# JECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017 Jarra Mews



Enjoying Yarra's parks this festive season

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### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

rapid growth and development in

community has said they want us to build a greener city with more

open space and vegetation, especially in areas of new

development, and a fairer city

I would like to acknowledge and

will not be serving in this term.

thank the former Councillors who

Their leadership and commitment

over the past four years has seen

many wonderful outcomes for

our community. There is still

much work to be done. I am

excited about future possibilities

and committed to working with

my fellow Councillors, our CEO

and staff, and the community to

create a city we can be proud of.

Cr Amanda Stone

Mayor

where no-one is left behind.

our city, adapting to and mitigating against climate change, creating quality shared public spaces and community resources, advocating for improved public transport and reduced congestion and providing opportunities for safer cycling and walking. Our



I am honoured to be serving my third consecutive term as a Langridge Ward Councillor, and to have been elected as Mayor for 2016/17.

It is exciting to see the new Council representing the diversity of our community, with several younger councillors elected along with experienced, long-term Councillors. This new Council brings not only fresh ideas, energy and skills, but also common ground on many issues.

I am looking forward to working with the new Council on addressing urgent and challenging issues such as the

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are generally held twice a month. All meetings begin at 7pm and are held at Richmond Town Hall (333 Bridge Road, Richmond).

Council Meetings are open to the public and community members are invited to attend. Meeting agendas are published at **www.yarracity.vic.** gov.au/meetings on the Friday prior to each meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

 6 December 20 December

For meeting agendas, minutes and for more information visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings

#### WURUNDJERI ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to Elders past and present.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY **OPENING HOURS**



#### Yarra Council wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Council's opening hours and services over the holiday period are:

#### CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES

Council customer service centres at Richmond and Collingwood town halls and the Connie Benn Centre will operate as per normal business hours on Friday 23 December. We will be closed on the Christmas Day and Boxing Day public holidays (Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December) and the New Year's Day public holiday (Monday 2 January).

#### **RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION**

All rubbish and recycling collections will take place as normal during the festive period.

#### LIBRARY SERVICES

Yarra's five library branches will close at 2pm on Saturday 24 December (Christmas Eve) and be closed Sunday 25–Tuesday 27 December. Branches will reopen on 28 December through to 30 December (with all branches closing at 6pm). All branches will be open for regular hours on Saturday 31 December (New Year's Eve). Additionally, all branches will be closed on Sunday 1 January and Monday 2 January. Normal opening hours will resume from Tuesday 3 January.

#### **LEISURE SERVICES**

The Richmond and Collingwood leisure centres and Fitzroy Pool will keep normal operating hours on Christmas Eve, while the Burnley Golf Course will close at 6pm. All Yarra Leisure facilities will be closed on Christmas Day. Modified hours will apply at various leisure centres for all public holidays. For details call Council on 9205 5032 or visit www.yarracity.vic. gov.au/yarra-leisure

# MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS

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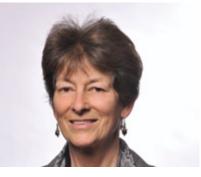
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#### NICHOLLS WARD

Cr Misha Coleman

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Find out more about your Councillors at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/councillors



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## NEW YEAR'S EVE IN YARRA



#### Council is encouraging a familyfriendly atmosphere in local parks and public spaces this New Year's Eve.

Please be aware that the consumption of alcohol is banned in Yarra's streets, parks and other public areas from 9pm on Friday 30 December through to 9am on Sunday 1 January. Amplified music is also not permitted.

If you're planning to enjoy the occasion at your local park, please leave any glass bottles at home and remember to dispose of any rubbish in the bins provided, or to take it home with you.

New Year's Eve celebrations are welcome in all of Yarra's parks and gardens but there will be zero tolerance for antisocial behaviour.

For more information about New Year's Eve in Yarra, contact Council on 9205 5555

#### **NYE @ EDINBURGH GARDENS**

We've got some fantastic all-ages activities planned at Edinburgh Gardens this New Year's Eve (Saturday 31 December). Head to the Alfred Crescent Oval area to join in the fun at these free afternoon activities!

