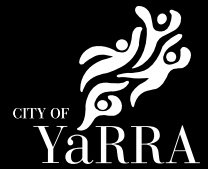


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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



This month Council is releasing an alternate Draft Budget for community consultation. We sought your feedback on a previous version of the Draft Budget in April-May.

After receiving more than 1000 submissions from the community, we decided to make some changes and we're now seeking your feedback on the alternate draft. If you would like to get involved in this new round of consultation, you can come to an information session (see page 3 for details) or visit www.yoursayyarra.com.au

This winter sees the return of the Leaps and Bounds Music Festival.

The festival is one way that Council supports our local live music industry, celebrating our venues and artists and highlighting the outstanding contribution they make to the cultural and economic life of our city.

There is something for everyone, and I encourage all music-lovers to check the program and get along to a gig or two.

Applications for Yarra's Annual Grants open in mid-July, with more than \$850,000 in funding available to community organisations supporting the health and wellbeing of our community. Our significant grants program empowers local groups to provide important programs and services that build and strengthen the community, especially those who may be vulnerable. Find out more details and read about one of our many grants success stories on page 6.

Finally, I was delighted to join Yarra's Environment team on World Environment Day to receive a United Nations of Australia national award for Climate Action in Local Government. This award reinforced Yarra's leadership in action on climate change, one of the greatest global health threats of this century, and a key concern for residents and businesses in Yarra.

Stay warm this month!

**Cr Amanda Stone
Mayor**

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are generally held twice a month. All meetings listed below 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 on Council's website on the Friday prior to each meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

- 4 July
- 18 July
- 19 July
- 1 August
- 15 August

Visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings for agendas, minutes and further information about Council 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.

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



Cr Danae Bosler

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Cr Amanda Stone, Mayor

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MELBA WARD

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



Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei

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Cr Daniel Nguyen

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Cr James Searle

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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)



Cr Misha Coleman

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Cr Jackie Fristacky

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Cr Mike McEvoy

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To contact your Councillors, ring **9205 5055**, send a letter to **c/o PO Box 168, Richmond VIC 3121**, or you can reach them via their direct lines as above.



HELP SHAPE YARRA'S FUTURE

YARRA DEVELOPS AN ALTERNATE DRAFT BUDGET WITHOUT A WASTE SERVICE CHARGE

Yarra Council is encouraging our community to provide feedback on an alternate Draft Budget for 2017-18.

Council recently consulted the community on a previous version of the Draft Budget, which included a waste service charge. The charge proposed to introduce an additional charge for the weekly bin collection.

However, after listening to community feedback and considering more than 1000 submissions, Council decided to prepare an alternate Draft Budget, without a waste service charge for community consultation.

The alternate Draft Budget still funds vital Council services and infrastructure improvements as well as our significant community grants program for 2017-18.

We are seeking community feedback on the alternate Draft Budget until 5pm, Tuesday 11 July 2017.

COUNCIL'S FUTURE FINANCIAL POSITION

The removal of the proposed waste service charge from the alternate Draft Budget will not impact service or program levels in 2017-18. However it will require Council to look at ways to improve its financial sustainability for 2018-19 and beyond.

Some difficult choices will be required in the future. Council will be reviewing its services, service levels and spending on infrastructure. We are also planning to identify \$500,000 in efficiency savings for each of the next 10 years.

We will keep our community informed and involved in key decisions about the future.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ALTERNATE DRAFT BUDGET 2017-18

The alternate Draft Budget 2017-18, which does not include a waste service charge, provides for a diverse range of important services and infrastructure to support Yarra's growing community.

An overview of the breadth of services that your rates pay for is available on page 4.

Budget at a glance:

- \$173m total operating expenditure budget
- \$30m for capital works (infrastructure) projects and other new initiatives
- \$2m for community grants
- 2% increase in general rates (in line with the rate cap)
- 2% increase in the rate rebate for pensioners

The alternate Draft Budget continues to support vital services as well as new initiatives, including:

- \$500,000 to extend the separated bike lane in Wellington St, Collingwood
- \$450,000 for a new park at the corner of Charles and Mollison streets in Abbotsford
- \$240,000 to improve the Victoria Street streetscape in Richmond
- \$102,000 for a marker honouring members of the Stolen Generations
- \$100,000 to support Cubbies Adventure Playground.



HAVE YOUR SAY

You can view the alternate Draft Budget and Draft Long Term Financial Plan at the following locations:

Online www.yoursayyarra.com.au

In person

- Richmond Town Hall
- Collingwood Town Hall
- Connie Benn Centre
- All Yarra Libraries branches

MAKE A SUBMISSION

You can provide feedback via:

Online www.yoursayyarra.com.au

Email info@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Post

Yarra City Council,
PO Box 168, Richmond VIC 3121

Submissions must be received by 5pm on Tuesday 11 July.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn more about what is being proposed and ask questions of Yarra's Mayor, CEO and senior staff at one of our information sessions:

- Saturday 24 June, 2pm-3pm
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library (182 St Georges Road)
- Wednesday 5 July, 6pm-7pm
Collingwood Town Hall (140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford)

SPEAK TO YOUR SUBMISSION

Council will hear verbal submissions at a Special Council Meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 19 July at Richmond Town Hall.

If you lodged a submission before the deadline, and your submission stated an intention to speak in support of it (or have someone else speak on your behalf) you will be given an opportunity to do so at this meeting.

FINAL ADOPTION

Council is expected to adopt a Draft Budget 2017-18, Draft Long Term Financial Strategy and Draft Council Plan – with or without changes – at an Ordinary Council Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 1 August at Richmond Town Hall.



COMMON QUESTIONS

We received a number of questions from the community during our previous Draft Budget consultation. Below are answers to some common questions.

