremental, trial-based approach to targeted precinct improvements, ensuring flexibility and adaptability based on community and stakeholder feedback. Initiatives will be assessed on a limited scale before broader implementation, with successful interventions being replicated and expanded.
7. Endorses the identification of investment opportunities in the Precinct, including engagement with property owners and developers to identify and address barriers to investment, such as land fragmentation and environmental constraints. This is likely to include assessing the feasibility of site consolidation to improve viability and unlock public benefits such as setbacks, open space, and enhanced pedestrian access.
8. Supports the use of innovative tools to visually represent development potential, illustrate existing constraints, and highlight commercial opportunities, providing public and private stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of the Precinct's revitalisation prospects.
9. Requests that officers report back to Council at key milestones in the development of the Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan, upon completing the following stages:

- (a) Phase 1(a): Engage key stakeholders, document proposed interventions;
  - (b) Phase 1(b): Engage expert advice to assess their efficacy, durability, and financial and other resource implications;
  - (c) Phase 2: Use the findings from Phase 1 to develop the Victoria Street Revitalisation Plan, which will be presented to Council for endorsement for public exhibition before returning for final adoption.
10. Invests in a suite of shorter-term public realm enhancements for the Victoria Street Precinct, including:
- (a) Negotiating with VicTrack to lease or purchase the Jonas Street intersection with Victoria Street to create an appropriate public space, recognising the site's current surveillance and amenity challenges;
  - (b) Upgrading the green pocket of open space on the corner of Victoria Street and Regent Street to improve amenity and usability;
  - (c) Revitalising and replanting existing garden beds in outstands, using a thematic approach appropriate for Victoria Street to enhance the streetscape;
  - (d) Identifying opportunities for additional greening, including low-level plantings in existing paved outstands, vertical greenery on building facades, and hanging planters, ensuring accessibility is maintained; and
  - (e) Undertaking a graffiti blitz.

#### Public Submission

Ha Nguyen, VSBA addressed Council on the matter.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

**Seconded:** Councillor Ho

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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**

## 7.5. Paid Parking Fees Implementation of Richmond Shopping Strip Parking Pilot Program

**Author** Aoife Mulligan – Manager Parking and Compliance

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 10:45pm**

That Council:

1. Resolves to retain the current parking arrangements and makes no change to the current fee structure.
2. Resolves to prepare and complete a Kerbside and Parking Strategy, including community engagement prior to making any further decisions relating to paid parking fees and pricing policy for Council's Activity centres.

### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

David Balding;

Lisa Loughman;

Jeremy Lawrence;

Saurabh Abbott;

Jackson Wade, Niche on Bridge;

Scott Lawson, Mortgage Choice Richmond on behalf of Shwan Shi, ANZ Bank Richmond;

Fergus Eweart, Winning Edge Presentations on behalf of Paul Winters, Kwik Kopy Richmond;

Jeremy Hope, Bridge Road Main Street Inc.

Katarina Radonic;

Joe Gagliano;

Victoria Chipperfield;

Jason Gabriel;

Stavros Konis;

Karen Hovenga;

Aaron Moon; and

Adam Promnitz, Yarra Residents Collective.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

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**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

That Council:

1. Proceed with Option 2: Implementation of a 1 hour free parking across Richmond Shopping Strips (Bridge Road, Swan Street and Victoria Street) for a 12 month period.

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

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

**Against:** Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**

## 7.4. ERP Business Case

**Author** Lucy Roffey – General Manager Corporate Services

**Authoriser** General Manager Corporate Services

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 11.37pm**

That Council:

1. Endorses the ERP Business Case and the recommendation to proceed with Option 1.
2. Authorises the CEO to implement Option 1 outlined in Council's ERP Business Case, including the following matters:
  - (a) Deliver the project over three years within a total project budget of \$32.0M, including a 20% contingency;
  - (b) Implement the assurance framework and project governance structure outlined in Section 7 of the ERP Business Case; and
  - (c) Finalise negotiations for the ERP software solution and implementation partner for approval by Council at a future Council meeting.

### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Jeremy Lawrence;

Glen McCallum; and

Stephen Bourne.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**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**

Councillor Crossland left the meeting at 11.47pm.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Aston

That Council:

1. Endorses the ERP Business Case and the recommendation to proceed with Option 1.
2. Authorises the CEO to implement Option 1 outlined in Council's ERP Business Case, including the following matters:
  - (a) Deliver the project over three years within a total project budget of \$32.0M, including a 20% contingency;
  - (b) Implement the assurance framework and project governance structure outlined in Section 7 of the ERP Business Case; and
  - (c) Finalise negotiations for the ERP software solution and implementation partner for approval by Council at a future Council meeting.

## **CALL FOR A DIVISION**

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

**Against:** Councillor Davies

**CARRIED**



## 7.6. Property Strategy 2025 - 2030

**Author** Fadi Fakhoury – Manager Property Services

**Authoriser** General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 11:52pm**

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback received in relation to the draft property strategy and thanks the community for their involvement.
2. Adopts the final Property Strategy 2025-2030 as included in Attachment 1.

### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Anne Coveny; and

Jenny Backholer.

Councillor Crossland returned to the meeting at 11.56pm.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback received in relation to the draft property strategy and thanks the community for their involvement.
2. Notes the process by which the community will be engaged in significant property-related decision making under the “Good governance in property decision making” section of the Property Strategy 2025 – 2030.
3. Notes that no Council-owned property will be disposed of without Council first receiving a report, then undertaking extensive community consultation prior to any Council decision to dispose of the property.
4. Adopts the final Property Strategy 2025-2030 as included in Attachment 1.
5. Calls for a review of the implementation of the Property Strategy 2025 – 2030 in 12 months’ time to ensure its effectiveness and ensure community confidence is maintained.

**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**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Aston

That items 7.9, 7.12 and 7.13 be considered following item 7.6.

**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**

## 7.9. Governance Rules Review

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

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

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:03am**

1. That Council, having considered feedback from community consultation, adopt the Governance Rules as amended in Attachment one.

### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Vicki Redwood; and

Joe Gagliano.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

1. That Council, having considered feedback from community consultation, adopt the Governance Rules as amended in Attachment one.

### 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**

## 7.12. Contract award - C1794 Tree Planting and Establishment Services

**Author** Casey Ward – Coordinator Strategic Projects Delivery

**Authoriser** Chief Executive Officer

Sam Hewett, General Manager Infrastructure and Environment left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 12.12am.

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:12am**

That Council:

1. Awards contract C1794 for the provision of tree planting and establishment services to \_\_\_\_\_ (ABN \_\_\_\_\_) and \_\_\_\_\_ (ABN \_\_\_\_\_) for a principal contract term of four years with one two-year option to extend.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the contract extension, where satisfactory performance has been demonstrated.
4. Approves annual expenditure of up to \$1,250,000 excluding GST against the contract, subject to available budget.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

That Council:

1. Awards contract C1794 for the provision of tree planting and establishment services to **Sevron Pty Ltd (ABN 41 165 444 011)** and **Melbourne Treeworks Pty Ltd (ABN 34 649 538 152)** for a principal contract term of four years with one two-year option to extend.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the contract extension, where satisfactory performance has been demonstrated.
4. Approves annual expenditure of up to \$1,250,000 excluding GST against the contract, subject to available budget.

**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**

Sam Hewett, *General Manager Infrastructure and Environment* returned to the meeting.

