

7.2.1 COMBINED ADVISORY COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT - 2023

Responsible Director:	Russell Hopkins, Director Community Services
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1 Notes the activities of the Advisory Committees identified in this report, during 2023, and thanks all members for their time and contributions.
- 2 Endorses a review of each Committee's Terms of Reference to ensure consistency with Council's current Advisory Committee Policy in relation to representation on multiple Advisory Committees.
- 3 Notes the resignation of the following representatives and thanks them for their valuable contribution:
 - Tania Rose, Shamiso Murambi, Alex Mills, Prabha Arachige, Jade McNamara and Jasmine Howlett from the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.
 - Thanura Tyler Ediri, Nicole Flynn, Mark Hao, Yohana Jury, Pierce Soulsby and Andrew Paolucci (who resigned in May 2023); and Yoshi Nakajima and Asher Cameron (who resigned in October 2023) from the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee.
 - Annette Anakotta, Mark Learmonth, Phil Terry, Irene Trirouzis and Robert Taylor from the Positive Ageing Reference Group.
 - Ramike Wickramasinghe, Jonathan Lee, Eva Mohan, Raghav Baheti, Kabisan Sutharsan, Serene Karunaratne, Shreeya Kalagotla, Neha Satishkumar and Miranpal Nagra as members from the Monash Youth Committee.
- 4 Endorses the appointment of:
 - Al Eli Baxter, Chloe Codling, Christina Dilipkumar, Jesse Laughlin Jones, Jenni Wentworth, and Naiwen (Nevin) Xu to the LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee.
 - Annie Zhou, Tyson Hudson, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Arjun Kapoor, Sabrina Cheng, Fiona Zhang, Sasmi De Silva, Harindra Krishnamendu, Tarini Guddanti, Shishta Jain and Chandani Patel to the Monash Youth Committee.

INTRODUCTION

At its Meeting on 24 September 2019, Council resolved that its Advisory Committees provide annual updates. This report provides an update of the activities associated with a number of Council's Advisory Committees during 2023.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Inclusive Services

Community development and advocacy to support the Monash community.

Fostering an equitable, just and inclusive Monash.

Good Governance

Effectively communicate and engage with the community.

Maintain the highest standards of good governance.

BACKGROUND

Council convenes and supports a range of Advisory Committees which provide expertise and advice and share information on issues related to their particular areas of interest as required by their Terms of Reference. Council representatives to each Committee are nominated on an annual basis.

This report provides an update on the activities of a number of these Advisory Committees during 2023, including the:

- Disability Advisory Committee
- Gender Equity Advisory Committee
- LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee
- Junior Advisory Group
- Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Positive Ageing Reference Group
- Positive Ageing Network Forum
- Monash Youth Committee
- Clayton Activity Centre Committee
- Glen Waverley Activity Centre Committee
- Oakleigh Activity Centre Steering Committee

The contribution of time, experience and expertise by many community members through their membership of these Committees and forums is valuable in ensuring that Council hears directly from community representatives in relation to a range of social and community issues.

Previously Terms of Reference for each of the committees may have included “non-council members currently appointed to other Council Advisory Committees will be ineligible for Advisory Committee membership”. To ensure consistency with the most recent Advisory Committee Policy, relevant Terms of Reference will be updated to delete this reference.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications to this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications to this report.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was not required.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Engagement with the community on matters of importance to them is a key responsibility of Local Government, and Advisory Committees are one way of establishing formal mechanisms to share information and seek input and advice from the community.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The operation of Council's Advisory Committees ensures that many community members have the opportunity to engage with Council on matters of importance to them, consistent with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* in relation to the right to take part in public life.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

An outline of the activities and achievements of many of Council's Advisory Committees is included in this report for Council's information.

Disability Advisory Committee

Purpose

The aim of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) is to provide Council with advice on issues relating to the needs of people with a disability, their carers and families.

Committee Responsibilities

- Provide advice to Council on issues and barriers that affect people with disabilities and their carers.
- Advocate on behalf of people with a disability.
- Consider and provide advice to Council on key Government initiatives, programs and reviews.
- Contribute to the promotion of Council and community collaborations that support and promote the inclusion of people with disabilities.
- Provide advice to Council with its communication, engagement and consultation with people with disabilities.

Committee Composition

The DAC membership will consist of up to seventeen members and will include representation from:

- Up to three Councillors.
- Fourteen community representatives including:
 - Up to twelve community members living or working in Monash.
 - Up to four community organisations, agencies and service providers who have a focus on provision of services to people with a disability in the City of Monash.

The 2023 membership of the DAC included:

- Cr Shane McCluskey (Chair)
- Cr Nicky Luo
- Helen Houghton
- Wanda Egerton
- Zoe Broomhead
- Ian Cunningham
- Helen Haughton
- Sue Rees
- Heather Miller
- Peter Hocking
- Linda Teng
- Tess Marotta
- Revathy Sembuganathan
- Christine Wilson
- Catherine Maguire
- Marian Jacobs (representing Waverley Help Mates)

During 2023 the Disability Advisory Committee recruited two new members and re-recruited two previous members. Seven members have stayed on for a second term, and three members finished their time with the DAC and received a letter of thanks from the Mayor.

All DAC positions are voluntary positions. The DAC is convened by Council's Access & Inclusion Community Development Officer.

Frequency of Meeting

The committee meets bi-monthly, on the third Thursday of the month for a duration of two hours. The expectation is that each member attends a minimum of 60% of all meetings, exemptions may apply.

Key matters discussed over the past 12 months

The challenges presented by COVID-19 continued into 2023, however as we had moved to Zoom during the pandemic, the DAC members were able to stay engaged and connected via the regular

Zoom meetings. The group decided to meet in person during Spring and Summer and online during Autumn and Winter; however, due to the ongoing works on the Bogong Carpark the group chose to meet online during the works.

Meeting Date	Attendees	Topics discussed
<p>16 February</p> <p>In person meeting</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr. Nicky Luo Cr Shane McCluskey Peter Hocking Sharon Roxby Wanda Egerton Zoe Broomhead</p> <p>Council Staff: Barb Wallace Kerryn Jansons</p> <p>Guest Presenters: April Williams (Monash Council - Sustainability) Alyssa Huxtable (Monash Council – Health Promotion)</p> <p>Apologies: Fee Harrison Helen Haughton Iain Cunningham Linda Teng Tess Marotta Heather Miller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation – Monash Libraries • Council Rapid Antigen Program • Recruitment of new members • Civic Centre Precinct • Capital Works Projects • Community Satisfaction Survey • Community Grants • Shape Monash promotion • Informed the group about current consultations • Advocacy & Information Sharing
<p>20 April</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr. Nicky Luo Cr Shane McCluskey Peter Hocking Sharon Roxby Wanda Egerton Helen Haughton Iain Cunningham Linda Teng Tess Marotta</p> <p>Council Officers: Barb Wallace Kerryn Jansons Sandra Smith</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Liz Grabham Mojib Rashidzada (Surburban Rail Loop & early works)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Suburban Rail Loop Initial Works & Early Works • Portman Street Footpath Enhancements • Changes to disabled parking permits • Shape Monash promotion • Informed the group about current consultations • Advocacy & Information Sharing

