

Agenda: Rural Advisory Committee

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Tuesday 25th November, 2025 - 3pm to 5pm

Community Rooms – 15 Anderson Street, Lilydale

Chair: Cr. Gareth Ward – Yarra Ranges Council (YRC)

Meeting 4 - 2025	
Rural Advisory Committee	Christine Ross; David Reid; Hamish Mitchell; Kevin Sanders; Clive Larkman; Ashley Waters; Drew Waters; Robert Magdziarz; Kim Anning
Council	Cr Gareth Ward; Amanda Bunn; Michelle Mulholland; Carolyn Neville; Vincenzo Lombardi
Guests	Beth Wallis
Apologies	Rajadurai Thangaraj

Time	Topic	Speaker
2 min 15:00 – 15:02	1) Welcome - Acknowledgement of Country - Apologies - Call for other business items	Cr Gareth Ward
5 min 15:02 – 15:07	2) Matters arising from previous minutes. - Comms plan for lost livestock • Adoption of minutes of prior meeting. • Opportunity to disclose any conflicts of interest.	Cr Gareth Ward & Amanda Bunn
20 mins 15:07 – 15:27	3) Managing your rural property	Amanda Bunn / Carolyn Neville <i>YRC Economic Development</i>
38 mins 15:27 – 16:05	4) Integrated Water Management Plan	Beth Wallis <i>YRC Place Planning & Activations</i>
35 mins 16:05 – 16:40	5) Key issues facing Agriculture Sector in Yarra Ranges	Cr Gareth Ward
10 mins 16:40 – 16:50	6) RAC vision for 2026	Cr Gareth Ward
10 mins 16:50 – 17:00	7) Other business - Empowering young farmers Press Release - Update on GM cotton	Cr Gareth Ward

17:00	8) Close	Cr Gareth Ward
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Actions from prior meetings:

	Action	Who is to take the lead?	Date Completed
1.	<i>Discuss possibility of a communications plan regarding 'what to do with lost livestock' with Communications and Safer Communities. Explore option of signage. Also contact VicPol and discuss their process.</i>	Amanda Bunn	Update at Meeting 4 2025
5.	<i>David Eastham to further review the high cost of insurance for farming businesses and investigate what assistance can be given, ie. advocacy.</i>	Amanda Bunn	Scheduled for an upcoming meeting
6.	<i>Organise for Mornington Peninsula to present their model relating to right to farm to Council or to the RAC.</i>	Amanda Bunn	TBC