1 Do Yarra home-owners pay the highest rates in Victoria?

No. Residents in many Victorian municipalities face higher average residential rates payments than Yarra residents. For example, of the six other municipalities bordering the City of Melbourne, three pay higher average rates than Yarra. Visit www.knowyourcouncil.com.vic.gov.au to learn more.

2 Do rising property values and/or the property boom lead to increased rate revenue for Council?

No. Changes in property value only affect how much one property will pay relative to another. In 2016 the value of the average property in Yarra increased by 16.93%. In general terms, if your property's value increased by more than 16.93%, your rates went up. If your property's value increased by less than 16.93%, your rates went down. Council's overall rate revenue was capped at 2.5% in 2016-17 and did not increase in line with property values. The cap has been lowered to 2% for 2017-18.

While it is true that a new development often leads to an increase in the number of ratepayers, it does not result in an overall increase in Council's rate revenue. Instead it results in the rates burden being shared among a higher number of ratepayers. It's also important to remember that new developments result in increased demands on Council programs and infrastructure, such as roads and footpaths, parks and gardens, maternal and child health services, libraries and leisure centres.



3 Is Council in debt, and if so, why?

Council is expected to be about \$46m in debt at the end of the 2016-17 financial year. Council has borrowed to fund the construction of the Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library and the purchase of 345 Bridge Road, Richmond, the latter of which boosts the local economy, houses important Council services, and generates rental income from tenants. Borrowing for these projects ensures that intergenerational costs are shared between current and future ratepayers, who will all benefit from the new facilities.

4 I have heard Council's labour budget (compared to other Councils) is too high. Is this true?

It's difficult to compare councils because each Council has its own approach to delivering services. Yarra has long supported delivering services "in house" by our own staff as opposed to outsourcing some services as some councils do. For example, some councils outsource leisure services (such as City of Boroondara), and some do not offer leisure services at all (such as City of Port Phillip), whilst some outsource some parking services (such as City of Stonnington).

Council consistently receives high levels of satisfaction for the core services it provides to the community, many of which are labour intensive.

This is not to say Council cannot and should not be looking at ways to improve what it does. Staffing levels are carefully monitored by Council to ensure they are no more than what is needed to deliver services.

5 Shouldn't Council focus more on service delivery and cut back on Corporate and Financial Services?

Our Corporate and Financial Services Division actually includes a range of front line services, including compliance, local laws, parking enforcement, school crossing supervision, and much more. Internally facing functions such as auditing, risk management and corporate performance ensure that we always operate in responsible, transparent and accountable manner.



6 What is Council doing to minimise its own costs?

Council is planning to identify \$500,000 in efficiency savings for each of the next 10 years. We are progressively reviewing Council's branches to ensure that we are focusing on the most important services and delivering the best value for money for both Council and our community. Staffing levels are being carefully monitored to ensure they are no higher than what is required to deliver our services effectively.



WHAT DO MY RATES PAY FOR?

Your rates provide many vital Council services that touch almost every aspect of our lives across a lifetime. Rates also contribute to things we take for granted such as street trees, footpaths and graffiti removal. All of these services help to improve your neighbourhood and create a healthy, vibrant and connected society. Every \$100 of rates revenue is invested in:

CAPITAL WORKS

\$22.50



Buildings, roads, footpaths, drains, tree roots

ENGINEERING OPERATIONS

\$14.77



Waste management, road and footpath maintenance

FAMILY, YOUTH AND CHILDRENS SERVICES

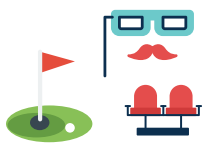
\$11.37



Maternal and child health, child care, kindergartens

LEISURE, ARTS, CULTURE AND VENUES

\$8.99



Three leisure centres across Yarra and the Burnley Golf Course, public art, festivals

COMPLIANCE, PARKING, TRAFFIC AND ENGINEERING

\$11.79



Animal management, food safety, parking enforcement, traffic studies

PARKS AND RECREATION

\$6.53



Maintenance of open space, street tree planting, sports field allocation to clubs

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

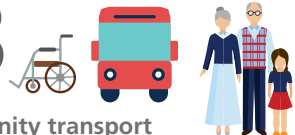
\$3.55



Building and other safety permits, 24/7 emergency call out for building matters

AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

\$4.68



Community care services, community transport

BUILDING, PROPERTY AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

\$4.59



Building projects and facility management

CITY STRATEGY, STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

\$4.65



Monitoring and reviewing the Yarra Planning Scheme, preparing urban design frameworks and master plans

LIBRARY SERVICES

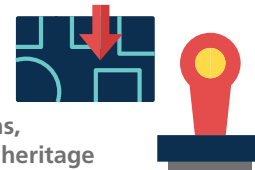
\$3.79



Five library locations across Yarra, activities and events

STATUTORY PLANNING

\$2.79



Planning applications, advice on planning, heritage and sustainability issues

Internal functions (e.g. Finance, Governance and Customer Service have been divided across each service)

ANNUAL GRANTS NOW OPEN

Applications for Yarra's 2018 annual grants program open this month, with more than \$850,000 in funding available for grass roots community programs.

The grants are open to not-for-profit organisations in the areas of community development, family, children and youth, community housing, sport and recreation, and sustainability, while individuals as well as organisations are eligible to apply for arts and culture grants.

Applications are open from 16 June to 1 August 2017. For more information or to apply, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/community-grants or contact Yarra's Grants Team on **9205 5170** or yarragrants@yarracity.vic.gov.au

SUSTAINABLE FEAST

Open Table – a volunteer organisation providing free meals prepared with food that would have otherwise gone to waste – received an annual grant for 2017.

