

Minutes: Rural Advisory Committee

Friday 1st July 2022 - 3pm to 5pm

Conference Room B – 15 Anderson Street, Lilydale

Chair: Cr. Jim Child– Yarra Ranges Council

Meeting 2

Rural Advisory Committee	Karen Thomas; Dr. Mick Blake; Robin Wood; Kevin Sanders; Len Rayner
Council	Cr. Jim Child; Helen Ruddell, Amanda Bunn
Guests	David Pratt, Abby McCarthy, David Booth, Jane Sinnamon
Apologies	Betty Taylor; Harold Fox; Clive Larkman; Kath McClusky; Cr Fiona McAllister; Steve Gartland

Time	Topic	Recommendations & Actions
5 min 15:00 – 15:05	1) Welcome & Apologies Apologies noted.	
5 min 15:05 -15:10	1. Matters arising from previous minutes December 3 rd , 2021 Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development Strategy. Share slide pack – complete • Telecommunications in the emergency management context. Share slide pack - complete • Next meeting Coranderrk visit – postponed, addressed later in meeting. • Advocacy for better landline and mobile service – lobbying for this continuing, along with media coverage. 	<p>Motion:</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting agreed as a true and accurate record Moved by Kevin Sanders Seconded by Len Rayner All in favour of motion – carried.</p>
30 mins 15:10 – 15:40	2) Camping on Crown Land – David Pratt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A change in the land act has opened Crown land for possible public camping. There are 10 possible sites in YRC. Currently one site being proposed in Launching Place. • Lobbied for areas within 10km of caravan parks be excluded. This was not adopted. • Some areas that are being selected are not suitable. E.g. flood-prone area. • Biosecurity issue raised for cattle farmers due to human waste management, as well as issues with calves getting spooked by campers. 	<p>Action/Recommendation:</p> <p>David to keep the RAC informed. Will contact us if we can be of assistance with advocacy.</p>

<p>15 mins 15:40 – 15:55</p>	<p>3) Input to Municipal Recover Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In review and due to timing, missed community engagement in first edition, so feedback welcome. Engaging with advisory groups, Government agencies, and reviewing data. • Data shows recovery is happening, however finances worsened. • Economic data shows mass decrease in spend each lockdown and after June storm. • Current economic spend uncertain due to challenging economic environment. 	<p>Action/Recommendation:</p> <p>Share slide pack – complete</p> <p>Please contact David Booth with feedback at D.Booth@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>25 mins 15:55 – 16:20</p>	<p>4) EDS consultation for feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDS engagement complete. Before final refinement, opportunity now to contribute. Recognised that youth engagement was lacking, now working with Tech School. • Feedback: Role of YRC – reduce red tape, protect environment, grow economy. • Concern that residents live here due to the lack of development, and that more investment may change that. EDS seeks balance between growing economy and protecting our “golden egg”. 	<p>Action/Recommendation:</p> <p>Share slide pack – complete</p> <p>Please contact Amanda Bunn with feedback at A.Bunn@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>5 mins 16:20 – 16:25</p>	<p>5) Tracing of Horse/Donkey movements</p>	<p>Action/Recommendation:</p> <p>Postponed to next meeting.</p>
<p>10 mins 16:25 – 16:35</p>	<p>6) Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads to Agribusiness: will press with sitting government. • Federal election advocacy: 3 themes presented: resilience, recovery, liability. • Labor commitments: Ridges & Rivers, Solar, Community battery. • Looking to engage advocacy from both state and federal gov. • Advocating for peri-regional status alongside the Mornington Peninsula Shire. This would allow access to funding and a seat at the table for regional categories. Would require no legislation, still be considered urban, but would open funding opportunities. 	<p>Action/Recommendation:</p> <p>Share slide pack – complete</p> <p>Please contact Amanda Bunn with any further feedback at A.Bunn@yarraranges.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Insurance: Referred Kevin Sanders to Leila Pour Tangestani who is working on insurance advocacy - Complete</p>
<p>10 min 16:35 – 16:45</p>	<p>8) GM Chrysanthemums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dep. of Health, office of Gene Technology Regulator, are currently evaluating an application for the commercial import and distribution of chrysanthemum genetically modified for altered flower colour. • At this stage, the consultation RARMP is 	<p>Action/Recommendation:</p> <p>Clive Larkman, can you please provide your feedback on this to Amanda Bunn.</p> <p>Amanda to pass on concerns to Dep. of Health, office of Gene Technology Regulator once any additional feedback</p>

	<p>expected to be released for comment in September 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have emailed asking about possible cross pollination, advised it will be considered in the assessment. • Strong concern about possible cross pollination with crops, and possible legal ramifications. To be passed onto Dept. of Health. 	<p>is received from Clive.</p>
<p>15 min 16:45 – 17:00</p>	<p>7) Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Plan • Tech School Initiatives • Coranderrk • Review RAC terms of reference at next meeting <p>9) Vacancies – strawberries, grazing, rural service provider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity Plan update: Council officer in charge currently on leave, will send through an update upon their return. • Tech School: Opportunity to visit for a tour. • Coranderrk: Discussion over possible visit. Opportunity to ask how we can assist. • RAC review terms of reference and vacancies at next meeting. Will also check past attendance records to ensure meetings are being adequately attended. • Postcode inclusion for 2nd year visa: will consult within council for an update and email through or update at next meeting.
<p>17:00</p>	<p>10) Meeting Close 5.05pm</p>	<p>Next meeting Friday Sep 23rd 3-5pm.</p>