



Minutes Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee

20 September 2022

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Tuesday, 20 September 2022
Time	10am – 12pm
Venue	Clara Southern Room, Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.
Chair/Facilitator	Cr. Elizabeth Nealy
Minutes	Xenia Taunt- Rivers / Laura Mannix

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

“Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as Traditional Custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region’s history.”

Inclusive Banyule Statement

“Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.”

Attendee

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
Cr Elizabeth Nealy	Banyule City Council
Cr Tom Melican	Banyule City Council
Kath Brackett	Banyule City Council
Alison Beckwith	Banyule City Council
Jo Wilson	Banyule City Council
Angela Papoutsoglou	DFFH
Karen Dyonon	BNLLEN
Jane Cowell	Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries (online)
Laura Mannix	Banyule City Council
Xenia Taunt-Rivers	Banyule City Council
Tom Conley	Reconciliation Action Plan Committee
Anna Bauze	Department of Health - North Region (online)

Apologies

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Sebastian Zeta	Department of Justice
Mick Geary	Banyule Community Health Service
Linda Chapple	Banyule City Council
Ida Lloyd	Local Jobs Melbourne
Julie Johnson	North East Neighbourhood House
Kerryn Burgoyne	Disability & Inclusion Advisory Committee
Linda Liwewe	Multicultural Advisory Committee
Josh Langelaan	Victoria Police
Benjamin O'Loughlin	Victoria Police
Owen Butler	Reconciliation Action Plan Committee
Tracy Colbert	Department of Education and Training North Eastern Melbourne Area (NEMA) North Western Victoria Region
Michael Graham	Victorian Aboriginal Health Services
Jill Gallagher	Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation

Items

1. Introduction 10:00 – 10:15

Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians
Diversity Statement
Councillors, Committee Members and Council Officers introduce themselves

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting 10:15-10:20

Acceptance of minutes

Action

Minutes from last meeting accepted

3. Meeting Purpose and Business Arising 10:20 – 10:25

- Update to the committee on the endorsement of the Inclusive Banyule Plan and discussion on its Year One Integrated Action Plan
- Discuss the Banyule City Council advisory committee review and possible recommendations for this committee to adopt to support its work moving forward
- Discuss the efforts and work of the committee to date to then position and inform how the committee will be moving forward with a work/action plan over the remainder of term to achieve key goals
- Discuss data and research on key advocacy priorities, mental health and social housing
- Networking opportunity and organizational and population committee updates that pertain to the work of this committee
- Confirm next meeting time and dates

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Inclusive Banyule Plan (5 minutes) 10:25-10:30

Update and overview of the Inclusive Banyule Plan after Councils endorsement on September 5th .

Supporting document: Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee Brief

4.2 Inclusive Banyule Integrated Action Plan (10 min) 10:30-10:40

Overview of the finalised Inclusive Banyule's year one Integrated Action Plan. Exploration of potential collaborations on the year one action plan initiatives and how the committee will move forward in leading the strategic direction of the Inclusive Banyule Plan moving forward.

Supporting document: Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee Brief

Discussion

- Discussion on Council's role on supporting conversations around Treaty and voice of the First Nations' community through partnerships as a potential initiative.
- Suggested Council needs to use existing promising practises to inform work of the Committee, particularly for the Inclusive Banyule Action Plan Project of Inclusion Tool Kits- ensuring existing work is utilized and amplified.

- Consensus across the Committee that work should be done collaboratively. Committees need to work together and not in silos to ensure projects are evidence informed and respond to community need. The example of community grants was highlighted.
- Discussion point on providing advanced notice for Committee members and community for Council events. Suggestions of building an interactive calendar, Banyule App or using Eventbrite discussed.
- Discussion of current examples of testing inclusion in public spaces including U3A interactions with libraries
- Emphasis on action plan being operational in nature and the role of Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee is to lead the strategic direction of the Inclusive Banyule Plan moving forward

Action

- Population Advisory Committee Representatives to the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee to get in touch with their committees for endorsement on action items on a regular basis

4.3 Banyule City Council's Advisory Committee Review (10 min) 10:40-10:50

Discussion on the review and its key recommendations that were endorsed to uplift and strengthen the work Banyule's advisory committees.

Exploration of key recommendations that the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee may like to adopt:

- Improved subject matter briefings (trials this meeting)
- Simplified Committee Agendas (trials this meeting)
- Implement annual surveying of advisory and population committees
- Annual Work/Action plan for next 12 months
- Facilitate integrated working group opportunities
- Inclusive Meeting Practises Guide

Discussion

- Sharing Committee agendas and simplified content across Population Committees would be useful to understand what each committee is working on and where the opportunities for strengthened partnerships exist.
- Suggested Land Acknowledgement/Welcome to Country should be led by RAP Committee Representative if present
- Consensus that the development of a committee work plan will mobilize goals and actions of the committee

Action

- RAP Committee Member or First Nations' representative to conduct Acknowledgement or Welcome to Country
- Acknowledged that Committee members may send a delegate or provide a presentation to be shared where they are unable to attend a Committee Meeting.

4.4 Establishing Committee Priorities and How They Will Be Achieved (40min) 10:50-11:35

Discussion (and quiz!) on the key mile stones the committee has achieved to date to inform the development of it's action/workplan.

Supporting document: Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee Brief

Presentation on key data that outlines community experiences and system gaps in relation to mental health and affordable housing to inform committee discussions on developing an action/work plan.

Supporting document: Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee Brief

Discussion on the development of an action/work plan to support the committee in achieving its goals in the remaining term.

1. Is the committee willing to prioritise efforts on mental health and social housing in next 12 months?
2. If so, what can we achieve in this time?
3. How will we work together to achieve this?

Discussion

- Social and affordable housing and the impact this has on family violence was discussed and how this links to availability of stock and services for community.
- Discussion around where Council and the Committee's influence stands as advocates. Gambling harm minimisation discussed as an example advocacy piece and the link between providing community spaces as alternative spaces for civic engagement (i.e. *Community takeovers in public spaces as an opportunity to highlight available services and reduce stigmatisation*).
- Discussion should continue on moving to 'safe' rather than social housing as a priority and 'health and wellbeing' rather than mental health.
- Links to co-benefits of mental health and public health discussed – positioning the issue as wellbeing for community.
- Discussion on how to strengthen relationships and identify opportunities for agitation as core elements of Council's role and voice in social and affordable housing landscape.
- Identifying priority cohorts and gaps across Banyule in mental health service provision discussed – noting how this has affected community in a post-COVID context.
- Issue of National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) funding discussed and how this might impact community.
- Creating an EOI forum discussed as an opportunity to understand the scope of existing organisations.
- Consensus that the committee is willing to prioritize efforts on Mental Health and Wellbeing and Social and Affordable Housing as priorities over the next 12 months
- Consensus that a working group would be an appropriate next step to scope key issues and identify key initiatives the committee can support in its work plan

Action

- Recommendation that the Committee take these two priority areas back to the Population Committees for reflection on how to best understand Council's voice in advocacy and strategy over these spaces.
- Recommendation that the Bellfield Community Hub and Residential Developments housing strategy be brought to the next Committee meeting for discussion.
- Build an advocacy campaign around the priority issues, to assist in positioning and partnering with State and Federal government for funding and programs.
- Committee agrees that mental health and wellbeing and safe and affordable housing are the two priority areas to move forward with over the next 12 months.
- Working groups to be established to understand the scope of the issues – members are to allocate and authorise members before next meeting with the awareness that the opportunity to act on this is immediate.

4.5 Population Committee Updates (10 min) 11:35-11:45

Population Committee representatives will provide an update on actions and priorities arising from their respective committees. Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee members have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions

Action

Updates to be sent to Laura and distributed back to the Committee.

4.6 Stakeholder Updates (10 min) 11:45-11:55

Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee stakeholder representatives are invited to provide an update on priorities, current and existing projects and plans with an inclusion and equity focus

Action

Updates to be sent to Laura and distributed back to the Committee.

5 New Business

Next Steps

6 Close and date of next meeting

Action

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th December 2022 10-12pm