	<p>Apologies: Fee Harrison Zoe Broomfield</p>	
<p>22 June (moved due to Cr availability)</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr. Nicky Luo Peter Hocking Sharon Roxby Wanda Egerton Iain Cunningham Revathy Sembuganathan Catherine Maguire Heather Miller</p> <p>Council Officers: Barb Wallace Kerry Jansons</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Sandra Smith (Monash Council – Landscape Architect)</p> <p>Apologies: Fee Harrison Helen Haughton Cr Shane McCluskey Linda Teng Zoe Broomhead Tess Marotta Christine Wilson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new DAC members, thanked outgoing members. • The Gateway streetscape upgrade project • Monash Playground & Playspace Strategy Refresh - Community Consultation Opportunity on Shape Monash • Online survey and discrete choice experiment to determine 'value' of gym access among young adults with disability • Shape Monash promotion • Informed the group about current consultations • Advocacy & Information Sharing
<p>17 August</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr. Nicky Luo Cr Shane McCluskey Tess Marotta Christine Wilson Wanda Egerton Linda Teng Catherine Maguire Zoe Broomhead Sharon Roxby Peter Hocking</p> <p>Council Officers: Barb Wallace Georgie Head</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Christine Van der Ark (Monash Council – Strategic Project Lead) Ray Marshall (Architect)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion on The Glen Waverley Civic Precinct project • Update from Active Monash, by Mandy Walker, Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator • Bogong carpark closure • Shape Monash promotion • Informed the group about current consultations • Invite to Joint Advisory Group 7 September 2023 • Advocacy & Information Sharing

	<p>Mandy Walker (Monash Council – Active Monash)</p> <p>Apologies: Fee Harrison Helen Haughton Kerryn Jansons Revathy Sembuganathan Iain Cunningham</p>	
<p>19 October</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr. Nicky Luo Christine Wilson Wanda Egerton Linda Teng Catherine Maguire Zoe Broomhead Peter Hocking Revathy Sembuganathan Iain Cunningham Helen Haughton</p> <p>Council Officers: Barb Wallace Georgia Head Amey Rountree</p> <p>Apologies: Cr. Shane McCluskey Fee Harrison Kerryn Jansons Tess Marotta Sharon Roxby</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDPWD - Eastern Metropolitan Region Councils • Joint Advisory Group 7 September 2023 • Heat health • Shape Monash promotion • Informed the group about current consultations • Advocacy & Information Sharing

Achievements 2023

Provided feedback on a number of Council’s plans and programs, including the Gateway streetscape upgrade project, the Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project and capital works initiatives.

- Provided advice and piloted the recycled bin lid discs for vision impaired/blind people.
- Supported council events such as Stroke Awareness session.
- Took part in a number of council consultations.

Proposed Activities for 2024

Continue to provide advice to Council on Council’s plan and programs.

- Explore opportunities to take part in regional activities with other disability advisory committees.
- Provide support and guidance across council to improve access and inclusion for people with disabilities and their carers.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The ToR has undergone its annual review and has been updated to align with the current Advisory Committee Policy, along with some other minor updates.

Gender Equity Advisory Committee

Purpose

The aim of the Gender Equity Advisory Committee is to provide Council with advice on improving gender equity within the Monash community, to actively encourage women's full and equal participation in community life and assist with the implementation of Council's Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan and Gender Equity Framework.

Committee Responsibilities

Advocate for gender equity within the Monash community and beyond.

- Provide feedback and advice to Council on the gender equity implications of its policies, plans and services.
- Consider funding and other opportunities as they may arise.
- Provide advice to Council on gender equity issues.
- Contribute to the promotion of Council and community collaborations that support and promote gender equity and the prevention of violence against women.

Committee Composition

The GEAC membership consists of:

- Up to three Councillors.
- Fourteen community representatives including:
 - Up to 12 community members living or working in Monash.
 - Up to four community organisations, agencies and service providers who have a focus on gender equity and/or women's health and wellbeing.

All GEAC positions are voluntary positions.

From time to time, GEAC may establish working groups, and may co-opt additional members, including Council officers, if it is considered that additional skills and experience would benefit a specific project or add value to the general performance of the Committee.

In 2023 the GEAC membership consisted of:

- Cr Rebecca Paterson (Chair)
- Cr Stuart James
- Cr Anjalee de Silva
- Florine Baerlocher
- Poornima Balasubramanian
- Sarah Chong (representing MiCare)
- Natalie Czerniawski (representing Monash University)
- Louise Gracey

- Rebecca Hateley
- Hui Jun Heng
- Emily Pham
- Sabah Saab
- Revathy Sembuganathan
- Nandini Sengupta
- Christopher Unwin
- Deborah Wu (representing Women’s Health East)
- Erica Zhou.

NOTES:

At its 30 May 2023 meeting, Council endorsed the appointment of nine people to GEAC, and noted the resignation of the following representatives and thanked them for their valuable contribution:

- Tania Rose
- Shamiso Murambi
- Alex Mills
- Prabha Arachige
- Jade McNamara
- Jasmine Howlett

Frequency of Meeting

The GEAC meets every two months for a duration of two hours. It is expected that each member attends a minimum of 60% of all meetings. Additional meetings can be called as required, and the GEAC may establish Working Groups/Parties to address specific issues as they arise.

Key matters discussed over the past 12 months:

Meeting Date	Attendees	Topics Discussed
13 February Monash Civic Centre	<p>Attendees: Chair – Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Stuart James Emily Pham Nandini Sengupta</p> <p>Council Staff: Tracey Egan Fee Harrison</p> <p>Apologies: Alex Mills Prabha Bogodaarachchige Diana Hansen Tania Rose Christopher Unwin</p>	<p>Presentation: VicHealth evaluation of Respectful Communities’ masculinities program (Bailey Webb)</p> <p>GEAC recruitment and retention</p> <p>Reflections and Evaluation</p>

	Deborah Wu Guest Presenter: Bailey Webb (Monash University)	
8 May Hybrid	Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Stuart James Deborah Wu Emily Pham Poornima Balasubramanian Revathy Sembuganathan Christopher Unwin Sarah Chong Hui Jun Heng Erica Zhou Rebecca Hateley Florine Baerlocher Council staff: Fee Harrison Tracey Egan Elena Leddra Apologies: Cr Anjalee de Silva Sabah Saab Louise Gracey Nandini Sengupta Natalie Czerniawski	Workplan for GEAC for 2023 Introductions of new members Presentation: <i>Free From Violence</i> Project (Elena Leddra)
19 June Online via Zoom	Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Deborah Wu Emily Pham Poornima Balasubramanian Revathy Sembuganathan Christopher Unwin Sarah Chong Hui Jun Heng Erica Zhou Rebecca Hateley Florine Baerlocher Sabah Saab Council staff: Tracey Egan Elena Leddra Liz Fitzgerald	Training: Gender Equality and Prevention of Violence Against Women and Family Violence (GenderWorks Australia)

