

2.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORTS

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. *Notes the activities of the Advisory Committees identified in this report, during 2022, and thanks all members for their time and contributions.*
2. *Notes the resignation of the following representatives and thanks them for their valuable contribution:*
 - *Mr Jacob Biviano, Ms Jazzy Howlett, Ms Stacey Rindel, Mr Justin Leung, Ms Misha Kasinathan, Ms Evonne Lu, Mr Siddhant Tandon and Ms Maria Saribalas as members from the Monash Youth Committee.*
 - *Harini Guddanti, Susan Rees, Marian Jacobs from the Disability Advisory Committee.*
 - *Andrea Whitty from the Positive Ageing Reference Group and the sad passing of Betty Wilderman from the Positive Ageing Reference Group.*
 - *Caitlin Frost as member of the LGBTIQ+ advisory committee*
3. *Endorses the appointment of:*
 - *Selliah Nalliah, Pam Brown, Udesch Kumar, Robert Taylor and Ian Bjorkman to the Positive Ageing Reference Group.*
 - *Ms Bella Young, Ms Eva Mohan, Ms Khai Chan, Ms Lavanya Sharma, Mr Kasiban Sutharsan, Mr Ari Stidistsoulakos , Ms Serene Karunaratne and Mr Heerag Khan 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 2022.

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 2022, including the:

- Disability Advisory Committee
- Gender Equity Advisory Committee
- LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee

- Junior Advisory Group
- Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Oakleigh Activity Centre Steering Committee
- Positive Ageing Reference Group
- Positive Ageing Network Forum
- Monash Youth Committee
- Glen Waverley Activity Centre Committee

It should be noted that some scheduled meetings were cancelled during 2022 due the impacts of COVID-19, although many were able to be held virtually.

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 its most important stakeholders in relation to a range of social and community issues. A key contribution made by many members during 2022 was the participation in and feedback on a number of draft Strategies and Plans.

During 2023 a review of the appointment of representatives from agencies and organisations will be undertaken at a Policy level to ensure that it is clear that it is the organisation that has membership of the Advisory Committee rather than the individual nominated by the organisation.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

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. Scope of the committee's key functions include:

- Identify barriers and issues that impact on people with a disability
- Advocate on behalf of people with a disability and their carers
- Provide advice to Council on the Equitable Access Program
- Consider and provide advice to Council on key Government initiatives, programs and reviews
- Assist Council to promote access and inclusion as this relates to people with a disability
- Identify needs and opportunities as they may arise.

Appointments to the Disability Advisory Committee are for a two-year term and members may continue for an additional two-year term only.

Committee Membership

The DAC membership will consist of up to 17 members. The 2022 membership of the DAC included:

Councillors:

- Cr Shane McCluskey (Chair)
- Cr Nicky Luo

Resident Representatives:

- Helen Houghton
- Wanda Egerton
- Zoe Broomhead
- Ian Cunningham
- Michael Embury
- Caterina Kasiaras
- Helen Haughton
- Harini Guddanti
- Mona Singh
- Sue Rees
- Heather Miller
- Peter Hocking
- Linda Teng
- Tess Marotta

Organisational representatives:

- Marian Jacobs (representing Waverley Help Mates)
- Sharon Roxby (representing OC Connections)

Harini Guddanti, Susan Rees, Marian Jacobs have resigned from the Committee. A number of members have come to the end of their terms and recruitment process is underway.

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

Summary of 2022 Meetings

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.

The challenges presented by COVID-19 continued into 2022, 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 did intend to meet in person in the last quarter; however, due to the ongoing complexities around covid and vulnerable communities the decision was made to continue online until February next year, when this approach will be reviewed. While agenda items have still been in keeping with the purpose of the committee, it is accepted that meetings were less formal but still an excellent way to continue to maintain regular connections with committee members and their networks throughout the pandemic and this year.