#### **BASKETBALL WORKSHOPS** HOSTED BY HELPING HOOPS. FROM 2PM-5PM

Sharpen up your ball skills, check out demos by the awesome basketball pros from Helping Hoops, and take part in a hoop shooting competition. For children aged 7–14.

#### MIDDLE EASTERN BBQ BY FREE TO FEED. FROM 12PM-8PM

Enjoy a delicious bite to eat at our Middle Eastern BBQ, hosted by Free to Feed, a non-profit organisation that works with chefs and cooks from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds who cook delicious food from their own cultures.



DOG SHOW, FROM 2PM-4PM

Dress yourself and your pooch in your craziest costumes and join our NYE dog show!

Fantastic prizes are on offer for Best Fancy Dressed, Best Dog, Cutest Pup, Best Trick and Waggiest Tail.

#### AT SUNDOWN

The Gardens will light up with installations by local artists, including a huge projection across the grass and trees by artist Nick Azidis in partnership with Gertrude Projection Association.

There'll also be a bespoke cinema programmed by Projector Bike, and an installation in the rotunda, created by local artist Ilan El.

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

Yarra's Australia Day Awards celebrate the people who make extraordinary contributions to our community.

If you know of a person or group deserving of wider recognition, consider nominating them for one of our 2017 awards. Nominations are open in four categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Service of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

The judges will be looking for nominees who have gone above and beyond in the fields of community service, sport, arts and culture, the environment or business and economic development.

To access the nomination form and eligibility criteria, visit www.yarracity. vic.gov.au/australia-day or contact Council on 9205 5555 or info@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Nominations must be received by Friday 16 December.



### the Year winner was Abbotsfordbased food charity, FareShare.

## YARRA 2021: HELP SHAPE THE NEXT 4 YEARS

#### This is your opportunity to help shape your city!

We're asking people to share what they love about Yarra, and what Council should focus on over the next four years to make it an even better place to live, work and visit.

Your contributions will help us develop the next Council Plan (which will also include a municipal public health and wellbeing plan for Yarra). This is our overall strategy, and a key document used by Council to guide our work and priorities up until 2021.

We're encouraging all members of our community to have their say until Tuesday 20 December.

A draft Council Plan will be released for further community feedback in early 2017.

### We want to hear from you!

- What would make Yarra better?
- What do you want your Council
- community health? Get involved:

www.yoursayyarra.com.au

9205 5555

info@yarracity.vic.gov.au



### **Our city snapshot**

Yarra has undergone considerable change in the past 30 years and this will continue as Melbourne's population grows. Council needs to take this into account as it plans for the future.

#### Did you know...

- The median age of Yarra residents is 33.7
- Almost a third of residents were born overseas and nearly a quarter speak a language other than English at home
- 11% of households live in social housing (the highest proportion in Victoria)
- 30% of households earn over \$2,500 per week, while 18% earn less than \$400 per week.
- 50% of residents are renters
- To find out more about Yarra's demographics, visit www.yoursayyarra.com.au



Council regularly seeks feedback from the community on a range of projects and proposals.

neighbourhood and community.

To find out about projects that Council is currently consulting on, including the Council Plan, and to register for updates, visit www.yoursayyarra.com.au



# TRIBUTE TO THE STOLEN **GENERATIONS**

Fitzroy has long held significance for the Aboriginal community, as the birthplace of the Victorian Aboriginal rights movement and a place where members of the Stolen Generations reconnected with family.

In recognition of this history and in the spirit of reconciliation, Council is working with Aboriginal community members and organisations to create an outdoor artwork in tribute to the Stolen Generations, to be located in Fitzroy.

We spoke to Aboriginal community advocate Bev Murray, who is working with Council on the project, about what the Stolen Generations Marker would mean for the community.

#### **Q:** What do you hope this project will achieve, both for the Aboriginal community and the wider community?

A: The Stolen Generations Marker should be seen as belonging to all of us. It's about acknowledging and always remembering what happened to our children and families when governments sought to deliberately destroy our family networks and obliterate our connections to our country. It's about acknowledging that the impacts of this history are still being felt today. It's also about how we have survived as a people still rich in culture and spirit despite what has happened to us.