	<p>Apologies: Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Stuart James Fee Harrison Louise Gracey Nandini Sengupta Natalie Czerniawski</p> <p>Guest Presenters: GenderWorks Australia</p>	
14 August Hybrid	<p>Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Stuart James Deborah Wu Poornima Balasubramanian Revathy Sembuganathan Christopher Unwin Sarah Chong Hui Jun Heng Erica Zhou Louise Gracey Nandini Sengupta Natalie Czerniawski Florine Baerlocher</p> <p>Council staff: Tracey Egan Kerryn Jansons Liz Fitzgerald</p> <p>Apologies: Rebecca Hateley Emily Pham Sabah Saab</p> <p>Guest Presenter: Andrew Shaw (Monash Council)</p>	<p>Consultation: Proposed new Glen Waverley Precinct Plan (Andrew Shaw)</p> <p>Presentation: Hate Speech Against Women and its Harms (Cr Anjalee de Silva)</p> <p>Review of new family violence resources</p> <p>Planning for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence</p>
9 October Hybrid	<p>Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Stuart James Florine Baerlocher Poornima Balasubramanian Sarah Chong Rebecca Hateley Hui Jun Heng Emily Pham</p>	<p>Presentation: Free From Violence Project: Focus on Community and Primary Prevention – Next Steps (Elena Leddra)</p> <p>Planning for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence</p>

	Sabah Saab Revathy Sembuganathan Deborah Wu Erica Zhou Council staff: Tracey Egan Elena Leddra Apologies: Christopher Unwin Natalie Czerniawski Nandini Sengupta Louise Gracey Liz Fitzgerald Kerryn Jansons Guest Presenter:	
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Achievements 2023

- Provided a gender lens to a number of Council’s new policies, programs and services, including the Gateway Streetscape Upgrade, Civic Centre Precinct, and family violence resources.
- Advocated for gender equitable naming of new council wards to the Victorian Electoral Commission.
- Learning opportunities embraced around topics of Masculinities, Gender Equality and Prevention of Violence Against Women and Family Violence and Hate Speech Against Women and its Harms.
- Participated in the planning for the 2023 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

Proposed Activities for 2024

- Continue to provide advice to Council on Council’s plan and programs through a gender/intersectional lens.
- Continue with assisting in the implementation of Council’s Gender Equity Framework, Health and Wellbeing Plan and *Free from Violence* project.
- Continue with providing advice on Council’s International Women’s Day and 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence.
- GEAC members will provide feedback to Council officers on achievements made so far and on a proposed meeting plan for 2024.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The ToR has undergone its annual review and has been updated to align with the current Advisory Committee Policy, along with some other minor updates.

LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee

Purpose



Council endorsed the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee at the 15 December 2020 Council meeting as part of its ongoing commitment to better recognise, represent and connecting with members of

Monash's lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer/questioning and asexual communities (LGBTIQ+). The plus sign serves to signify and acknowledge the inexhaustive nature of this collection of terms, and the fact that language can and does evolve to find new terms for describing the diverse ways in which people can experience gender, sexuality, and sex characteristics.

The aim of this Committee is to provide Council with advice on strengthening the representation and inclusion of people who identify as LGBTIQ+ within the Monash community and to contribute to the development and implementation of Council's LGBTIQ+ Action Plan.

Committee Responsibilities

- Advocate for equality and inclusion for the LGBTIQ+ community in Monash.
- Provide feedback and advice to Council on the impact of its policies, plans and services on the LGBTIQ+ community.
- Consider funding and other opportunities as they arise.
- Support Council to engage and consult with local LGBTIQ+ groups and communities.
- Provide advice to Council on issues and barriers that affect people who identify as LGBTIQ+.
- Contribute to the promotion of Council and community collaborations that support and promote the inclusion of people who identify as LGBTIQ+.

Committee Composition

The LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee membership consists of:

Up to three Councillors

- Fourteen community representatives including:
 - Up to twelve community members living or working in Monash representing the diversity of the Monash LGBTIQ+ community and allies.
 - Up to four community organisations, agencies and service providers who have a focus on providing services to the Monash LGBTIQ+ community.

All LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee positions are voluntary positions. From time to time, the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee may establish working groups, and may co-opt additional members, including Council officers, if it is considered that additional skills and experience would benefit a specific project or add value to the general performance of the Committee.

In 2023 the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee membership consisted of:

- Cr Stuart James (Chair)
- Cr Nicky Luo
- Al Eli Baxter
- Chloe Codling
- Christina Dilipkumar
- Emily Griffith
- Brett Hayhoe
- Jesse Laughlin Jones
- Tess Marotta
- Christine Minto
- Gregory Storer

- John Tzimas
- Jenni Wentworth
- Naiwen (Nevin) Xu
- Asher Cameron (resigned in October 2023)
- Yoshi Nakajima (resigned in October 2023)
- Thanura Tyler Ediri (concluded membership in May 2023)
- Nicole Flynn (concluded membership in May 2023)
- Mark Hao (concluded membership in May 2023)
- Yohana Jury (concluded membership in May 2023)
- Andrew Paolucci (concluded membership in May 2023)
- Pierce Soulsby (concluded membership in May 2023)

Frequency of Meeting

The LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee meets every two months for a duration of two hours.

It is expected that each member attends a minimum of 60% of all meetings.

Additional meetings can be called as required, and the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee may establish Working Groups/Parties to address specific issues as they arise.

Key matters discussed over the past 12 months:

Meeting Date	Attendees	Topics Discussed
27 February Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James (Chair) Cr Nicky Luo (Deputy Mayor) Gregory Storer Tess Marotta Mark Hao Brett Hayhoe Christine Minto Nicole Flynn Emily Griffith John Tzimas</p> <p>Council Staff: Tracey Egan Jacob Turner</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Amey Rountree (Monash Council) Mandy Walker (Monash Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Andrew Paolucci Pierce Soulsby Asher Cameron Thanura Ediri</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Monash Council’s Quick Response Grants Program by Amey Rountree, Community Strengthening. • Presentation: Active Pride event by Mandy Walker, Active Monash. • Discussion: Advisory Committee reflection on 2022 and future planning. • Discussion: Recruitment of new members to the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee. • Discussion: Midsumma Pride March.

	Yohana Jury	
1 May Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James (Chair) Cr Nicky Luo (Deputy Mayor) Gregory Storer Tess Marotta Brett Hayhoe Christine Minto Emily Griffith John Tzimas</p> <p>Observers: Chloe Codling Jesse Laughlin Jones Christina Dilipkumar Yalenka Clement Naiwen (Nevin) Xu</p> <p>Council staff: Andi Diamond Fee Harrison Tracey Egan Jacob Turner</p> <p>Apologies: Asher Cameron</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: Drag Storytime event for IDAHOBIT. • Discussion: LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. • Presentation, Discussion and Consultation: LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee work to date and plan for 2023. • Presentation: IDAHOBIT plans for 2023 • Consultation: Diversity Statement • Consultation: Gender Equality Mural
26 June Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom	<p>Attendees: Cr Nicky Luo (Chair and Deputy Mayor) Gregory Storer Tess Marotta Brett Hayhoe Christine Minto John Tzimas Chloe Codling Jesse Laughlin Jones Christina Dilipkumar Yoshi Nakajima Naiwen (Nevin) Xu Asher Cameron Jenni Wentworth</p> <p>Council Staff: Fee Harrison Tracey Egan Jacob Turner</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Elena Leddra (Monash Council)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Consultation: Free From Violence Project by Elena Leddra. • Discussion: Community Safety Month (October) plans. • Presentation and Consultation: Affirmation of the Darlington Statement. • Consultation: Calendar of LGBTIQ+ dates of significance that Council acknowledges and celebrates.

