

## Minutes of Meeting No. 22 held at Meeting Room, 7-9 Symes Road, Woori Yallock on 19 September 2017

### 1. Welcome and acknowledgement of traditional owners of the land:

Convenor Anne Langworthy opened the meeting, welcomed the committee members and invited guest, and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.

#### Conflicts of Interest:

Nil

#### Attendance:

**Members:** Anne Langworthy (Convenor), Cr. Jim Child (Yarra Ranges Shire Council), Jeff Latter (Community Rep – Cardinia), Dan Robertson (Melbourne Water), Sue Tardif (Community Rep – Yarra Ranges), Peter Cooper (Community Rep – Yarra Ranges), Merryn Kelly (DELWP), Craig Bray (Parks Victoria), Bob Anderson (Community Rep – Yarra Ranges), Marianne Sawyer (Cardinia Shire Council), Steve Hosking (Melbourne Water), John Terrick (Wurundjeri Tribe Land Council).

**Guests:** Charley Woolmore (Wurundjeri Tribe Land Council).

**Apologies:** Dan Harley (Zoos Victoria), David Renkin (CFA), Ben Cullen (Trust for Nature).

**Executive Officer:** Joan Howard (YCACC).

### 2. Minutes of the previous meetings:

Acceptance of the minutes meeting No. 21, held on 15 August 2017

#### MOTION:

3. that the minutes of meeting No. 21 held on 15 August 2017 be confirmed.

**Moved:** Jeff Latter      **Seconded:** Cr Jim Child

#### CARRIED

### 4. Correspondence

Outgoing: nil

Incoming:

- (a) 15/09/2017 – Letter advising of decisions re Haining Farm redevelopment – Kelly Crosthwaite (Regional Director, Port Phillip Region, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) and Chris Hardman (Executive Director, Parks Victoria);
- (b) 12/09/2017 – Letter of Resignation – David Renkin
- (c) 24/08/2017 – Letter expressing interest in establishing collaborative connections with YCACC – Kacie Melfi (Yarra4Life Coordinator)

## 5. Regular updates

### (a) DELWP – YCA Project Implementation Team – Merryn Kelly

Haining Farm: The final meeting of the Haining Farm Working Group was held on 17 August. The working group finalised their recommendations for the redevelopment of the Haining Farm precinct and submitted their report and recommendations to Kelly Crosthwaite (Regional Director, Port Phillip Region, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) and Chris Hardman (Executive Director, Parks Victoria).

Kelly Crosthwaite and Chris Hardman provided a formal response to the Haining Farm Working Group and a final plan has been prepared.

The Engage Victoria website has been updated to include the government decision regarding the redevelopment of Haining Farm including the final plan, engagement report, and working group statement. Media releases have gone out and social media posts have been uploaded. See *Engage Victoria* - <https://engage.vic.gov.au/yellingboconservationarea>

The YCA Project Implementation Team have:

- assisted with background work for the YCA Concept Plan and the community engagement process;
- undertaken further site visits, including properties along Woori Yallock creek in the YNCR to Butterfield reach, Little Yarra river, and additional properties on the Yarra river at Don Valley and Millgrove. A map of site visits undertaken to date is in preparation;
- met with stakeholders including:
  - volunteer groups in Monbulk;
  - final Haining Farm Working Group meeting;
  - staff from DELWP Crown Water Frontage Working Group, to present on the Yellingbo Project and discuss riparian management and policy development;
  - Melbourne Water to discuss coordination of site visits;
  - TCL, landscape architects to discuss products they can prepare for the concept planning process;
  - PPWCMA on site to discuss use of native vegetation to provide beneficial insects for primary producers (Strawberry Farm); and
  - Yellingbo to Butterfields Project Officer on site to facilitate consultation and coordination with properties adjoining that reach of Woori Yallock Creek.

### (b) Executive Officer – Joan Howard

The Concept Plan Working Group has met on three occasions to discuss and update the YCA Concept Plan. This is an evolving document in consultation with stakeholders and community members.

The stakeholder database continues to be a work-in-progress. Contacts are being added progressively with a focus on conservation, recreation, tourism, indigenous, and township groups. YCACCC members have been asked to recommend additional contacts for the YCACCC database.

**MOTION:**

- that all committee members continue to contribute suggested additions to the database and email contact details to Joan Howard (EO)
- that the database is a resource for the YCACC and use of the database is limited to YCACC members
- that use of the database adheres to confidentiality and privacy protocols related to YCACC obligations and will not be used for any other purpose by individuals, agencies or departments.

