

### 7.2.3 COMBINED ADVISORY COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT - 2024

<b>Responsible Director:</b>	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 2024, and thanks all members for their time and contributions.**
2. **Notes the resignation of the following representatives and thanks them for their valuable contribution:**
  - a) **Zoe Broomhead, Helen Haughton and Sharon Roxby from the Disability Advisory Committee.**
  - b) **Sarah Chong, Louise Gracey, Nandini Sengupta, Christopher Unwin and Deborah Wu from the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.**
  - c) **Chloe Codling, Emily Griffith and Al Eli Baxter from the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee.**
  - d) **Rida Khan and Rukhsana Ahmadi from the Multicultural Advisory Committee.**
  - e) **Chandani Patel, Fiona Zhang, Bella Young and Wesley Chan from the Monash Youth Committee.**
  - f) **Marlene Bottrell from the Positive Ageing Reference Group. Additionally, three members - Elaine Ford, Shi Qin Gao and Jennifer Sheppard completed their tenure.**
3. **Notes the successful appointment of:**
  - a) **Liam Noveloso, Navya Kumar, Aditi Sanghi, Osandi Liyanage, Sanjoli Patra, Yixi Qin, Marcus Chee, Lucas Chee, Jill Xu, Makarram Jameel, Melody Zhang and Saathvika Arun 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 2024.

#### 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 2024, including the:

- Disability Advisory Committee
- Gender Equity Advisory Committee
- LGBTIQA+ 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.

## **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 three (3) Councillors.
- Fourteen (14) community representatives including:
  - Up to twelve (12) community members living or working in Monash.
  - Up to four (4) community organisations, agencies and service providers who have a focus on provision of services to people with a disability in Monash.

All DAC positions are voluntary positions.

The 2024 membership of the DAC included:

- Cr Shane McCluskey
- Zoe Broomhead\*
- Iain Cunningham
- Wanda Egerton
- Helen Haughton\*
- Peter Hocking
- Catherine Maguire
- Tess Marotta
- Heather Miller
- Sharon Roxby (representing OC Connections)\*
- Revathy Sembuganathan
- Linda Teng
- Christine Wilson.

\*These members resigned from DAC during 2024 and Council thanks them for their valuable contributions. There will be a call for expressions of interest for new members to join the Committee in 2025 following the Council election period.

### 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.

Additional meetings can be called as required, and the DAC 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
15 February	This meeting was cancelled due to connectivity and the February Storm event that impacted City of Monash.	
18 April Online via Zoom	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Cr Shane McCluskey Christine Wilson Sharon Roxby Wanda Egerton Linda Teng Revathy Sembuganathan Iain Cunningham Helen Haughton Linda Teng</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b> Barb Wallace Michelle Bloch Amey Rountree</p> <p><b>Guest Presenters:</b> Liz Grabham</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on Expanding Horizons Project</li> <li>• Presentation Liz Grabham and Katya Tselios Senior Communications and Engagement Advisor (Glen Waverley) Suburban Rail Loop Initial &amp; Early Works</li> <li>• Updates from Council</li> <li>• Have your say consultations currently open on Shape Monash</li> <li>• Advocacy &amp; Information Sharing</li> </ul>

	<p>Katya Tselios (Suburban Rail Loop Initial &amp; Early Works)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Fee Harrison Zoe Broomfield</p>	
<p>20 June</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p> <p>INFORMAL MEETING</p> <p>Councillor unavailable</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Christine Wilson Sharon Roxby Wanda Egerton Revathy Sembaganathan Helen Haughton Peter Hocking Catherine Macguire Christine Wilson Heather Miller</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b> Barb Wallace Amey Rountree Georgia Head Sally Whelan Fiona Fernandes Anna Constantinou</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Fee Harrison Cr Shane McCluskey Linda Teng Iain Cunningham</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation: City of Monash Health plan and the Council Plan</li> <li>• Have your say consultations currently open on Shape Monash</li> <li>• Advocacy &amp; Information Sharing</li> </ul>
<p>15 August 2024</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Cr Shane McCluskey Christine Wilson Sharon Roxby Wanda Egerton Linda Teng Tess Marotta Revathy Sembaganathan Iain Cunningham Catherine Maguire Helen Haughton</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b> Barb Wallace</p> <p><b>Guest Presenters:</b> Jason Brack (Monash libraries)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Peter Hocking Fee Harrison Sharon Roxby Amey Rountree</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City of Monash Library Check In with Jason Brack - Library Community Engagement Coordinator</li> </ul> <p>Updates from Monash:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety Month</li> <li>• Carers Week in October</li> <li>• Sunflower Foundation</li> <li>• Access Keys and new</li> <li>• Communication boards for all Recreation Centres are currently being developed.</li> <li>• Sector News and Advocacy - Women with Disabilities Victoria funding cuts.</li> <li>• HAVE YOUR SAY CONSULTATIONS:</li> <li>• Sports Club Framework Refresh - How to participate</li> <li>• Shape Your Monash 2025-2029</li> </ul>

<b>17 October</b>	October meeting cancelled due to Council elections, as per Council policy.	