	<p>Apologies: Cr Stuart James Emily Griffith Al Eli Baxter</p>	
<p>28 August</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James (Chair) Cr Nicky Luo (Deputy Mayor) Gregory Storer Tess Marotta Christine Minto John Tzimas Chloe Codling Jesse Laughlin Jones Christina Dilipkumar Jenni Wentworth</p> <p>Council Staff: Kerryn Jansons Tracey Egan Jacob Turner</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Dr Paula Gerber (Monash University) Andrew Shaw (Monash Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Emily Griffith Brett Hayhoe Yoshi Nakajima Naiwen (Nevin) Xu Asher Cameron</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: LGBTIQ+ Human Rights Law in Australia and internationally by Dr Paula Gerber from Monash University. • Presentation and Consultation: Proposed Glen Waverley Precinct Plan by Andrew Shaw from Monash Council. • Consultation: Draft Monash LGBTIQ+ public website content. • Discussion: Wear It Purple Day plans.
<p>23 October</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James (Chair) Cr Nicky Luo (Deputy Mayor) Jesse Laughlin Jones Tess Marotta Christina Dilipkumar Jenni Wentworth</p> <p>Council Staff: Kerryn Jansons Tracey Egan Jacob Turner</p> <p>Apologies: Emily Griffith Brett Hayhoe Naiwen (Nevin) Xu Gregory Storer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: LGBTIQ+ initiatives and key projects at Port Phillip Council by Thomas Sutherland from Port Phillip Council. • Presentation: Rainbow Tick Update. • Discussion: Future Event Planning. • Consultation: Future planning of the Oakleigh Golf Course. • Consultation: Annual budget. • Consultation: First Nations Mural

	Christine Minto John Tzimas Chloe Codling Al Eli Baxter Guest Presenters: Thomas Sutherland (Port Phillip Council)	
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Members for endorsement/reappointment and resignations

The LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee undertook a recruitment campaign for new members in early 2023, as the end of the first two-year term neared.

Existing members that decided to end their membership in May 2023 were; Thanura Tyler Ediri, Nicole Flynn, Mark Hao, Yohana Jury, Pierce Soulsby and Andrew Paolucci. New members endorsed in May 2023 were; Al Eli Baxter, Chloe Codling, Christina Dilipkumar, Jesse Laughlin Jones, Jenni Wentworth, Naiwen (Nevin) Xu and Yoshi Nakajima.

In October 2023, Yoshi Nakajima and Asher Cameron resigned from the Committee.

Achievements in 2023

- Provided LGBTIQ+ inclusion advice on a number of Council’s plans and programs including the Free From Violence Project, the Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project and events such as Active Pride.
- Provided advice on the development of public website page for LGBTIQ+.
- Provided advice for which LGBTIQ+ dates of significance Council should acknowledge and celebrate.
- Provided Council with invaluable feedback on events affecting LGBTIQ+ people and advice on how Council can improve.

Proposed Activities for 2024

- Continue to provide advice to Council on Council’s plan and programs.
- Explore opportunities to increase LGBTIQ+ visibility at events.
- Continue with assisting in the implementation of Council’s LGBTIQ+ Action Plan.
- LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee members will provide feedback to Council officers on achievements made so far and on a proposed meeting plan for 2024. Continuous feedback sought from the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee is in line with Council’s LGBTIQ+ Action Plan.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The ToR has undergone its annual review and has been updated to align with the current Advisory Committee Policy along with some other minor updates.

Junior Advisory Group (JAG)

Purpose

Monash City Council is committed to ensuring that all residents are included and participate in decision making and in achieving *Imagine Monash in 2040 Community Vision*. The JAG is a key strategy for children and young people to have a strong voice and supports Monash as a Children and Young People Friendly City.

The Junior Advisory Group (JAG):

- Connects young people with their Local Government/Councillors.
- Enables Monash students in Grades 4 to 6 to raise concerns or questions.
- Provides a forum for children as active citizens.

Composition

Students from Monash primary schools and two Councillors participate in the JAG.

On November 29, 2022, Council appointed Cr Rebecca Paterson and Cr Nicky Luo to represent City of Monash at these meetings.

The JAG is coordinated and supported by Council's Children and Young People Engagement/Safety Officer.

Frequency of meetings

The JAG typically meets twice per year, in the second and fourth quarters.

In 2023, one JAG meeting took place. The second quarter's meeting did not go ahead due to the vacancy of the Children and Young People Engagement/Safety Officer position.

The JAG meeting was held on Wednesday 1 November 2023, at the Civic Centre in Glen Waverley. Cr Luo and Cr Paterson attended and were joined by 22 students from five Monash primary schools. The young people raised questions about Council processes, decision making, sustainability and infrastructure.

The Junior Advisory Group will continue in 2024.

Multicultural Advisory Committee

Purpose

The aim of the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) is to provide Council with advice on a range of multicultural issues.

Committee Responsibilities

- Provide feedback and advice to Council on its policies, plans and services that impact CALD communities.
- Consider and provide advice on key Government initiatives, programs and reviews.
- Advocate on behalf of CALD communities.
- Consider funding and other opportunities as they may arise.

- Assist Council to promote the benefits of cultural diversity within the Monash municipality and beyond.
- Provide advice to Council with its communication, engagement and consultation with CALD communities.

Committee Composition

The Multicultural Advisory Committee membership will consist of:

- Up to three Councillors.
- Fourteen community representatives including:
 - Up to twelve community members living or working in Monash,
 - Up to four community organisations, agencies and service providers who have a focus on provision of services to CALD communities in Monash.

All MAC positions are voluntary positions.

The 2023 membership of the MAC included:

- Cr Nicky Luo (Chair)
- Cr Tina Samardzija
- Mohamed Mohideen
- Oksana King
- Rida Khan
- Rajmohan Ramanathapillai
- Eman Armanous
- Malinda Zhu
- Rukhsana Ahmadi
- Nira Rahman
- Philip Liberatore
- Amit Patel
- Nira Rahman
- Saied Rezawi (representing MiCare)
- Jessica Ness (representing Migrant Information Centre, Eastern Region)

The MAC is convened by Council’s Cultural Diversity Community Development Officer.

Frequency of Meeting

The committee meets bi-monthly, on the second Thursday of the month for a duration of two hours. The expectation is that each member attends a minimum of 60% of all meetings.