### 7.13. Tender Report C1762-Drainage Cleaning and Maintenance Services

<b>Author</b>	Scott Carroll – Coordinator Drainage and Stormwater
<b>Authoriser</b>	General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

#### Officer Recommendation

Start time: 12:14am

That Council:

1. Awards contract C1762 Drainage Cleaning and Maintenance Services to \_\_\_\_\_ for the lump sum price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (ex-GST) per annum plus additional drainage maintenance services under a schedule of rates (to a maximum annual contract spend of \$1,000,000 (ex-GST)) for an initial term of five years with options to extend by two further one-year periods.
2. Notes the contract will be subject to a CPI annual adjustment of the contract rates;
3. Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to sign the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
4. Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to extend the contract by two further one-year periods subject to satisfactory performance.
5. Authorises Council officers to advise the unsuccessful tenderers accordingly.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

That Council:

1. Awards contract C1762 Drainage Cleaning and Maintenance Services to **TDG Environmental (TDG) (ABN 17 130 467 346)** for the lump sum price of **\$332,000** (ex-GST) per annum plus additional drainage maintenance services under a schedule of rates (to a maximum annual contract spend of \$1,000,000 (ex-GST)) for an initial term of five years with options to extend by two further one-year periods.
2. Notes the contract will be subject to a CPI annual adjustment of the contract rates;
3. Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to sign the contract documentation on behalf of Council.
4. Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to extend the contract by two further one-year periods subject to satisfactory performance.
5. Authorises Council officers to advise the unsuccessful tenderers accordingly.

**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**

## 7.10. Proposed Discontinuance of Road abutting 99 - 101 Bridge Road Richmond

**Author** Kirti Madan – Property Project Officer

**Authoriser** General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:15am**

That Council:

1. Acting under section 17(4) of the Road Management Act 2004 (RMA), resolves that the road abutting 99 - 101 Bridge Road, Richmond, being part of the land contained in certificate of title volume 6083 folio 496 and shown as the 12 square metre parcel on the title plan attached as **Attachment 2** (road), be removed from Council's Register of Public Roads on the basis that the road is no longer required for general public use; and
2. Acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act):
  - (a) Resolves that the required statutory procedures be commenced to discontinue the road;
  - (b) Directs that, under sections 207A and 223 of the Act, public notice of the proposed discontinuance be given in "The Age" newspaper;
  - (c) Resolves that the public notice should state that if the road is discontinued, Council proposes to sell the road to the adjoining owner for market value; and
  - (d) Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act in relation to this matter.



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

That Council:

1. Acting under section 17(4) of the Road Management Act 2004 (RMA), resolves that the road abutting 99 - 101 Bridge Road, Richmond, being part of the land contained in certificate of title volume 6083 folio 496 and shown as the 12 square metre parcel on the title plan attached as **Attachment 2** (road), be removed from Council's Register of Public Roads on the basis that the road is no longer required for general public use; and
2. Acting under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act):
  - (a) Resolves that the required statutory procedures be commenced to discontinue the road;
  - (b) Directs that, under sections 207A and 223 of the Act, public notice of the proposed discontinuance be given in "The Age" newspaper;
  - (c) Resolves that the public notice should state that if the road is discontinued, Council proposes to sell the road to the adjoining owner for market value; and
  - (d) Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act in relation to this matter.

## 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**

## 7.11. Responding to the Notice of Motion 19. 26 November 2024 New Direction for Yarra Part 7 - Celebrating our multicultural community

**Author** Vicky Guglielmo – Manager Libraries Arts & Events

**Authoriser** General Manager Community Strengthening

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:16am**

That Council:

1. Notes the 2025 annual civic events calendar, which details festivals and events throughout 2025, that are inclusive of First Peoples and diverse communities represented in Yarra.

### Revised Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the 2025 annual civic events calendar, which details festivals and events throughout 2025, that are inclusive of First Peoples and diverse communities represented in Yarra, subject to the following changes:
  - (a) Add the following dates: Lesbian Visibility Day: 26 April, Pansexual Visibility Day: 24 May, International Non-Binary People's Day: 14 July, Bi Visibility Day: 23 September, International Lesbian Day: 8 October and Intersex Awareness Day: 26 October; and
  - (b) Correct the date for Wear It Purple Day to 29 August.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That Council:

1. Notes the 2025 annual civic events calendar, which details festivals and events throughout 2025, that are inclusive of First Peoples and diverse communities represented in Yarra, subject to the following changes:
  - (a) Add the following dates: Lesbian Visibility Day: 26 April, Pansexual Visibility Day: 24 May, International Non-Binary People's Day: 14 July, Bi Visibility Day: 23 September, International Lesbian Day: 8 October and Intersex Awareness Day: 26 October; and
  - (b) Correct the date for Wear It Purple Day to 29 August.