Program coordinator Angela O'Toole says the volunteer organisation uses "food sharing as a way to bring the



An Open Table event at Atherton Gardens Housing Estate. Photo: Georgia Hutchinson.

community together as well as reducing the immense waste of food in our society."

The group holds free lunch events every month in Richmond, Fitzroy and North Carlton, with volunteers cooking delicious meals using donated ingredients.

"We aim to create an inclusive environment, welcoming people to the table from a cross-section of the community," Angela says.

Anyone can attend an Open Table event – "We have international students, graduates, young professionals, retirees, pensioners, newly arrived people, families, people from supported residential facilities – really everyone is welcome to attend either to volunteer or just to eat," she said.

To find out about upcoming Open Table events, visit www.open-table.org

COMMUNITY GARDEN REAPS REWARDS

When he moved into a public housing unit in Abbotsford, Dennis Troedel noticed that many of his fellow residents didn't seem to get out much.

Always an 'ideas man', Dennis didn't waste any time in addressing the situation. "I thought, 'if I build a garden, it will help get them out of the flats and give them an interest,'" Dennis said.

Several years later, Dennis and his neighbours tend half a dozen garden beds, growing an array of fresh veggies and herbs, including "tomatoes

sweeter than the ones you get from the supermarket."

Dennis didn't stop there. "I also saw the need to reduce landfill, so we set up 11 worm farms (made from wheelie bins)," he said.

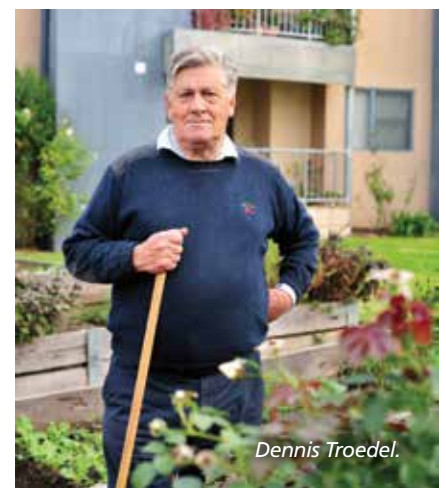
Now not only are his immediate neighbours involved in the garden, but residents from the wider community are contributing kitchen scraps to feed the worms. And they all share in the produce.

For all his efforts, Dennis was recently crowned Gardener of the Year in the State Government's Victoria in Bloom Awards, which recognise the great work of gardening enthusiasts living in public or community housing. Dennis and his neighbours also took out the Best Sustainable Garden category.

Dennis says it doesn't matter if you live in a house with a backyard or on the 20th floor of a high rise. "The garden is

only an instrument to helping the community become caring about one another – that's the important thing," he said.

To find out more about community gardening in Yarra, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/community-gardens



Dennis Troedel.

SOUNDS OF WINTER LEAPS AND BOUNDS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The local live music scene is heating up this winter, as the Leaps and Bounds Music Festival returns to Yarra with a stellar line up of artists and shows for all tastes and budgets.

Now in its fifth year, Leaps and Bounds presents 10 days of gigs, special performances and music industry events with an emphasis on local venues and home grown talent, from 13 to 23 July.

Fitzroy, Collingwood and Richmond have long been incubators of Melbourne's internationally renowned live music scene, with a number of

iconic venues including The Tote and the Corner Hotel hosting local and international acts. In fact, Yarra is home to more than 50 live music venues, offering gigs every night of the week and nurturing the next generation of bands and performers.

Leaps and Bounds celebrates this thriving live music culture, with gigs covering all musical terrains including country, folk, blues, punk, hip hop, electro, soul and rock n roll. There's something for everyone, so make sure you don't miss it!

For the full festival line up and tickets, visit leapsandboundsmusicfestival.com

The Leaps and Bounds Music Festival is proudly presented by Yarra City Council, supported by Creative Victoria and presenting partners PBS FM and Beat.

LEAPS AND BOUNDS
MUSIC FESTIVAL
SOUNDS OF WINTER
13 - 23 JULY 2017

FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS



Opening Night with Augie March, Jess Ribeiro and the Pink Tiles

Thursday 13 July
Corner Hotel
Tickets: \$30



The Class of Series curated by Ollie Olsen and Fee B Squared

Friday 14 July
The Gasometer and The Tote
Tickets: \$12 – \$14.80



Smith Street Dreaming

A celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music and culture featuring Frank Yamma, Emma Donovan, Yung Warriors, Indigenous Hip Hop Projects, and Jindi Worabak Dancers.

Saturday 22 July, Corner Smith and Stanley streets, Collingwood
FREE



The Letter String Quartet performing The Oculus Sonic Suite

Friday 21 July, Melba Spiegeltent
Tickets: \$22



Groove is in the High Tea with MZRIZK

Saturday 22 July, Glamorama
Tickets: \$50



Blues n' Bounds Series

Featuring Chris Russell's Chicken Walk and many others.

Various venues and dates.



The Mayor, Cr Amanda Stone (centre) with members of the Heritage Advisory Committee. (From left to right) Ian Wight, Fiona Bell, Margaret O'Brien and David Langdon.

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE

As Yarra continues to grow and change, protecting and celebrating our heritage continues to be a top priority.

Home to some of Melbourne's first suburbs, Yarra boasts many prized heritage streetscapes and grand civic buildings like the Collingwood and Fitzroy town halls.

Even our former industrial areas provide important links to Yarra's past.

But our city's history doesn't only exist in buildings and objects. Our heritage lives and breathes in our natural environment, such as our parks and gardens and the Yarra River.

It also exists in our cultural and spiritual heritage, especially the places and traditions of the Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri people, whose relationship with the land extends back tens of thousands of years.