Key matters discussed over the past 12 months:

Meeting Date	Attendees	MATTERS discussed
Thursday 9 February 2023	Attendees: Cr Nicky Luo (Chair) Cr Tina Samardzija	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Monash Community Grant Program • Council Updates

<p>In person</p>	<p>Malinda Zhu Philip Liberatore Elisha Lee Raj Ramanathapillai Rida Khan Eman Armanous Amit Patel Council Staff: Colin Bostock Kerryn Jansons Amey Rountree Apologies: Nira Rahman Mohamed Mohideen Oksana King Ken Pang Rukhsana Ahmadi Saied Rezawi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhoods & Placemaking Update (including Reconciliation Action Plan update) • Community Partnerships & Health Promotions update • Networking, Advocacy & Information Sharing
<p>Thursday 27 April 2023</p> <p>In person</p>	<p>Attendance: Cr Nicky Luo (chair) Cr Tina Samardzija Amit Patel Eman (Emy) Armanous Mohamed Mohideen Nira Rahman Philip Liberatore Rajmohan (Raj) Ramanathapillai Rukhsana Ahmadi Saied Rezawi (MiCare representative) Council Officers: Kate Wijeyesinghe Kerryn Jansons Fee Harrison Guest Presenters: Tina Malaeb (Monash Council – Community Safety) Apologies: Jessica Ness Oksana King Elisha Lee Rida Khan Malinda Zhu Amey Rountree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Community Safety in Monash from Tina Malaeb (community safety officer) • Discussion of incidents of racism and religious vilification in community in early 2023. • Update from Council • Discussion and planning for Monash Connects event series • Networking, Advocacy & Information Sharing

<p>Thursday 8 June 2023</p> <p>Hybrid - In person & Online</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Nicky Luo (Chair) Amit Patel Elisha Lee Eman Armanous Jessica Ness Malinda Zhu Mohamed Mohideen Philip Liberatore Rida Khan Rukhsana Ahmadi</p> <p>Council Officers: Fee Harrison Amey Rountree Kate Wijeyesinghe</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Sara Coe (VicPol) Liz Sidiropoulos (VicPol) Ding Cai (VicPol) Arthur Jackson (Monash Council – Aboriginal Partnerships)</p> <p>Apologies: Nira Rahman Oksana King Raj Ramanathapillai Saied Rezawi Cr Tina Samardzija Kerryn Jansons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Victoria Police Officers on current focus and community safety • Presentation on Reconciliation Action Plan and introduction to Aboriginal Partnerships Officer • Update from Council • Monash Connects future event • Networking, Advocacy & Information Sharing
<p>Thursday 10 August 2023</p> <p>Hybrid - In person & Online</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Nicky Luo (Chair) Cr Tina Samardzija Amit Patel Jessica Ness Malinda Zhu Mohamed Mohideen Nira Rahman Raj Ramanathapillai Rida Khan Rukhsana Ahmadi Saied Rezawi</p> <p>Council Officers: Amey Rountree Kate Wijeyesinghe Kerryn Jansons</p> <p>Guest Presenters:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from Christine Van der Ark on Reimagining Glen Waverley Precinct Proposal and Consultation • Discussion on experiences of discrimination and vilification (racial, religious, cultural) and ways that the community and Council can respond • Update from Council • Networking, Advocacy & Information Sharing

	<p>Christine Van der Ark (Monash Council – Strategic Project Lead) Sean Ross (Monash Council – Communications) Apologies: Elisha Lee Eman Armanous, Oksana King Phillip Liberatore</p>	
<p>Thursday 12 October 2023</p> <p>Hybrid - In person & Online</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Tina Samardzija (Chair) Philip Liberatore Elisha Lee Emy Armanous Jess Ness Council Officers: Amey Rountree Kerryn Jansons Kate Wijeyesinghe Guest Presenters: Andrew Hansen (Monash Council – Sustainability) Apologies: Cr Nicky Luo Mohamed Mohideen Rukhsana Ahmadi Saied Rezawi Raj Ramanathapillai Rida Khan Malinda Zhu Nira Rahman</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest presentation on Creative Industries, and exhibition opportunities in Monash by Creative Industries lead Andrew Hansen. • Update from Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural Framework Review submission • A number of training and capacity building opportunities available • 2024 meeting dates • Networking, Advocacy & Information Sharing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home affairs update

Achievements 2022/2023

- Provided a multicultural lens and strategic advice to several of Council’s Plans and Strategies.
- Supported the Cultural Diversity Community Development Officer with expertise on several projects and events, e.g. Resilience Against Racism workshops and Monash Connects event series.

Proposed Activities for 2024

- Continue to provide advice to Council on Council’s plan and programs through a multicultural/intersectional lens,

- Continue with assisting in the implementation of Council’s Health and Wellbeing Plan,
- Continue to provide advice on important cultural celebrations, including Harmony Day and Refugee week, as well as Council services and programs as needed.

Terms of Reference (ToR)

The ToR has undergone its annual review and has been updated to align with the current Advisory Committee Policy, along with some other minor updates.

Positive Ageing Reference Group

Purpose

The purpose of Positive Ageing reference Group (PARG) is to inform and advise Council on issues, barriers and aspirations of our older adult community. PARG is an inclusive group of older people, committed to ensuring Monash is an age friendly city and advocating on the issues and aspirations of our older residents. PARG are invited by other departments to provide feedback and guidance to support Council to have an ‘Age Friendly’ lens across all policy development. Community members are appointed the PARG by Council following a public expression of interest and interview. The term for the community membership is two years and can remain on the committee for three terms (six years). Founding members are welcome to attend meetings to support them to remain engaged and connected with their community.

PARG is represented by 14 community members and two Councillors.

The 2023 membership of the PARG included:

Councillors:

Cr Brian Little (Chair)
Cr Nicky Luo (Co-Chair)

Resident Representatives:

- Annette Anakotta
- Marlene Bottrell
- Elaine Forde
- Shi Qin Gao
- Mark Learmonth
- Constantine Mandalis
- Jennifer Sheppard
- Phil Terry
- Irene Triroulis
- Selliah Nulliah
- Pam Brown
- Udesch Kumar
- Robert Taylor
- Ian Bjorkman

This year five members resigned: Annette Anakotta, Mark Learmonth, Phil Terry, Irene Trirouzis and Robert Taylor. Recruitment for new members will commence in February 2024 to fill vacant positions.

Summary of 2023 Meetings

The committee meets bi-monthly, on Thursday for a duration of two hours. The expectation is that each member attends a minimum of 60% of all meetings.

During this term the committee has been involved in the following key initiatives:

Intergenerational project – Provide feedback and advice to Swinburne University how to engage older people in the project.

Summerset Retirement Living – Seeking feedback on a proposal for a Retirement Village in Oakleigh.

Seniors Exercise Equipment – Consultation with insideEDGE about seniors’ exercise equipment in parks.

