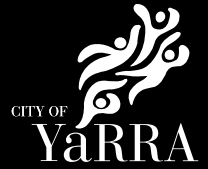


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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**I can't tell you how excited I am to have been elected Mayor of Yarra.**

We really are one of the most vibrant, progressive, informed and engaged communities in Australia – and of course home to all the best footy teams – so what a great job it is to be Mayor!

What I love about Yarra is not just that we're always trying to make improvements for our own community, but that we are also a national leader on climate, reconciliation, multi-culturalism and public health policy.

Our marvellous community is full of people who make Yarra the friendly, sustainable and inclusive place it is. Read about some of Yarra's local heroes on page 3.

As Mayor, reducing homelessness in our community will be a key focus for me. We have some big opportunities in the coming year to enable more social and affordable housing, but it will take a concerted effort to realise these opportunities.

Improving the quality of life of the 10% of Yarra residents who live in public housing is another priority. I plan to work collaboratively with the State Government to improve their social and physical conditions.

I extend my sincerest thanks to outgoing Mayor, Cr Danae Bosler, who provided strong and compassionate leadership over the last year. I look forward to working with Deputy Mayor, Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei, all the Ward Councillors and the whole community this year.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

**Cr Misha Coleman  
Mayor**

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

All meetings below begin at 7pm and are held at Fitzroy Town Hall (201 Napier Street, Fitzroy). Council Meetings are open to the public and community members are invited to attend.

- Tuesday 17 December 2019
- Tuesday 18 February 2020
- Tuesday 4 February 2020
- Tuesday 3 March 2020

Visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarrameetings](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarrameetings) for agendas, minutes and further information about Council Meetings. Agendas are published on the Friday before each meeting. You can also live stream a Council meeting online at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast)

## WURUNDJERI ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

# YOUR COUNCILLORS

## LANGRIDGE WARD

Abbotsford, Alphington (south of Heidelberg Road), Clifton Hill (east of Wellington Street), Collingwood (except for the area bounded by Johnston, Wellington and Smith streets and Alexandra Parade), Fairfield (south of Heidelberg Road), Fitzroy (south of Moor Street), and Richmond (in the area bounded by Lennox, Highett and Hoddle streets).



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## NICHOLLS WARD

North Carlton, Princes Hill, part of Clifton Hill (west of Wellington Street), North Fitzroy, Fitzroy (north of Moor Street) and part of Collingwood (the area bounded by Johnston, Wellington and Smith streets and Alexandra Parade)



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Yarra's new Mayor, Cr Misha Coleman (third from left) with Community Award winners Grant Guppy (front and centre), Nakier Chol (second from right), Virginia Noonan (far right) and members of the Richmond Churches Food Centre

# YARRA'S EVERYDAY HEROES

Each year, we honour local people who make a difference to our community. The Yarra Community Awards are an opportunity to celebrate the everyday heroes who make Yarra a fantastic place to live, work and play.

## AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

### Citizen of the Year

#### Grant Guppy

Grant has made an outstanding contribution to the Richmond community as vice president of Finbar Neighbourhood House. He has been a fantastic role model, welcoming, supporting, and encouraging others to get involved in community activities.

### Young Citizen of the Year

#### Nakier Chol

This 19-year-old Yarra Youth Ambassador has been a strong advocate for young people, tackling issues like diversity and inclusion, employment, youth justice and gender equity, including her contribution to the 'I Live Bigger Than Your Labels' initiative to combat racial profiling.

### Community Initiative of the Year LGBTIQ+ Elders Dance Club

This social transformation and dance project holds an event every month where LGBTIQ+ elders and allies can socialise, dance and be creative in a safe and inclusive space.

### Contributions to Arts

#### Girl Zone

Girl Zone is a group of five Fitzroy locals aged 12 and 13 who record and perform rap music. They have performed at a number of festivals and events, and act as mentors for their younger peers.

### Contributions to Heritage

#### Virginia Noonan

Virginia has made an outstanding effort in mobilising the local community to protect the heritage significance of Queens Parade, North Fitzroy.

### Contributions to Diversity and Inclusion

#### Richmond Churches Food Centre

This group provides nutritious food packages twice a week to locals experiencing food insecurity. The volunteers at the centre always provide a welcoming, supportive community space for visitors.

### Contributions to Sport

#### Julia Reslan and Mariam Taleb

Julia and Mariam support young people from disadvantaged backgrounds through their involvement in the Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club, acting as mentors both on and off the field.