Our heritage is made up of many diverse layers that not only reflect the history of our city, but also tell the stories of the people who have shaped Yarra's identity.

YARRA'S HERITAGE STRATEGY 2015-18 SETS OUR VISION FOR YARRA'S HERITAGE:

"The City of Yarra is a place where our Aboriginal, natural, built and cultural heritage is respected, nurtured, protected and celebrated: It defines our own identity and is part of a diverse and living culture."

The strategy has four main objectives that guide our work:

- Knowing our heritage
- Protecting and managing our heritage
- Supporting our heritage
- Promoting and celebrating our heritage

To read the strategy in full, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage-strategy

WHAT DOES COUNCIL DO TO PROTECT HERITAGE?

Council is committed to protecting and promoting our city's unique heritage.

The main way we do this is by introducing heritage overlays.

A heritage overlay is a planning mechanism that aims to conserve and enhance heritage places. It means that a planning permit is required to demolish or alter a property that has heritage value.

About two thirds of all properties in Yarra are covered by a heritage overlay, including residential, commercial, industrial and civic buildings. In fact, more properties are covered by a heritage overlay in Yarra than in any other municipality in Victoria.



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The overlay also applies to a number of parks and landscapes.

In order to add properties to the overlay, Council must go through a formal process, which includes an independent review and consultation with property owners and occupiers.

Council has recently undergone this process – successfully adding hundreds of properties to the heritage overlay.

Balancing heritage protection with other important factors like sustainability and the demand for urban growth is an ongoing responsibility for Council, especially as new developments continue to be built in Yarra.

The heritage policy in the Yarra Planning Scheme provides direction to Council to ensure new development complements and enhances the heritage qualities of a building or streetscape.

The heritage-listed Foy and Gibson apartment complex in Collingwood, for example, has been successfully adapted for modern use. The former warehouse has been converted for commercial and residential purposes, but retains its original heritage features, including exposed brick, timber trusses and roof lanterns.

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council's Heritage Advisory Committee is made up of members of the community who are passionate about local heritage.

The committee meets bi-monthly and provides important strategic advice to Council.

WHAT IF I OWN A HERITAGE PROPERTY?

To find out if your property is covered by a heritage overlay, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage and search our heritage database.

If your property has a heritage overlay, you'll need a planning permit from Council to subdivide land, demolish, construct or alter a building. For more information, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage

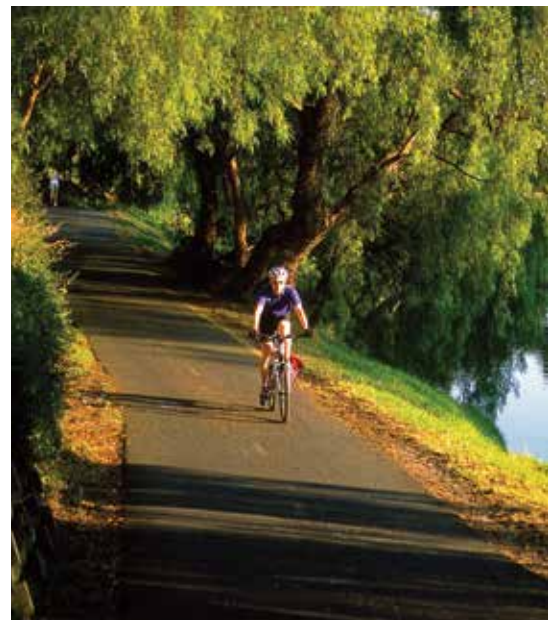
YARRA HERITAGE RESTORATION FUND

Council contributes to the Yarra Heritage Restoration Fund, which provides financial assistance to home owners who wish to restore the heritage features of their property. Applications for the fund are assessed four times a year. For more information, visit www.vhrf.org.au

DISCOVER YARRA'S HERITAGE

You don't need to venture too far to experience Yarra's heritage.

- How did Glasshouse Street in Richmond get its name? Discover the story behind the street name on Yarra's 83 heritage street signs.
- Take yourself on a tour of Yarra's heritage precincts by downloading one of our 17 heritage walks. Visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage-walk
- Discover the Aboriginal history of Yarra, view sites of significance and follow the Fitzroy Aboriginal Walking Trail. Visit www.aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com.au



- Take a 90 minute walk along the Yarra Trail and enjoy the beautiful natural heritage of the Yarra River and surrounds. Visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Yarra-River
- Follow us on Facebook for regular 'Flash Black Friday' photos from Yarra's yesteryear – [fb.com/YarraCityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/YarraCityCouncil)
- Check out the local history collection, including tips on how to research the history of your house, online or at one of Yarra's libraries. Visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries/local-history
- Join one of Yarra's active and passionate local history societies. Visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Local-history-societies



ACTIVE YARRA

FITNESS | SPORT | LIFESTYLE



Chris White at the Australian Running Festival in Canberra, 9 April 2017 (marathon number 5 of 17).

'TAKE IT SLOW'

ADVICE FROM YARRA'S OWN MARATHON EXPERT

A Richmond local is championing the health benefits of running, while also hoping to raise \$17,000 for charity by completing 17 marathons across Australia in 2017.

Chris White is a running coach and small business owner. With the help of a Yarra Council Sports Participation Grant, Chris is aiming to run 717 kilometres this year – raising money for the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute.

After leaving his office job in 2015, Chris founded Go Run – a coaching service for local runners who are often just starting out.

A self-proclaimed chocolate and video game-loving teenager, Chris only started running in his mid-20s as a way to keep fit. He also is following in the footsteps of his dad – a keen jogger himself, having completed the London Marathon 4 times.