<p>9 February Civic Centre</p>	<p>Attendees: Councillors: Cr. Brian Little Officer/s Sallenna Skye, Terry Larkman, Carol Syer, and Vicki Chisholm Members: Selliah Nalliah, Costa Mandalis, Ian Bjorkman, Elaine Forde, Qin Shi Goa, Annette Anakotta, Phil Terry, Pam Brown, Marlen Bottrell Guests: Jake McMinn and Stewart Scott. Apologies: Cr. Nicky Luo, Mark Learmonth, Jennifer Shephard, Robert Taylor, Udesh Kumar, Irene Triroulis, Simon Hicks.</p>	<p>Stewart Scott from Summerset Retirement Living presented a proposal for a new development in Oakleigh.</p> <p>Jake McMinn from insideEDGE provided an update on the Seniors Exercise Park community engagement. Discussion about feedback and site locations.</p> <p>Age friendly update: Seniors Festival – Developing an evaluation report for the survey results from 2022 Seniors Festival. Internal and external stakeholder identified for the Dementia Friendly program. New look PALS program presented. Criteria developed for Positive Ageing Lifestyle Program to select activities to include in each issue of program with application form now available for groups.</p> <p>Active Monash Update:</p>
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		Pride Event.
30 March Civic Centre	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Councillors: Cr. Brian Little and Cr. Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officer/s Sallenna Skye, Terry Larkman, Carol Syer, Emma Louise Smith and Vicki Chisholm</p> <p>Members: Elaine Forde, Selliah Nalliah, Annette Anakotta, Qin Shi Guo, Phil Terry, Pam Brown, Jennifer Shepherd, Ian Bjorkman, Udesch Kumar</p> <p>Guest: Assoc Prof Diana Bossio</p> <p>Apologies: Marlene Bottrell, Costa Mandalis, Irene Triroulis and Mark Learmonth</p>	<p>Associate Professor Diana Bossio from Dept. Media & Communications, Faculty of Health, Arts & Design Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn, Melbourne spoke about VICHealth grant received to research the impact of Intergenerational social connections. Monash Council one of five Council's partnered for project. Project currently being planned to commence in May for a 12-week timeline.</p> <p>Age friendly update:</p> <p>Seniors Festival - Survey results from 2022 Seniors Festival presented. PARG members invited to join a working group for the 2023 Seniors Festival.</p> <p>Dementia Friends information sessions delivered.</p> <p>New PALS Day trip program developed and implemented.</p> <p>Active Monash Update:</p> <p>Pride Event.</p> <p>International Women's Day event.</p>
9 June Civic Centre	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Councillors: Cr. Brian Little and Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officer/s Sallenna Skye, Terry Larkman, Vicki Chisholm and Carol Sayer</p> <p>Members:</p> <p>Phil Terry, Pam Brown, Jennifer Sheppard, Selliah Nalliah, Ian Bjorkman, Annette Anakotta, Marleen Bottrell,</p> <p>Guest: Matthew Allen</p>	<p>Matthew Allen from Metro Trains presented on the <i>Get on Board – Seniors Safety Information Sessions</i>. Speaker information included in the resource list for community groups.</p> <p>Age friendly update:</p> <p>2023 Seniors Festival planning update about Positive Ageing Forum and information sessions for community groups.</p> <p>World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event planned.</p>

	<p>Apologies: Elaine Forde, Robert Taylor, Qin Shi Gao, Costa Mandalis and Irene Triroulis.</p>	<p>Intergenerational project update: Five participants have been recruited for the project.</p> <p>Active Monash update: New timetable to include a Pilates program. Promoted <i>The Push Up Challenge</i>.</p>
3 August	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Councillors: Cr. Brian Little and Cr. Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officer/s: Sallenna Skye, Terry Larkman and Carol Syer</p> <p>Members: Phil Terry, Pam Brown, Jennifer Sheppard, Marleen Bottrell, Shi Qin Gao, Udesh Kumar, Annette Anakotta, Selliah Nalliah, Ian Bjorkman.</p> <p>Apologies: Elaine Forde, Costa Mandalis.</p>	<p>Age friendly update:</p> <p>Seniors Festival update on the number of events being delivered by community organisations.</p> <p>Dementia Action Week update on activities being planned to recognise the week.</p> <p>PARG members invited to attend the Combined Advisory Group function on Thursday 7 September.</p> <p>Seniors Exercise Park written update provided by Jackie Grieve, Coordinator Leisure and Open Space Planning to advise of outcome of project.</p>
21 September	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Officer/s: Terry Larkman, Vicki Chisholm</p> <p>Members:</p> <p>Phil Terry, Pam Brown, Jennifer Sheppard, Marleen Bottrell, Shi Qin Gao, Udesh Kumar, Ian Bjorkman and Elaine Forde.</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Cr Brian Little, Cr Nicky Luo, Annette Anakotta, Selliah Nalliah, Costa Mandalis.</p>	<p>Monash Health Plan – Age Friendly Plan - presentation on achievements for delivery of 2021-2023 actions; Priority areas and key themes for activities.</p> <p>Age Friendly update:</p> <p>Positive Ageing Lifestyle Program updates on changes to Summer edition, survey to evaluation program.</p> <p>Dementia Friendly – update on delivery of activities during Dementia Action Week.</p> <p>PARG Member update: Discussion about community safety, dementia awareness and ageism.</p>

<p>23 November</p> <p>Madeline's Tea House</p>	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Officer/s: Terry Larkman</p> <p>Members: Phil Terry, Pam Brown, Jennifer Sheppard, Marleen Bottrell, Shi Qin Gao, Annette Anakotta, Ian Bjorkman and Elaine Forde.</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Nicky Luo; Cr Brian Little; Udesh Kumar, Selliah Nalliah, Costa Mandalis.</p>	<p>Age friendly update:</p> <p>Results of response to PALS surveys with the evaluation report due in February.</p> <p>PARG Members:</p> <p>Recognise and thank members who are concluding their term with the Positive Ageing Reference Group.</p>
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Positive Ageing Network Forum

Purpose

This Forum provides an opportunity for any committee member of a seniors group and staff from local not for profit service providers (i.e. South East Volunteers, Neighbourhood House) to attend to find out the latest news from Council on matters such as Community Grants, Halls management and maintenance, Age Friendly update and opportunities to be involved in Council initiatives. The purpose of the Positive Ageing Network Forum is to provide the opportunity for seniors group representatives to meet with key Council staff from various departments to be informed by Council on various issues that may be relevant to their group/club.

Numbers and groups that are represented at each forum meeting are varied depending on availability. There is no term for the community membership to attend and no appointment of community members by Council.

The Councillor representatives for the Positive Ageing Seniors Network Forum for 2023 were Cr Rebecca Paterson and Cr Nicky Luo.

Discussion

The Positive Ageing Network Forum met four times during 2023. Meetings took place on Thursday 2 March at Monash Civic Centre Function Room, Monday 8 May at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club, Tuesday 15 August at Monash Civic Centre Function Room, and Friday 17 November at Oakleigh Chambers meeting room.

Standard Agenda items included:

- Community Grants update
- Community Halls Update
- Age Friendly Update
- Positive Ageing Lifestyle, Seniors Festival and Social Inclusion Update

- Councillor Update
- Group updates
- Other Business

Monash Youth Committee

Purpose

The Monash Youth Committee (MYC) is an inclusive group of young people, committed to creating greater connections between young people and Monash Council. MYC discuss and act on issues affecting young people living in the City of Monash.

