

Yarra Ranges Environment Advisory Committee
Minutes
Thursday 2nd May 2019
Conference Room
Anderson Street Office Lilydale
5.30 – 8.20 pm

Meeting Open	5.40pm	Chairperson: Cr Mike Clarke
Members Present		Darcy Duggan, Graeme George, Jeff Barlow, Julian Hill, Katherine Selwood, Lauren Dwyer, Michelle Masterson, Ron Sawyer, Jessica Fettell, Luke Boontjes, Steve Hosking (Melbourne Water), Joanne Antrobus (Parks Victoria), Merryn Kelly (DELWP), Cr. Mike Clarke, David Harper (YRC), Simon Woodland (YRC), Jess Rae (YRC), Sarah Bond (YRC)
Apologies		Mark Varmalis, Kym Saunders (YRC), Laurence Gaffney, Benjamin Viola, Corinne Mays (Port Phillip and Westernport CMA), Melanie Birtchnell
Welcome	5.42	Welcome
		Confirmation of minutes of meeting held on 13 th December 2018 and 10 th April 2019 (published on YRC website)
		Moved: Darcy Duggan Seconded: Graeme George With noted amendments:
		Darcy – minor amendment, under actions – reporting information back to Jo about deer has been completed
		Laurence – (via GovDex) WMBD Practical Ecology Report and email to David Harper 22nd November 2018, at the YRC environmental Volunteers forum on the 21st November 2019, "Mark Varmalis advised that the Practical Ecology Report re WMBD Project was to be subject to "peer review". Suggesting the Report is final draft stage, therefore appropriate for YREAC to review and provide comment. David Harper acknowledged receipt of the email and committed to providing an answer within a week.
	5.47	Declaration of Interest Any members with interest in matters to be discussed to declare
	5.48 – 6:10	Matters Arising/ Actions ACTION: report to YREAC on funding agreement for he WMBD. <i>Pending</i>
		ACTION: Provide to YREAC the World Trails report and brief, the Practical Ecology report and brief, the TOR for Project Steering Committee, any advice provided by Council's Environment Department to the Recreation & Active Living (RAL) team in the early scoping phase. Pending
	Discussion and Actions	 Warburton Mountain Biking Destination (WMBD) David detailed the background to the Warburton Mountain Bike Destination The RAL project team has confirmed they will be presenting to
		YREAC at the next scheduled meeting (June 27 th) • Further reading available through websites:
		http://www.rideyarraranges.com.au/

		 http://www.rideyarraranges.com.au/warburton-mtb-destination/ DELWP: intention is to mitigate impact of works and planned projects. Environmental surveys conducted have assessed environmentally sensitive areas. Concern was expressed that budget allocated to the design has not adequately considered environmentally sensitive areas. Agency representatives detailed. ACTION: allocate an hour in next agenda for WMBD presentation. ACTION: Simon to liaise with RAL team to ensure relevant pre-reading is available before next YREAC meeting.
	6.06 - 6.47	Agency Reports
		Agency representatives to report.
		Melbourne Water Report – <u>See report</u>
		FUTURE NOTE: Melbourne Water offered to present on environmental flows.
		Parks Victoria – <u>see report</u>
		ACTION: Parks Vic to report on the percentage of burnt area within Bunyip State Park.
		DELWP - see report
		Yellingbo Conservation Area - summary of submissions available on the Engage Victoria website
		FUTURE NOTE : DELWP offered to present an update of Yellingbo Conservation Area and the emblem strategy.
		ACTION: Merryn Kelly to send Cr. Mike Clarke and Sarah Bond EOI about Community Reference Group for distribution to committee.
		Port Phillip and Westernport CMA – <u>see report</u>
Item 1	6.47 - 7.43	Climate Policy Scope Discussion
		Presentation on the scope of the Climate Policy
		Link to existing Climate Plan
	Discussion and Actions	 Revised Climate Plan – Summary of Key Recommendations: A plan to support Council and the community. Support through programs, admin, access to grants etc for community groups. Consider Hepburn Net Zero Plan. Hold community forums/workshops for the development of the plan to ensure community are brought along the journey
		 Use accessible language. Consider setting short, interim and long term targets and corresponding actions. Clear vision / policy position. Be consistent with state government targets and plans however, aim

		to be aspirational and offer 'stretch' targets.
		Avoid offsets.
		Discussion regarding future targets:
		 Consider science based targets, consistent with IPCC Special Report - Global Warming of 1.5°C warming impact to achieve 50% reduction by 2030 on 2010 levels. Achieve net zero emissions by 2040. Consider CACE approach, including declaring a climate emergency.
		ACTION: Officers to follow up on the document detailed by Jeff about reaching net zero in Daylesford area.
		ACTION: provide information on Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA) for new members – see EAGA Website www.eaga.com.au for details.
		ACTION: Include a summary of the achievements made under the current plan in the review.
		ACTION: Officers to review the various approaches to target setting and circulate discussion paper. Committee to provide comments through govdex by next meeting.
Item 2	7.45 – 7.45	Tree Strategy Scope Discussion
		Presentation on the scope of the Tree Policy
	Moved to next meeting	Tree strategy discussion moved to next meeting to ensure adequate discussion.
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		MOTION: keep sub-committee formed and have the opportunity for new YREAC committee members to join.
		ACTION: Katherine and Ron volunteered to join the sub-committee. Meeting to be organised before next YREAC meeting.
		ACTION: Report at the next YREAC meeting on sub-committee discussions.
		Warburton Bike Track – Mel Birchnell
		 Mel Birchnell – the WMBD be listed on next YREAC agenda. Mel intends to organise a site inspection for Councillors, council staff and key stakeholders to highlight the environmental issues the current proposal.
		ACTION: Kelly Delaney to facilitate organising field trip detailed in email before next meeting.
Next Meeting		Thursday 27 th June
Meeting Close	8:20pm	