

Council Meeting

Agenda

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Council Chamber - Civic Centre
and via Videoconference

Information for Councillors and the community

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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COUNCIL VISION

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we care for country, how inclusive and connected our communities are, and how sustainable balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.

VALUE OF HISTORY

We acknowledge that history shapes our identities, engages us as citizens, creates inclusive communities, is part of our economic well-being, teaches us to think critically and creatively, inspires leaders and is the foundation of our future generations.

COUNCILLOR COMMITMENT

We'll be truthful, represent the community's needs, be positive and responsive and always strive to do better.

OUR COUNCILLORS

Billanook Ward: Tim Heenan
Chandler Ward: David Eastham
Chirnside Ward: Richard Higgins
Lyster Ward: Johanna Skelton
Melba Ward: Sophie Todorov

O'Shannassy Ward: Jim Child
Ryrie Ward: Fiona McAllister
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Chief Executive Officer, Tammi Rose
Director Built Environment & Infrastructure, Hjalmar Philipp
Director Communities, Leanne Hurst

Director Corporate Services, Andrew Hilson
Director Planning and Sustainable Futures, Kath McClusky

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YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

**AGENDA FOR THE 596TH COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY
30 JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC
CENTRE, ANDERSON STREET, LILYDALE / VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

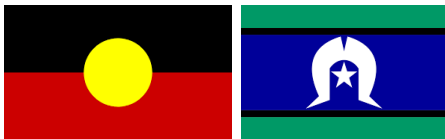
1. MEETING OPENED

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

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Director Corporate Services, Andrew Hilson
Director Planning & Sustainable Futures, Kath McClusky

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

There were no apologies received prior to the commencement of this meeting.

5. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 12 December 2023, as circulated, be confirmed.

7. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In accordance with Chapter 7, Rule 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

The Local Government Act 2020 defines two categories of conflict of interest:

- *a general conflict of interest, which is defined as "...a relevant person has a general conflict of interest in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the person's private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty", and*
- *a material conflict of interest, which is defined as "...a relevant person has a material conflict of interest in respect of a matter if an affected person would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter. The benefit may arise or the loss incurred (a) directly or indirectly; or (b) in a pecuniary or non-pecuniary form."*

In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, a conflict of interest must be disclosed in the manner required by the Governance Rules and the relevant person must exclude themselves from the decision-making process.

No Conflicts of Interest have been received prior to the Agenda being printed.

8. QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with Chapter 3, Rules 57 and 59, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

A person may make a submission to Council on matters that are not listed on the Agenda. A submission may be on any matter except if it:

- (a) is considered malicious, defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant, trivial, or objectionable in language or substance;
- (b) is substantially the same as a submission made to a Council meeting in the preceding 12 months;
- (c) relates to confidential information as defined under the Act;
- (d) relates to the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer; or
- (e) relates to any other matter which the Council considers would prejudice the Council or any person.

There were no Questions to Council or Submissions from the Public received prior to the Agenda being printed.

9. PETITIONS

In accordance with Chapter 3, Rules 60, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

A person may submit a petition to Council on matters that are not listed on the Agenda. Every petition or joint letter submitted to Council must:

- a) identify a 'Lead Petitioner' who Council can correspond with;
- b) be legible and in permanent writing;
- c) be clear and state on each page the matter and action sought from Council. Every page of a petition or joint letter must be a single page of paper and not be posted, stapled, pinned or otherwise affixed or attached to any piece of paper other than another page of the petition or joint letter;
- d) not be derogatory, defamatory or objectionable in language or nature;
- e) not relate to matters outside the powers of Council; and
- f) clearly state the names and addresses of at least seven (7) people who live, work, study or do business in the Municipal district.

PETITION TO COUNCIL

Report Author: Governance Officer
Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
Ward(s) affected: Ryrie;

The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.

CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is to be considered at a Council meeting that is open to the public.

SUMMARY

The following petition be received:

General Petition

1. Request that Council take immediate and effective action regarding the inadequate drainage system, and the management thereof, resulting in recurrent flooding in Coldstream.

40 valid signatures.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following General Petition be received and noted and referred to the appropriate officer.