When it comes to offering running advice, Chris has one main motto: 'Be kind to yourself.' He says new runners often push themselves too hard early on, turning running into a chore.

"Just be kind to yourself – take it nice and slow."

"Take it slow and try to have fun," Chris advises anyone just starting out, "run at a pace at which you still breathe comfortably and have a bit of a chat." He says consistency is key, and that it's better to run slowly a few times a week – rather than burning out.

Chris is now 10 marathons closer to his overall target of completing 17 marathons by the end of the year.

Having a family history of high-blood pressure and heart disease, any money Chris raises will go into research – focusing on the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of diabetes and cardiovascular disease.

We asked Chris for some closing advice for runners just starting out: "You can run a lot further than you think," he says. "And again, I can't say it enough: Just be kind to yourself – take it nice and slow."

HELP CHRIS REACH HIS FUNDRAISING GOAL OVER AT:
17challenge.everydayhero.com/au/17marathonsin2017

SPORTS PARTICIPATION SPONSORSHIP

Are you a budding amateur athlete or part of a local sporting team that is striving for greatness? If you're based in Yarra, you may be eligible for Council's Sports Participation Grants.

The grants provide support for the costs associated with high-level sport participation, such as travel and training costs.

This is an ongoing program with four annual application dates. Applications should be submitted in the round that falls prior to your anticipated participation dates.

The application dates for 2017/18 are:

- Round 1: Closes 25 August 2017
- Round 2: Closes 24 November 2017
- Round 3: Closes 23 February 2018
- Round 4: Closes 25 May 2018

To find out more, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/sports-participation-sponsorship or call us on 9205 5555.

AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

Outside-School-Hours Care

Council's Outside-School-Hours Care provides quality care and recreation programs for primary school-aged children at three locations in Yarra.

WHEN Monday to Friday

WHERE Richmond West Primary School, Collingwood College and Atherton Gardens Estate

COST \$17 regular, \$20 casual

CONTACT Deanne Halpin, Program Leader, 9205 5479 or deanne.halpin@yarracity.vic.gov.au

AQUA AEROBICS

Water Moves for Home and Community Care (HACC) clients

WHEN Monday 12pm – 1pm

WHERE Epworth Hydrotherapy Pool, 89 Bridge Road, Richmond

COST \$4

CONTACT Fiona Beale, North Richmond Community Health Centre, 9418 9843

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

Fitzroy Football Club

The Fitzroy Football Club will be fielding two women's team in 2017. Female players of all skills welcome to join.

CONTACT

Sharon Torney, 0415 420 487
secretary@fitzroyfc.com.au

Fitzroy Junior Football Club Girls Teams

Fitzroy Junior Football Club will field U10, U12, U13, U14, U16 and U18 teams this season.

CONTACT

girlsdev@fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au
www.fitzroyjuniorsfc.com.au

BASKETBALL

Collingwood All Stars – Access All Abilities

Weekly basketball coaching program for children 8–16 years old with special needs.

WHEN Saturday 11.15am – 12.30pm, during school terms

COST \$100 per child, includes coaching; new players receive a singlet and a basketball

WHERE Collingwood College, McCutcheon Way

BOXING

Collingwood Youth Boxing Club

WHERE Stanton Street, Collingwood

CONTACT Kel Bryant 0409 531 822

Richmond Boxing Club

WHERE 8 Gleadell Street, Richmond

CONTACT Brad Berry 0491 101 425

brad@richmondboxing.com.au

CYCLING

U3A Yarra City "On Yer Bike!"

Bicycle group for those aged 50 and over. All levels of experience and fitness welcome.

WHEN Fridays 10am – 1pm

WHERE various venues (participants notified the week before)

COST Free to Yarra City U3A members (\$40 per year entitles members to enrol in as many courses as they wish)

CONTACT 9416 3443, u3ayarracity@gmail.com

DANCING

Line Dancing for Adults

Spend your morning having fun and getting fit with music and line-dancing. Wear comfy shoes!

WHERE Alphington Scout Hall, Adams Street

WHEN 10am – 12pm, Wednesday mornings

COST \$3 per session

Melbourne Colonial Dancers

Folk/social dancing from Australian and U.K traditions. Set and couples dances taught by an experienced teacher, beginners welcome, no partner required.

WHEN Wednesday 8pm – 10pm, followed by supper

WHERE Collingwood Senior Citizens Hall, Eddy Court, Abbotsford

COST \$6 members / \$7 non-members (first night free)

CONTACT Marta 0400 146 166 or

Coral 9885 6109

www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au

EXCURSIONS AND TRIPS

Recreation, leisure and adventure programs

Out Doors Inc. aims to assist people with a mental illness (aged 16–64) to get 'out the door' of hospital or home and to participate in the community, as well as to provide respite for carers. They offer a range of recreation and adventure activities including day trips, overnight programs and 2–5 day camps for older teens and adults.

WHERE 231 Napier Street, Fitzroy.

Activity locations vary

COST \$6 (day trip) – \$60 (5 day camp)

CONTACT Out Doors Inc. 9417 2111

indoors@outdoorsinc.org.au

www.outdoorsinc.org.au

EXERCISE CLASSES

Older Persons Exercise Classes

Free gentle exercise class focusing on strength, balance and coordination.

Richmond Senior Hub, Hosie Street

WHEN Thursday 10.30am – 11.30am

Collingwood Senior Hub, Eddy Court

WHEN Tuesday 11am – 12pm

CONTACT Kerrie McLean

Community Engagement Officer, Yarra Council
9205 5460

kerrie.mclean@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Chair-based Exercise Group

For people who have mobility issues.