Finally a fervent hope is that the Stolen Generations Marker becomes a symbol for promoting understanding and possibly even healing between our people.

Marker should be seen The Stolen Generations as belonging to all of us.

Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people share a history so we now need to be equal partners in working together to heal from the past and move into the future to build an inclusive and caring society that respects all cultures, from the cultures of the First Peoples to the new ones being welcomed into Australia today.

**Q:** The Stolen Generations Marker is going to be located in Fitzrov. Can you briefly explain why Fitzroy is such an important place for the Aboriginal community?

A: It is not confirmed yet where the Stolen Generations Marker will be placed in Fitzroy, but wherever it is it will be a fitting location.

Fitzroy is seen as the birthplace of the Victorian Aboriginal political movement and it is an area that has a vibrant history of the Victorian Aboriginal community. It was here in Fitzroy that our fight for Aboriginal self-determination grew into an unstoppable wave that resulted in the

creation of Aboriginal community controlled organisations.

There is still much work to be done to address the past but as someone said "from little things big things grow". On behalf of the project team, I look forward to the creation of the Stolen Generations Marker and to its unveiling next year.

#### The Aboriginal artist who will design and build the Stolen Generations marker will be appointed soon.

The marker is expected to be completed in November 2017, to commemorate the 20 year anniversary of the Bringing Them Home Report, the 25 year anniversary of the landmark Mabo decision and the 50 year anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

You can find out more about the Stolen Generations Marker and register to receive project updates at www.yarracityarts.com.au

Learn more about the Aboriginal history of Yarra, take a self-guided walking tour of local sites of significance, and access educational resources at www.aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com.au



# SHARING OUR PARKS

#### Summer may be only a few days old but Yarra's 50+ parks and reserves are already abuzz with activity.

To ensure that everyone has a chance to enjoy the great outdoors, each park has its own regulations that guide when and where certain activities can take place.

For example, some parks allow dogs to

be off-leash, but only in specific areas or at certain times of the day, while prohibiting dogs entirely in other areas.

Our parks are the centre of community life during summer, so it's important to keep the needs of others in mind.

Whenever you arrive at a park for the first time, take a moment to read the signs

### IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF LICENSED VENUES

#### Pubs, bars and restaurants are part of what makes Yarra an exciting and desirable place to live. They're also integral to our local economy.

However, it is important for Council to manage the potential impacts, such as noise, of licensed venues on the amenity of the local area.

That's why Council is planning to introduce measures that will improve the way licensed venues are managed, through changes to Yarra's Licensed Premises Policy.

The policy changes will help Council better manage the location, size, operation and opening hours of licensed venues through the planning permit process. For example, under the new policy the preferred hours for outdoor areas, deliveries and waste collection for licensed venues would be clearly specified, with the aim of

minimising disruption to residents and other businesses.

The updated policy would also provide greater clarity about where new venues are allowed to be established.

The proposed changes to the Licensed Premises Policy will be implemented through an amendment to the Yarra Planning Scheme, known as



and familiarise yourself with the local conditions. Always remember to take any rubbish home with you and clean up after your dog.

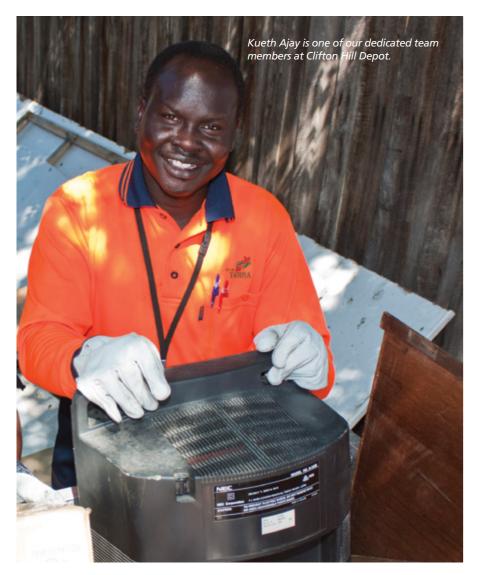
If you'd like to learn about a particular park ahead of time, visit www.yarracity. vic.gov.au/parks-and-reserves or contact Council on 9205 5555.