1. ***Request that Council take immediate and effective action regarding the inadequate drainage system, and the management thereof, resulting in recurrent flooding in Coldstream.***

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Report Author: Executive Officer - Climate and Nature
 Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Sustainable Futures
 Ward(s) affected: All

The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.

CONFIDENTIALITY

This item has been included in the public agenda to facilitate openness and transparency in Council's decision making. A confidential attachment has been included with the report which contains personal information that is not to be disclosed whilst the meeting is open to the public.

SUMMARY

The Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC) is comprised of community representatives, Councillors, Council staff and agency representatives. Community volunteers, selected for their demonstrated interest or expertise in environmental matters serve for three years, providing local knowledge and insight about a broad range of environmental topics.

Since the original SEAC appointments made at the 23 November 2021 Council meeting, there have been five resignations from the Committee. An interim recruitment process has been conducted for the final year of the Committee's term in line with the Terms of Reference. Expressions of interest were sought from community with 15 responses received including five from young people. There are five members recommended for Council approval, inclusive of two young people.

RECOMMENDATION

That

- 1. Council**
 - (a) Formally appoint the recommended individuals to the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee for the 2024-2025 term.**
 - (b) Note that the Terms of Reference be updated at the end of the current Committee term in 2025.**
- 2. The Confidential Attachment to this report remain confidential indefinitely as they relate to matters specified under section 3(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2020.**

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council Meeting 23 November 2021 – Council formally endorsed the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee (SEAC) for the 2022 – 2025 term.

DISCUSSION

Purpose and Background

SEAC's purpose is to provide Yarra Ranges Council with informed and constructive advice, input and support, to help guide the Council on environmental sustainability issues and initiatives relevant to the management and stewardship of the natural environment within the municipality.

This Report seeks to fill vacancies on the Committee by appointing the recommended community members (Attachment 1 *Confidential*), for formal appointment to the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee for the final year of the Committee's term, 2024-2025.

Under the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee will consist of thirteen (13) voting community members. The specific membership will include:

- Ten (10) general community representatives
- One (1) community representative with links to the indigenous community
- Two (2) or more positions for young people with an interest in developing knowledge and networks within the environment sector

There are currently six vacancies on the Committee including:

- Three (3) general member positions
- Two (2) youth member positions
- One (1) member with links to the indigenous community

The recruitment to these positions involved an expression of interest process with advertising between 17 October and 5 November 2023. There was good interest from community for the single year period for both the general and youth positions, with many qualified and experienced individuals applying.

After the finalisation of recruitment, an induction session for both new and existing members will be scheduled at the first committee meeting for the year in February 2024. This session will inform members about Council's expectations and ensure they are equipped to make meaningful contributions to fostering a healthy, safe, and productive committee environment.

Options considered

Out of the 15 applications received, respondents were requested to provide details about their connection with Yarra Ranges, their involvement in local community activities, and their interest in joining the Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee.

All applicants showcased a strong affiliation with Yarra Ranges and diverse levels of experience in environmental issues. Applications were evaluated by two senior officers, considering the applicant's connection with Yarra Ranges, previous committee involvement, application quality, and the diversity of skills to complement existing committee members.

Officers shortlisted five outstanding candidates from a highly competitive pool, and these finalists underwent phone interviews with the EO Climate and Nature to validate application details, assess communication styles, and understand their approach to handling conflicting views. The interview outcomes affirmed the earlier shortlisting process, leading to the recommendation of all five candidates for appointment.

Recommended option and justification

The recommended appointments to the vacancies for the period of 2024-25 are listed in the confidential attachment to this report.

From the applications, five appointments are proposed to fill the three vacant general member positions, and two youth member positions. No applications were received for a member with links to the indigenous community.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

This decision has no financial implications. Committee members provide their time and expertise voluntarily and do not receive any financial allowance for their involvement.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

This report contributes to the following strategic objective(s) in the Council Plan:

- Protected & Enhanced Natural Environment.

