

# 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. Why was the committee reviewed?

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

## 3. 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.

## 4. 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.

## 5. When will the new governance groups be formed?

YCACC will remain in place until 31 January 2019. The new groups will be formed post 31 January 2019. DELWP have been working to develop the new arrangements and are putting plans in place to change over to the new governance groups. While there may be a small gap between YCACC and the new arrangements, the Yellingbo Project Team are continuing to work on implementing the Government Response to the VEAC report so that it will roll seamlessly into the new arrangements.

## 6. How will the land managers group be appointed?

DELWP is currently working with agencies including the Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority to determine the best approach to the new land managers committee.

## 7. 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.

# Frequently asked questions about new YCA governance groups

Bringing land managers together allows for better coordination of on-ground land management activities.

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

The broader-based community reference group (CRG) will be established as a "Departmental Advisory Committee". There will be a public expression of interest process where interested persons can nominate themselves and the DELWP secretary will appoint members.

The Secretary signs off on the terms of reference and the process for appointment.

## 9. 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 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.

## Questions on the Summary of Submissions

### 1. How will comments be incorporated into the final 10 Year Draft Plan?

DELWP have established a working group with Parks Victoria planning and on ground staff to work through the submissions. All suggestions received will be reviewed by DELWP and Parks Victoria to determine whether they can be incorporated in the 10 Year Plan.

While the state authorities will consider feedback from the community, the changes to the plan will need to be consistent with the Government's response to VEAC's recommendations and existing legislation on uses within parks and reserves in Victoria.

### 2. Will the Conservation Area still have "Yellingbo" in the title?

The 10 Year Draft Plan acknowledged the feedback from the community that the name " Yellingbo Conservation Area" is confusing and doesn't accurately reflect the extent of the Conservation Area. DELWP is working with the Wurundjeri Tribe to come up with a new name for the Conservation Area.

© The State of Victoria Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning 2019



This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International licence. You are free to re-use the work under that licence, on the condition that you credit the State of Victoria as author. The licence does not apply to any images, photographs or branding, including the Victorian Coat of Arms, the Victorian Government logo and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) logo. To view a copy of this licence, visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>

## Disclaimer

This publication may be of assistance to you but the State of Victoria and its employees do not guarantee that the publication is without flaw of any kind or is wholly appropriate for your particular purposes and therefore disclaims all liability for any error, loss or other consequence which may arise from you relying on any information in this publication.

## Accessibility

If you would like to receive this publication in an alternative format, please telephone the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136186, email [customer.service@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:customer.service@delwp.vic.gov.au), or via the National Relay Service on 133 677 [www.relayservice.com.au](http://www.relayservice.com.au). This document is also available on the internet at [www.delwp.vic.gov.au](http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au).