Amendment C209. The amendment is open to community feedback until Friday 16 December.

You can find out more at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/ amendmentc209 or by contacting Erika Russell, Senior Planner (Community Health and Safety) on 9205 5555 or strategicplanning@ yarracity.vic.gov.au



# THE LATEST ON WASTE



#### Christmas clean up

Having some extra time over the holiday period often means that summer is the perfect opportunity to do a bit of spring cleaning.

Council offers a range of services to help residents dispose of unwanted household items in a safe and environmentally friendly way.

#### **Clifton Hill depot**

Council's depot in Clifton Hill helps residents with trickier items, like TVs, laptops and old VHS tapes. Many of these items can be left at our all-day recycling drop-off point.

The depot also offers a specific service for hazardous items, such as light bulbs and batteries.

#### Free Christmas tree collection

Time to say goodbye to your Christmas tree? Council offers residents a free Christmas tree collection service throughout January.

All trees will be mulched and given a second life in Yarra's parks and garden beds.

To register for a collection, call Council on **9205 5190** before 31 January 2017.



Our depot is located at 168 Roseneath Street, Clifton Hill. Light bulbs, batteries (including car batteries) and engine oil can be dropped off at reception Monday to Friday, between 8.30am-3pm.

#### Light bulbs



The depot has special technology known as the 'Bulb Eater' that crushes light bulbs and fluorescent tubes and uses a HEPA and carbon filter to capture the mercury gases they release. The remaining materials are then recycled. Our machine has a healthy appetite and eats about 5000 bulbs each year!

#### **Batteries**



Batteries - especially those found in laptops, mobile phones and cameras contain toxic metals such as cadmium, mercury and lead. These materials can be harmful to the environment if they're thrown away in the regular bin. All types of batteries can be dropped off at our depot so they can be recycled through Planet Ark's battery recycling program.

For more information about what can and can't be left at our all-day recycling drop-off point, visit **www.yarracity.vic.** gov.au/recycling-drop-off-point



### **RETHINK YOUR RUBBISH**

#### We're a city of proud recyclers. Each year, about 9300 tonnes of recyclable goods are collected from Yarra's homes.

Every resident can have a positive impact on the environment by reducing the amount of rubbish they produce and send to landfill. It's often as simple as rethinking your rubbish to make sure all items go in the correct bin.

so getting our recycling right makes a big difference!

### Items that can be recycled:



- Pizza boxes
- Plastic containers (plastic water bottles and yoghurt cups)
  - Aluminium cans (including tuna cans and foil)
  - Glass jars and bottles
- Cardboard (toilet rolls) and milk cartons)

These items do not need to be clean, just empty.

## COUNCIL'S WASTE **SERVICES**

#### **RUBBISH**

Collected weekly

RECYCLING Collected weekly

HARD WASTE

Two free collections each year. Call 9205 5190 to book.

#### Items that *cannot* be recycled:



- Plastic bags (including recyclable items tied up in plastic bags)
- Polystyrene
- E-waste (old printers and mobile phones)
- Clothing
- Food waste
- Garden waste (branches and leaves)

#### **GARDEN WASTE**

Free unlimited collections. Call 9205 5190 to book.

#### DEPOT

All-day drop off point for many items.

For more information, visit www. yarracity.vic.gov.au/waste-services

## STAYING SAFE DURING HEATWAVES



In Victoria, more people die from extreme heat than from any other type of natural disaster. So, as we enter into another summer, it's important to take precautions to protect our safety.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your loved ones stay safe during the next heatwave:

• Check your cooling appliances now and have them serviced if necessary.

- Drink plenty of water and avoid strenuous activities.
- If you are on any medication, ask your doctor if this medication affects your body's ability to regulate heat.
- Plan your day to avoid unnecessary outdoor travel during the hottest parts of the day.
- Never leave children or pets in cars.
- Check in regularly with vulnerable family, friends and neighbours during a heatwave to make sure they are ok.
- Consider what you will do in the event of a power outage, as heatwaves can cause our electricity grid to fail.