Key relevant Council strategies include:

- The Environment Strategy 2015-2025
- Liveable Climate Plan 2020-2030
- Nature Plan 2023-2033
- Integrated Water Management Plan 2017
- Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025
- Economic Development Strategy 2022-2032

RELEVANT LAW

The proposed representatives align with the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020* in ensuring diverse representation.

The Yarra Ranges Council *2021 Community Engagement Policy* includes advisory committees as part of its community engagement methodology, in line with addressing engagement requirements outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020*.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Impacts

The committee serves as a vital avenue for community engagement on environmental matters. The committee brings extensive environmental expertise, passionately advocating and providing invaluable counsel to Council regarding sustainability issues. Committee members concentrate on the thoughtful and thorough management and stewardship of the environment, consistently delivering insights and advice aimed at securing a sustainable future for Yarra Ranges.

Social Impacts

SEAC's social impacts are numerous, firstly providing community voice and representation on crucial local environmental matters. By actively participating in the decision-making process, the committee becomes a vital means of influencing Council projects and strategies, ensuring they incorporate the needs and aspirations of the people residing in Yarra Ranges. Additionally, the committee enables a collaborative approach to engagement regarding improving environmentally conscious social behaviours and stewardship.

Economic Impacts

By providing advice on strategic work, SEAC contributes to maintaining a healthy environment, preserving regional attraction, sustaining productivity, and ensuring the long-term upkeep of natural assets. This, in turn, fosters economic value for the community through initiatives such as sustainable nature-based tourism.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The expression of interest for SEAC membership was advertised on Council's website, on social media and through the environmental volunteer's newsletter and the Council Newsletter.

COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not relevant. No collaboration with other Councils, Governments or statutory bodies was sought or required.

RISK ASSESSMENT

SEAC enables a connection with the community interested in environmental issues and creates an opportunity for environmental decisions to be informed by community perspectives. Filling the vacant positions on the Committee for its final year will strengthen the Committee's capacity to provide advice and feedback on a broad range of environmental topics.

A key issue for SEAC is the retention of members, particularly in relation to young people. To mitigate this challenge, a thorough induction will be conducted with the new and existing members in early 2024.

In line with best practice governance, it is recommended to regularly monitor and review Terms of Reference for Advisory Groups. As the current Committee is in the final year of their term, alignment with other Council Advisory Committees reference terms will be assessed.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officers and/or delegates acting on behalf of the Council through the Instrument of Delegation and involved in the preparation and/or authorisation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest as defined within the *Local Government Act 2020*.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

1. Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee Membership Appointments

Confidential Item

11. COUNCILLOR MOTIONS

In accordance with Chapter 3 Division 4 of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Councillor motions received prior to the Agenda being printed.

12. ITEMS THROUGH THE CHAIR

13. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

14. DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

In accordance with Clause 87 of the Meeting Procedures and Use of Common Seal Local Law 2015, as prescribed by Section 14(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020.

There were no Documents for Signing and Sealing listed for this meeting prior to the Agenda being printed.

15. INFORMAL MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS

Report Author: Governance Officer
 Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
 Ward(s) affected: All Wards

The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.

CONFIDENTIALITY

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SUMMARY

Chapter 8, Rule 1, of the Governance Rules requires that records of informal meetings of Councillors must be kept and that the Chief Executive Officer must ensure that a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting tabled at the next convenient Council meeting and recorded in the Minutes of that Council meeting.

An 'informal meeting of Councillors' is defined in the Governance Rules as a meeting of Councillors that:

- is scheduled or planned for the purpose of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors;
- is attended by at least one member of Council staff; and
- is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee meeting or Community Asset Committee meeting.