### **Achievements 2024**

- Provided a disability, access and inclusion lens and strategic advice to several of Council’s Plans and Strategies, including the new Council Plan and Health & Wellbeing Plan.
- Provided advice and piloted the recycled bin lid discs for vision impaired/blind people.
- Supported council events such as Stroke Awareness session.
- Provided feedback to Library Services on their programming.

### **Proposed Activities for 2025**

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 underwent an annual review in late 2023 and was updated to align with the current Advisory Committee Policy, along with some other minor updates, and will be reviewed in the first meeting for 2025.

### **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 (3) Councillors.
- Fourteen (14) community representatives including:
  - Up to twelve (12) community members living or working in Monash.
  - Up to four (4) 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 2024 the GEAC membership consisted of:

- Cr Rebecca Paterson (Chair)
- Cr Josh Fergeus
- Cr Anjalee de Silva
- Florine Baerlocher
- Poornima Balasubramanian
- Sarah Chong\* (representing MiCare)
- Natalie Czerniawski\* and Jayde de Bondt (representing Monash University)
- Louise Gracey\*
- Rebecca Hateley
- Hui Jun Heng
- Emily Pham
- Sabah Saab
- Revathy Sembuganathan
- Nandini Sengupta\*
- Christopher Unwin\*
- Deborah Wu\* and Katie McKee (representing Women's Health East)
- Erica Zhou.

\*These members resigned from GEAC during 2024 and Council thanks them for their valuable contributions. There will be a call for expressions of interest for new members to join the Committee in 2025, following the Council election period.

## 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
<p>12 February</p> <p>Monash Civic Centre</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b>            Cr Rebecca Paterson (Chair)            Cr Anjalee de Silva            Cr Josh Fergeus            Deborah Wu            Nandini Sengupta            Sarah Chong            Revathy Sembuganathan            Hui Jun Heng            Erica Zhou            Sabah Saab            Emily Pham            Florine Baerlocher</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b>            Tracey Egan            Fee Harrison            Jacob Turner            Kate Wijeyesinghe</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            Poornima Balasubramanian            Christopher Unwin            Natalie Czerniawski            Louise Gracey            Rebecca Hateley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed the purpose of the Gender Equity Advisory Committee</li> <li>Proposed GEAC sub-committees for 2024 (Events, Feedback and Submissions, Projects)</li> <li>International Women’s Day 2024 Planning</li> </ul>
<p>8 April</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b>            Cr Rebecca Paterson (Chair)            Deborah Wu            Jayde de Bondt            Sarah Chong            Revathy Sembuganathan            Hui Jun Heng            Erica Zhou            Sabah Saab            Emily Pham            Rebecca Hateley</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b>            Tracey Egan            Fee Harrison            Elena Leddra</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Women’s Day 2024 Debrief</li> <li>Group discussion on sub-working groups and survey feedback</li> <li>Free From Violence Update</li> <li>Sub-working group breakouts</li> </ul>



	<p>Cr Anjalee de Silva  Cr Josh Fergeus  Poornima Balasubramanian  Christopher Unwin  Louise Gracey  Florine Baerlocher</p>	
<p>3 June</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b>  Cr Rebecca Paterson (Chair)  Cr Anjalee de Silva  Cr Josh Fergeus  Jayde de Bondt  Sarah Chong  Revathy Sembuganathan  Hui Jun Heng  Sabah Saab  Emily Pham  Florine Baerlocher</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b>  Tracey Egan  Elena Leddra  Liz Fitzgerald  Rebecca Walton  Maddy Cursio  Sally Whelen  Fiona Fernandes  Anna Constantinou</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>  Rebecca Hateley  Poornima Balasubramanian  Christopher Unwin  Katie McKee  Erica Zhou</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation: Community Vision, Council Plan, and Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan (Guest Presenters from Monash Council)</li> <li>• Update: Inquiry into Women’s Pain</li> </ul>
<p>12 August</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b>  Cr Rebecca Paterson (Chair)  Sarah Chong  Revathy Sembuganathan  Hui Jun Heng  Emily Pham  Florine Baerlocher  Erica Zhou</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b>  Tracey Egan  Liz Fitzgerald</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Submission for Inquiry into Women’s Pain</li> <li>• Gender Impact Assessment Update</li> </ul>

	<b>Apologies:</b> Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Josh Fergeus Sabah Saab Jayde de Bondt Rebecca Hateley Poornima Balasubramanian Katie McKee Fee Harrison	
October meeting cancelled due to Council elections, as per Council policy.		
9 December	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>
Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom		

**Achievements 2024**

- Tried a new way of working, with three sub-working groups developed and piloted during the year.
- Provided a gender lens over key guiding documents, including the Council Plan and Vision, and Health and Wellbeing Plan.
- Instigated and contributed to Council’s submission to the Victorian Government’s Inquiry into Women’s Pain, outlining lived experiences of women in Monash and making recommendations for future work.
- Participated in the planning for the 2024 International Women’s Day event.

