

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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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 2021-22 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*.

This includes the Report of Operations, the audited Performance Statement and the Financial Statements. The Annual Report has been developed to share with the community our key stakeholders the story of the successes and challenges Yarra Ranges Council faced in delivering on the 2021-25 Council Plan.

The 2021-2022 Annual Financial Statements and Performance Statement are presented to Council for approval in principle, prior to final consideration by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) and their agent (Crowe Australasia). The certification of these financial statements will be included in the full Annual Report.

The Annual Report and a summary version for the community will be available to online and at the Community Links, see attached. A video to highlight progress of the seven major initiatives has also been produced and will be shown at the Council meeting on the 25 October 2022 where the report will be formally considered by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers

- 1. *The Yarra Ranges Annual Report 2021-2022 (Part 1) and notes its completion per the Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2020***
- 2. *The Yarra Ranges Annual Report 2021-2022 (Part 2 Financials) and notes its completion as per Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2020, with the inclusion of the VAGO certification once received.***

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Part 2 of the Annual Report is related to the Council agenda items to be presented on the 25 October 2022 to adopt in principle the 2021-22 Annual Financial Statements and 2021-22 Performance Statement. Council is waiting for certification by VAGO before these will be included in the Financial Statements and the Performance Statements.

DISCUSSION

Purpose and Background

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for consideration the 2021-2022 Annual Report including the Financial Statement and Performance Statement.

Annual Report (Part 1)

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

Annual Financial Statements (Part 2)

The Annual Financial Statements represent a general-purpose financial report consisting of a Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, and accompanying notes. These statements have been prepared in accordance with relevant professional and statutory requirements, including the Australian Accounting Standards.

Performance Statement (Part 2)

The Performance Statement reports against a range of performance indicators introduced under the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework, which are statutorily required under the *Local Government Performance Reporting and Accountability Act 2014*.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Key highlights of the financial statements and the performance statement are contained in the Council agenda item relating to the Financial and Performance Report 2021-2022 statements.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

The Council Plan outlines the activities Council will undertake during the 2021-2025 period. 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 2021-22 financial year in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic Implications

Not applicable to this report.

Social Implications

Not applicable to this report.

Environmental Implications

Not 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 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 2021-2022 Part 1 (to follow)
2. Annual Report 2021-2022 Part 2 - Financials (to follow)
3. Annual Report 2021-2022 Community Summary (to follow)