The Committee has the following objectives:

- To function as a consultation panel of young people that provides input into the development of Council policy and planning frameworks.
- To act as a conduit for the promotion of young people's ideas and achievements.

MYC provides an opportunity for -

- Council and other organisations to consult with the committee on various topics and issues, and
- the MYC members to develop their skills and have a voice about the issues important to young people of Monash.

2023 meetings and attendees

The MYC continued to meet monthly during 2023. All meetings (except one) were held in person.

MYC Members in 2023

- Cr Shane McCluskey
- Cr Nicky Luo
- Ari Stidistsoulakos (Chair)
- Rawa Khan (Deputy)
- Annie Zhou
- Tyson Hudson
- Thomas Maguire-Nguyen
- Vibhu DeSilva
- Alan Wang
- Lavanya Sharma
- Arjun Kapoor
- Sabrina Cheng
- Fiona Zhang
- Sasmi De Silva
- Wesley Chen
- Harindra Krishnamendu
- Neha Kumar
- Heerag Khan
- Tarini Guddanti
- Bella Young

- Shishta Jain
- Miranpal Nagra
- Khai Chan
- Chandani Patel
- Eva Mohan
- Kabisan Sutharsan
- Ramike Wickramasinghe

Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
8 February	<p>Councillors: N/A</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p>Members: Neha Kumar, Lavanya Sharma, Tarini Guddanti, Bella Young, Shreeya Karunaratne, Khai Chan, Alan Wang, Lawrence Ng, John Sopar, Rawa Khan, Ramike Wickramasinghe, Heerag Khan, Annie Zhou, Wesley Chen and Vibhu DeSilva.</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Shane McCluskey, Cr Nicky Luo, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Tyson Hudson, Miran Nagra and Kabisan Sutharsan.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MYC Terms of Reference 2. Community Training for Young People 3. Victorian Parliament Tour 4. Guest Speakers 5. Working Groups
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
8 March	<p>Councillors: Cr Shane McCluskey and Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p>Members: Miranpal Nagra, Neha Kumar, Lavanya Sharma, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Tarini Guddanti, Eva Mohan, Alan Wang, Ramike Wickramasinghe, Tyson Hudson, Harindra</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MYC Terms of Reference 2. Nomination for Roles 3. Youth Training 4. MYC Group Project

	<p>Krishnamendu, Lawrence Ng, Annie Zhou, John Sopar and Kabisan Sutharsan.</p> <p>Apologies: Khai Chan, Bella Young, Rawa Khan, Heerag Khan, Wesley Chen, Jayden Ong, Talia Manton-Zerger and Vibhu DeSilva</p>	
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
12 April	<p>Councillors: Cr Shane McClusky and Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall, David Crowe, Caitlyn Socwell and Sallenna Sky</p> <p>Members: Miranpal Nagra, Vibhu DeSilva, Neha Kumar, Tarini Guddanti, Khai Chan, Alan Wang, Tyson Hudson, Rawa Khan, Heerag Khan, Wesley Chen, Annie Zhou and Kabisan Sutharsan.</p> <p>Apologies: Eva Mohan, Bella Young, Harindra Krishnamendu, Lawrence Ng, Lavanya Sharma, Ari Stidistsoulakos and John Sopar</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Caitlyn Socwell</p> <p>Sustainable Period Project</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Diana Bossio Swinburne University</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intergenerational Project 2. MYC Group Project -Scams, Gambling and Finance Traps
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
10 May	<p>Councillors: Cr Shane McCluskey and Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall, David Crowe and Chris McEwan</p> <p>Members: Neha Kumar, Tarini Guddanti, Bella Young, Alan Wang, Tyson Hudson, Rawa Khan, Lavanya Sharma, Wesley Chen, Annie Zhou, Heerag Khan and Kabisan Sutharsan.</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Chris McEwan</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women and LGBTIQ+ inclusiveness in sport: <p>Fair Access Policy Road Map and Active Monash Sports Club Framework</p>

	Apologies: Cr Shane McCluskey, Cr Nicky Luo, Miranpal Nagra, Vibhu DeSilva, Eva Mohan, Harindra Krishnamendu, Lawrence Ng, Khai Chan and Ari Stidistsoulakos.	
Meeting	Attendees	Matter Discussed
14 June	<p>Councillors: N/A</p> <p>Officers: Sammy King and David Crowe</p> <p>Members: Neha Kumar, Tarini Guddanti, Bella Young, Alan Wang, Tyson Hudson, Rawa Khan, Lavanya Sharma, Wesley Chen, Annie Zhou and Heerag Khan</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Shane McCluskey, Cr Nicky Luo, Miranpal Nagra, Vibhu DeSilva, Eva Mohan, Harindra Krishnamendu, Lawrence Ng, Khai Chan and Ari Stidistsoulakos.</p>	Working Groups
Date	Attendees	Matters Discussed
12 July	<p>Councillors: Cr Shane McCluskey</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall Sammy King and Sallenna Skye</p> <p>Members: Vibhu DeSilva, Alan Wang, Tyson Hudson, Harindra Krishnamendu, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Heerag Khan, Lavanya Sharma, and Ari Stidistsoulakos.</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Nicky Luo, Shreeya Karunaratne, Miranpal Nagra, Neha Kumar, Tarini Guddanti,</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Monash Future Thinkers, Monash University Students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed Glen Waverley Precinct 2. Affordable Housing Strategy

	Khai Chan Eva Mohan, Bella Young, Rawa Khan, Kabisan Sutharsan, Annie Zhou and Wesley Chen.	
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
9 August	<p>Councillors: Cr Nick Luo</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall, Sammy King and Christine Van der Ark</p> <p>Members: Vibhu DeSilva, Neha Kumar, Tyson Hudson, Harindra Krishnamendu, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Tarini Guddanti, Annie Zhou, Bella Young, Heerag Khan, Rawa Khan, Wesley Chen, Lavanya Sharma, and Ari Stidistsoulakos.</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Shane McCluskey, Liam Noveloso, Shreeya Karunaratne, Alan Wang, Miranpal Nagra, Khai Chan, Eva Mohan, Kabisan Sutharsan, and Ramike Wickramasinghe.</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Christine Van der Ark</p> <p>1. Proposed Glen Waverley Precinct.</p> <p>2. Young People and Neighbourhood Houses</p>
Meeting	Attendees	Matter Discussed
13 September	<p>Councillors: Cr Shane McCluskey and Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall and Sammy King</p> <p>Members: Neha Kumar, Tyson Hudson, Harindra Krishnamendu, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Tarini Guddanti, Heerag Khan, Alan Wang Rawa Khan, Chandani Patel, Lavanya Sharma, Arjun Kapoor and Ari Stidistsoulakos.</p> <p>Apologies:</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Judy Avisar Gambling Addiction</p> <p>1. Young People and Vaping</p>