**Proposed Activities for 2025**

- Continue to provide advice to Council on Council’s plan and programs through a gender/intersectional lens.
- Continue to assist in the implementation of Council’s Gender Equity Framework (and its review and update), Health and Wellbeing Plan and Free from Violence project.
- Continue to provide advice on Council’s International Women’s Day and 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence events.
- GEAC members will provide feedback to Council officers on achievements made so far and on a proposed meeting plan for 2025.

**Terms of Reference (ToR)**

The ToR will be reviewed in 2025 by members of the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.

## **LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee**

### **Purpose**

Council endorsed the LGBTIQA+ 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 (LGBTIQA+). 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 LGBTIQA+ within the Monash community and to contribute to the development and implementation of Council's LGBTIQA+ Action Plan.

### **Committee Responsibilities**

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

### **Committee Composition**

The LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee membership consists of:

- Up to three (3) Councillors
- Fourteen (14) community representatives including:
  - Up to twelve (12) community members living or working in Monash representing the diversity of the Monash LGBTIQA+ communities and allies.
  - Up to four (4) community organisations, agencies and service providers who have a focus on providing services to the Monash LGBTIQA+ communities.

All LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee positions are voluntary positions.

From time to time, the LGBTIQA+ 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 2024 the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee membership consisted of:

- Cr Stuart James (Chair)
- Christina Dilipkumar
- Brett Hayhoe
- Jesse Laughlin Jones
- Tess Marotta
- Christine Minto
- Gregory Storer
- John Tzimas
- Persephone Wentworth
- Naiwen (Nevin) Xu
- Chloe Codling (resigned in August 2024) \*
- Emily Griffith (resigned in February 2024) \*
- Al Eli Baxter (resigned in January 2024) \*

\*These members resigned from GEAC during 2024 and Council thanks them for their valuable contributions. There will be a call for expressions of interest for new members to join the Committee in 2025, following the Council election period.

### 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
26 February  Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Tess Marotta Persephone Wentworth Gregory Storer Brett Hayhoe Chloe Codling John Tzimas Jesse Laughlin Jones Christina Dilipkumar Christine Minto</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b> Tracey Egan (MCC) Jacob Turner (MCC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midsumma Pride March and Midsumma events</li> <li>• Clayton Festival</li> <li>• International Women’s Day</li> <li>• LGBTIQ+ website page</li> <li>• IDAHOBIT 2024</li> <li>• Social and collaboration opportunity for members</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Cr Stuart James (Chair) Fee Harrison (MCC) Naiwen (Nevin) Xu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council’s commitment to supporting the queer community</li> </ul>
<p>29 April</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Cr Stuart James (Chair) Tess Marotta Persephone Wentworth Gregory Storer John Tzimas Jesse Laughlin Jones Christina Dilipkumar Christine Minto</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b> Tracey Egan (MCC) Jacob Turner (MCC)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Fee Harrison (MCC) Naiwen (Nevin) Xu Brett Hayhoe Chloe Codling</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation: Positive Ageing</li> <li>• Consultation: Community Safety</li> <li>• Reflection on International Women’s Day</li> <li>• Speed Mentoring Event</li> <li>• IDAHOBIT 2024</li> </ul>
<p>24 June</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Cr Stuart James (Chair) Persephone Wentworth Gregory Storer Jesse Laughlin Jones Christina Dilipkumar Naiwen (Nevin) Xu Brett Hayhoe Chloe Codling</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b> Tracey Egan (MCC) Jacob Turner (MCC)</p> <p><b>Guest Presenters:</b> Nick McEwan (Mental Health Coach) Rebecca Walton (MCC) Maddy Cursio (MCC) Fiona Fernandes (MCC) Sally Whelan (MCC) Anna Constantinou (MCC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow Youth Mental Health Program</li> <li>• Consultation: Community Vision, Council Plan, Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Apologies:</b>          Fee Harrison (MCC)          Tess Marotta          John Tzimas          Christine Minto</p>	
<p>3 September</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b>          Cr Stuart James (Chair)          Persephone Wentworth          Gregory Storer          Jesse Laughlin Jones          Naiwen (Nevin) Xu          Brett Hayhoe          John Tzimas          Christine Minto          Tess Marotta</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b>          Tracey Egan          Jacob Turner</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>          Fee Harrison          Christina Dilipkumar</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow Tick</li> <li>• Pride Picnic</li> </ul>
<p>30 September</p>	<p>This meeting was cancelled due to being during caretaker, consistent with Council’s Election Period Policy.</p>	

### Achievements in 2024

- Provided LGBTIQ+ inclusion advice on a number of Council’s plans including the Council Plan and Health and Wellbeing Plan.
- Provided advice on LGBTIQ+ inclusion for programs and strategies such as Positive Ageing Lifestyles (PALs) and Community Safety.
- Provided feedback on events and proposed events such as the International Women’s Day mentoring, Clayton Festival and Pride Picnic.

### Proposed Activities for 2025

- Continue to provide advice to Council on Council’s policies, 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 2025. Continuous feedback

sought from the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee is in line with Council's LGBTIQ+ Action Plan.