Meeting Date	Attendees	Topics discussed
17 February Online via Zoom	<p>ATTENDANCE Tess Marotta, Helen Haughton, Wanda Egerton, Linda Teng, Zoe Broomfield, Peter Hocking, Sharon Roxby.</p> <p>COUNCILLORS: Cr. Nicky Luo</p> <p>OFFICERS: Barb Wallace, Kerryn Jansons, April Williams, Alyssa Huxtable</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cr Shane McCluskey, Fee Harrison, Michael Embury, Cathy Kasiaras, Marian Jacobs, Sue Rees, Heather Miller,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed upcoming joint or individual advisory group consultation on gambling in Monash • Presentation on Council's new waste collection process • Updated Terms of Reference • Advocacy & Information Sharing

	Mona Singh, Harini Guddanti, Iain Cunningham	
21 April Online via Zoom	<p>ATTENDANCE Helen Haughton, Wanda Egerton, Peter Hocking, Heather Miller, Liz Grabham, Amelia Laoratana.</p> <p>COUNCILLORS: Cr. Nicky Luo</p> <p>OFFICERS: Barb Wallace, Kerryn Jansons</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cr Shane McCluskey, Fee Harrison, Tess Marotta, Linda Teng, Zoe Broomfield, Tess Marotta, Linda Teng, Zoe Broomfield, Michael Embury, Cathy Kasiaras, Marian Jacobs, Sue Rees, Mona Singh, Harini Guddanti, Iain Cunningham, Sharon Roxby</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Suburban Rail Loop Initial Works & Early Works • Access Issues in Monash • Group member presented a piece on St John Monash • Shape Monash promotion • Informed the group about current consultations • Advocacy & Information Sharing
16 June Online via Zoom	<p>ATTENDANCE Wanda Egerton, Zoe Broomhead, Sharon Roxby, Peter Hocking, Tess Marotta, Helen Houghton</p> <p>COUNCILLORS: Cr. Nicky Luo</p> <p>OFFICERS: Barb Wallace, Amey Rountree</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cr Shane McCluskey, Fee Harrison, Heather Miller, Sue Rees (resignation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formally accept the amended TOR • Access Issues • Have your say consultations • Community Grants update • Informed the group about current consultations • Advocacy & Information Sharing

<p>19 August</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>ATTENDANCE Wanda Egerton, Sharon Roxby, Peter Hocking, Tess Marotta, Iain Cunningham, Liz Grabham (Suburban Rail Loop), Ray Marshall (Architect)</p> <p>COUNCILLORS: Cr. Nicky Luo</p> <p>OFFICERS: Barb Wallace, Christine Van der Ark, Andrew Shaw,</p> <p>APOLOGIES: Cr Shane McCluskey, Fee Harrison, Heather, Zoe Broomhead, Helen Houghton, Linda Teng, Kerryn Jansons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion on The Glen Waverley Civic Precinct project • Presentation: Liz Grabham, Community and Stakeholder Advisors Suburban Rail Loop Initial Works & Early Works • Wellesley Sensory Place Space Access Key
<p>21 October</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>No meeting was held due a number of apologies</p>	<p>Information was sent out to the Committee in regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Inclusion Bill • Current consultations • Advocacy & Information Sharing

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 the implementation of Council's Gender Equity Strategy.

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. Non-Council members currently appointed to other Council Advisory Committees will be ineligible for GEAC membership.

In 2022 the GEAC membership consisted of:

- Cr Rebecca Paterson (Chair)
- Cr Stuart James
- Cr Anjalee de Silva
- Jasmine Howlett
- Fiona Marshall
- Diana Hansen
- Tania Rose
- Shamiso Murambi
- Alex Mills
- Kirsty Kain / Deborah Wu
- Emily Pham
- Christopher Unwin
- Jade McNamara
- Nandini Sengupta
- Prabha Arachchige

NOTES:

Diana Hansen has now concluded her two-year term on the Committee.

Jade McNamara submitted her resignation in October.

Kirsty Kain moved on from Women’s Health East in October and was replaced by Deborah Wu.

Fiona Marshall has put forward her resignation for the end of the year as has moved to another role and we will look to replace with another representative of Monash University.

Frequency of Meeting

The GEAC meets bi-monthly 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
14 February Online via Zoom	<p>Attendees: Chair – Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Stuart James Emily Pham Fiona Marshall Kirsty Kain Nandini Sungupta Tania Rose.</p> <p>Council Staff: Tracey Egan Liz Fitzgerald Alyssa Huxtable April Williams</p> <p>Apologies: Fee Harrison Jade McNamara Diana Hansen Christopher Unwin Alex Mills Jazzy Howlett Shami Murambi Prabha Jayasinghe</p> <p>Guest presenters: April Williams (Monash City Council) Alyssa Huxtable (Monash City Council)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: April Williams (Monash City Council) Supporting our Residents to Reduce Waste: Changes to Food and Garden Waste and Rubbish Collection Services & Reusable Nappy Study • Presentation: Alyssa Huxtable (Monash Council) Monash Gambling Policy • International Women’s Day Planning • GE Act requirements
12 April	<p>Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Anjalee de Silva Emily Pham</p>	<p>Presentation and Discussion: Kirsty Kain WHE <u>Parenting in a Pandemic: Women’s Mental Health and Wellbeing During COVID-19</u></p>