For more information on preparing for a heatwave, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov. au/heatwave or call 9205 5555.

## CARING FOR ANIMALS DURING **EMERGENCIES**

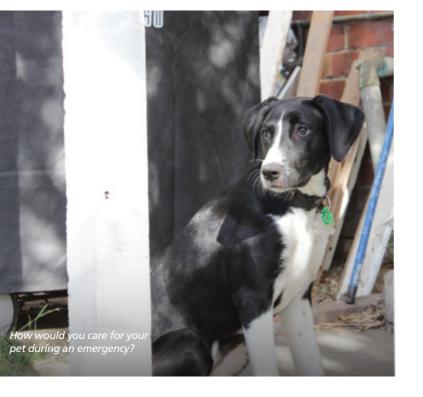
Pets are just as vulnerable to emergencies like heatwaves, flash flooding and utility failure as people. That's why it's a good idea to start thinking about the needs of your pets long before such a situation arises.

Council has partnered with the Walking Forward Disaster Relief Team (WFDRT) to plan for pet care during emergencies and to help build a network of local people committed to the welfare of animals.

Register online and search for locations that may be able house your pet during a disaster at www.tepscon.community

You can also register your willingness to provide short-term housing and care for other people's animals during emergencies. This is a great way to support animals and their owners when they need it the most.

WFDRT also maintains a database of lost and found animals, and collects and distributes basic items like pet food, water bowls and blankets.





## WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

#### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

#### Thursday 8 December, from 6pm–9pm at Edinburgh Gardens (St Georges Road, North Fitzroy)

This free concert will feature performances by the acclaimed Australian Boys' Choir, Melbourne Rainbow Band, and the Melbourne Soul Choir. There will be a very special appearance from Santa, along with food and drink stalls. Candles and song books will be available for purchase, so warm up your vocal chords and bring a picnic blanket. For more information, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au

#### **POP-UP LANEWAY** GARDENS WORKSHOP

#### Saturday 10 December, from 10am-12.15pm at **Collingwood Town Hall** (140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford)

Come along to learn about starting a pop-up community growing space in your laneway. Council has created a process to help you establish your garden - making it simple, fun and safe. It would be helpful to bring a plan of your laneway, basic measurements and photos.

Morning tea provided. To find out more, contact Kathi Clark-Orsanic on 9205 5555 or register at Eventbrite: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/popup-laneway-garden-workshoptickets-28936587111

#### **NEW ACQUISITIONS EXHIBITION**

#### Until early 2017, **Richmond Town Hall** (333 Bridge Road, Richmond)

Council is showing new additions to our Art and Heritage Collection at the Richmond Town Hall until early 2017. This exhibition features highlights from Council's Contemporary Art Collection by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

The exhibition is open to the public during business hours, Monday-Friday, and can be viewed in the town hall meeting rooms and in the corridor. For more information, visit www.yarracityarts.com.au

### CHRISTMAS BEDTIME STORYTIMES @ YARRA LIBRARIES

Monday 19 December, from 6.30pm–7.30pm at Carlton Library (667 Rathdowne Street, North Carlton)

#### **Tuesday 20 December,** from 6.30pm–7.30pm at Fitzroy Library (128 Moor Street, Fitzroy)

Ho ho ho! Join us for our traditional Christmas Bedtime Storytime at our Carlton and Fitzroy library branches. Listen to festive stories, sing along, and get into the spirit! There'll be a special visitor too!

### CHRISTMAS FAMILY FILM: HOME ALONE

#### Friday 23 December, from 2pm-3.45pm at **Collingwood Library** (11 Stanton Street, Abbotsford)

Collingwood Library presents Home Alone, the 1990 film loved by family members of all ages. Join us and the McCallister family for Christmas fun, laughter, and a pair of bumbling burglars! Christmas snacks provided.

