

Resolutions from Residents' Meeting 27 April 2017

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Resolution 1: Increasing Open Space

That Yarra Council:

- Set the open space at 8% in the future development contribution overlay to the Yarra Planning Scheme
- Provide full public transparency on open space contributions from developers in the budget, showing itemized receipts and expenditure
- Resolve that the purpose of development contributions is primarily for the acquisition of private land for public amenity, not for the conversion of existing public space - such as roads or parking into another form
- Consider ways to encourage developments to not automatically be given approval to use 100% of land (including lobbying of Minister for State changes)

Resolution 2: Improve Heritage Protection

That Yarra Council provide improved protection for Yarra's heritage by

- delegating decisions to IDAC (Internal Development Approval Committee) on applications that involve or will be a neighbour to Individually Significant Buildings

Resolution 3: Yarra Planning Reform

That Yarra Council increase funding for planning to:

- Continue to lobby the Minister for the planning reforms wanted by the community and supported by the Council
- Speed up the re-write of the Yarra Planning Scheme
- Build up expertise so that Council is the acknowledged heritage and planning expert for Yarra, reducing the use of external consultants who don't understand the vision for Yarra, with in-house heritage expertise being the highest priority

Motion 4: Yarra Budget Reform

That Yarra Council revise the draft 2017-18 budget to:

- Eliminate the Waste Management Charge
- Increase planning and other community services by:
 - Not approving the 23 additional Corporate Services positions added above the 2016/17 budget
 - Reduce CEO/Corporate services employment costs by 20% of total employment costs over three years through natural attrition
 - Reallocation of resources to provide community services including services to improve neighbourhood amenity such as improved street cleaning and graffiti removal

Resolution 5: Community Engagement Reform

That Yarra Council improve residents' understanding and trust in planning for community needs:

- by integrating deliberative and participative democracy (for example citizens' juries and ad hoc specific purpose committees) into the way Yarra functions: to shape council policy, long-term council strategic and resource planning and major reviews such as the Yarra Planning Scheme