	<p>Fiona Marshall Kirsty Kain Tania Rose Jade McNamara Diana Hansen Alex Mills Jazzy Howlett Prabha Jayasinghe</p> <p>Council staff: Tracey Egan Fee Harrison</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Stuart James Christopher Unwin Nandini Sungupta Shami Murambi</p>	<p>Presentation and Discussion: Fiona Marshall Monash Uni. <i>2021 National Student Safety Survey</i></p> <p>International Women’s Day Debrief</p>
<p>6 June</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Jade McNamara Alex Mills Tania Rose Debbie Lee Kirsty Kain Diana Hansen Emily Pham Christopher Unwin Nandini Sungupta Prabha Arachchige</p> <p>Council staff: Krissy Nicholson Kerryn Jansons</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Stuart James Cr Anjalee De Silva Alex Mills Diana Hansen Fee Harrison Fiona Marshall</p> <p>Guest Presenters: Sam Reid, SHV Rebecca Walton (Monash City Council)</p>	<p>Welcome Krissy Nicholson, Gender Diversity and Equity Coordinator filling in for Tracey Egan while she is on Parental Leave.</p> <p>Presentation: Sam Reid, Sexual Health Victoria</p> <p>Presentation: Rebecca Walton LGBTIQA+ Action Plan overview and update</p>
<p>8 August</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Stuart James Emily Pham Fiona Marshall Kirsty Kain Tania Rose Jade McNamara</p>	<p>Presentation: Wendy Appleton. Share the Dignity Campaign – Period Poverty</p> <p>16 Days Activism Planning</p>

	<p>Diana Hansen Alex Mills Christopher Unwin Council staff: Krissy Nicholson Fee Harrison Apologies: Cr Anjalee de Silva Nandini Sengapta Guest Presenter: Wendy Appleton (Share the Dignity)</p>	
<p>10 October Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Rebecca Paterson Diana Hansen Alex Mills Christopher Unwin Nandini Sengapta Deborah Wu Council staff: Marian Nicholls Rebecca Walton Krissy Nicholson Apologies: Cr Stuart James Cr Anjalee de Silva Fiona Marshall Tania Rose Guest Presenter: Michael Hail, JSS</p>	<p>Welcome Deborah Wu and Farewell Kirsty Kain from Women’s Health East</p> <p>Presentation: Michael Hail – The Man Box. Healthier forms of masculinity and importance of engaging men and boys in gender equity work.</p> <p>Presentation: Rebecca Walton – Update on LGBTIQ+ Action Plan findings and report</p> <p>16 Days Planning</p>

Achievements 2022

- Provided a gender lens to a number of Council’s new Policies including the Gambling Policy.
- Learning opportunities embraced around topics of Sexual Health, Period Poverty and engaging men and boys in gender equity work.
- Leading Council’s social media campaign for the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence.
- Participated in 16 Days of Activism Campaign through Social Media.

LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee

Purpose

Council endorsed the new 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 and asexual communities (LGBTIQA+).

The role 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+ community in Monash
- Provide feedback and advice to Council on the impact of its policies, plans and services on the LGBTIQA+ community
- 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 Councillors
- Fourteen community representatives including:
 - Up to twelve community members living or working in Monash representing the diversity of the Monash LGBTIQA+ community and allies.
 - Up to four Community organisations, agencies and service providers who have a focus on providing services to the Monash LGBTIQA+ community.

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. Non-Council members currently appointed to other Council Advisory Committees will be ineligible for LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee membership.

In 2022 the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee membership consisted of:

- Cr Stuart James (Chair)
- Cr Josh Fergeus
- Cr Rebecca Paterson
- Andrew Paolucci
- Asher Cameron
- Brett Hayhoe
- Caitlin Frost (resigned in September)
- Christine Minto
- Emily Griffith
- Gregory Storer
- John Tzimas
- Mark Hao
- Nicole Flynn
- Pierce Soulsby
- Tess Marotta
- Thanura Tyler Ediri
- Yohana Jury

Frequency of Meeting

The LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee meets bi-monthly 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
28 February Online via Zoom	Attendees: Cr Stuart James (Chair) Cr Josh Fergeus Asher Cameron Christine Minto Emily Griffith Gregory Storer John Tzimas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation: <i>Supporting our Residents to Reduce Waste: Changes to Food and Garden Waste and Rubbish Collection Services</i> by April Williams, Sustainability