**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**

## 7.14. Yarra City Council Cash Reserves Policy

**Author** Dennis Bastas – Manager Financial Services

**Authoriser** General Manager Corporate Services

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:18am**

That Council:

1. Adopt the Cash Reserves Policy.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Ho

That Council:

1. Adopt the Cash Reserves Policy.

### 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**

## 7.7. C247yara - Uses at 21 Northumberland Street and 26 Wellington Street, Collingwood

**Author** Joerg Langeloh – Project & Policy Coordinator, Strategic Planning

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy  
Chief Executive Officer

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:19am**

That Council:

1. Note and consider all submissions regarding Amendment C247yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme, in accordance with section 22(1) of the of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (**the Act**) (Vic).
2. Note the officer report and Attachments 1 to 4 in relation to the Amendment;
3. Adopt Amendment C247yara as set out in Attachment 4 to this report, in accordance with section 29(1) of the Act.
4. Authorise officers to submit the adopted Amendment, together with the prescribed information, to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with section 31(1) of the Act.
5. Delegate authority to the Manager City Strategy to finalise the Amendment documentation in accordance with Council's resolution including any administrative or formatting changes to the amendment documentation and mapping required to give effect to Council's resolution.
6. Authorise officers to write to:
  - (a) All submitters to the Amendment;
  - (b) Owners and occupiers of land that Council believes may be materially affected by the Amendment; and
  - (c) To any other person, Minister, public authority or municipal council, who received notice of the Amendment in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act, to advise of Councils decision.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That Council:

1. Note and consider all submissions regarding Amendment C247yara to the Yarra Planning Scheme, in accordance with section 22(1) of the of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (**the Act**) (Vic).
2. Note the officer report and Attachments 1 to 4 in relation to the Amendment;
3. Adopt Amendment C247yara as set out in Attachment 4 to this report, in accordance with section 29(1) of the Act.
4. Authorise officers to submit the adopted Amendment, together with the prescribed information, to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with section 31(1) of the Act.
5. Delegate authority to the Manager City Strategy to finalise the Amendment documentation in accordance with Council's resolution including any administrative or formatting changes to the amendment documentation and mapping required to give effect to Council's resolution.
6. Authorise officers to write to:
  - (a) All submitters to the Amendment;
  - (b) Owners and occupiers of land that Council believes may be materially affected by the Amendment; and
  - (c) To any other person, Minister, public authority or municipal council, who received notice of the Amendment in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act, to advise of Councils decision.

## 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**

## 7.8. Draft Planning Scheme Amendment C273yara – Heidelberg Road Permanent Built Form Provisions

**Author** Joerg Langeloh – Project & Policy Coordinator, Strategic Planning

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:20am**

That Council:

1. Notes the officer report regarding draft Amendment C273yara (the Amendment), officer recommendations and Attachments 1 to 10.
2. Notes the public release of the Standing Advisory Committee Report for the Amendment under Section 40 of the Yarra Activity Centres Standing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
3. Having considered the Standing Advisory Committee report and officer recommendations, adopts the Amendment and associated documents with the changes as set out in Attachments 5 to 10 to this report.
4. Delegates to the Manager City Strategy the authority to finalise the Amendment in accordance with Council's resolution on C273yara, and to make any administrative or formatting changes to the Amendment documentation and maps required to give effect to Council's resolution.
5. Submits the Amendment to the Minister for Planning and requests they prepare, adopt, and approve a formal planning scheme amendment in the same form as the adopted Amendment, in accordance with section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act).
6. Notifies all submitters of this Council resolution.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That Council:

1. Notes the officer report regarding draft Amendment C273yara (the Amendment), officer recommendations and Attachments 1 to 10.
2. Notes the public release of the Standing Advisory Committee Report for the Amendment under Section 40 of the Yarra Activity Centres Standing Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.
3. Having considered the Standing Advisory Committee report and officer recommendations, adopts the Amendment and associated documents with the changes as set out in Attachments 5 to 10 to this report.
4. Amends the listing of the Shop and Residence at 402 Queens Parade, North Fitzroy to list the build date as '1915' and not '1920s'.
5. Delegates to the Manager City Strategy the authority to finalise the Amendment in accordance with Council's resolution on C273yara, and to make any administrative or formatting changes to the Amendment documentation and maps required to give effect to Council's resolution.
6. Submits the Amendment to the Minister for Planning and requests they prepare, adopt, and approve a formal planning scheme amendment in the same form as the adopted Amendment, in accordance with section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act).
7. Notifies all submitters of this Council resolution.

## 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**



## 7.15. Audit and Risk Committee Charter

**Author** Lucy Roffey – General Manager Corporate Services

**Authoriser** General Manager Corporate Services

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:22am**

That Council:

1. Adopts the updated Yarra City Council Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

### MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

That Council:

1. Adopts the updated Yarra City Council Audit and Risk Committee Charter.
2. Reviews the Charter on an annual basis.
3. Reviews the Charter at the next review cycle to consider submissions to, and final report of, the current “Victorian Government Parliamentary Inquiry into Fraud and Corruption Control in Local Government: A Follow Up Of Two Auditor-General Reports” as they pertain to the role of Council’s Audit and Risk Committee.

### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

1. Adopts the updated Yarra City Council Audit and Risk Committee Charter, with the following amendment to clause 2.3.4:
  - (a) Subject to prior agreement with the CEO, request that Council Officers obtain external legal or other professional advice as the Committee considers necessary to meet its responsibilities, at Council’s expense. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.

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

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

That Council:

1. Adopts the updated Yarra City Council Audit and Risk Committee Charter, with the following amendment to clause 2.3.4:
  - (a) Subject to prior agreement with the CEO, request that Council Officers obtain external legal or other professional advice as the Committee considers necessary to meet its responsibilities, at Council's expense. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.
2. Reviews the Charter on an annual basis.
3. Reviews the Charter at the next review cycle to consider submissions to, and final report of, the current "Victorian Government Parliamentary Inquiry into Fraud and Corruption Control in Local Government: A Follow Up Of Two Auditor-General Reports" as they pertain to the role of Council's Audit and Risk Committee

## 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**

## 7.16. Governance Report - April 2025

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

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

### Officer Recommendation

**Start time: 12:25am**

That Council:

1. Adopt the Internal Resolution Procedure in Attachment One.
2. Authorise the following Councillors to attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025 in accordance with the Council Expenses and Support Policy:
  - (a) Cr Stephen Jolly, Mayor;
  - (b) Cr Sarah McKenzie, Deputy Mayor, and
  - (c) Cr Meca Ho
3. Receive the report on Councillor Mandatory Induction training.
4. Apply Rule 54 of Council's Governance Rules at the 22 April 2025 Extraordinary Council meeting for the purpose of releasing the draft 2025/2025 Budget and draft Council Plan for community consultation.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

That Council:

1. Adopt the Internal Resolution Procedure in Attachment One.
2. Authorise the following Councillors to attend the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly in Canberra from 24-27 June 2025 in accordance with the Council Expenses and Support Policy:
  - (a) Cr Stephen Jolly, Mayor;
  - (b) Cr Sarah McKenzie, Deputy Mayor, and
  - (c) Cr Meca Ho
3. Receive the report on Councillor Mandatory Induction training.
4. Apply Rule 54 of Council's Governance Rules at the 22 April 2025 Extraordinary Council meeting for the purpose of releasing the draft 2025/2025 Budget and draft Council Plan for community consultation.

