

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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

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

SUMMARY

The 2022-23 Annual Report has been prepared to provide the community transparent reporting on our financial and non-financial achievements for the last financial year in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

The Annual Report has also been developed to share with the community the story of successes and challenges Yarra Ranges Council faced in delivering on the 2021-2025 Council Plan.

The 2022-2023 Annual Report has three components: the Report of Operations, the audited Performance Statement and the Financial Report. This paper covers the Report of Operations (Part 1). The Performance Statement and Financial Report (Part 2) are presented as another agenda item.

The Annual Report will be made available online and in the foyer of the Lilydale Civic Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the Yarra Ranges Annual Report 2022-2023 (Part 1) and notes its completion in accordance with Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2020.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Part 2 of the Annual Report, which includes the Annual Financial Statements and the Performance Statement, is also being considered at the 24 October 2023 Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

Purpose and Background

The purpose of this report is to present to Council the 2022-2023 Annual Report for endorsement.

Annual Report (Part 1)

The Annual Report contains the report of operations, detailed accounts of the key activities and achievements by Council towards the delivery of the Vision 2036 and the five strategic objectives and strategies contained in the Council Plan.

Highlights

Much has been achieved throughout the 2022-2023 financial year and this Annual Report celebrates these achievements while also highlighting some of the challenges experienced.

The breadth of what Yarra Ranges Council delivers is vast. To help communicate this, the Annual Report:

- Summarises key achievements and challenges in the CEO and Mayor's messages.
- Highlights some fast facts.
- Identifies top 5 achievements under each of the key strategic objectives.
- Reports on achievements against the major initiatives and Council Plan actions.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Key highlights of the Financial Statements and the Performance Statement are contained in the Council agenda item relating to Part 2 of the Annual Report - the 2022-23 Financial and Performance Statements.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

The Council Plan outlines the activities Council will undertake during the 2021-2025 period. The Annual report provide outlines the Council's progress towards achieving these activities. The Financial Statement and the Performance Statement provide an auditable account of the performance of these strategic activities and priorities outlined in the Council Plan 2021-2025 for the last financial year.

RELEVANT LAW

Council is required to produce an Annual Report that provides the community transparent reporting on our financial and non-financial achievements for the last 2022-2023 financial year in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic Implications

There are no identified economic implications applicable to this report.

Social Implications

There are no identified social implications applicable to this report.

Environmental Implications

There are no identified environmental implications applicable to this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not relevant.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Completion of the Annual Report, the Financial Statements and the Performance Statement is an important part of Council's compliance with and commitment to accurate and transparent reporting of its activities and financial position to the community.

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. Annual Report 2022-2023 - Part 1