## **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 local primary school students aged 6-11 can raise concerns or questions.
- Provides local primary school students the opportunity to be consulted on Council business and activity that affects them.
- Provides a forum for children as active citizens.

### **Composition**

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

Council appointed Cr Stuart James and Cr Josh Fergeus 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 2024, one JAG meeting took place. The fourth quarter's meeting did not go ahead due to Council being in caretaker period during local government election period.

The JAG meeting was held on Thursday July 18, 2024, at the Civic Centre in Glen Waverley. Cr James attended and was joined by 18 students from four Monash primary schools. The young people raised questions about Council infrastructure, sustainability, parking, mental health and housing. The JAG also included a fun and engaging consultation from the Community Strengthening team on the new Council Plan and Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The Junior Advisory Group will continue in 2025.

## **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 (3) Councillors.
- Fourteen (14) community representatives including:
  - Up to twelve (12) community members living or working in Monash,
  - Up to four (4) 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 2024 membership of the MAC included:

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

\*These members resigned from the MAC during 2023 and 2024 and Council thanks them for their valuable contributions. There will be a call for expressions of interest for new members to join the Committee in 2025, following the Council election period.

## **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. Additional meetings can be called as required, and the MAC may establish Working Groups/Parties to address specific issues as they arise.

**Key matters discussed over the past 12 months:**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Attendees</b>	<b>MATTERS discussed</b>
Thursday 14 December 2023  Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom	Attendees: Cr Tina Samardzija (acting Chair) Jessica Ness Mohamed Mohideen Oksana King Philip Liberatore Rajmohan Ramanathapillai Rida Khan Saied Rezawi <b>Council Officers:</b> Amey Rountree Kate Wijeyesinghe <b>Guest Presenter:</b> April Williams (guest presenter) <b>Apologies:</b> Nira Rahman Malinda Zhu Rukhsana Ahmadi Amit Patel Kerryn Jansons Cr Nicky Luo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest presentation: Waste &amp; sustainability at Monash</li> <li>• 2024 planning</li> <li>• Update from Council</li> <li>• Networking, Advocacy &amp; Information Sharing</li> </ul>
Thursday 22 April 2024  Online via Zoom	<b>Attendees:</b> Cr Nicky Luo Cr Shane McCluskey Cr Tina Samardzija Oksana King Saied Rezawi Amit Patel Philip Liberatore Rajmohan (Raj) Ramanathapillai Elisha Lee Jessica Ness Mohamed Mohideen <b>Council Officers:</b> Amey Rountree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest presentation: Communities Council on Ethnic Issues (CCOEI)</li> <li>• Review of Multicultural Advisory Committee purpose</li> <li>• Update from Council</li> <li>• Networking, Advocacy &amp; Information Sharing</li> </ul>

	<p>Kate Wijeyesinghe Tracey Egan (acting Manager)</p> <p><b>Guest Presenters:</b> Daniele Noel (CCOEI)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Malinda Zhu Nira Rahman Eman Armanous Rukhsana Ahmadi</p>	
<p>Thursday 13 June 2024</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Amit Patel Elisha Lee Eman Armanous Jessica Ness Malinda Zhu Mohamed Mohideen Phillip Liberatore Saied Rezawi</p> <p><b>Council Officers:</b> Fee Harrison (acting Chair) Kate Wijeyesinghe Amey Rountree</p> <p><b>Guest Presenters:</b> Maddy Cursio Fiona Fernandes Sally Whelan Anna Constantinou</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cr Nicky Luo Cr Shane McCluskey Cr Tina Samardzija Oksana King Nira Rahman Raj Ramanathapillai</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest presentation: Community Vision, Council Plan, and Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan</li> <li>• Discussion: Caste discrimination</li> <li>• Update from Council</li> <li>• Networking, Advocacy &amp; Information Sharing</li> </ul>
<p>Thursday 8 August 2024</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Cr Nicky Luo (Chair) Cr Shane McCluskey Cr Tina Samardzija Amit Patel Elisa Yeung (Migrant Information Centre) Elisha Lee Eman (Emy) Armanous Malinda Zhu Mohamed Mohideen</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guest presentation: Migrant Workers Centre</li> <li>• Guest presentation: Water safety in Monash</li> <li>• Update from Council</li> <li>• Networking, Advocacy &amp; Information Sharing</li> </ul>

	Nira Rahman Phillip Liberatore Rajmohan (Raj) Ramanathapillai Saied Rezawi (MiCare) <b>Council Officers:</b> Amey Rountree Kate Wijeyesinghe <b>Guest Presenters:</b> Kirsten Kruse (Active Monash) Alba Khouri (Migrant Workers Centre) <b>Apologies:</b> Oksana King	
October meeting cancelled due to Council elections, as per Council policy.		

**Achievements 2023/2024**

- Provided a multicultural lens and strategic advice to several of Council’s Plans and Strategies, including the new Council Plan and Health & Wellbeing Plan.
- Supported the Cultural Diversity Community Development Officer with expertise on several projects and events, e.g. waste & sustainability programs, and Refugee week.

