

# Frequently asked questions about new YCA governance groups



## 1. Why is YCACC changing?

Following an independent review of the Yellingbo Conservation Area Coordinating Committee (YCACC), the Victorian Government will restructure the management model to include a coordinating committee of land managers and a broader-based community reference group.

The review found the committee had achieved a number of successes since being formed, however, it recommended a change to governance arrangements given the Yellingbo Conservation Area (YCA) Draft 10 Year Plan is in the process of shifting from planning to implementation.

## 2. What will the new governance groups do and how will they differ from YCACC?

YCACC will be replaced with a coordinating committee of land managers and a broader-based community reference group.

The coordinating committee of land managers (and community groups with land management responsibilities) will be focused on coordinating land management works in the YCA. A broader-based community reference group will assist the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) with YCA community engagement.

## 3. Who will be the new committee of land managers?

Yarra4Life is an existing committee of land managers and community group representatives who have

coordinated land management activities in the Yarra Valley since 2006. Yarra4Life have agreed to undertake the role of coordinating committee of land managers.

## 4. What will the purpose of the land manager's group be?

The land managers group will continue the good work and foundations laid by the YCACC. The group will need to ensure the vision and principles of the YCA (as per the YCA draft 10 Year plan) are continued. Yarra4Life already brings land managers together allows for better coordination of on-ground land management activities.

## 5. How will the community reference group be appointed?

The community reference group will be filled via an open and public expression of interest (EOI) process commencing 14 May 2019 and closing on 11 June 2019. To find out more about this Community Reference Group (including a position description and information for applicants), or to express your interest, visit [www.delwp.vic.gov.au/YCACRG](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/YCACRG)

## 6. What will be the purpose of the Community Reference Group?

This group will give community members the opportunity to provide insight and get the community's views into matters surrounding the Yellingbo Conservation Area.

The group will provide assistance and direction to DELWP and PV to build on existing community

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relationships to ensure the successful implementation of the Yellingbo Conservation Area. The group's main purpose is to give insight into the community's views to enable DELWP and PV to collaborate, at a strategic level, with the community regarding the implementation of the Yellingbo Conservation Area.

The CRG will provide strategic advice regarding community engagement to DELWP and PV that:

- Supports the implementation of the *Government response to Victorian Environmental Assessment Council (VEAC) Yellingbo Investigation Final Report (March 2014)*.
- Builds on the existing work of YCACC.
- Have strategic discussions that identifies key community issues
- Makes recommendations to DELWP and PV about how to effectively engage with the community
- Predicts community concerns to troubleshoot and address before they become large issues.

## 7. Why was the committee reviewed?

YCACC had to be reviewed every three years as part of the mandate the committee was formed under.

## 8. Can I obtain a copy of the review?

The review is not a public document. The review includes detail that would allow individuals to be identified, so for privacy reasons the review is not available to the public.

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