WHERE North Richmond Community Health Centre, Lennox Street

WHEN Monday 10.30am – 11.30am

COST Gold coin donation

CONTACT Renee Lee, North Richmond Community Health Centre, 9418 9886

FOOTBALL

Richmond Estate Junior Soccer Program

A soccer skills program for young people living on the Richmond Housing Estate, supported by Collingwood City Soccer Club and Yarra Youth Services.

WHEN Monday 4.30pm – 6pm during school term

WHERE Richmond West Primary School, Lennox Street

COST Free

CONTACT Chris Cogger, Yarra Youth Services 9426 1465

GIRL GUIDES

Guiding is for girls of all ages, cultures and abilities, offering a safe and secure environment where girls can meet personal challenges and make new friends.

1st Clifton Hill Brownies Guides

For girls aged 7–10 years.

WHEN Wednesday 6.30pm – 8pm, during school terms

WHERE North Fitzroy

1st Yarra City Girl Guides

For girls aged 11–14 years.

WHEN Tuesday 7pm – 9pm, during school terms

WHERE North Fitzroy

Yarra City Power Rangers Guides

For girls aged 14–17 years.

WHEN alternate Mondays 7pm – 9pm during school terms

WHERE North Fitzroy

Yarra City Guides Leadership Team

For women.

WHERE Clifton Hill, Fitzroy by arrangement

CONTACT District Manager team at yarra@guidesvic.org.au

GOLF

Community Golf

Open to community (not-for-profit) organisations. Conditions Apply.

WHEN Mondays and Wednesdays

TIMES Bookings for tee off between 12pm – 2pm

COST \$7.50 per player (includes hire clubs, balls and buggies)

WHERE Burnley Golf Course, corner Madden and Loyola Grove, Burnley

CONTACT 9205 5048
burnleygolf@yarracity.vic.gov.au
www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/burnley-golf-course

GYM SESSIONS

Living Longer Living Stronger

One-hour strength training classes for men and women aged 50+. Medical clearance from your doctor is required.

Collingwood Leisure Centre

WHEN Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am and 11am, Tuesday 8am

CONTACT 9205 5522

Richmond Recreation Centre

WHEN Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6am, 7am, 8am, 9am and 10am; Tuesday 8am and 9am, Thursday 8am and 9am

COST \$7.50 (Concession \$3.80) plus an initial consultation fee of \$43.00

CONTACT 9205 5032
www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Gym-Programs/Older-adult-programs

Striving for Maximum Strength

One hour strength training session for people with chronic illness. Medical clearance and assessment required from doctor.

Richmond Recreation Centre

WHEN Wednesday 11am and Friday 1pm

Collingwood Leisure Centre

WHEN Tuesday and Thursday 1.30pm

COST \$7.50 (Concession \$3.80) plus an initial consultation fee of \$43.00

CONTACT Colin Sneesby, 9205 5032,
www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/community-programs

Cerebral Palsy Program

One-hour strength training session for people with cerebral palsy or other complex conditions. Medical clearance and assessment required from doctor.

WHEN Wednesday 1pm

WHERE Richmond Recreation Centre, Gleadell Street

COST \$11 (Concession \$5.40) plus an initial consultation fee of \$43.00

CONTACT Colin Sneesby, 9205 5032

NETBALL

Richmond Netball Association Inc.

It's business as usual for the Richmond Netball Association in 2017.

- We continue to run fixtured competitions for Rookies, 11 and under, 13 and under, 15 and under, 17 and under and Open Ladies at Ryan's Reserve, 510 Swan Street, Richmond.
- We continue to run the nationally accredited Net Set Go junior entry program for 5–10 year olds who have had little or no netball experience.
- Our new 'Academy' program supports and develops players as they leverage the pathway opportunities available to them within Netball Victoria's framework to be the best netballers they can.

- We have recently introduced the NetFit Development Academy with former Vixen, Sarah Wall which focuses on player fitness, mastering correct techniques, leadership skills and skill development.

- We offer coach and umpire training in addition to mentoring.

CONTACT Karren Clark, 0419 003 117
admin@richmondnetball.org
www.richmondnetball.org

Melbourne Netball

Exercise in disguise! Make new friends, network, and have fun playing social netball, with both mixed and ladies teams for 18 years and over. Umpires are welcome to join us!

WHEN Monday and Thursday nights

WHERE Richmond Recreation Centre and Ryan's Reserve Netball and Tennis Facility

CONTACT Fiona Feenaghty, 0419 887 719
www.melbournenetball.com
facebook: melbourne.netball

PLAYGROUPS

Peer Support Playgroup

For families of children with a disability or chronic medical condition. Facilitated by a qualified social worker in a safe and supportive environment. Parents can socialise and share ideas with others who understand the caring role.

WHEN Tuesday 1pm – 3pm during school terms

WHERE Alphington Community Centre, 2 Kelvin Road

COST Free
CONTACT 9499 7227

SCOUTS

Clifton Hill Scout Group

2nd Clifton Hill is a family friendly and community based scout group. We have cubs, scouts, venturers and rovers sections for 8–25 year olds (males and females welcome).

WHEN Weeknights during school terms

WHERE 2nd Clifton Hill Scout Hall, 85 Walker St, Clifton Hill

CONTACT 1800 SCOUTS
gl.2ndcliftonhill@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Alphington Scouts

Your local scout group is great fun for both boys and girls.

WHEN Cubs (8–10 years) Wednesdays 7 – 8.30pm, Scouts (10–14 years) Tuesdays 7pm – 9pm, Venturers (14–17 years) Thursdays 7.30 – 9pm, Rovers (18–25 years) Mondays 7pm – 10pm

WHERE Adams Street Scout Hall
CONTACT Edward Buckle, Group Leader 0439 382 933

Carlton Scout Group

Carlton Scout Group delivers a program full of fun, outdoor adventure, personal challenge and leadership development for all young people aged 6–25, as well as adult volunteers over the age of 18.