**Proposed Activities for 2025**

- 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 underwent an annual review in late 2023 and was updated to align with the current Advisory Committee Policy, along with some other minor updates, and will be reviewed in the first meeting for 2025.

**Positive Ageing Reference Group – 2024**

**Purpose**

The Positive Ageing Reference Group (PARG) was established to provide valuable advice and insights on issues related to positive ageing. Its purpose is to support the City of Monash in promoting active, healthy, and inclusive ageing, addressing challenges faced by older residents, and contributing to the development of policies and initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all as they age.

## **Objectives of the PARG:**

1. Provide advice and recommendations to Council on the implementation of the Monash Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021–2025, particularly focusing on the plan’s three key pillars:
  - Active and Healthy Communities.
  - Engaged, Confident, and Connected Communities.
  - Safe and Respectful Communities.
2. Contribute to the development and review of Council’s strategies, policies, and plans, ensuring that the needs of older residents are considered. This includes providing an annual report on the group’s activities and achievements.
3. Serve as the primary forum for Council consultation on issues affecting older adults, ensuring their voices are heard in decision-making processes.

PARG is currently composed of nine community members and one Councillor.

The 2024 membership of the PARG included:

### **Councillors:**

- Cr Brian Little (Chair)

### **Community Members:**

- Marlene Bottrell
- Elaine Ford
- Shi Qin Gao
- Constantine Mandalis
- Jennifer Sheppard
- Selliah Nulliah
- Pam Brown
- Udesch Kumar
- Ian Bjorkman

This year, one member, Marlene Bottrell, resigned from the Positive Ageing Reference Group. Additionally, three members, Elaine Ford, Shi Qin Gao, and Jennifer Sheppard, completed their tenure. At its meeting on 27 August 2024, Council approved the revised Terms of Reference for the PARG. The remaining members all reached the end of their tenure and were required to reapply through the Expression of Interest process. New members were appointed by Council at its 22 October 2024 Meeting.

### **Summary of 2024 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:

Date	Attendees	Summary
<p>1 February 2024</p> <p>Clayton Community Centre</p>	<p><b>Councillor:</b> Cr Brian Little</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Terry Larkman, Vicki Chisholm and April Paterson</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Pam Brown, Jennifer Sheppard, Shi Qin Gao, Ian Bjorkman, Elaine Forde and Costa Mandalis</p> <p><b>Guest:</b> Inspector Matt Volk</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Marlene Bottrell, Udesh Kumar and Selliah Nalliah</p>	<p>Introduction to the new Coordinator Social Inclusion – <b>April Paterson</b></p> <p><b>Inspector Matt Volk, Local Area Commander, Victoria Police.</b> Presentation on risks and community safety in the municipality.</p> <p><b>Age Friendly Update</b> Key activities the Social Inclusion Team are delivering on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dementia Awareness</li> <li>• Ageism</li> <li>• Elder Abuse</li> <li>• Intergenerational programs</li> <li>• Engaging our older LGBTI community</li> <li>• Positive Ageing Lifestyle program</li> <li>• Seniors Festival</li> <li>• CHSP Funded Programs</li> </ul>
<p>4 April 2024</p> <p>Clayton Community Centre</p>	<p><b>Councillor:</b> Cr Brian Little</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Vicki Chisholm and April Paterson</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Jennifer Sheppard, Shi Qin Gao, Ian Bjorkman, Elaine Forde, Marlene Bottrell, Udesh Kumar, and Selliah Nalliah</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Pam Brown and Costa Mandalis</p>	<p>Discuss new <b>Terms of Reference</b> and the Expression of Interest Process.</p> <p><b>Idea Generation:</b> The group worked on ideas to enhance our Social Support and PALS Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer mentioned that the Café Connect program is missed by the PALS.</li> <li>• A “Show off Day” of hobbies and interests followed by a lunch event suggested.</li> <li>• Discussion Group with a moderator (perhaps check with the library) on the subject of “Health &amp; Wellbeing”.</li> <li>• Run more excursions via bus and encourage older people to use October free travel on public transport.</li> <li>• Shane Warne Heart Health Test.</li> <li>• CPR Training.</li> <li>• Lectures on seniors’ health.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A “Did you Know” section in the PALS (Seniors Card and Travellers Aid were suggestions).</li> </ul> <p><b>Age Friendly Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PALS</li> <li>• Seniors Festival</li> <li>• WEAAD Event</li> </ul>
6 June 2024  Wheeler’s Hill Library	<p><b>Councillor:</b> Cr Brian Little</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> April Paterson, Vicki Chisholm, Selena Lee, Sally Whelan, Georgia Head, Maddy Cursio and Rebecca Walton</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Pam Brown, Jennifer Sheppard, Ian Bjorkman, Elaine Forde and Costa Mandalis</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Selliah Nalliah, Udesch Kumar and Marlene Bottrell</p>	<p>Discuss new <b>Terms of Reference (ToR)</b> and the Expression of Interest (Eol) Process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared draft ToR and Eol.</li> <li>• Members suggested the industry member serve 1 year tenure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Consultation for the Health and Wellbeing Plan</b></p> <p><b>Age Friendly Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Age Well Officer</li> <li>• Planning the Seniors Festival</li> <li>• WEAAD Event sold out</li> </ul>
1 August 2024  Wheeler’s Hill Library	<p><b>Councillor:</b> Cr Brian Little</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Terry Larkman, Vicki Chisholm and April Paterson</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Jennifer Sheppard, Shi Qin Gao, Ian Bjorkman, Elaine Forde, Marlene Bottrell and Udesch Kumar</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Pam Brown, Selliah Nalliah and Costa Mandalis</p>	<p><b>Positive Ageing Network Forum Survey</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented results</li> <li>• Workshopped themes</li> </ul> <p><b>Topics to consider in future:</b></p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering</li> <li>• Ageing with good health.</li> <li>• Financial Planning (general terms).</li> <li>• Retirement planning.</li> <li>• Scams (share presenters).</li> <li>• Share at Forum events held at neighbourhood centres.</li> <li>• Prevention of influenza and immunisation.</li> <li>• Share health alerts.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training your brain sessions held at Glen Waverley Uniting Church (dementia awareness).</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scams.</li> <li>• Safety on walking paths.</li> <li>• Street lighting (snap send and solve app).</li> <li>• Seating at bus stops.</li> <li>• Legal responsibility of committee members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tech for Seniors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital newsletter for groups (send via email).</li> </ul> <p><b>Group Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share experiences with volunteers (SEV).</li> </ul> <p><b>Q &amp; A Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Succession Planning.</li> <li>• Recruiting committee members.</li> </ul>
3 October 2024	Cancelled due to Caretaker and recruitment of new Members	
28 November 2024  Clayton Community Centre		<p><b>Induct New Members:</b></p> <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Inclusion</li> <li>• Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan</li> <li>• Key Priorities</li> <li>• Monash Demographics</li> <li>• Age Friendly Monash</li> <li>• Dementia Friendly</li> </ul>