Find out more about our Community Award winners at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/award](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/award)

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY? NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

Test your knowledge in our quiz.

## Did you get them all right?

Check your answers at  
[yarracity.vic.gov.au/  
climatequiz](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/climatequiz)

**1** What is responsible for most greenhouse gas emissions in Yarra?

- A. Electricity use
- B. Driving vehicles (non-electric)
- C. Natural gas use

**2** Waste in landfill can release harmful greenhouse gases. Australians send around \$500 million worth of clothing to landfill each year. How much of this could be recycled or reused instead?

- A. 95%
- B. 70%
- C. 50%



**4** Up to 50% of waste sent to landfill is food waste. As it decomposes, it produces methane, which is at least 28 times more damaging than carbon dioxide. What's the best way to reduce this?

- A. Composting
- B. Better meal planning
- C. Storing and eating leftovers
- D. All of the above

**5** In Australia, how many of the 10 hottest years on record have occurred since 2005?

- A. 4
- B. 7
- C. 9

**6** 95% of all plastic packaging is used once and then wasted, often as litter. Australians are estimated to send 2.7 million of what to landfill each day?

- A. Yoghurt tubs
- B. Empty soft drink bottles
- C. Takeaway coffee cups

**7** Cycling is a pollution-free mode of transport. Which metropolitan Melbourne area has more residents per capita riding bicycles to and from work than in any other?

- A. Melbourne
- B. Yarra
- C. Stonnington



## WE'RE TAKING URGENT ACTION ON THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Our Climate Emergency Plan will inform our work in this area over the next four years. See our draft and have your say at [yoursayyarra.vic.gov.au/  
climateplan](http://yoursayyarra.vic.gov.au/climateplan)



**3** Between 1981 and 2010, Melbourne experienced an average of 8 days a year over 35°C. How many of these scorches are we predicted to expect in 2050?

- A. 4 to 12 days
- B. 13 to 21 days
- C. 22 to 30 days

# DO YOU KNOW THE 5 TIPS TO #SURVIVETHEHEAT?

For more tips visit [betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat). In an emergency call 000.



DRINK WATER



PLAN AHEAD



KEEP COOL



HOT CARS KILL



HELP OTHERS



# SUMMER IS COMING ... AND READING JUST GOT COMPETITIVE

**Calling all avid readers: join the quest to win the Game of Loans this summer.**

Take part in Yarra Libraries' epic summer reading program by pledging allegiance to one of the five City of Yarra Houses:

- The Dragon Slayers
- Elves of the North
- The Woodsfolk
- Highmountain Clerics
- Shadow Hunters.

Earn points and badges for your house by logging your reading, filling in the Quest Map and taking part in activities. You can download the easy-to-use Beantracker App to take part in the friendly competition.

Kids who take the challenge will have the chance to win fantastic prizes, including book packs, movie tickets, Yarra Leisure swim passes and even a Melbourne Zoo package.

To join Game of Loans, visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/gameofloans](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/gameofloans)



*Philiana, Lavenia and Finn (L-R) can't wait to get reading this summer*

## More than books

Get involved in the summer activities at our Yarra Libraries and earn badges for your team.

See all summer holiday events at Yarra Libraries at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries)

## Pop-up Craft Stations

Monday 13 January to Friday 31 January, during usual library opening hours. All libraries

Create magic-themed crafts, including bookmarks, wands, spell books, origami creatures and scrolls. Show your completed crafts to a librarian to unlock an exclusive Game of Loans activity badge.

## Mirror Mirror on the Wall...

Interactive Theatre Show  
Friday 17 January  
11am to 12 midday  
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library

Join us for a live and interactive theatre performance from Carp Productions, featuring characters from classic fairy tales. Suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years.

## Searching for Sound

Friday 24 January  
1.30pm to 4pm  
Collingwood Library

What even *is* sound? Join Little Music Lab for an afternoon of sound exploration, featuring keyboards, synthesisers and samplers. Suitable for budding musos aged 5 to 13 years.

## CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!

Finn, Philiana and Lavenia are excited to be part of the competition. They share what they love about Game of Loans.

### Finn:

I always love coming to the library for activities! [The app] was a great incentive to read! It was also easy to track what I had read. I'm going to read lots and lots of books this summer. I love reading!

### Philiana:

My favourite part was having a reason to come to the library and completing the quest map. I also like how you can earn badges and that you have the chance to win the awesome prizes. I love the competitiveness of the challenge as everyone wants to win the grand prize and every team wants to be the winner.

### Lavenia:

I liked the different teams and their cool names – you can pick which one you like – and the creativity put into the game. All different age groups can use the app. I think I can read ONE MILLION books this summer!

# PARKS AND RECREATION: FIND YOUR FOLLY

With more than 100 parks and reserves, there's sure to be one that fits the bill.

We've compiled a list of some (but certainly not all) favourites.

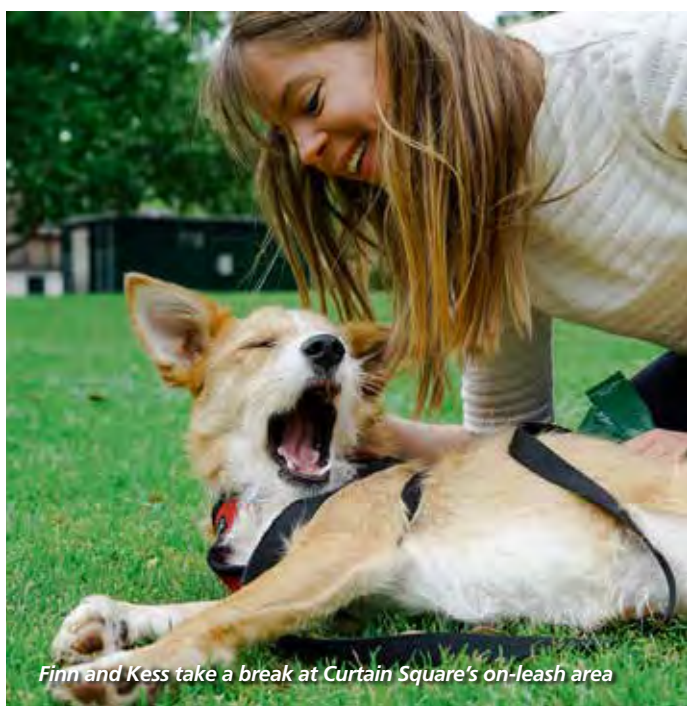
Find your next adventure at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/parksandrec](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/parksandrec)

## Don't forget your manners!

- You can drink alcohol in our parks between 9am and 9pm, except on New Year's Eve. See page 10 for details.
- No amplified music, unless you've got a permit.
- No littering: please keep our parks clean for everyone to enjoy.

## PETTIQUITE

- Remember, you're responsible for your dog at all times.
- Make sure they don't bother any other person or animal.
- Dogs must be registered if they live in Yarra.
- Always clean up after them.
- Keep them on a lead unless they're in an off-leash area.
- Dogs aren't allowed near playgrounds.



*Finn and Kess take a break at Curtain Square's on-leash area*

## FOUR-LEGGED FUN

Is your child of the furry variety? Let them stretch their legs in the off-leash areas in these pooch-friendly parks:

### Curtain Square, Carlton North

Housemates Kess and Alex love taking rescue pup Finn here for both the people and dog communities: "We meet so many friendly people in the dog off-leash area. Finn has lots of friends who come here regularly. He loves playing chasey with other dogs and breaking up scuffles."

### Special mention:

- Ramsden St Reserve, Clifton Hill, near the Merri Creek and with plenty of bushy aspects, your city-slicker pup will have fun here.
- Victoria Park, Abbotsford, has plenty of space for doggy exercise.
- Any other of our 30 dog-friendly parks! Find one near you at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/dogpark](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/dogpark)



*Barkly Gardens*

## PLAY ALL DAY

School holidays can be hard – there's a chance you might go broke (and a little nutty) trying to entertain the kids over summer. These playgrounds offer hours of freewheeling fun:

### Barkly Gardens, Richmond

This playground is top of the pops for the big climbing web and monkey bars, which are sure to excite little daredevils.

### Special mention:

- Hardy Gallagher Reserve, Princes Hill, is popular for its giant locomotive.
- Quarries Park, Clifton Hill, for the sprawling wooden wonderland and the skate park.





Edinburgh Gardens

## PICNICS, BARBECUES AND GET-TOGETHERS

There's nothing quite like a sun-dappled picnic on a summer afternoon, or a festive barbecue with your nearest and dearest. We have barbecue facilities in nearly 30 parks and reserves, and dozens more with space for your picnic blanket!

### Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy North

Edinburgh Gardens' sprawling green lawns, shady trees, barbecue facilities, and impressive rotunda are just some of what makes this park a local hero.

#### Special mention:

- Darling Gardens, Clifton Hill, has something for everyone with barbecues, a playground and big shady trees.
- Fairfield Park, Fairfield, where it's all about dinner with a view, plus plenty of undercover options in case the weather turns (is Melbourne after all).



Dights Falls

## BE AT ONE WITH NATURE

Summer in the city can sometimes feel hot, crowded and a little bit...much. If you're in need of a cool breeze and some solitude, these leafy places offer medicine for the soul.

### Dights Falls, Abbotsford

With rushing water, walking trails and ancient basalt formations, this important Wurundjeri site will remind you how spectacular our ancient land really is.

#### Special mention:

- Hall Reserve, Clifton Hill, will make you forget you're in the city.
- Coate Park, Alphington, for its dirt trails, gums galore and birdsong soundtrack.
- Anywhere along the Merri Creek is a great urban jungle antidote.

### YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY

Have your say on the things that affect you. Open consultations include:

- Yarra's Budget 20/21 (closing 31 December)
- Our draft Homelessness Strategy (closing 31 December)
- Carlton North local area place making plan (closing 27 January)

Find out more, and see other opportunities to have your say at [yoursayyarra.com.au](http://yoursayyarra.com.au)

### ANNUAL REPORT NOW ONLINE

Yarra City Council's 2018/19 Annual Report is now available.

It outlines our actions and achievements over the last 12 months, explores some key services and programs we provide to the community, and provides important information about finances and governance.

Download in full at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/annualreport2019](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/annualreport2019)

### COUNCIL MEETINGS NOW LIVE STREAMED

You can now watch a live video stream of all our Council Meetings and Special Council Meetings, from the comfort of your own device.

Watch a meeting as it happens, or watch a recording of an earlier meeting (from 28 November 2019), at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast)



*Aláriyá's Olugbade Okunade (left) and Tumberumba's Neda Rahmani (right) will be just some of the artists bringing their grooves to Fairfield in Feb*

# CELEBRATING AFRICA AT FAIRFIELD IN FEB

**Fairfield in Feb is ready to turn Fairfield Amphitheatre into a melting pot of African music, food and culture every Sunday in February.**

It's all thanks to our friends at Afro Hub, which provides a platform for African talent in all its diversity.

*"We're showcasing four very different Sundays in terms of genre of music of genre of music"*

"We are curating a program that will allow us to dance to sounds of Afro Brazil, paint while we listen to jazz, vibe with Women and Words, and twerk to the sounds of Afrobeats," said Saba Alemayoh, Afro Hub Creative Director.

"We're showcasing four very different Sundays in terms of genre of music and bringing different communities together... Our patrons and our community are always at the centre of what we do," said Saba.

## Fairfield in Feb

5pm to 8pm  
Every Sunday in February  
Fairfield Amphitheatre  
Fairfield Park Drive, Fairfield

Find out more and see the full program at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/fairfield](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/fairfield)

## EXPECT MORE THAN JUST MUSIC

No two Sundays will be the same, with each weekend having its own dedicated style and flair with food and drinks selections to match. Afro Hub will run an African-inspired bar with picnic baskets you can buy to enjoy on the day.

### Dance under the sky Sunday 2 February

From salsa to bachata to merengue: celebrate the music of South America with an Afro blend. Get up and move with a live music dance class under the sunset sky with Jay Pretinha Linda and Afro-Brazilian band Tumberumba.

### Afrobeats Sunday 9 February

Take a journey through West Africa with an evening of Afrobeats, featuring up-and-coming artists Aláriyá and DJ Style 'n' Grace (AKA Nakier Chol - our Young Citizen of the Year! See page 3)

### Women and Words Sunday 16 February

From violinists, rappers and spoken word artists, see a showcase of talented women from different communities across Melbourne, including Pookie, Laniyuk, Elle Shimada, DJ Sepsi and more.

### Paint and Jazz Sunday 23 February

Artist Atong Atem will lead a drawing class while the JAzmaris ooze Ethiopian jazz sounds through the amphitheatre.



# WHAT'S ON

## SUMMER SIXES GOLF

**Tuesday 3 December to Sunday  
2 February 2020  
Burnley Golf Course**

It's time to assemble the squad, because the all new social golf competition Burnley Summer Sixes is coming in December! Expect a whole lot of fun and laughs, prizes and some healthy competition as you compete for the inaugural Burnley Golf Course Summer Sixes cup and, of course, bragging rights for the off season. All abilities and ages welcome.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/summersixes](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/summersixes)

## SENSITIVE SANTA

**Sunday 15 December  
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy  
Library**

Children with autism spectrum disorder can have their photo taken with Santa in a calm and sensory-friendly environment. Each session is carefully planned and tailored to your family.

The best part? You will receive a USB stick full of photos of the day for you to treasure, and it's all FREE!

Be sure to book as spaces fill up fast.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/sensitivesanta](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/sensitivesanta)

## THE CHANGE: RISING TIDES

**Sunday 15 December  
2pm to 5pm  
Collingwood Housing Estate  
underground car park,  
44 Harmsworth Street, Collingwood**

The stories of the struggles of people from around the world will be told in parallel to that of the First Nations people of Australia.

This journey of many worlds colliding will be told through social commentary, humour, personal stories and utopian visions. All served on a deadly sound track of hip-hop, traditional and world music accompanied by a live band.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/thechange](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/thechange)



## VICTORIA STREET LUNAR FESTIVAL

**Sunday 19 January 2020  
11am to 11pm  
Victoria Street, Richmond**

Welcome the Year of the Rat in the Vietnamese heart of Richmond with the famous Lion Dance and Dragon Dance parading. There will be games and rides, more than 100 delicious food dishes to try, a children's zone and of course fire crackers.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/lunarfest](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/lunarfest)

## #BOOKFACE

**Now to Friday 31 January  
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy  
Library**

Melbourne artist, Anna White, brings to life a social media phenomenon where she strategically aligns a figure and background to match a book cover, featuring local members of the community with books from our Yarra libraries collection.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/bookface](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/bookface)

## FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

**Tuesday 31 December  
2pm to midnight  
Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy North**

See page 10 for more.

## MS MEGA SWIM AT FITZROY POOL

**Friday 28 to Saturday  
29 February  
6pm to 6pm  
Fitzroy Swimming Pool, Fitzroy**

Fitzroy Swimming Pool will host the 20th annual Fitzroy Mega Swim. The Mega Swim is a fun team relay event, where teams have a swimmer in the water for the entire 24 hours and compete for laps swum and money raised, in support for people living with multiple sclerosis.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/megaswim](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/megaswim)

For more information about local events, visit  
[yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarraevents](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarraevents)



# A NEW YEARS' PARTY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**Looking for a low-key, free and family-friendly event on New Year's Eve? We've got you (and your pooch!) covered.**

Come along to Edinburgh Gardens for a laid back afternoon with your family and friends - including the furry ones.

Bring in the New Year with a picnic or grab something delicious from the Dos Diablos Mobile Mexican Cantina and Wally's Dog Cafe food trucks.

See Yarra's paw-some pooches on show, enjoy a movie or two and cheer on the new year with the fireworks.

## **New Year's Eve at Yarra**

Tuesday 31 December  
Edinburgh Gardens, Fitzroy North

- Please leave glass at home
- Clean up after yourself and your dog's using the bins provided
- Alcohol is not permitted in public spaces in Yarra - including streets and parks - from 9pm on Monday 30 December 2019 until 9am Wednesday 1 January 2020.

Find out more at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/newyears](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/newyears)

**12 midday**  
**Celebrations start**

**2pm**  
**Yarra Dog Show and Awards**

Does your dog love to dress up? Be sure to register from 1pm to get your paws on the fantastic pet-friendly prizes and awards up for grabs. Free to enter.

**7.25pm**  
**Coco screening**

Enjoy this animated family favourite and follow young musician Miguel's exciting adventure through the colourful Land of the Dead to unlock the real story behind his family history. 109 minutes, rated PG.

**9.30pm**  
**City fireworks**

**9.45pm**  
**A Star is Born screening**

Seasoned musician Jackson discovers and falls in love with struggling artist Ally. She has just about given up on her dream to make it big as a singer, until Jack coaxes her into the spotlight. 134 minutes, rated M.

**12 midnight**  
**City fireworks**

# HOLIDAY SERVICE CHANGES

## **Customer service**

Our customer service centres at Collingwood and Richmond town halls, the Connie Benn Centre and Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library will have adjusted operating times:

- Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December: Closing 2pm
- Christmas Day, Wednesday 25 December: Closed
- Boxing Day, Thursday 26 December: Closed
- New Year's Day, Wednesday 1 January: Closed

Service times on all other days will operate usual hours: 8.30am to 5pm.

## **Waste and recycling services**

Services will be adjusted during the Christmas week (starting Monday 23 December). Regular waste and recycling collection will resume Monday 30 December and continue as normal, even on New Year's Day, Wednesday 1 January 2020.

See the below table, or find out more at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/wastechanges](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/wastechanges)

Usual scheduled day for collection	Collection date for Christmas week
Monday or Tuesday	Collections as normal
Wednesday	Thursday 26 December
Thursday	Friday 27 December
Friday	Saturday 28 December

## **Libraries and Leisure Centres**

Will operate on adjusted timetables. See the full timetables online at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/library](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/library) and [yarracity.vic.gov.au/leisure](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/leisure)



# 6 TIPS TO MAKE YOUR FESTIVE SEASON ZERO WASTE

During the holiday season it's easy to get caught up in a frenzy of ... stuff! Whether it's prepping for holiday parties, decorating our homes, or finding gifts. See how you can avoid waste, while also keeping your sanity!

## DECORATING

Purchase a small starter tree at your local nursery or decorate a native tree for your very own natural, zero-waste Christmas tree. Ditch the single-use Christmas tree, buy a reusable one that you can keep. And avoid using plastic tinsel.

## GIFTING

Give experiences, not things, or even make your own gift. Whether it's a ticket to see their favourite band, a cooking class, or even handmade jams, candles or soap they can treat themselves with, the best gifts are experiences to remember.

## WRAPPING

Wrap with what you already own – repurpose paper, gift bags, or newspaper. Instead of plastic sticky tape use twine, ribbons or glue.

## PREPPING

Take your reusable shopping and produce bags to the supermarket and BYO containers for meat and bread.

## FEASTING

Get meal planning, eat what you already have, be realistic with portions and write a shopping list.

## STORING

Share leftover food with your guests. Use reusable containers and beeswax cotton wraps so it can last longer, and be enjoyed again later.



For more info about reducing your waste footprint, visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/lesswaste](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/lesswaste)

# WATCHING YOUR WASTE

From September to November 2019, 65% of your waste went to landfill.

**Around half of this was food and organic waste\*** ... and most of this can be avoided.

Wasting less food will save your household money, and reduce your impact on the environment.

See how you can reduce food waste at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/reducefoodwaste](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/reducefoodwaste)



\*According to the Victorian State Government and supported by Yarra Council waste collection audits.  
\*\* Compared with 3962 tonnes (65% of total waste) for May - July 2019

Weekly announcements from Yarra News will be broadcast in some 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.

## ARABIC

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在本期雅拉新闻中，看一眼我们为夏季准备的所有免费活动 — 包括适合家庭的 Edinburgh Gardens (爱丁堡花园) 新年庆祝以及二月份在 Fairfield Amphitheatre (费尔菲尔德露天剧场) 举办具有非洲特色的节庆；公园指南为你推荐了一些值得去的地方，以及我们为你提供的一些防暑降温的提示；我们还为你介绍了一些在假期减少生成垃圾的简单方法，并为你介绍雅拉社区奖的最新获奖人物。如果你想了解本期新闻的详情，请拨 **9280 1937** 并报参考号码 **18530**。

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In questa edizione di Yarra News, daremo un'occhiata a tutte le manifestazioni gratuite che si terranno nel corso dell'estate - compresa una celebrazione del Nuovo Anno per le famiglie presso gli Edinburgh Gardens, e un festival ispirato a temi africani presso il Fairfield Amphitheatre a febbraio. La nostra guida del parco ci indicherà alcuni parchi che meritano di essere visitati e ti daremo qualche consiglio su come rimanere al fresco quando fuori fa molto caldo. Ti descriveremo anche alcuni semplici modi per ridurre la quantità di rifiuti che produci durante il periodo delle feste, e ti presenteremo i nuovi vincitori dei Premi comunitari di Yarra. Se desideri maggiori informazioni su questa edizione chiama il **9280 1937** e cita **REF 18530**.

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**ON THE COVER:** Alex (human) and Finn (dog) love hanging out in Carlton North's Curtain Square. We take a look at some other favourite parks on page 6.

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