WHEN Joeys (6–7 years) and Cubs (8–10 years) Tuesday 6.30pm – 8pm, Scouts (11–14 years) Thursday 7pm – 9pm, Venturers (14–17 years) Wednesday 7pm – 9pm, Rovers (18–25 years) Monday 7.30pm – 9.30pm

WHERE Carlton Scout Hall, 12 Shakespeare Street, North Carlton
CONTACT Michael Ford, 0406 486 301
gl.carlton@scoutsvictoria.com.au
www.vicscouts.com.au/carlton

Fitzroy Scout Group

Our scout group aims to help young people challenge themselves, build independence, and take on leadership opportunities. We run weekly activities for young people aged 8–14, with a focus on outdoor activities such as hiking, camping and cooking.

WHEN Weeknights during school terms
WHERE Atherton Gardens Community Hall, 140 Brunswick St Fitzroy
CONTACT Marian Daish,
mazdaish@bigpond.net.au

TABLE TENNIS

U3A Yarra City Have Fun with Table Tennis

For those aged 50 and over. Beginners welcome, equipment supplied.

WHEN First and third Wednesday of the month 2pm – 3.30pm (during school terms)
WHERE Stanton Street Hall, 17 Stanton Street, Abbotsford
COST Free to U3A Yarra City members (\$40 per year membership of U3A)
CONTACT 9416 3443
u3ayarracity@gmail.com
www.u3ayarracity.org.au

Yarra Table Tennis Club

WHERE Stanton Street Hall
CONTACT David Brand, 0413 130 435,
branddj@tpg.com.au, www.yttc.sportvault.com

TAI CHI AND MARTIAL ARTS

Melbourne Dragons Martial Arts

Melbourne Dragons Martial Arts is a not-for-profit organisation that is dedicated to providing martial arts, self-defence, and fitness training in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment.

WHEN Wednesday 7.30pm – 8.30pm and Sunday 4pm – 5.30pm
WHERE 17 Stanton Street, Collingwood
COST \$20 per class (First lesson is free)
CONTACT melbournedragons@gmail.com
www.melbourne-dragons.com

TENNIS

Clifton Tennis Club

Offers a range of innovative, fun and structured programs for all ages, including junior and senior competitions, and social tennis.

WHERE Mayors Park Tennis Centre
 Hoddle Street, Clifton Hill
CONTACT mail@cliftontennis.net
www.cliftontennis.net

Fitzroy Tennis Club

Membership available online. Membership year is from November 1 to October 31. Social Courts available for hire. Coaching available for all ages.

CONTACT Clubhouse 9482 3269
 Jenny Clark 9489 6471
membership@fitzroytc.net, www.fitzroytc.net

TRIATHLON

Yarra Triathlon Training Program

Yarra Leisure's triathlon training program caters for first-time and experienced triathletes wishing to improve their technique, endurance and race skills.

CONTACT www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/Yarra-Leisure/Yarra-Triathlon

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Yarra Vacation Care

Yarra Council's Vacation Care program provides recreational and educational activities for children during school holidays.

WHERE Atherton Gardens, Collingwood College, Richmond West Primary School and Spensley Street Primary School (alternating with Merri Creek Primary School)
COST \$52 per child for in-house activities, \$62.50 per child for excursions and visits. Families eligible for the Child Care Benefit pay a reduced fee.
CONTACT Vacation Care Planner, Yarra Council, 9205 5482, vacationcare@yarracity.vic.gov.au, or book online at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/vacation-care

SWIMMING

African Children's Swimming Program

This program is based at Collingwood Leisure Centre and designed for newly arrived and refugee immigrants to Australia from Africa. It offers an opportunity for children aged 4–14 years to learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

Access All Abilities Swimming Program

A flexible and tailored program designed for individuals with special needs to learn how to swim. Students are nurtured in a small group or individual environment while developing water familiarisation, movement, stroke technique and water safety.

Learn to Swim Program

Yarra Leisure's Learn to Swim program combines water safety and swimming skills in a fun, safe environment. Classes available: babies from 6 months, children and adults. (beginner and intermediate level). All instructors are fully qualified. Classes are held throughout the year in accordance with school term dates.

WHERE Collingwood Leisure Centre, Fitzroy Swimming Pool (Seasonal) and Richmond Recreation Centre
CONTACT Collingwood 9205 5522
 Richmond 9205 5032
yarraleisure@yarracity.vic.gov.au
www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/Yarra-Leisure/Swim-School

WALKING

Walking with Willpower

Managed by Blind Sports Victoria, this program matches volunteers with a blind or sight-impaired person living in their local area to share regular friendly walks. Volunteers provide much-needed companionship for people who are sight impaired, and help them to be involved in active recreation.

CONTACT Miriam Bilander, 9822 8876 (call before 4pm) or Miriam@blindsports.org.au

Holden Street Walking Group

Explore the local area and meet new people. Dogs welcome.

WHEN Tuesday 9.30am
WHERE Meet at Holden Street Neighbourhood House, 128 Holden Street, North Fitzroy
COST Free (bring money for a coffee along the way)
CONTACT 9489 9929
admin@holdenstreet.org.au

YOUTH HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Yarra Youth Services put on loads of fun school holiday programs in a safe place for young people from Yarra. Various activities including horse-riding, beach trips and movies.

WHEN During school holiday periods
WHERE Yarra Community Youth Centre, 156 Napier Street, Fitzroy
COST \$19 per day, Concession \$3.20 per day (health care card holders)
CONTACT Yarra Youth Services, 9426 1455

FACES OF YARRA

Portraits of a living city



“Grey, gay and proud,” Richmond resident Nancy Peck wears a pink triangle badge – pinned to her leather jacket – as a sign of visibility, solidarity and pride.