	Liam Noveloso, Shreeya Karunaratne, Annie Zhou, Bella Young, Miranpal Nagra, Khai Chan, Eva Mohan, Vibhu DeSilva, Kabisan Sutharsan, Wesley Chen and Ramike Wickramasinghe.	
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
11 October	<p>Councillors: Cr Shane McCluskey and Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officers: Bill Kendall and Patrick McPhee</p> <p>Members: Annie Zhou, Tyson Hudson, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Vibhu DeSilva, Alan Wang, Chandani Patel, Lavanya Sharma, Arjun Kapoor, Sabrina Cheng, Fiona Zhang, Sasmi De Silva and Shishta Jain.</p> <p>Apologies: Harindra Krishnamendu, Neha Kumar, Bella Young, Miranpal Nagra, Tarini Guddanti, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Khai Chan, Rawa Khan, Wesley Chen, and Heerag Khan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monash Youth Survey 2023 2. Proposed Glen Waverley Precinct 3. Oakleigh Golf Course 4. The Voice Referendum
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
8 November	<p>Councillors: Cr Shane McClusky and Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Members: Annie Zhou, Tyson Hudson, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Vibhu DeSilva, Alan Wang, Rawa Khan, Lavanya Sharma, Arjun Kapoor, Sabrina Cheng, Fiona Zhang, Sasmi De Silva, Wesley Chen, Harindra Krishnamendu, Neha Kumar, Tarini</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Kevin Tse</p> <p>Volunteering</p> <p>Attended and presented at <i>Monash Connects Dinner</i>.</p>

	<p>Guddanti, Bella Young and Shishta Jain.</p> <p>Apologies: Miranpal Nagra, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Khai Chan, Chandani Patel and Heerag Khan</p>	
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Achievements for 2023

In 2023, the MYC undertook the following:

- Provided a written submission to council for the proposed Glen Waverley Precinct.
- Explored the measures Monash Council are adopting to improve inclusiveness of sport for Women and LGBTIQ+ community.
- Explored the concept of ‘Future Thinking’ with Monash University students.
- Explored Monash Council’s Sustainable Period Project and measures to improve community education for young people.
- Participated in a gambling addiction workshop with The Sides of the Coin and provided feedback from a young person’s perspective.
- Two members presented their families migration story at the Monash Connects multicultural dinner.

Members for endorsement or reappointment

During 2023 MYC received nine resignations. These resignations predominately related to committee members increasing work, school, or university commitments. These members have been active and valuable representatives through their involvement in and contribution to MYC in 2023: Mr Ramike Wickramasinghe, Mr Jonathan Lee, Ms Eva Mohan, Mr Raghav Baheti, Mr Kabisan Sutharsan, Ms Serene Karunaratne, Ms Shreeya Kalagotla, Ms Neha Satishkumar and Mr Miranpal Nagra.

To fill vacancies, the MYC continually seeks membership from young people aged 15 – 25 who live, go to school, or work in the City of Monash. In 2023 Ms Annie Zhou, Mr Tyson Hudson, Mr Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Mr Arjun Kapoor, Ms Sabrina Cheng, Ms Fiona Zhang, Ms Sasmi De Silva, Mr Harindra Krishnamendu, Ms Tarini Guddanti, Ms Shishta Jain and Ms Chandani Patel were successful in their application for MYC, subject to Council’s endorsement.

As a result of the resignations and appointments in this report, the group will have 20 endorsed members of young people. Currently, there is one place available for a new MYC member in 2024.

More resignations from MYC are expected at the end of the year.

Clayton Activity Centre Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Clayton Activity Centre Committee is to provide high level advice and input into major projects and Council strategies in Clayton, including implications for Council arising from the Suburban Rail Loop project in Clayton and near Monash University, and be a conduit for consultation and engagement between Council and the Clayton Traders Association, local residents and other traders and key stakeholders in Clayton.

The Committee will assist Council to make the most of current and future opportunities for improving the amenity and liveability of Clayton as a place to work, rest, study and play. It is important for Council as a landowner and the local planning authority to take a coordinated approach and ensure that the Clayton Activity Centre can continue to grow and be vibrant.

Committee Composition

The Committee comprises the Oakleigh Ward Councillors. Councillor Fergeus has been appointed Chair of the Committee until the current Council term ends.

Objectives

The committee will look at matters such as:

- SRL Precinct Planning and impacts from SRL works
- Better amenity in town centre and improvements
- Trucks on Clayton Road and parking matters

Frequency of Meeting

The Committee meets every two months or as needed. It is proposed that alternate meetings will be held either in person, in Clayton or on-line. The committee has only met once so far.

Glen Waverley Activity Centre Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre Committee is to provide high level advice, direction and input into major Council and State Government projects and strategic policy initiatives for the Glen Waverley Activity Centre (GWAC).

The key areas of focus for the preceding 12 months include:

- The Suburban Rail Loop Project
- The extension to the Bogong Car Park
- Car parking with the Glen Waverley Activity Centre
- The Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project
- The redevelopment and reinvigoration of Kingsway (with an increased focus on pedestrians and outdoor dining).

These areas will continue to be the focus for the Committee for the next 12 months.

Objectives

The objectives of the GWAC Committee are:

- Provide input and advice to Council on opportunities, Council and State Government driven strategic development issues and major projects in the Activity Centre.
- Actively support and assist Council's consultation with, engagement and advocacy to the State Government, relevant stakeholders and the broader community in relation to the GWAC.
- Assist with shaping and encouraging a reinvigorated Kingsway streetscape which prioritises pedestrians, outdoor dining and other activity over cars.
- Recommend to Council appropriate projects or development opportunities for the GWAC.
- Assist Council in determining priorities and strategic directions for the Activity Centre.

Committee Composition

The Committee comprises of the Mayor and the Glen Waverley Ward Councillors.

One of the Committee members will be appointed to chair the Committee. This appointment will be made by either the Council or the Mayor. It will be supported by the Chief Executive Officer, Director City Development, Director Community Services and other officers as required.

Frequency of Meeting

The Committee meets on a monthly basis or as needed.

Oakleigh Activity Centre Steering Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Oakleigh Activity Centre Steering Committee (OACSC) is to provide high level advice and input into major Council and State Government projects for the Oakleigh Activity Centre.

The key areas of focus for the preceding 12 months include:

- Houghton Road Public Realm Feasibility Study
- Oakleigh Activity Centre Safe Pedestrian Project
- Huntingdale Structure Plan
- Atkinson Street Cycleway Consultation

Some of these areas will continue to be the focus for the Committee for the next 12 months.

Objectives

The objectives of the OACSC are:

- Provide input and advice to Council on opportunities, Council and State Government major projects in the Activity Centre.
- Actively support and assist Council's consultation with engagement and advocacy to the State Government, relevant stakeholders and the broader community in relation to the Activity Centre.
- Recommend to Council appropriate projects or development opportunities for the OACSC.

Frequency of Meeting

Councillors Stuart James, Josh Fergeus and Theo Zographos were the Council representatives for 2023.

The OACSC continued to meet on an as-needed basis and met on four occasions during 2023.

At its 25 October 2023 meeting, the OACSC determined future meetings in 2024 to be bi-monthly.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil