

Welcome!

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Housekeeping

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What we need from you today?

- Get down and get dirty (still playing respectfully though)
- To develop advice, and to seriously consider the trade-offs
- Imagine that you are helping statutory planners at Council in framing your advice
- To use Council Officers as resource people (their job is to help you to think it through, not what advice you should give)
- Do your best to work within the time constraints



Advisory Committees

Liz Mackevicius



Themes from last time

1. Challenge of achieving good design
2. Cycling infrastructure
3. Open Space contributions
4. Council advocacy



Feedback & Input

- Disability
- Business
- Heritage
- Health
- Early Years
- Arts
- Property
- Aboriginal
- Bicycle
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Urban Agriculture

1. Understand and promote the wider benefits of urban agriculture
2. Improve support for urban agriculture through the planning permit process and planning scheme
3. Consider urban agriculture as part of the public open space provision not taking away from it



Environment

1. Develop our neighbourhoods to include a diversity of uses and spaces
2. Enhance and protect biodiversity, including green spaces, purely for their own intrinsic value
3. Plan for resilient communities and future climate conditions



Aboriginal

1. Yarra, specifically Fitzroy and Collingwood are significant to the Aboriginal community for identity and connection
2. Aboriginal community needs to be included in understanding 'diversity' in Yarra (not just multicultural)
3. Reference contemporary Aboriginal culture, not just a focus on heritage and history



Youth

1. Engage with and include young people in conversations around planning
2. Ensure the built environment encourages community interactions and use by people of all ages
3. Access to local education and employment is key to social and economic mobility



Active Ageing

1. Support older residents to 'age in place' in own homes or remain in neighbourhood through flexible and affordable accommodation options
2. Improve safety and access around streets and to local facilities through infrastructure (lighting, footpath maintenance, seating)
3. Ensure local facilities are available that have age friendly programs and services and allow opportunity for social connections



Bicycle

1. Improve planning controls to ensure sustainable forms of transport are supported in new developments
2. Promote the broader benefits of active transport in creating a healthy, liveable city
3. Educate and lead the change, become the benchmark Council in Melbourne and Australia



Statutory Planning

Matt Cohen



Background

- **1700 applications per year ranging from:**
 - Front fences
 - Signs
 - House extensions
 - New houses
 - Vegetation removal
 - Liquor licenses
 - Cafes, bars and restaurants
 - Office buildings
 - Multi storey apartment buildings
- Section 4, Part 1 of the Planning & Environment Act requires that the Responsible Authority (Council) facilitates development in accordance with multiple objectives and Council must consider every application that it receives



How decisions are made

- **Planning controls are the starting point**
 - Provide the parameters around how you use or develop your land and where, i.e. as of right vs prohibited
 - Are the fundamental reasons why something needs a planning permit, i.e. Zones & Overlays
 - Can mean there are many reasons why something needs a planning permit
 - Are consistent across the State – rural vs suburban vs inner city, i.e. Commercial 1 Zone, Car Parking rates, Rescode
- **Local Policies**
 - Local policies must be consistent with State directives and provide local relevance
 - Council specific policies guide the assessment of applications. Some of Yarra's specific policies include:
 - Heritage, Built Form and Design, Licensed Premises, Advertising Signs, Interface Uses, Development Abutting Laneways, Residential Built Form, Discretionary Uses in Residential Zones



Local Policies

- **Council needs local policies**
 - Local policies are crucial to help Council's balance what is ok and what isn't
 - As there can be multiple reasons a planning permit is required, tension can arise because of competing demands
 - **Challenges:**
 - Council is not the "Taste Police" i.e. acceptable outcome vs the best outcome
 - Existing buildings do not comply with guidelines so existing context becomes very important
 - House extensions – small lot sizes mean most house extensions are contested - Rescode vs Heritage
 - Neighbourhood Character & Good/Bad Design
 - Shop top apartments vs cafes/bars/restaurants
 - Heritage shops vs new business vs on site car parking



Dimmeys



- 6 reasons a planning was required & 4 local policies were relevant
- Heritage Victoria involvement
- Required referral to 9 different agencies
- 359 objections & 7 letters of support
- Went to VCAT



Activity #1

→ Small table session



At your tables

At your themed tables, address the following:

1. What do you most want to see happen in the City of Yarra by 2035, with regard to your theme?
2. How do you think Council could actively plan towards this?

Record your thoughts individually, and then use the A3 paper to record your table response.



Market place

- Move around the room and visit the four information stations.
- Use the PURPLE post-it notes to provide feedback on the proposals and actions suggested



Morning tea

- Take some refreshments back to your larger table



Activity #2

- Large table session



At your tables

At your larger tables, address the following:

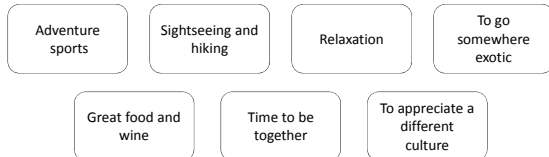
- Choose one proposition and its actions to refine
- Consider the feedback from the room
- Respond to the following questions:
 - What do you believe would be the implications for these actions (given inevitable population growth)?
 - What are you prepared to live with, regarding the potential implications?

Record your tables response, on the A3 sheet provided.



Thinking about implications, just imagine...

- 8 friends want to share a holiday together.
- Givens – budget and timing
- What they want....



Best solution could be ...

- Let's go to Queenstown, NZ!
- Time together is the most important thing
- Prepared to trade off the 'exotic location' and 'appreciating a different culture' provided we do plenty of hiking and sightseeing together with the choice of doing adventure sports or relaxing at other times.



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Report back

→ Table representatives



Feedback and clarification



Voting

→ Move around the room and visit the four refined propositions and actions to vote with coloured post-it notes.

→ Write any further feedback, comments, rationale or caveats on the post-it note as you vote.

BLUE to agree

YELLOW for not sure

ORANGE to disagree



Lunch

→ Grab some lunch before you sit back down



Reflections

→ Comments on voting process and results

→ Feedback from the room



Wrap up

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Thank you!

See you back here on
Saturday, September 26th, 9am-1pm





LIVEABLE YARRA