**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**

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

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**

## 8. Notices of Motion

### 8.1. – Notice of Motion No.5 of 2025 - Waste Charges

**Author** Councillor Jolly

#### MOTION

**Start time: 12:27am**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

That Council:

1. Renames the two Bin Taxes (Waste Charges) as the 'Public Waste Collection' and the 'Household Bin Collection'.
2. Receive a report:
  - (a) the financial impact of both charges being capped at the same rate or less than the rate cap of the relevant financial year, to prevent Council from increasing the cost of waste services by higher than the rate cap; and
  - (b) what constitutes core waste services to be funded by the public bin collection rate.
3. Note Council's decision at the 17 December 2024 Council Meeting to undertake a Waste and Recycling Strategy in 2026/27 including detailed financial analysis on any changes to waste services and waste charges.

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

2. Receive a report to the next practicable Council meeting on:
  - (a) the financial impact of both charges being capped at the same rate or less than the rate cap of the relevant financial year, to prevent Council from increasing the cost of waste services by higher than the rate cap, including the cumulative financial impact of such a change;
  - (b) provide a break down of the equity impact on ratepayers, that is, the amount of each waste charge for the first financial year for properties of different values (broken down by properties values at each \$100,000 mark up to \$1m, and then at each million dollar mark up to \$10m+); and
  - (c) what constitutes core waste services to be funded by the public bin collection rate.

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

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

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

**LOST**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

That Council:

1. Renames the two Bin Taxes (Waste Charges) as the 'Public Waste Collection' and the 'Household Bin Collection'.
2. Receive a report at the May Ordinary Council Meeting:
  - (a) the financial impact of both charges being capped at the same rate or less than the rate cap of the relevant financial year, to prevent Council from increasing the cost of waste services by higher than the rate cap; and
  - (b) what constitutes core waste services to be funded by the public bin collection rate.
3. Note Council's decision at the 17 December 2024 Council Meeting to undertake a Waste and Recycling Strategy in 2026/27 including detailed financial analysis on any changes to waste services and waste charges.

### 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**

## 8.2. – Notice of Motion No.6 of 2025 - Encouraging Accessibility and Sustainability Improvements in Heritage Overlay Areas

**Author** Councillor Crossland

### MOTION

**Start time: 12:33am**

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

That Council:

1. Requests that Officers review relevant rules and policies and prepare a report that identifies potential ways to encourage accessibility and sustainability improvements in heritage overlay areas.
2. The report should include but is not limited to:
  - (a) Public realm and streetscape materials and treatments that would allow for cooler streets, more greening, and the use of more sustainable materials;
  - (b) Greater uptake and ease of applying sustainability improvements to heritage buildings (such as solar panel installation); and
  - (c) Ease of facilitating accessibility improvements to allow for universal access for both the public realm and to buildings.

### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

2.(d) An exploration of other factors that may be impacted by heritage or heritage overlays, such as housing affordability.

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

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

That Council:

1. Requests that Officers review relevant rules and policies and prepare a report that identifies potential ways to encourage accessibility and sustainability improvements in heritage overlay areas.
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  - (c) Ease of facilitating accessibility improvements to allow for universal access for both the public realm and to buildings; and
  - (d) An exploration of other factors that may be impacted by heritage or heritage overlays, such as housing affordability.

## CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez and Councillor Harrison

**CARRIED**



## 9. Petitions and Joint Letters

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### 9.1 Petition – Don't risk our safety in 2025: Yarra Council not to remove safe cycling lanes

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Reference: D25/135008

A petition containing 96 signatures, including 1,294 online signatures from residents are requesting that Council not remove the cycling lanes

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

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 – Please return parking on both sides of Elizabeth Street

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Reference: D25/135007

A petition containing 273 signatures from residents and businesses are requesting that Council return parking to both sides of Elizabeth Street, North Richmond.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Aston

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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**10. Questions without Notice**

Nil.

**11. Delegates Reports**

Nil.

**12. General Business**

Nil.

**13. Urgent Business**

Nil.

**14. Confidential Business Reports**

Nil.

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 12.43am

Confirmed on Tuesday 13 May 2025.

Mayor