The records for informal meetings of Councillors are attached to the report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the records of the Informal Meetings of Councillors, copies of which are attached to the report, be received and noted.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

1. 5 December 2023 - Review of Complex Planning Matters
2. 5 December 2023 - Council Briefing
3. 5 December 2023 - Council Forum
4. 11 December 2023 - Council Forum
5. 14 December 2023 - Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee

Informal Meeting of Councillors

Public Record



Meeting Name:	Review of Complex Planning Matters	
Date:	5 December 2023	Start Time: 5.35pm Finish Time:6.08pm
Venue:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Anderson Street, Lilydale and via video conference	
Attendees:	Councillors:	David Eastham(Chair – Deputy Mayor), Jim Child, Fiona McAllister, Len Cox(From 5.49pm) and Johanna Skelton
	Via Zoom:	Andrew Fullagar
	CEO/Directors:	Tammi Rose, Kath McClusky, Jane Price, Hjalmar Philipp and Andrew Hilson
	Officers:	Gina Walter, Sarah Candeland and Nathan Islip
	Via Zoom:	Kathy Baltas
Externals:	Nil	
Apologies	Sophie Todorov (Mayor), Richard Higgins and Tim Heenan	
Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	
Matter/s Discussed:	1.2	Amendment C217 Erosion Management Overlay Panel Recommendations and Consideration for Adoption
Completed By:	Gina Walter	

Informal Meeting of Councillors

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Meeting Name:	Council Briefing	
Date:	5 December 2023	Start Time: 6.08pm Finish Time:6.17pm
Venue:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Anderson Street, Lilydale and via video conference	
Attendees:	Councillors:	David Eastham(Chair – Deputy Mayor), Jim Child, Fiona McAllister, Len Cox, Time Heenan(From 6.10pm) and Johanna Skelton
	Via Zoom:	Andrew Fullagar
	CEO/Directors:	Tammi Rose, Kath McClusky, Jane Price, Hjalmar Philipp and Andrew Hilson
	Officers:	Gina Walter, Sarah Candeland
	Externals:	Nil
Apologies	Sophie Todorov (Mayor) and Richard Higgins	
Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:	Nil	
Matter/s Discussed:	This briefing covered the following items of business to be considered at the 12 December 2023 Council Meeting.	
	10.1	Amendment C217 Erosion Management Overlay Panel Recommendations and Consideration for Adoption
	10.2	Nature Plan - Consideration of Community Feedback and Plan for Future Adoption
	10.3	2024 Council Meeting Dates
	10.4	Councillor Appointments to Committees & External Bodies
	10.5	CT7360 Yarra Valley Trail Stage 1b Tender Evaluation
	10.6	EOI6105 7285 Contract Award for Alfred & John Street, Wandin NorthSpecial Charge Scheme
	10.7	Variation to Lease - Lyrebird College, Coldstream
	17.1	Biodiversity Offset Proposal – Confidential Item
	17.2	Advanced Waste Project Update – Confidential Item
Completed By:	Gina Walter	

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Meeting Name:	Council Forum	
Date:	5 December October 2023	Start Time: 7.00pm Finish Time: 7.52pm
Venue:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Anderson Street, Lilydale and via videofonerece	
Attendees:	Councillors:	David Eastham(Chair – Deputy Mayor), Jim Child, Fiona McAllister, Len Cox, Tim Heenan(From 6.10pm) and Johanna Skelton, Richard Higgins
	Via Zoom:	Andrew Fullagar
	CEO/Directors:	Tammi Rose, Kath McClusky, Jane Price, Hjalmar Philipp and Andrew Hilson
	Officers:	Gina Walter, Sarah Candeland, Kim O'Connor, Maria Stevens, Bumeke Jayasinghe, Liam Routledge, Kristy Aberline, Phil Murton, Jane Sinnamon, Jessica Thomas and Joanne Hammond
	Externals:	Max Hardy and Cindy Plowman – Max Hardy Consulting (via Zoom)
Apologies	Sophie Todorov (Mayor)	
Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	
	2.0	Matters for Discussion
	2.1	Action and Agreement Record – 21 November 2023
	2.2	Fire Prevention Update
	2.3	Parking Management
	2.4	FY 2024-2025 Budget Workshop 2 Part A - Consolidated Budget Briefing Update
	2.5	Township Amenity Update Prior to Summer
	2.6	Council Plan 2025 Engagement
	2.7	Proposed Purchase of Land - Wesburn – Confidential'
	3.0	For Noting

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	3.1	Capital Works Program Monthly Report - October 2023
	3.2	Indicative Forum & Council Meeting Schedule
	4	Mayor & CEO Update
	5	General Business
	6	Late Items and Urgent Business
	Completed By:	Gina Walter