## **Positive Ageing Network Forum – 2024**

### **PURPOSE**

The Positive Ageing Network Forum offers a valuable opportunity for committee members of senior’s groups and staff from local not-for-profit service providers, such as South East Volunteers and Neighbourhood Houses, to engage with Council. The forum serves as a platform to receive updates on critical matters such as grants, hall management and maintenance, Age Friendly initiatives and council updates.

The purpose of the Positive Ageing Network Forum is to facilitate communication between seniors group representatives and key Council staff across various departments. It enables participants to stay informed about relevant Council initiatives and share information that impacts their group or club.

**Participation and Representation:**

Attendance at the forum varies depending on the availability of group representatives. There is no formal term of membership, and community members are not appointed by Council; rather, participation is open to all interested seniors group representatives and local service providers.

In 2024, Councillor Brian Little served as the Council representative for the Positive Ageing Network Forum.

**Discussion Overview:**

The Positive Ageing Network Forum met four times in 2024 at various locations (see below).

**Standard Agenda Items:**

- Community Grants Update
- Community Halls Management and Maintenance Update
- Age Friendly Monash Update
- Positive Ageing Lifestyle Programs, Seniors Festival, and Social Inclusion Update
- Councillor Update
- Group Updates
- General Business

**SUMMARY OF 2024 MEETINGS**

The forum meets quarterly, for a duration of 1.5 hours.

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

Date	Attendees	Summary
28 February 2024  Clayton Community Centre - Theatre	Community: 26  Council: 8	Introduction of new Coordinator Social Inclusion – April Paterson  <b>Sustainability Team:</b> Discusses changes to the waste and bin usage.  <b>Guest Speaker:</b> Marika Wagner (Aveo, Community Engagement Manager).  <b>Age Friendly Update</b>
30 May 2024	Community: 16  Council: 7	<b>Age Friendly Update</b>  <b>Corporate Planning Team:</b> Integrated Plans and Community Panel



Positive Ageing Activity Centre, 145 Drummond Street, Oakleigh		<b>Guest Speakers:</b> Tiffany Button (Palliative Care Victoria) - Dignified and Respectful Decisions project. Ivan Chan (Care Connect) – Care Finder Program
29 August 2024  Positive Ageing Activity Centre, 145 Drummond Street, Oakleigh	Community: 24 Council: 5	<b>Positive Ageing Network Forum Survey Results and Workshop</b> <b>Improvement Suggestions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow participants to suggest speakers</li> <li>• Allow people to introduce themselves</li> <li>• Wheelers Hill Library location</li> <li>• Location near public transport</li> <li>• Group discussions</li> <li>• Council project information</li> <li>• Online participation</li> <li>• Earlier start time – 10 or 10.30am</li> <li>• More guest speakers</li> </ul> <b>SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE SPEAKERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart Health</li> <li>• Mental Health</li> <li>• Intergenerational session Tech for Seniors</li> <li>• Event Planning</li> <li>• Multicultural Sharing</li> </ul> <b>Age Friendly Update</b>
27 November 2024  Mulgrave Community Centre, 355 Wellington Road, Mulgrave	Community:  Council:	<b>Council updates:</b> 2025 Monash Grant Program Update <b>Age Friendly Update</b> <b>Guest Speaker:</b> EACH – Financial and Gambling Services – Sean Kearney <b>Community Group/Organisations Updates</b>

## 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:

- a.** To function as a consultation panel of young people that provides input into the development of Council policy and planning frameworks.