	<p>Nicole Flynn Tess Marotta Thanura Tyler Ediri Caitlin Frost Yohana Jury Mark Hao Brett Hayhoe Andrew Paolucci</p> <p>Council Staff: Tracey Egan Rebecca Walton</p> <p>Guest Presenters April Williams (Monash Council) Alyssa Huxtable (Monash Council) Jodi Raynes (Monash Council)</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Rebecca Paterson Pierce Soulsby</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Monash Council's <i>Gambling Policy</i> by Alyssa Huxtable, Community Strengthening • Consultation: <i>Arts and Culture Strategy</i> by Jodi Raynes • Community mapping: where to access LGBTIQ+ information and support in Monash • Community engagement: how/where to reach LGBTIQ+ people in Monash • Discussion NOM: Condemning Homophobia
<p>2 May</p> <p>In person at the Civic Centre</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James (Chair) Asher Cameron Pierce Soulsby Gregory Storer John Tzimas Tess Marotta Thanura Tyler Ediri Caitlin Frost Yohana Jury Mark Hao Brett Hayhoe Andrew Paolucci</p> <p>Council staff: Fee Harrison Rebeca Walton Krissy Nicholson</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Rebecca Paterson Cr Josh Fergeus Christine Minto Emily Griffith Nicole Flynn</p> <p>Guest Presenters Rory Blundell, Zoe Belle Gender Collective</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion: <i>Trans and Gender Diverse (TGD) Allyship</i> by Rory Blundell from Zoe Belle Gender Collective • Presentation and discussion on preliminary data from community consultations for the <i>LGBTIQ+ Action Plan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Demographics o Future vision o Current gaps, barriers and limitations o Council role and future Opportunities • Pride Swim night at Active Monash occurred second time • Rainbow Tick: Council created two internal groups to progress work towards accreditation • Sir John Monash Awards open–LGBTIQ+ Community Leadership

<p>27 August</p> <p>Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James(Chair) Cr Josh Fergeus Pierce Soulsby Gregory Storer Tess Marotta Mark Hao Brett Hayhoe Nicole Flynn Emily Griffith Andrew Paolucci Caitlin Frost Yohana Jury</p> <p>Council Staff: Krissy Nicholson Kerryn Jansons</p> <p>Apologies: Asher Cameron Christine Minto Rebecca Walton John Tzimas Thanura Ediri Cr Rebecca Paterson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and feedback: Developing vision statement for LGBTIQ+ Action Plan • Consultation and feedback: phase two community engagement for LGBTIQ+ Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Developing survey questions o Mapping where to distribute • Consultation and Feedback for Design/layout of LGBTIQ+ Action Plan • Discussion: Wear it Purple Day
<p>26 September</p> <p>Hybrid: In person at the Civic Centre and Online via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James (Chair) Cr Josh Fergeus Cr Rebecca Paterson Pierce Soulsby Gregory Storer Tess Marotta Mark Hao Brett Hayhoe Christine Minto Asher Cameron</p> <p>Council Staff: Krissy Nicholson Fee Harrison Rebecca Walton</p> <p>Apologies: John Tzimas Thanura Ediri Yohana Jury Nicole Flynn Emily Griffith</p> <p>Guest Presenter: Jeremy Oliver- LGBTIQ+ Liaison Officer for Victoria Police</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion: <i>LGBTIQ+ Liaison Officer, Victorian Police</i> by Jeremy Oliver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Overview of role, common crimes experienced by LGBTIQ+ community, reporting pathways • Consultation and Feedback on LGBTIQ+ Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Finalising vision statement o Photos and imagery • Discussion: amendments to LGBTIQ+ Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Glossary o Specific Actions
<p>24 October</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Stuart James Cr Josh Fergeus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Discussion: <i>Experiences of LGBTIQ+ young</i>

<p>In person at the Civic Centre</p>	<p>Cr Rebecca Paterson Pierce Soulsby Gregory Storer Tess Marotta Mark Hao Brett Hayhoe Christine Minto Asher Cameron Thanura Ediri Yohana Jury Nicole Flynn Emily Griffith Council Staff: Rebecca Walton Krissy Nicholson Apologies: John Tzimas Andrew Paolucci Guest Presenters: Knox Rainbow Action Group</p>	<p><i>people in the south east</i> by Knox Rainbow Action Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Barriers and challenges o Trans and gender diverse experiences o Navigating health and community services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion: <i>LGBTIQA+ Action Plan Community Engagement</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Demographics o Top ranked Goals & Priorities o Themes o Council responses to negative feedback • Group reflection and future planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Members reflected on what was learnt, how it felt, what we achieved o Future planning on ideas and priorities for 2023 • Registered for Midsumma Pride March
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Members for endorsement or reappointment

