

Meeting Notes



2019 Yarra Heritage Strategy – Stakeholder / Industry Forum

Time: 6-8pm
Date: Tuesday, 19 March 2019
Location: Richmond Town Hall

Facilitator – Chris Robinson, Capire Consulting Group

Heritage Consultant – Ian Travers, Extent Heritage Consultants

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The following notes are direct transcriptions (*shown in italics*) of handwritten comments supplied on a feedback form completed at the event. To the best of our ability, they have been transcribed faithfully, however errors may naturally occur through this process.

Key messages

Proposed Priority Area 1 – “Improved statements of significance and precinct citations”

- i. Improve communication and awareness of all statements and citations
- ii. Update and refresh all citations
- iii. Invest resources and budget to improve the citation and statement quality
- iv. Diversify the content and scope of heritage citations.
- v. Make statements of significance available to decision makers as that may influence decision making

Proposed Priority Area 2 – “Natural heritage”

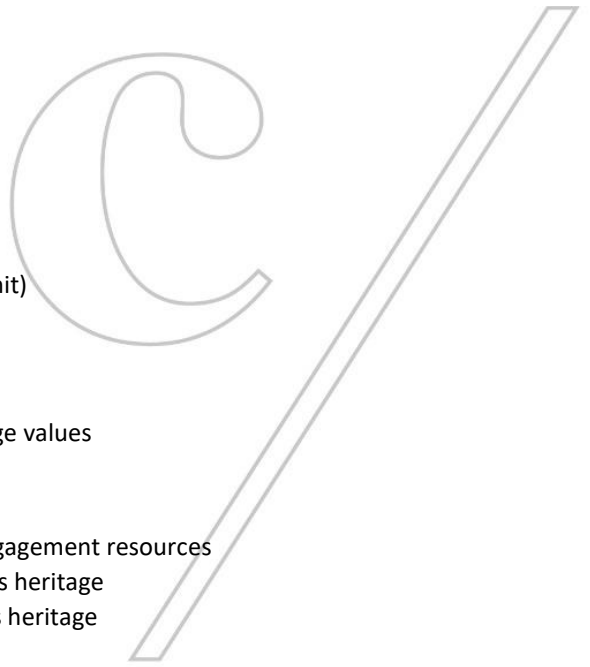
- i. Natural heritage is important and needs more than just protection
- ii. Clarify the scope and definition of natural heritage
- iii. Interdepartmental collaboration within the council and engagement with external agencies and partners will be essential
- iv. Use community experts to assist in local natural heritage research
- v. *Provide protection to trees of heritage significance*

Proposed Priority Area 3 – “Strengthening existing provisions”

- i. Invest in heritage training and education programs for Council staff
- ii. Consider developing a new Heritage department at Council
- iii. Encourage positioning ‘heritage’ as a cross department responsibility across council
- iv. Develop more rigor in setting a clear heritage policy for the municipality and clear heritage controls

Proposed Priority Area 4 – “Managing council’s own heritage assets”

- i. Council needs to develop a framework for managing its own assets
- ii. Council needs to consider ESD within heritage.
- iii. Council needs to promote building industry skills and education



Proposed Priority Area 5 – “Heritage advice”

- i. Council to deliver a high-quality heritage advice service
- ii. Council to consider how to pay or charge for heritage advice
- iii. Council to have a heritage department (a dedicated heritage unit)

Proposed Priority Area 6 – “World Heritage”

- i. Council to protect World Heritage from adjacent development
- ii. Council should do more to promote and celebrate World Heritage values

Proposed Priority Area 7 – “Indigenous heritage”

- i. Council should invest in-house indigenous heritage skills and engagement resources
- ii. Council should increase protection and recognition of indigenous heritage
- iii. Council should increase promotion and awareness of indigenous heritage

Proposed Priority Area 8 – “Community access to information”

- i. Council should increase the availability of useful heritage online information Council should do more to generally promote heritage across the city
- ii. Council should consider more ways to celebrate heritage