

Yarrowonga Town Hall Future Use Advisory Group Meeting Thursday 30 May 2024



The first meeting of the Yarrowonga Town Hall Future Use Advisory Group was held on the Thursday 30 May with all members in attendance and keen to begin discussing the future of this beloved community asset.

The purpose of the Yarrowonga Town Hall Future Use Advisory Group is to give representative advice to Council about future uses and users of the Yarrowonga Town Hall. This advice will include informing the scope and deliverables of Yarrowonga Library, Events and Performance Precinct Stage 2 works that will be needed to support future Town Hall uses.

The Advisory Group is made up of representatives from community groups who have used or would like to use the Town Hall:

Alan Williams from Senior Citizens,
Ian Reid from Allegro Theatre Company,
Jan Parker from the Yarrowonga Family History Group,
Andrew Brown from the choir and Festival of 1000 Voices,
Nikki Ralston from Regional Arts Victoria,
Geoff Campbell from Yarrowonga Community Action Group,
Nerida Mitchell from Across the Arts Yarrowonga Mulwala,
Damien Keel from Yarrowonga P12,
Carol Henderson from Yarrowonga Anglican Parish, and
Cyndi Gleeson from Yarrowonga Mulwala Historical Society Inc.

There are also two local resident representatives:

James Rouel and Bruce Pigdon,
Moirira Shire All Abilities Advisory Committee representative, Julie-Anne Clarke, and
Felicity Macchion from Goulburn Valley Libraries,

Meeting one focussed on getting to know each other and the organisations represented in the Advisory Group, and what everyone hoped for the future of the Town Hall.

There was consensus that the Town Hall is a much loved and much needed facility, and it was vital to ensure that recent and potential future uses of the Hall must be considered, including re-engaging young people who may never have entered the Hall.

The Group received a status update from Thomas Lyle, Manager of Projects and Engineering, Moirira Shire, who stated that while there are limitations regarding the aesthetics, age, and building structure of the Hall, Council is looking forward to the Advisory Group conveying what the community needs.

There is the possibility of the Hall being opened in the short term for community use under a revised capacity limit pending health and safety considerations for the library including the reconnection of the sewage to the Hall, and review of exits.

The Advisory Group will meet again on the Tuesday 25 June to discuss avenues to engage the broader community.