LGBTIQA+ advisory committee received one resignation due to committee member increasing work commitments and relocating to outside of Monash. This member had been active and valuable representative of LGBTIQA+ people through their involvement in and contribution to the advisory committee: Caitlin Frost

Achievements 2022

- Co-designed the end-to-end process of developing our inaugural LGBTIQA+ Action Plan, including developing community engagement plan and questions; workshopping priority areas; goals and actions; and providing feedback on imagery and design.
- Provided LGBTIQA+ inclusion expertise on a number of Council's Plans and Strategies including the Gambling Policy and Arts and Culture Strategy.
- Provided expert advice to map LGBTIQA+ inclusive services and reach LGBTIQA+ people in Monash.

- Provided expert advice for Active Monash's future Pride Night events and Community safety Month.
- Provided experience on the endorsed Rainbow Tick Accreditation process for Council.

Junior Advisory Group (JAG)

Purpose

The Junior Advisory Group:

- 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 attend each session. The Junior Advisory Group typically meets twice per year, around April/May and during Children's Week in October.

Frequency of meetings

One Junior Advisory Group meeting occurred in 2022.

The meeting was held on Wednesday 8 June 2022, at the Civic Centre in Glen Waverley. Cr James and Cr Paterson attended and were joined by students from two Monash primary schools. The young people raised questions about infrastructure repairs, and project organisation and coordination.

The 2022 Children's Week Junior Advisory Group meeting scheduled for October 2022, was cancelled by the host school due to scheduling conflicts.

Junior Advisory Group sessions will resume in early 2023.

Multicultural Advisory Committee

Purpose

The aim of the Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) is to provide Council with advice on a range of multicultural issues. Scope of the committee's key functions include:

- Consult on issues affecting Monash's culturally and linguistically diverse community and provides feedback and advice to Council on its policies, plans and services that impact people of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds

- Assist Council to promote the benefits of cultural diversity within the Monash municipality and beyond and provide advice to Council with its communication, engagement and consultation with CALD communities
- Advocate on behalf of the CALD community of Monash
- Consider current needs and opportunities as they may arise

Appointments to the Multicultural Advisory Committee are for a two-year term and members may continue for an additional two-year term only.

Committee Membership

The MAC membership consists of up to 16 members. The 2022 membership of the MAC included:

Councillors

- Cr Nicky Luo
- Cr Tina Samardzija
- Cr Anjalee de Silva

Resident Representatives

- Lena Kodeljian
- Bala Balamurugan
- Jimmy Jian Min Lin
- Theresa Ssali
- May Hu
- Isata Victoria Mandoh
- Mohamed Mohideen
- Oksana King
- Rida Khan
- Dakhina Mitra
- Richard Ng

Local Organisations providing CALD communities services in Monash

- Konstantina Kouroutsidou (Pronia – Australia Greek Welfare)
- Sally Brooks (Migrant Information Centre, Eastern Region)

All MAC positions are voluntary positions.

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

Summary of 2022 Meetings

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.

Meeting Date	Attendees	MATTERS discussed
10 February Via Zoom	<p>Attendees: Cr Nicky Luo Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Tina Samardzija Victoria Mandoh Jimmy Jian Min Li Rida Khan Bala Balamuruga Richard Ng May Hu</p> <p>Council Staff: Colin Bostock Alyssa Huxtable Pamela Kosij</p> <p>Apologies: Mohamed Mohideen Sally Brooks Theresa Ssali Dakhina Mitra Lena Kojadelian Oksana King</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion on Council’s Gambling Policy and upcoming consultation on Shape Monash • Presentation and discussion on Changes to Food and Garden Waste / Rubbish Collection Services and reusable nappy study • Council update • Advocacy & Information sharing
14 April Via Zoom	<p>Attendees: Cr Tina Samardzija Isata (Victoria) Mandoh May Hu Jimmy Jian Min Li Theresa Ssali Rida Khan Dakhina Mitra</p> <p>Council Staff: Colin Bostock Fee Harrison</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Anjalee de Silva Cr Nicky Luo Bala Balamurugan Richard Ng Lena Kojadelian Oksana King Mohamed Mohideen Sally Brooks Richard Ng Pamela Kosij</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to Know a MAC member • Council update • Advocacy & Information sharing