- b.** 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
- MYC members to develop their skills and have a voice about the issues important to young people of Monash.

**2024 meetings and attendees**

The MYC continued to meet monthly during 2024. All meetings were held in person.

MYC Members in 2024:

- Cr Shane McCluskey
- Thomas Maguire-Nguyen (Chair)
- Tyson Hudson (Deputy)
- Ari Stidistsoulakos
- Rawa Khan
- Annie Zhou
- Lavanya Sharma
- Arjun Kapoor
- Sabrina Cheng
- Fiona Zhang
- Sasmi De Silva
- Wesley Chen
- Harindra Krishnamendu
- Safi Khan
- Tarini Guddanti
- Shishta Jain
- Liam Noveloso
- Navya Kumar
- Aditi Sanghi
- Osandi Liyanage
- Chandani Patel
- Fiona Zhang
- Sanjoli Patra
- Yixi Qin
- Marcus Chee
- Lucas Chee
- Jill Xu
- Makarram Jameel
- Melody Zhang
- Saathvika Arun

Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
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14 February	<p><b>Councillors:</b> Shane McCluskey</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Annie Zhou, Tyson Hudson, Harindra Krishnamendu Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Lavanya Sharma, Wesley Chen, Arjun Kapoor, Tarini Guddanti, Sabrina Cheng, Liam Noveloso, Navya Kumar, Sasmi De Silva, Aditi Sanghi, Prathiksha Kumar, Johnathon Wright, Safi Khan, Osandi Liyanage, Junya Zhang, Alyssa Park and Nick Pan.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Chandani Patel, Fiona Zhang, Shishta Jain, Bella Young, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Sanjoli Patra, Yixi Qin, Chinmayi Jonnalagadda, Prisha Kulkarni, Alex Shiell and Rawa Khan.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Central Car Park Sale</li> <li>2. Shape Monash Extreme Heat</li> <li>3. Raise the Rate Campaign and Medicare – Subsidised Psychology Sessions</li> <li>4. MYC Training</li> <li>5. MYC Terms of Reference</li> </ol>
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
13 March	<p><b>Councillors:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Annie Zhou, Tyson Hudson, Wesley Chen, Yixi Qin, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Tarini Guddanti, Alyssa Park, Junya Zhang, Prisha Kulkarni, Chinmayi Jonnalagadda, Lavanya Sharma, Aditi Sanghi, Rawa Khan and Vibhu DeSilva</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cr McCluskey, Johnathon Wright, Khai Chan, Bella Young, Harindra</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MYC Terms of Reference</li> <li>2. Nomination for Roles</li> <li>3. Container Deposit Scheme.</li> </ol>

	Krishnamendu, Sanjoli Patra, Safi Khan, Sanjoli Patra, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Osandi Liyanage, Arjun Kapoor, and Sasmi De Silva	
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
10 April	<p><b>Councillors:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Ben Heard and Sammy King</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Annie Zhou, Tyson Hudson, Wesley Chen, Yixi Qin, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Tarini Guddanti, Alyssa Park, Junya Zhang, Prisha Kulkarni, Chinmayi Jonnalagadda, Lavanya Sharma, Aditi Sanghi, Navya Kumar, Rawa Khan and Vibhu DeSilva</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cr McCluskey, Bella Young, Harindra Krishnamendu, Sanjoli Patra, Safi Khan, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Osandi Liyanage, Arjun Kapoor, and Sasmi De Silva</p>	<p>1. Homelessness Campaign seeking increased investment from Federal Government</p> <p>2. Youth Training</p> <p>3. Container Deposit Scheme.</p>
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
15 May	<p><b>Councillors:</b> Cr Shane McCluskey</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Tyson Hudson, Bella Young, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Sanjoli Patra, Yixi Qin, Harindra Krishnamendu Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Arjun Kapoor, Tarini Guddanti, Sabrina Cheng, Navya Kumar, Sasmi De Silva, Prathiksha Kumar, Safi</p>	<p>Guest Speaker: Shashi Kochhar – Community Volunteering</p> <p>1. Victoria Budget</p> <p>2. Minute taking</p> <p>3. Inducting New Members</p>