### VICTORIA STREET LUNAR FESTIVAL

#### Sunday 22 January 2017, from 11am–9pm in Victoria Street, Richmond

Celebrate the Year of the Rooster at the annual Victoria Street Lunar Festival Enjoy a range of delicious Asian food, vibrant entertainment, a traditional Lion Dance, dragon dancers, children's activities and much more.



# WITH YARRA

Connect with Yarra Council in a way and at a time that suits you.

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- EMAIL us at info@yarracity.vic.gov.au
- 😢 TWEET us at @YarraCouncil
- LIKE us at fb.com/YarraCityCouncil
- **FOLLOW** us on Instagram @CityOfYarra
- DOWNLOAD the App search 'Yarra Council' via the Apple or Android stores to access Council on the go

**CALL** us on 9205 5555

VISIT a customer service centre (open weekdays 8.30am–5pm)

> **Collingwood Town Hall** 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford

**Richmond Town Hall** 333 Bridge Road, Richmond

**Connie Benn Centre** 160 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Weekly announcements from Yarra News will be broadcast in several languages on local radio 3CR 855AM and 3ZZZ 92.3FM

#### **GREEK**

Ανακοινώσεις από αυτή την έκδοση του Yarra News θα μεταδοθούν στο Ελληνικό ραδιοφωνικό πρόγραμμα της Δευτέρας από τις 8μμ, στο 3CR 855 AM.

#### TURKISH

Yarra News'un bu baskısında yer alan duyurular, 92.3 FM bandından yayın yapan 3ZZZ Türkçe radyo programında, Pazar günleri saat 10.00'dan itibaren yayınlanacaktır.

#### VIETNAMESE

Các thông báo từ số phát hành này của Yarra News sẽ được phát thanh trên chương trình phát thanh Việt Ngữ vào các ngày thứ Ba từ 10 giờ sáng, trên đài 3ZZZ 92.3 FM.

#### **ARABIC**

سيتم بث اعلانات من اصدارة Yarra News هذه عبر برنامج صوت إريتيريا الإذاعي في أيام الاثنين من الساعة 7 صباحاً، على التردد 3CR 855 AM.



To improve communications with Yarra's non-English speaking community, Council has translated information about stories included in this edition into Yarra's four main community languages. For more information on anything in this edition in your language, please call 9280 1940 and quote REF 16220.

Αυτή η έκδοση του Yarra News περιλαμβάνει πληροφορίες σχετικά με το νέο Δήμαρχο και τους Δημοτικούς Συμβούλους, πώς να παραμένετε ασφαλείς το διάστημα που ο καιρός είναι ζεστός, υποψηφιότητες για τις διακρίσεις που δίνονται την Ημέρα της Αυστραλίας, για την αποκομιδή των σκουπιδιών και για τις υπηρεσίες ανακύκλωσης του Δήμου. Αν θέλετε περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με αυτή την έκδοση, καλέστε το 9280 1934 και αναφέρετε τον κωδικό: REF 16220.

Questa edizione di Yarra New contiene informazioni sul nuovo sindaco e i nuovi consiglieri, su come non soffrire durante le giornate più calde, sulle nomine per gli Australia Day Awards e sui servizi di spazzatura e riciclaggio del Comune. Per saperne di più su questa edizione, chiamate il 9280 1931 e fornite il codice REF 16220.

本期雅拉新闻所包含的信息有新市长与议员、在酷暑天气注意安全、澳洲国庆日奖提名以及市政的垃圾与回收服务。如果您想要了解关于本期的更多内容,请拨打电话9280 1937并提供参考号码 REF 16220。

Số báo Yarra News lần này đăng thông tin về tân Thị trưởng và các tân Nghị viên, giữ gìn sức khỏe khi thời tiết nóng, đề cử người được lãnh Giải thưởng Ngày Quốc khánh Úc và dịch vụ đổ rác và tái chế của Hội đồng Thành phố. Nếu muốn biết thêm thông tin về số báo này, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 9280 1939 và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 16220.

**ON THE COVER:** Richmond locals Elise and Jessie enjoy a warm evening in Burnley Park.

If you have any comments or queries about Yarra News, please contact us at **yarranews@yarracity.vic.gov.au** or call **9205 5555.** Large print, audio and online versions are also available.