<p>9 June</p> <p>In person</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Tina Samardzija Mohamed Mohideen Jimmy Jian Min Li May Hu Selba Gondoza-Luka</p> <p>Council Staff: Colin Bostock Pamela Kosij</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Nicky Luo Cr Anjalee de Silva Isata (Victoria) Mandoh Dakhina Mitra Rida Khan Theresa Ssali Richard Ng Sally Brooks Lena Kojadelian Oksana King Bala Balamurugan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Afri-Aus Care UBUNTU Community Village • Get to Know a MAC member • Presentation on COVID Safe messaging and Vaccinations for CALD communities • Council update • Advocacy & Information sharing
<p>11 August</p> <p>Via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Tina Samardzija Cr Nicky Luo Mohamed Mohideen Sally Brooks Jimmy Jian Min Lin Rida Khan May Hu Richard Ng Oksana King</p> <p>Council Staff: Jackie Grieve Peter Wisdom Colin Bostock Pamela Kosij</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Anjalee de Silva Lena Kojadelian Theresa Ssali Victoria (Isata) Mandoh Bala Balamurugan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on Off Leash Dog Review and Draft Off Leash Policy • Get to Know a MAC member • Council update • Advocacy & Information sharing
<p>13 October</p> <p>Via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Nicky Luo Cr Tina Samardzija Mohamed Mohideen May Hu Sally Brooks Victoria Mandoh Richard Ng</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and discussion on Draft LGBTIQ+ Action Plan and Shape Monash consultation • Presentation and discussion on the FRV's CALD community education work promoting Home Fire Safety

	Rida Khan Oksana King Shane McCluskey (FRV) Council staff: Colin Bostock Pamela Kosij Apologies: Cr Anjalee de Silva Jimmy Jian Min Li Lena Kojadelian Theresa Ssali Bala Balamurugan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council update • Advocacy & Information sharing
8 December 2022 In person	TBC Attendees Council Officers Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new MAC members • MAC induction • Farewell to retiring members • Council update • Advocacy & Information sharing

Achievements 2021/2022

- Provided a multicultural lens and strategic advice to several Council's Plans and Strategies.
- Assisted with organising in-language community information sessions on COVID-19 and vaccines with their respective communities with support of MAC member Mohamed Mohideen, Manager – Engagements and Partnerships / Covid-19 Response (Department of Health) and newly appointed VMC Commissioner.
- Supported the Cultural Diversity Community Development Officer with expertise on several projects and events, e.g. Hello Neighbour, Eid Dinner and Women Safety event, Muslim Women's Experience of Islamophobia video, etc.

Oakleigh Activity Centre Steering Committee

Purpose

The Oakleigh Activity Centre Steering Committee provides oversight and co-ordination of major projects across the Oakleigh Activity Centre.

Frequency of Meeting

The Committee meets on an as needs basis and has not met within the last 12 months.

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. It is often invited by other departments to provide feedback and guidance to support Council to have an 'Age Friendly' lens across all policy development. PARG members are interviewed for selection and can remain on the committee for three terms (six years). Over the years there have been some founding members who are welcome to attend meetings to support them to remain engaged and connected with their community.

PARG is currently represented by 10 community members and two Councillors. The term for the community membership is two years. Community members are appointed by Council following a public expression of interest.

The 2022 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 Trirouzis
- Selliah Nulliah
- Pam Brown
- Udesb Kumar
- Robert Taylor and
- Ian Bjorkman

Throughout the year one member resigned (Andrea Whitty) and one member sadly passed away (Betty Wilderman)

In February 2022 five new members were interviewed and appointed to recruit a full membership of 14 community representatives. Selliah Nulliah, Pam Brown, Udesh Kumar, Robert Taylor and Ian Bjorkman.

Key initiatives

In this current term of the committee, these are the following projects that the committee has been involved in:

Loneliness Framework – feedback provided to Community Strengthening on the impact of Ageing and Loneliness.

Feedback and Advice on Social inclusion programs - Provide feedback on the key activities and make suggestions to support council staff in the delivery of the Positive Ageing Lifestyle (PALS) program and the Monash Seniors Festival program.

Dementia Friendly – Provide feedback to the Social Inclusion Team on the development of the Dementia Action plan.

Seniors Exercise Equipment – Consultation with insideEdge Sport and recreation.