At 76, Nancy is locally known to champion LGBTIQ rights – encouraging people to challenge all kinds of stereotypes. “We should all be allowed to step outside the boxes we’re put in”.



Follow **@CityOfYarra** on Instagram for more on Nancy Peck and our other #FacesOfYarra.

WIN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE INNOVATION

Yarra Council recently won a top accolade at the United Nations Association of Australia World Environment Action Awards. Yarra won for developing a set of tools that help assess and respond to climate change risks for new Council projects. The tools enable Council staff to assess climate change impacts for proposed projects and implement changes to make them more climate resilient.

REGISTER FOR WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

Walk to School month is coming up in October, and now’s the time to register your school to take part.

We’re looking for champions at each Yarra school to help develop and promote a customised Walk to School program.

To get involved, contact us on 9205 5555. To find out more, visit www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au

RYAN’S RESERVE SAVED

Ryan’s Reserve, a popular netball facility in Richmond, has been saved from closure.

Following a passionate community and Council campaign, the State Government decided to reverse its decision to rezone the reserve for residential development.

It is a win for Richmond’s precious open space, local netball clubs and the community.



WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: FAMILY VIOLENCE INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Wednesday 12 July, 2pm to 3pm
Fitzroy Library, Meeting Room 1**

Yarra Libraries and Fitzroy Legal Service present Know Your Rights, a series of regular legal information sessions.

In this session, a Family Lawyer from Fitzroy Legal Service will discuss the legal avenues to stop family violence.

Bookings essential, visit the events page at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries

THE GERTRUDE STREET PROJECTION FESTIVAL

**Friday 21 July to Sunday 30 July,
6pm to midnight**

For ten days in winter the Gertrude Street Projection Festival will transform the iconic Fitzroy strip into one of Melbourne's most visible large-scale illuminated public art galleries.

Pop down to see video projections illuminating buildings, laneways, sidewalks and parks, combined with music and performance art.

For more information visit gspf.com.au

SWING AT THE LIBRARY!

**Wednesday 26 July, 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy
Library**

Shake away the winter blues and get a taste for swing at this free swing-dancing workshop. Presented by the stellar teachers of 1929 Studios, this session will include a demonstration and a beginners' class for anyone who likes to boogie.

Bookings essential, visit the events page at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries

SCIENCE WEEK: NAO HUMANOID ROBOT SESSIONS

**Wednesday 16 August (for kids),
4pm to 5pm at Richmond Library**

**Saturday 19 August (for adults),
2pm to 3pm at Carlton Library**

See one of the world's most advanced humanoid robots in action and learn basic 'drag & drop' programming with NAO's intuitive programming interface 'Chorégraphe'.

Bookings essential, visit the events page at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries

BUSINESS NETWORKING LUNCHEON

**Wednesday 16 August, 11.30am to 2pm
Fenix Events Centre, Victoria Street,
Richmond**

This special networking lunch features Dianne McGrath, one of seven Australian shortlisted Mars One astronaut candidates – selected from over 200,000 original applicants!

Find out what it takes to get to Mars, and take this rare opportunity to hear from Dianne before her potential one-way mission.

Cost: \$60+bf, includes two courses plus wine.

For more information and to book your ticket visit yarrabusiness.com.au

**For more information
about local events, visit:**

www.yarracity.vic.gov.au
www.yarracityarts.com.au
[www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/
libraries](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries)

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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

Bargoonga Nganjin
182 St Georges Road, North 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

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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 17142.

本期《亚拉新闻》包括了亚拉市政府2017-2018年新《预算草案》的重要信息。该草案欢迎公众给出反馈，截止日期为7月10日星期一。欲获得有关《预算草案》以及如何给出反馈方面的更多信息，敬请致电**9280 1937**并引述REF 17142参考号码。

Αυτή η έκδοση του Yarra News περιλαμβάνει μεταξύ των άλλων: Σημαντικές πληροφορίες για το νέο Προσχέδιο Προϋπολογισμού για το οικονομικό έτος 2017/18 το οποίο Προσχέδιο είναι ανοιχτό για κοινοτικές παρατηρήσεις ως τη Δευτέρα 10 Ιουλίου. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες για το Προσχέδιο του Προϋπολογισμού και πώς να υποβάλλετε τις παρατηρήσεις σας, παρακαλούμε καλέστε το Δημοτικό Συμβούλιο του Δήμου Yarra στον αριθμό **9280 1934** και αναφέρετε τον κωδικό REF 17142.

Quest'edizione di Yarra News include informazioni importanti sulla nuova proposta di Legge Finanziaria (Budget) del Consiglio per il 2017/18, aperta per il feedback della comunità fino a lunedì 10 luglio. Per maggiori informazioni sulla proposta di Legge Finanziaria e su come dire la vostra, contattate il Yarra Council al **9280 1931** e fornite il codice REF 17142.

Số báo Yarra News lần này đăng thông tin quan trọng về Dự thảo Ngân sách mới của Hội đồng Thành phố cho năm 2017/18, hiện có sẵn cho cộng đồng đóng góp ý kiến cho đến thứ Hai ngày 10 tháng 7. Muốn biết thêm thông tin về Dự thảo Ngân sách này và cách quý vị có thể đóng góp ý kiến, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại cho Hội đồng Thành phố Yarra qua số **9280 1939** và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 17142.

ON THE COVER: Amanda Vitartas - founder Hysterical Records and venue booker The Grace Darling, Tjimba and D-Boy of Yung Warriors, Adam Donovan of Augie March and RRR Radio Presenter/Curator Fee B-Squared.

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.