Banyule Environment & Climate Action Advisory Committee | Minutes

Meeting details

Date of meeting	Wednesday, 14 October 2026
Time	6:30pm
Venue	1 Flintoff St Greensborough – Level 4 – Ibbott Room 4.03
Chair/Facilitator	Cr Mark Di Pasquale

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."

Diversity 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."

Member attendees

Member Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Andreas Che Katsineris-Paine	BECAAC member
Dugal Wallace	BECAAC member
Elana Berton	BECAAC member
Emma Guy	BECAAC member
Kellie Watson	BECAAC member
Kyle Pilgrim	BECAAC member
Michelle Giovas	BECAAC member
Patrick Molony	BECAAC member
Mark Crichton	BECAAC member

Councillors

Role	Name
Chair	Cr Mark Di Pasquale

Council staff

Role	Name
Contact officer	Damien Harrison – Environment Coordinator

Guests

Attendee name	Affiliation/Organisation
N/A	

Items

1. Introduction

Chair Cr Mark Di Pasquale to open the meeting and read the Acknowledgement of traditional custodians and Diversity Statement, then welcome all participants.

1.1 Welcome to new member Mark Crichton

Cr Mark Di Pasquale welcomed Mark Crichton as a new member of BECAAC. Mark introduced himself and his background in sustainability auditing and coordination.

1.2 Apologies

Cr Mark Di Pasquale to acknowledge any apologies.

Name	Affiliation/Organisation
Denise Fernando	BECAAC member
Keith Beresford	BECAAC member
Nichole Foster	BECAAC member
Nadine Wooldridge	Manager City Futures at Banyule

1.3 Conflicts of interest

Chair Cr Mark Di Pasquale to call for any conflicts of interest to be declared. No conflicts of interest were declared.

Standing Items

2.1 Minutes of the previous meeting (6:35pm – 6:40pm)

Speaker: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

- Chair Cr Di Pasquale confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting. No amendments were proposed. The following actions from previous meetings are still to be actioned.

Action	Meeting date	Action description	Update to members
Item 1	12 August 2026	Staff to prepare more information on the proposed weekly bin collection (election promise) for a future BECAAC meeting.	Information will be provided post State government election.
Item 2	12 August 2026	Damien to seek an update on the carriageway clearance tree pruning review and provide a response to BECAAC.	Council is being briefed on this review in October. An update will be provided to BECAAC after Council has been briefed, ahead of the December meeting.

3 New business

3.1 Public EV Charging Policy consultation (6:45pm – 7:15pm)

Speaker: Damien Harrison

- Damien provided an overview of this project and Council's endorsed direction to develop a guiding policy and support a commercial rollout of public EV chargers on Council land.
- A workshop was facilitated to garner feedback on the principles and objectives of the proposed policy and identify any knowledge gaps Council should consider. Members worked in small groups to provide input and presented their findings at the end of the activity. The full results are attached to these minutes.

3.2 EV Charging tender discussion (7:15pm – 7:40pm)

Speaker: Damien Harrison

- Damien provided an overview of Council's proposed expression of interest and tender process to invite commercial charge point operators to install and operate additional public EV chargers across Banyule.
- BECAAC discussed Council's tendering process. The Chair suggested information on Council's process could be provided to BECAAC, which was welcomed by members.
- A member questioned if the final scope, objectives and guiding principles could be reviewed and critiqued by BECAAC before Council finalises tendering. Damien to explore what documentation BECAAC can review and provide feedback on.

ACTION 1

Damien to explore what documentation BECAAC can provide feedback on at or before the December meeting.

ACTION 2

Damien to provide BECAAC with information on how Council's tendering process works.

3.3 Advisory Committee member survey and reflection (7:40pm – 8:00pm)

Speaker: Damien Harrison

- Damien promoted the Advisory Committee Member Survey, which will be open until end of December 2026. The survey aims to seek member feedback on Council's governance and administration of advisory committees.
- Members can complete the online survey via Advisory Committee Survey – Fill out form
- Damien facilitated a short workshop to garner feedback from members on the content and topics being tabled at BECAAC meetings since August 2025. Discussion and feedback are outlined below:

DISCUSSION

- Understanding what other committees are doing would be valuable. Suggestions included:
  - An end of year event
  - Sharing of the minutes of all five advisory committees, or a summary of the meetings. Damien noted a summary of the minutes of each committee is presented at a quarterly Council meeting. This could be circulated to BECAAC along with agenda papers or minutes.
- Closing the loop on projects or strategies that BECAAC has had input into was identified as important. Staff to consider this going forward. Damien will also circulate a link to the Community Climate Resilience Plan, which BECAAC had substantial input into.
- Suggestions for topics in 2027 included:
  - Data centres
  - Update on waste surveillance program
  - Waste to Energy update
  - Tour of the Waste Recovery Centre
- The above waste-related items are proposed for the February 2027 BECAAC meeting.

ACTION 3

Damien to provide regular updates to BECAAC on the meetings of other committees, and to explore potential for an end of year gathering or other gathering opportunities.

3.4 Key project updates and Shaping Banyule scan (8:00pm – 8:10pm)

Speaker: Damien Harrison

- Shaping Banyule was scanned to raise awareness of current Council consultations.

3.5 Other business (8:10pm – 8:30pm)

Speaker: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

- *North East Link project update (standing item)*
  - A member provided an update on the NELP tree planting project. In relation to the 2 for 1 tree replacement in Rosanna, there is not enough space for all plants to be planted.
  - Members were encouraged to identify other potential tree planting locations and report them to Michelle Giovas. The trees are in 45 litre pots.
  - The Chair suggested a summary of how the negotiations have happened, and the results could be disseminated to BECAAC members.

- *Community Climate Resilience Plan*
    - Damien informed BECAAC that the Community Climate Resilience Plan was adopted by Council on 5th October. The plan and accompanying documents can be accessed via Climate Adaptation Plan.
- *Environment Grants assessment panel*
    - Damien thanked Kyle for assisting on the Environment Grants Assessment Panel in September. Grants will be awarded in the coming weeks.
- *Honorariums*
    - Damien advised that Council will be offering honorariums again for 2026, which can be either a $100 gift card or a $100 donation to the Banyule Community Fund.
    - Members who wish to donate their honorarium were advised to email Damien.
    - Members must have attended 60% or more of meetings in the year to qualify for an honorarium.

4 Close and date of next meeting

Chair Cr Di Pasquale closed the meeting at 8:35pm. Next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 9 December 2026** at 1 Flintoff St Greensborough.