Feedback and advice –

- Provide advice/feedback and ideas on social inclusion opportunities to be planned and organised in the Positive Ageing Lifestyle Program – PALS.
- Support with the development and implementation of the 2022 Seniors Festival program rolled out throughout October 2022.
- Provided feedback on the Loneliness Framework in relation to older residents.
- Provide feedback on Active Communities and Seniors Exercise Parks, Bin collection and Gambling Harm in Monash.

10 February Halcyon	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Councillors: Cr. Brian Little.</p> <p>Officer/s Sallenna Skye, Stacey Faletose, Vicki Chisholm</p> <p>Members: Costa Mandalis, Annette Anakotto, Phil Terry, Jennifer Shepherd, Mark</p>	<p>April Williams Senior Sustainability Officer spoke about the upcoming changes to how often bins are collected in City of Monash. Asked members for feedback on any issues, barriers or concerns. Encourage PARG to also provide feedback by Friday 25 March –</p> <p>Shape Monash – Bin Collection:</p> <p>Age Friendly Update on: Ageism & Tech Savvy</p>
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	<p>Learmonth and Qin Shi Gao.</p> <p>Guests: April Williams and Alyssa Huxtable</p> <p>Potential new PARG members: Pam Brown, Udesh Kumar, Robert Taylor and Ian Bjorkman.</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Nicky Luo, Marlene Bottrell, Carol Syer, Elaine Forde</p>	<p>Dementia Friendly Loneliness Intergenerational</p> <p>Alyssa Huxtable, Health Promotion Officer</p> <p>Gambling Harm in Monash Community Consultation, February 2022.</p> <p>Commonwealth Home Support Update</p> <p>Seeking feedback from PARG regarding a draft flyer to be sent to clients:</p> <p>Preparing for an emergency The Smart thing to do.</p> <p>Suggestions: Hospital Bag Kit, list of medications and contacts.</p>
7 April Halcyon	<p>Attendees: Cr. Brian Little Cr Nicky Luo Officer/s Sallenna Skye, Stacey Faletose, Vicki Chisholm Carol Sayer</p> <p>Members: Andrea Whitty, Shi Qin Guo, Pam Brown, Marlene Bottrell, Robert Taylor, Elaine Forde, Annette Anakotta, Phil Terry, Selliah Nalliah, Mark Learmonth, Ian Bjorkman</p> <p>Apologies: Udesh Kumar, Constantine Mandalis and Irene Tiroulis, Jennifer Shepherd</p>	<p>PARG members invited to PALS event Age is no Barrier scheduled for Thursday 9 June, 11am-1pm, Clayton Community Centre, Theatre, 9-15 Cooke Street.</p> <p>Planning to launch the Positive Ageing Directory at Positive Ageing Seniors Network Forum scheduled for Thursday 12 May.</p> <p>Exploring loneliness and working with Helen from the library regarding tech savvy sessions</p>
9 June	<p>Attendees: Cr. Brian Little Launched the Age is No Barrier event</p>	<p>Meeting deferred due to Age is no Barrier events at Clayton Community Theatre as part of the Monash Ageism Awareness Campaign</p>

		
<p>4 August</p> <p>Halcyon & via Zoom</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Brian Little & Cr Nicky Luo</p> <p>Officer/s: Sallenna Skye Vicki Chisholm</p> <p>Members: Jennifer Shepherd, Philip Terry, Annette Anakotta, Mark Learmonth, Marlene Bottrell, Robert Taylor, Udesh Kumar, Kostas Mandalis, Shi Qin Guo, Pam Brown</p> <p>Apologies: Selliah Nalliah, Irene Tiroulis, Mark Learmonth, Carol Syer, Stacey Falatoese Stine Ytting Ejstrup.</p>	<p>Dementia Awareness Discussion and upcoming event on Thursday 15 September needs promoting</p> <p>Seniors Festival planning Events discussed; timelines confirmed, and promotional campaign confirmed.</p>
<p>22 September Moved to 29 September due to Queens funeral public holiday</p> <p>Halcyon</p>	<p>Attendees: Cr Brian Little</p> <p>Officer/s: Sallenna Skye, Terry Larkman, Marc Burley, Carol Syer, Vicki Chisholm</p> <p>Members: Jennifer Sheppard, Mark Learmonth, Qin Shi Gao, Phil Terry.</p> <p>Apologies: Marlene Bottrell, Annette Anakotta, Costa Mandalis, Irene Triroulis, Carolyn Court,</p>	<p>New staff introduced: Terry Larkman, Team Leader Age Friendly Monash.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Friendly Action Plan • Loneliness framework • Community transport <p>Marc Burley – Community Transport & Social Support/Inclusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving community bus and recruiting drivers from community groups. • Community Transport (shopping – review service). • Will work with pilot group – community drivers.

