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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.

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Our cover: Frank, Jamila and Gerald from St Joseph's Primary School, Collingwood cross the road safely thanks to School Crossing Supervisor, Paula Howden. See page 7.



To improve communications with Yarra's non-English speaking community, a selected article from this edition of Yarra News has been translated into Yarra's four main community languages.

Other articles from Yarra News can be read in any language on Council's website. Visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-news

For more information in your language, please call 9280 1940 and quote the ref number below.

Η Anne Crehan και η Xiao Yue Wang έχουν από κοινού ανακηρυχτεί για το 2016 αποδέκτες της Τιμητικής Διάκρισης «Γυναίκες που Εμπνέουν» του Δήμου Yarra. Η Anne και η Xiao επιλέχτηκαν ως από κοινού νικήτριες της τιμητικής διάκρισης, κερδίζοντας εκτίμηση για την ακούραστη προσφορά τους στην τοπική κοινωνία. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με τους διακριθέντες ή οποιοδήποτε άλλο άρθρο, καλέστε τον αριθμό 9280 1937 και αναφέρετε τον κωδικό REF 16065

Anne Crehan e Xiao Yue Wang sono entrambe state premiate con l'Inspirational Women of Yarra Award. Anne e Xiao sono state scelte come vincitrici a pari merito, ottenendo il meritato riconoscimento per il loro instancabile lavoro con le loro comunità locali. Per ulteriori informazioni sui vincitori di questi premi o per qualsiasi altro articolo chiamate il numero 9280 1937 e indicate il numero di riferimento REF 16065

Anne Crehan và Xiao Yue Wang đã được tặng chung Giải thưởng Tám gương Phụ nữ Năm 2016 của Yarra. Cả Anne lẫn Xiao cùng được tuyển chọn là người đoạt giải này và công lao đóng góp không hề mệt mỏi của họ cho cộng đồng địa phương đã được công nhận. Muốn biết thêm thông tin về những người đoạt Giải thưởng hay bất kỳ bài nào khác, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 9280 1937 và và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 16065

Anne Crehan和Xiao Yue Wang被评选为2016年雅拉区励志女性奖 (Inspirational Women of Yarra Award) 共同获奖人。Anne和Xiao Yue被评选为共同获奖者，她们在当地社区的不懈努力得到了一致的肯定。关于获奖人的更多信息或其他文章，请致电9280 1937并引用参考编号(REF) 16065

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Feedback

If you have any comments or queries about Yarra News, please contact Nicole Cirson, Communications & Engagement Advisor, on 9205 5144 or at nicole.cirson@yarracity.vic.gov.au
 Large print, audio and online versions of Yarra News are also available by contacting Nicole.

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.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It was fantastic to see Yarra's diverse community acknowledged in style last month for Cultural Diversity Week, and great to see so many of you at our free celebration. The same goes for Council's International Women's Day events, which recognised the many inspiring women in our municipality who have added to the economic, cultural, environmental and community-focussed success of this city. Find out about our Award winners and their contribution to our community on page 6.

In May we'll celebrate National Volunteer Week (9-15 May) and this will be an opportunity to recognise the hundreds of Yarra residents who generously give their time to help others.

We're holding our annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Tuesday 10 May from 2-5pm at Collingwood Town Hall Ballroom. Find out more about our event by visiting www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/volweek16 and I look forward to meeting many of you there.

Developing the next budget is a major task for Council.

The draft 2016/17 budget will be released for public comment from 6 April. It details Council's proposed operating budget, major capital works program, new initiatives, and fees and charges for the next 12 months. Turn to page 5 to find out more.

In addition to the draft budget, Council consistently consults with the

community on a wide range of projects and proposals, and encourages everyone to have their say on matters that are important to them. More information on how you can engage with us can be found on page 8.

Finally, I wish to share with you that *Yarra News* has entered a new era and will now be a bi-monthly publication. I look forward to connecting with you next in our larger, new-look June/July edition, but also invite you to connect with us on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

Cr Roberto Colanzi
Mayor

Road map to safer streets

Safety on local streets is under the spotlight, as Council seeks the community's input on its draft Road Safety Strategy, a 10-year plan for reducing dangers on our roads.

A Road Safety Working Group comprising volunteer community members, road safety experts and representatives from Council, VicRoads and Victoria Police is helping develop the draft strategy.

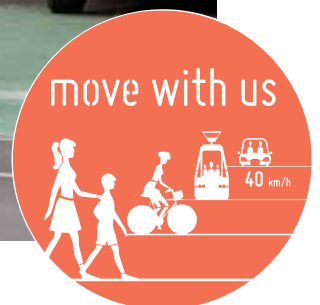
The draft strategy aims to decrease the potential for road-related injuries through evidence-based planning, community education and infrastructure improvements, among other measures.

There is a particular focus on improving safety for vulnerable road users, especially school children, older people and people with a disability.

By improving safety on our roads, it's also hoped that even more people will take up active travel options



Thanks to Council's investment in road safety, many members of the community choose active travel options such as cycling.



such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Yarra is a leader in road safety, becoming the first Local Government in Australia to introduce a municipality-wide 40km speed limit on local roads in 2010. The number of injury crashes on local roads dropped from 131 in

2010 to 102 in 2015 and serious injury crashes from 44 in 2010 to 33 in 2015.

The community is encouraged to view the draft strategy and provide feedback via a survey, which will be available from 9 May – 3 June at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/rss or by contacting Council on 9205 5555.

Ward Councillor Meetings

Do you have a question, concern or idea that you would like to discuss with your Ward Councillors? Yarra's Councillors will hold informal community meetings in Fitzroy, Richmond and Collingwood in May. Please come along to meet your Ward Councillors and share your views on local issues.

Nicholls Ward



Cr Roberto Colanzi
(Mayor)



Cr Jackie Fristacky



Cr Sam Gaylard

Thursday 19 May from 6-8pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room, 201 Napier Street, Fitzroy
RSVP to 9205 5096 or
RSVPNichollswardmeeting@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Melba Ward



Cr Misha Coleman



Cr Simon Huggins



Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis

Thursday 19 May from 6-8pm
Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Road, Richmond
RSVP to 9205 5096 or
RSVPMelbawardmeeting@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Langridge Ward



Cr Geoff Barbour



Cr Stephen Jolly



Cr Amanda Stone

Monday 9 May from 6-8pm
Collingwood Library Meeting Room, 11 Stanton Street, Collingwood
RSVP to 9205 5096 or
RSVPLangridgewardmeeting@yarracity.vic.gov.au

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).

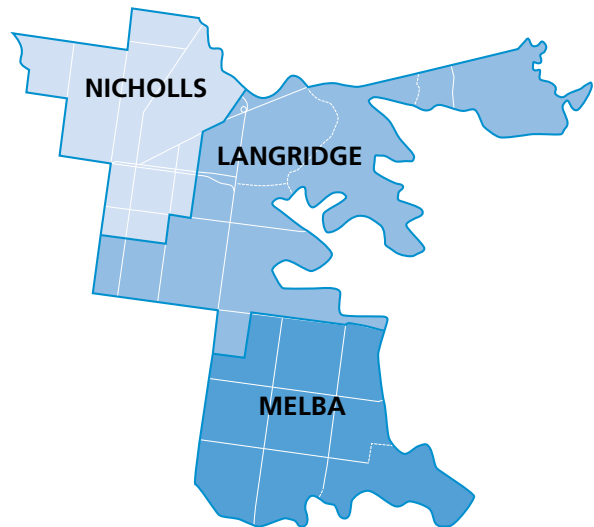
Melba Ward

Burnley, Cremorne and Richmond (except the area bounded by Lennox, Highett and Hoddle streets).

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) and Fitzroy (south of Moor Street), and Richmond (in the area bounded by Lennox, Highett and Hoddle streets).

To view detailed maps, visit
www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/ward-map



Ordinary Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 7pm. For meeting agendas and minutes, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings

Tuesday 5 April	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 19 April	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 3 May	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 17 May	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 7 June	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 28 June	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 5 July	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 19 July	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 2 August	Richmond Town Hall

An artist's impression shows the North Fitzroy Community hub's rooftop garden, a project that will begin construction after investment from last year's budget.



Proposed budget released in April

Yarra's proposed 2016/17 budget will be released for community comment from 6 April.

It will detail Council's total proposed operating budget, major capital works, new program initiatives and fees and charges for the next 12 months.

Community members are encouraged to view the proposed budget and provide feedback from 6 April to 4 May. This is the second round of consultation, with Council first seeking the community's input late last year.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available on Council's website, at the Richmond and Collingwood town halls and any Yarra Libraries branch.

Council will also hold two community information sessions at Richmond Town Hall on Thursday 21 April. A lunchtime session will take place from 1–2pm and an evening session from 6–7pm.

To find out more and to have your say, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget or call 9205 5419.

Laneway Gardens review

Council is seeking feedback on proposed guidelines for community members wanting to establish 'pop-up' laneway gardens.

These gardens help to build urban agriculture and create sustainable and liveable neighbourhoods.

Last year Council adopted guidelines for the creation of 'pop-up' gardens in laneways to balance the interests of all community members in utilising and accessing Yarra's laneways. These guidelines detail the regulations around creating a laneway garden, while maintaining the statutory rights of all residents to have access to their properties.

Not to be confused with community gardens which are generally permanent structures established on Council owned or managed land, 'pop-up' gardens comprise planter boxes, planted pots or similar portable containers, but no permanent structures.

Council welcomes your feedback on the guidelines, and comments will be considered.

Consultation is now open, closing on 8 May. To have your say, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/lanewaygardens or for more information contact Stewart Martin, Manager Compliance on 9205 5166 or via stewart.martin@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Yarra News goes bi-monthly

Yarra News will be bigger and brighter next edition, with the publication shifting to a new-look, 12-page, bi-monthly format.

While it will take on a fresh format, it will still include all the stories and interesting community news you've come to know and love from Yarra News over the years.

This April/May edition marks the first for the new format, with editions to be distributed in the first week of the bi-monthly calendar month.

New Yarra News edition dates:

- December/January
- February/March
- April/May
- June/July
- August/September
- October/November

Continue to stay-up-to-date on everything Yarra by following us on Twitter (@yarracouncil) and Facebook (YarraCityCouncil).

Each edition will still be available for viewing online. The 2016 Yarra News can be found at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/2016YN

Receive and pay your rates online

Yarra property owners will receive their first rates notice in August for the 2016/17 financial year, with property owners able to register to receive and pay notices electronically.

This year also, all properties in Yarra have been revalued, under the mandatory State Government system of revaluing all properties every two years.

More information on what the State Government's rate capping and the revaluation will mean for Yarra property owners will be explained in the June/July edition of Yarra News.

In the meantime, property owners can register to receive their rates notice electronically by visiting yarracity.formspost.com.au

Property owners can also register to pay their rates through 10 monthly instalments, to be direct debited from a nominated account on the 15th of each month between September and June.

To register, complete the Rates Direct Debit Request Form available online at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/ratepayment or contact Council on 9205 5555 for assistance.

Yarra honours inspirational women

Anne Crehan and Xiao Yue Wang have been named joint recipients of the 2016 Inspirational Women of Yarra Award.

A testament to the strong field of women nominated for the celebrated award, Anne and Xiao were recognised as co-winners, earning recognition for their tireless work in their local community.

An Alphington resident for more than 25 years, Anne Crehan has been a strong role model for the Yarra suburb. She has been involved with the local kindergarten and netball and bowls clubs, and is the former President of the Alphington Primary School Council.

For the past 12 years the mum-of-eight has also been actively involved with the Alphington Community Centre and is currently Chairperson.

"I feel very humble to have been recognised amongst all of these inspiring Yarra women," said quiet-achiever Anne whose contribution to her local community has been outstanding. "It means a lot and I'm very grateful."

Fitzroy's Xiao Yue Wang arrived in Melbourne in April 2000 and began volunteering straight away. She is known to many in Fitzroy and its surrounds for her dedication to inclusiveness and diversity, and has been President of the Chinese Tenants Association since 2010.

Also the inaugural President of the U3A Chinese in Yarra group, Xiao is a passionate leader who is committed to



Leaders in the community, Anne Crehan and Xiao Yue Wang were recognised as joint recipients of the 2016 award.

making accessible learning an enjoyable and inclusive experience.

"I'm very honoured, it's motivation for me as well," Xiao said of her award, adding: "In the coming year I want to encourage more females to participate actively in the community."

Council helps to connect generations

More children will learn about Yarra's rich Aboriginal history thanks to a ground-breaking teachers' resource developed by Council.

Connecting with the Aboriginal History of Yarra: A Teacher's Resource was released in March to mark Close the Gap day and is one of the most comprehensive history teachers' resources produced by a Victorian council.

It was developed with support from the Wurundjeri Council, local Elders and teachers, after Council identified a gap in resources for teachers wanting to teach local Aboriginal history. The resource will help both teachers and students engage with and develop a deeper understanding of local Aboriginal peoples, histories, cultures and places.

Karen Money, principal of Melbourne Girls' College in Richmond, is an advocate for the resource and encourages other schools in the municipality to utilise it.

"This teacher's resource is an excellent support to many aspects of the Victorian curriculum," Karen said.



Luke Gardiner Wurundjeri lead dancer for Jindi-Worabak dance group performs at Smith Street Dreaming Festival 2013. Photo by Anthony Ket.

"It is a privilege to learn so much about the rich Indigenous history on our doorstep."

Anyone can download a copy of the Aboriginal History Teachers' Resource from the Wurundjeri History of Yarra website at www.aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com.au

For more information contact Daniel Ducrou, Community Partnerships Special Projects Officer, at daniel.ducrou@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Recognising our School Crossing Supervisors

Rain, hail or shine, School Crossing Supervisors are on hand to help children and pedestrians of all ages safely cross the road.

They play an important role in our community, particularly in teaching pedestrians about road safety. You can recognise your favourite Yarra monitors' contribution and spirit by nominating them for the School Crossing Supervisor of the Year 2016/2017 award.

Run by School Crossings Victoria, the award is open to all Supervisors who are stationed at permanent or relief crossings and who display enthusiasm and dedication to their work. A winner will be selected from each of the seven regions in Victoria, before an overall winner is crowned.

According to Collingwood resident and long-time 'lollipop lady' Paula Howden, the role of a School Crossing Supervisor is one of the most rewarding ways to be involved in the local community.

"I've been a supervisor here at St Joseph's for 12 years," says Paula who became a School Crossing Supervisor after finishing her 17-year career as a cleaner at St Joseph's and wanted to stay involved and connected to the community.

"It is such an enjoyable job and I love being out there meeting people, especially the kids. It is truly great to be able to



School Crossing Supervisor Paula Howden has been working at the St Joseph's Primary School crossing for the past 12 years.

interact and communicate with all kinds of members of the community in this way."

Nominations close 6 May. Nominate and find out more by visiting the School Crossings Victoria www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Tee-riffic times at Burnley

Budding amateurs, experienced golfers, community groups and Yarra residents are continuing to make the most of Council's Burnley Golf Course, with the facility achieving near-record attendance last month.

In the last 12 months, close to 38,000 rounds were played at Burnley – the busiest year ever on record – and 4,000 of those were played in February.

The course, located between the Yarra River and the Melbourne CBD, services a wide cross-section of the Yarra community.

Through its Community Program, Burnley offers reduced-cost golf to organisations such as the Salvation Army and Launch Housing who work with marginalised groups. As a result, people who would not usually have access to a facility like Burnley, nor the means to enjoy a round of golf, are now afforded that opportunity.

Throughout the year there are also youth and seniors programs where the Jason Day's and Karrie Webb's of the municipality can learn from Yarra's very own pro, Burnley Golf Course Coordinator and former pro golfer, Michelle Scerri.

Michelle, who has competed on the Futures Tour in the US and on tours in Asia and Europe, is a PGA Teaching Pro who is on hand to help players with their games.

For more information on the community programs available, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/burnley-golf-course/



Former pro golfer and Burnley Golf Course Coordinator Michelle Scerri looks on as Yarra Mayor, Cr Roberto Colanzi sinks a hole in one.

BlaKwiz: Deadly As

**Tuesday 31 May, 7-8.30pm at
The Reading Room, Fitzroy Town Hall**

How many Aboriginal languages were spoken in Australia prior to European settlement? Find out at *BlaKwiz: Deadly As*, a fun night of trivia and musical performances by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artists. Join hosts and 'kwiz masters' Jason Tamiru and Kerrie Loveless to test your knowledge about Aboriginal culture, history, music and politics, and to learn more about Australia's First People and have some laughs along the way. Bookings are essential and tickets are limited.

This event is sponsored by the Thomas, Samuel and George Ewing Trust. For booking details, visit www.yarracityarts.com.au



'Kwiz master' Jason Tamiru will delight the crowds in what's set to be a fun night of entertainment.

This event is part of Yarra's celebration of National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June). For more information on National Reconciliation Week, visit www.reconciliation.org.au/nw and for more information on all events in Yarra during this time, visit Council's homepage.

Completely Improvised Shakespeare

**Thursday 28 April, 7-8pm
at Fitzroy Town Hall**

Using nothing but their wits, wills, and a title provided by the audience, these seven players (and one mandolinist) do the impossible by completely improvising an original, hour-long play using the style, themes, and language of William Shakespeare. The performers include: veterans of three of Melbourne's premier improvisation troupes, The Improv Conspiracy, Impro Melbourne, and The Big Hoo Haa, as well as graduates of Victorian College of the Arts and Chicago's world-famous iO Theatre.

Co-presented by The Ewing Trust, Yarra Libraries and Yarra Arts & Culture. Bookings essential, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries

Keir Choreographic Award Semi-Finals

**26-30 April at Dancehouse,
150 Princes Street North Carlton**

The Keir Choreographic Award is a biennial award dedicated to the commissioning of new choreographic work and promoting innovation in contemporary dance. The eight finalists will present their work at the Melbourne semi-finals on several dates and times between 26-30 April.

Dancehouse is offering City of Yarra residents a special ticket deal – when purchasing tickets through TryBooking there is an option for residents to receive a reduced ticket price.

For more information and to book, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/keirawards

Vietnamese Reading Month

**Sunday 1 May, 2-4.30pm
at Collingwood Library**

**Sunday 8 May, 2-4.30pm
at Fitzroy Library**

**Sunday 15 May, 2-4pm
at Collingwood Library**

**Sunday 29 May, 2.30-5pm
at Richmond Library**

During May Yarra Libraries celebrates the annual Vietnamese Reading Month with a variety of events. Local Vietnamese-speaking community members are encouraged to take part in the free activities held across Yarra's libraries.

For more information and to book, visit www.yarracouncil.voc.gov.au/libraries or call 9205 5555.

Brunswick Street All Out

Sunday 1 May, 10am-6pm

Brunswick Street All Out is a one-day event that will celebrate the history and culture of Brunswick Street. Boutiques and stores will

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be running activities including workshops, music performances and informal talks to encourage visitors and residents to shop local.

To find out more, visit www.brunswickstreetallout.com.au

Knowledge Week (2-8 May)

**Wednesday 4 May, 10am-12.30pm
and 2-4.30pm at The Salon,
Abbotsford Convent**

Two workshops for Knowledge Week: "The sharing economy in your community", from 10am-12.30pm by Darren Sharp, and "Creating an entrepreneur culture within your organisation", from 2-4.30pm by Dr Marcus Powe.

Sessions \$30 and bookings essential. Visit www.yarrabusiness.com.au/events

Have Your Say

Council regularly seeks feedback on projects and proposals that affect Yarra residents, business operators and the wider community.

Council encourages everyone to have their say on matters that are important to them. Some current and upcoming consultations include:

- Road Safety Strategy
- 2016/17 budget
- Laneway Gardens Guidelines
- Darling Gardens Playground
- Local Law Review
- Jonas Street Plaza

To more information and to have your say on these and other issues Council is currently seeking feedback on, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Consultation