**Moved:** Bob Anderson      **Seconded:** Sue Tardif

**CARRIED**

Given the difficulty experienced in updating the YCACC website and issues relating to domain name ownership, technical expertise and support has been accessed to upgrade the website and also add in an electronic newsletter capability. YCACC email addresses will be available for all YCACC members to use whilst representing YCACC business. Enquiries to the committee will be enabled through [enquiries@ycacc.com.au](mailto:enquiries@ycacc.com.au) (currently being set up) - this will be monitored by the YCACC EO and forwarded to relevant members where necessary.

**MOTION:**

- that the documentation to transfer ownership of the Domain Name and website to YCACC, with the Convenor noted as the 'owner' for documentary purposes, be completed (Note: If the Convenor changes the process will have to be updated);
- that the registered site address for the YCACC and the website is - 7-9 Symes Road, Woori Yallock VIC 3139 Australia (current website address);
- that the postal address for the YCACC and the website is a PO Box at the Woori Yallock Post Office (to be organized);

**Moved:** Merryn Kelly      **Seconded:** Jeff Latter

**CARRIED**

## 6. Business Arising

a) YCA – Concept Plan

In response to the YCACC meeting discussion (15/08/2017) the Concept Plan Working Party has changed the structure of the consultation process to begin with the Agency stakeholder meeting. Other targeted stakeholder meetings will be scheduled in October (themes: conservation and water, industry and business, tourism and redrecreation). Where possible these meetings will align with, or be hosted by, existing stakeholder meetings. On 3 November 2017 the Yarra Ranges Rural Advisory Committee will allocate time for YCACC consultation. Community consultations will be scheduled in November.

It was noted that:

- The YCA Plan has been updated to include requested amendments (minor changes to the Plan, an updated YCA map, and an update to the YCA Plan 1-pager).

- The YCA Plan should: include government and agency works plans; include resources required to achieve outcomes; refer to the 10 metre limit to revegetation in the North East corner of the YCA; and be based on a sound and integrated community engagement processes that facilitate community involvement in decisions and activities within the YCA.
- The YCA Project Implementation Team is working to extend the list of groups to be included in the community engagement process; and sourcing information about community forums and meetings being held over the next three months from the Shires of Cardinia and Yarra Ranges; and
- The Concept Plan Working Party recommends that the document title be changed from *Yellingbo Conservation Area Concept Plan* to *Yellingbo Conservation Area Plan*.

**MOTION:**

- that the *Yellingbo Conservation Area Concept Plan* is renamed the *Yellingbo Conservation Area Plan*

**Moved:** Craig Bray      **Seconded:** Sue Tardif

**CARRIED**

b) Haining Farm

Anne Langworthy, YCACC Chair, advised the Committee that she was informed by letter (15/09/2017 ) from Kelly Crosthwaite and Chris Hardman regarding the final decision made by government about the Haining Farm redevelopment project. The YCACC had representation on the Haining Farm Working Group but was not involved in the establishment of the Working Group nor were the final deliberations regarding the future of Haining Farm brought before the full Yellingbo Conservation Area Coordinating Committee (YCACC) for discussion.

Craig Bray (Parks Victoria) indicated that PV have ongoing consultations around fire risk and hydrology at Haining Farm. Craig indicated that the hydrolics report for Haining Farm is being completed and he was convening meetings with the PV team managing this project. It was noted that the project activities and outcomes should align with the Yellingbo Conservation Area Plan. Sue Tardif volunteered to represent YCACC at the project team meeting and Steve Hosking asked that MW be also included in meeting attendance.

c) Licences

Following the discussion at the YCACC August meeting regarding the detail of potential licences within the YCA, Steve Hosking (Melbourne Water) suggested that a YCACC Working Group be convened to address: the general principles of assessment for granting of Riparian Management for Conservation licences; the impact of cultural heritage and historic values, and which groups in addition to the Wurundjeri Tribe Land Council should be consulted. Steve Hosking will convene the Working Group which will include Jeff Latter, Dan Roberston Peter Cooper and Charley Woolmore.

d) Yarra Valley Trail and Warburton Mountain Bike Trail

Merryn Kelly reported on the range of meetings which involve many stakeholder agencies relating to the Yarra Valley Trail where one option includes the trail using the YCA along the Yarra and into Warramate Nature Conservation Reserve. The same consultancy group is also

involved in the development of the Warburton Mountain Bike Track which is being developed on Public Land outside the YCA.

### 7. Other business

- Beth McLachlan, Project Manager Yarra River Strategy has been invited to the next YCACC meeting to discuss the Yarra River Strategy Plan and the recent Yarra River legislation..
- Kacie Melfi from Yarra4Life has been invited to the next YCACC meeting to discuss opportunities for collaboration with YCACC.

No further business raised.

### Meeting Close

10.15am – Meeting closed

### Agency Meeting

10.30am to 2pm

### Date of Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday 17 October 2017

Time: 09:00 to 14:00

Place: Symes Road, Woori Yallock VIC 3139