	Cr Nicky Luo Guest: Jake McMinn, insideEDGE Sport and Leisure Planning. Senior Project Officer, Exercise Park Feasibility Analysis Project	Seniors Festival – Program posted out and booking very positive. PARG members nominated event to support and attend as volunteer. PALS update & Continual Improvement Jake McMinn , insideEDGE Sport and Leisure Planning: Please refer to “Seniors Exercise Park Feasibility Analysis”
24 November Madeline's Tea House	Attendees: Cr Brian Little Officer/s: Members: Apologies:	Main topics discussed: Christmas closure period for funded programs Seniors Festival review and recommendations for 2023 Establish key priorities for 2023 as identified in the Health Plan. Set a planning workshop date for 2023.

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 Volunteer, 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 and Council initiatives. The purpose of the Positive Ageing Seniors 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 2022 were Cr Rebecca Paterson and Cr Nicky Luo.

Discussion

The Positive Ageing Network Forum met four times during 2022. Meetings took place on Wednesday 2 March at Clayton Community Theatre, Thursday 12 May at the Civic Centre Function Room, Wednesday 17 August at the Clayton Community Centre and & Monday 14 November at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club.

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

On Monday 14 November Jake McMinn, insideEDGE Sport and Leisure Planning presented on the “Seniors Exercise Park Feasibility Analysis” and consulted with the attendees for feedback.

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

2022 meetings and attendees

Councillors McCluskey and Luo were the Council representatives for 2022.

The MYC continued to meet monthly during 2022. All meeting (except four) were held via video conferencing platforms.

Date	Councillor/s
9 February 2022	Cr McCluskey
9 March 2022	Crs Luo and McCluskey
13 April 2022	Cr McCluskey
11 May 2022	Cr Nicky Luo and Stuart James
15 June 2022	Crs Luo and McCluskey
13 July 2022	Cr McCluskey
10 August 2022	Crs Luo and McCluskey
08 September 2022	No Councillor Attended
12 October 2022	Crs Luo and McCluskey
9 November 2022	Crs Luo and McCluskey
December 2022	No formal meeting

Achievements for 2022

In 2022, the MYC undertook the following:

- MYC has discussed the following issues:
 - housing affordability
 - increase costs associated with tertiary education
 - working towards zero emissions with vehicles
 - embedding respectful relationships and financial literacy in secondary school curriculum
- The Monash Youth Committee met with Hon Sonja Terpstra MP, Hon Dr Tien Kieu, and Hon Gordon Rich Phillips to discuss issues impacting Monash young people. These meetings ensure that Monash young people's views are considered by members of State and Federal governments.

Monash Youth Committee members found meeting with Members of Parliament to be rewarding.

Several Members of Parliament have agreed to share the committees' concerns, within their parties.

- In July 2022 Monash Youth Committee organised a networking event for youth committees in the City of Monash. The goal of the event was to improve relationships between youth committees and create future opportunities for collaboration.

- 18 young people attended the events from Rotaract, Youth Ambassadors, Quiksound and Monash Youth Committee. Each group had the opportunity to share information about their group purpose and discussed current projects and priorities.

Members for endorsement or reappointment

During 2022 MYC received eight 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 2022: Mr Jacob Biviano, Ms Jazzy Howlett, Ms Stacey Rindel, Mr Justin Leung, Ms Misha Kasinathan, Ms Evonne Lu, Mr Siddhant Tandon and Ms Maria Saribalas.

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 2022 Ms Bella Young, Ms Eva Mohan, Ms Khai Chan, Ms Lavanya Sharma, Mr Kabisan Sutharsan, Mr Ari Stidistsoulakos, Ms Serene Karunaratne and Mr Heerag Khan 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 2023.

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

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:

- Community meeting spaces for Glen Waverley.
- The establishment of a town square in Kingsway.
- Future options for the Central Car Park site.
- Replacement car parking.
- In addition to the areas of focus identified above, the Committee may also take on other areas of focus relating to the GWAC.
- The Montclair Multideck Car Park project.

- Implications for Council and the GWAC arising from the State Government's Suburban Rail Loop project.
- The redevelopment and reinvigoration of Kingsway (with an increased focus on pedestrians and outdoor dining).
- A new library

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 of City Development, Director of Community Services and other officers as required.

Frequency of Meeting

The Committee meets on a monthly basis or as needed.