Informal Meeting of Councillors

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Meeting Name:	Council Forum	
Date:	11 December October 2023 Start Time: 5.34pm Finish Time: 8.23pm	
Venue:	Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Anderson Street, Lilydale and via videofonerecence	
Attendees:	Councillors:	Sophie Todorov (Chair), David Eastham (Deputy Mayor), Jim Child, Fiona McAllister (Exited the Chamber at 7.57pm), Tim Heenan, Johanna Skelton, Andrew Fullagar and Richard Higgins (From 6.48pm)
	CEO/Directors:	Tammi Rose, Hjalmar Philipp, Kath McClusky, Jane Price and Jarrod Reid (Acting Director Corporate Services)
	Officers:	Gina Walter, Sarah Candeland, Enrique Gutierrez, Karen Gorman, Hunter del Solar, Belinda Arnott, Marco D'Amico, Jonathon Makaay, Phil Murton, Kim O'Connor and Joanne Hammond
	Via Zoom:	Liam Routledge, Kelly Dohle, Katie Horner, Kim O'Connor, Liv Benkenstein, and Kylie Gromadovski
	Externals:	Nil
Apologies	Len Cox	
Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil 	
	2.1	Footpath Prioritisation Program
	2.2	FY 2024-2025 Budget Workshop 2 Part B - Draft Capital Programme Overview (Including Detailed Capital Projects)
	3.0	For Noting
	3.	Indicative Forum & Council Meeting Schedule
	4	Mayor & CEO Update
	5	General Business
	6	Late Items and Urgent Business
	Completed By:	Gina Walter

Informal Meeting of Councillors

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Meeting Name:	Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee	
Date:	15 December 2023	Start Time: 5.30pm Finish Time: 8.15pm
Venue:	Civic Centre, Anderson Street, Lilydale and via Teams	
Attendees:	<p>Councillors: Councillor Johanna Skelton, Councillor Andrew Fullagar</p> <p>Other attendees: Graeme George (member), Ron Sawyer (member), Peter Martin (member), Lauren Dwyer (member), Ron Sawyer (member), Laurence Gaffney (member), Melanie Birtchnell (member), Ross Bleazby (Melbourne Water), Merryn Kelly (DEECA)</p> <p>Officers: Monika Winston (YRC), Sarah Bond (YRC), Amanda Smith (YRC), Tom Meek (YRC), David Carr (YRC), Suzanne Burville (YRC).</p>	
Apologies	Kym Saunders (YRC), Graham Brew (YRC), Bec Brannigan (member), Jonathan Gay (member)	
Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest:	None	
Matter/s Discussed:	1.1	Fire as a land management tool
Completed By:	Suzanne Burville	

16. URGENT BUSINESS

In accordance with Chapter 3 Rule 24 of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with Chapter 3 Rule 24 of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under section 3(1), as specified below.

17.1 Warburton Mountain Bike Destination Financial Options

Item 17.1 is Confidential under the terms section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 as it contains information relating to: (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Councils position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

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18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 commencing at 7.00pm, at Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Anderson Street, Lilydale and via videoconference.



In providing for the good governance of its community, Councillors are reminded of their obligation to abide by the provisions as set within the Local Government Act 2020 and the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

When attending a Council Meeting, Councillors should adhere to the procedures set out in the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.

The following is a guide for all Councillors to ensure they act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of Yarra Ranges as a whole.

1. Councillors will respect the personal views of other Councillors and the decisions of Council.
2. Councillors may publicly express their own opinions on Council matters but not so as to undermine the standing of Council in the community.
3. The Mayor is the official spokesperson for Council.
4. Councillors will incur expenditure in a responsible manner and in accordance with the Councillor Expenditure and Policy.
5. Councillors will avoid conflicts of interest and will always openly disclose any direct and indirect interests where they exist.
6. Councillors will act with integrity and respect when interacting with Council staff and members of the public.
7. Councillors will demonstrate fairness in all dealings and conduct and be open with and accountable to the community at all times.
8. Councillors will conduct themselves in a manner that does not cause detriment to Council or the Yarra Ranges community.