	<p>Khan, Osandi Liyanage, and Rawa Khan</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Annie Zhou, Liam Noveloso, Lavanya Sharma, Aditi Sanghi, Wesley Chen, and Chinmayi Jonnalagadda.</p>	
Meeting	Attendees	Matter Discussed
12 June	<p><b>Councillors:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Tyson Hudson, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Sanjoli Patra, Yixi Qin, Harindra Krishnamendu, Liam Noveloso Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Marcus Chee, Melody Zhang, Lucas Chee, Sabrina Cheng, Chinmayi Jonnalagadda, Aditi Sanghi, Navya Kumar, Prathiksha Kumar, Wesley Chen, Osandi Liyanage, and Rawa Khan</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Cr Shane McCluskey, Jill Xu, Bella Young Annie Zhou, Arjun Kapoor, Lavanya Sharma, Isabelle Devadass, Tarini Guddanti, Saathvika Arun, Sasmi De Silva, Safi Khan, Mukarram Jameel and Johnathon Wright.</p>	<p>1. Advocacy Campaigns</p> <p>3. Youth Fest</p> <p>2. YACVic training</p>
Date	Attendees	Matters Discussed
10 July	<p><b>Councillors:</b> Cr Shane McCluskey</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Sanjoli Patra, Arjun Kapoor, Lucas Chee, Yixi Qin, Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Tarini Guddanti,</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Plan, Community Vision and Council Plan consultation and discussion</p> <p>Guest Speaker:</p>

	<p>Marcus Chee, Isabelle Devadass, Navya Kumar, Liam Noveloso, Aditi Sanghi, Jill Xu, Sasmi De Silva, Annie Zhou, Safi Khan, Melody Zhang, Makarram Jameel, Osandi Liyanage, and Rawa Khan.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Bella Young, Tyson Hudson, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Saathvika Arun, Sabrina Cheng, Isabelle Devadass, Lavanya Sharma, Chinmayi Jonnalagadda, Shishta Jain, Harindra Krishnamendu, Prathiksha Kumar, Prisha Kulkarni, Junya Zhang and Alyssa Park.</p>	<p>Maddy Cursio, Health Promotion Officer</p> <p>Rebecca Walton, Senior Social Policy &amp; Advocacy Officer</p> <p>Sally Whelan, Service Planning Coordinator</p> <p>Fiona Fernandes, Coordinator of Corporate Planning</p>
Meeting	Attendees	Matters Discussed
14 August	<p><b>Councillors:</b> Cr Shane McCluskey</p> <p><b>Officers:</b> Bill Kendall and Ben Heard</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Tyson Hudson, Sanjoli Patra, Saathvika Arun, Lucas Chee, Yixi Qin, Harindra Krishnamendu Thomas Maguire-Nguyen, Tarini Guddanti, Marcus Chee, Isabelle Devadass, Navya Kumar, Chinmayi Jonnalagadda, Shishta Jain, Lavanya Sharma, Jill Xu, Sasmi De Silva, Annie Zhou, Safi Khan, Melody Zhang, Osandi Liyanage, and Rawa Khan.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Bella Young, Ari Stidistsoulakos, Arjun Kapoor, Sabrina Cheng, Liam Noveloso, Aditi Sanghi, Prathiksha Kumar,</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Glen Waverley Car Park Sale</li> <li>2. Council Elections</li> <li>3. Youth Justice laws</li> <li>4. Deep Fake Images and Social Media Access Age Limits</li> </ol>

	Prisha Kulkarni, Junya Zhang and Alyssa Park.	
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**Achievements for 2024**

In 2024, the MYC undertook the following:

- Provided advice and feedback on the Health and Wellbeing Plan, Community Vision and Council Plan.
- Undertook Media Training delivered by YACVic, increasing the committees understanding of the media, how to pitch issues and advocate for change, and media interview skills.
- Explored measures to improve community training for Monash young people. MYC supported the delivery of Value Based Leadership Training delivered by Centre for Multicultural Youth for Monash Young People.
- Visited the Victorian Parliament increasing members understanding of Victorian politics.
- Multiple members supported the delivery of Monash Youth Connects dinner for Youth Fest 2024.
- The development of two letters advocating for the reinstatement of 20 Medicare subsidised psychology sessions each year and supporting Dr Adam Bandts proposed amendments of the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2019.

**Members for endorsement or reappointment**

During 2024 MYC received four 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 2024: Ms Chandani Patel, Ms Fiona Zhang, Ms Bella Young and Mr Wesley Chen.

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 2024 Mr Liam Noveloso, Ms Navya Kumar, Ms Aditi Sanghi, Ms Osandi Liyanage, Ms Sanjoli Patra, Ms Yixi Qin, Mr Marcus Chee, Mr Lucas Chee, Ms Jill Xu, Mr Makarram Jameel, Ms Melody Zhang and Ms Saathvika Arun 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 26 endorsed members of young people. Currently, there are no places 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 was appointed Chair of the Committee until the end of the Council term in 2024.

### **Objectives**

The committee looks at matters such as:

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

### **Frequency of Meeting**

The Committee met every two months or as needed. Alternate meetings were held either in person, in Clayton or on-line. The committee met three times in 2024.

## **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 sale of Central Car Park
- Suburban Rail Loop Project including Road closures, traffic management and Precinct plan
- The Kingsway Rejuvenation Project
- The Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project
- Engagement with the Glen Waverley Traders Association

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:

- Haughton Road Public Realm Feasibility Study
- 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 2024.

The OACSC continued to meet on an as-needed basis.

## **ATTACHMENT LIST**

Nil

