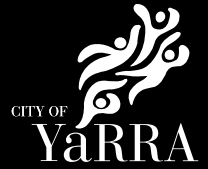


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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to 2021! I'm really looking forward to a fulfilling year ahead – one filled with optimism and hope of a brighter future for us all.

Speaking about the future, I'd like to thank every single one of you who contributed their thoughts, ideas, feelings and aspirations to the first stage of creating Yarra's new community vision. An incredible 1,275 residents, businesses and visitors engaged with us online or in-person – a record for Yarra consultations! You can read more about what's next for this exciting project on page 3.

I'm also proud to share that Yarra Council has excelled in community engagement, council decisions and roads in 2019/20, according

to the Victorian Government's latest report on all Victorian councils' performance. In a year overshadowed by COVID, 72% of Yarra residents said they were satisfied with how we seek feedback and involve you in decision making – compared to the state average of 56%.

Similarly, 71% of residents were satisfied with how we make decisions on your behalf, far above the state average of 55%.

As COVID restrictions continue to ease, it's also a great time to get involved in your local neighbourhood house or community learning centre where you can get support, social interaction, learn new skills and most importantly – meet new friends! They're the perfect place to experience art, music, cooking and computer classes, English and other language lessons, and community lunches – all at little or no cost. Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/nh to find your local centre – there are 10 across Yarra.

Take care

**Cr Gabrielle de Vietri
Mayor**

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are livestreamed on our website. Due to current physical distancing restrictions, community members aren't able to attend in person, but you can participate and watch online at yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast.

- Tuesday 16 February 2021
- Tuesday 2 March 2021
- Tuesday 16 March 2021
- Tuesday 30 March 2021

All meetings begin at 7pm.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarrameetings for agendas, minutes and more information about council meetings.

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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HITTING THE STREETS TO SHAPE YARRA'S FUTURE



Yarra residents take pen to paper with their ideas and feedback at Edinburgh Gardens in December.

Residents, businesses and visitors have turned out in droves to share their ideas, aspirations and vision for the future during stage one of Yarra's new community vision.

Between November 2020 and January 2021, 1,275 residents, businesses and visitors provided their feedback to the project. Of these people, 44% spoke to us in-person at one of our pop-up events held across Yarra, and 56% engaged online via our Your Say Yarra website.

The community vision will guide our planning in Yarra over the next 15 years, as we face challenges like a changing climate and growing population.

It was fantastic to see young people so actively engaged in the process, with more 26 to 35-year-olds participating than any other age bracket. We also heard loud and clear from our culturally and linguistically diverse communities, with 20% of people speaking a language other than English at home.

The consultation explored five themes important to what kind of future we want for Yarra:



Mayor Cr de Vietri chats with community members at Alphington Park in December.

- Resilience – what makes a great community in the face of uncertainty?
- Our people – how do we make sure we look after everyone in our community?
- Spaces and places – who uses council's buildings and assets now and in 2035?
- Sharing our streets – how do we create streets for everyone?
- We're different – how do we protect our diverse economy and community?

What's next for the project?

The feedback collected from the broader community will be considered by a randomly selected panel of residents later this year, who will work together to create the community vision.

You'll be able to read more about the findings of stage one in the coming weeks and months. Visit the project site at yoursayyarra.com.au/future, or sign up for our Yarra Life e-news at yarracity.vic.gov.au/news to stay in the loop!

BRINGING GERTRUDE STREET BACK TO LIFE



In the heart of Melbourne's COVID lockdown, Gertrude Street resident Peter Kaylor (PK) felt the huge devastation that was occurring for both local traders and residents.

"I could see a vibrant community crumbling – some businesses were just opening their doors for the first time when they had to close," said PK.

The feeling became his motivation to bring energy and the Gertrude Street vibe back to the precinct.

PK started People of Gertrude Street, a community-based initiative to celebrate and strengthen the Gertrude Street community mid-lockdown and help build a strong and resilient neighbourhood. He began by connecting with local traders to see what support they needed to help them get going again.

"Our traders needed support and creative ways to help them recover from lockdown," said PK.

Businesses Handsom, Space Between and Boom Studios offered their enthusiasm and resources to help get the idea off the ground.

"I wanted to do something to build a community identity that we can all belong to," said PK.

With the support of a Yarra Council COVID Recovery Grant, People of Gertrude Street was able to launch their first community campaign. They distributed 50 disposable cameras to traders, residents, workers and personalities in the area to capture their vision of Gertrude Street. Hundreds of images have been taken that depict the community, their vision, staff, families and neighbourhood.

The colourful images have been digitised and are available for traders to use in promotions. They've also been turned into footpath decals for people to see as they walk through the area.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Have you dined outdoors or enjoyed a new activity in Yarra this summer? We're keen to hear what you think.

Take a quick survey by visiting [yarracity.vic.gov.au/outdoor dining](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/outdoor-dining) and help us plan future outdoor spaces and activities.

People of Gertrude Street has several other projects about to launch, including six videos featuring some of the diverse experiences and people that are unique to the street. A large vinyl wrap will be displayed around the old Gertrude Street Hotel sharing more local imagery.

What has People of Gertrude Street meant to PK?

"The highlight has been the stronger sense of community and hearing that our small independent businesses are doing a great trade. Seeing the streetscape evolve with new outdoor dining has been incredible and made our street feel a lot more people centred. The energy is incredible."



“We’ve been able to see the streetscape change and evolve post-lockdown, with the new parklets bringing energy and activity to the street,” said PK.

PK is looking forward to working on more projects and watching People of Gertrude Street grow. He hopes it will continue to create and promote a destination for not just locals, but people from all over Melbourne and Victoria.

“Gertrude Street is a rich tapestry of a neighbourhood, where people who work, live and visit the area come together. Working on this project is hugely rewarding,” said PK.

Connect with People of Gertrude Street on Instagram by following **@PeopleOfGertrudeStreet**

All images courtesy of People of Gertrude Street.



Shini Pararajasingham, founder and director of Off the Kerb Gallery on Johnston Street in Collingwood.

HELPING OUR PRECINCTS THRIVE AFTER COVID

Our Precinct Recovery Grants are paving the way for an even more vibrant and thriving post-COVID economy.

Thanks to this funding, we've already seen some fantastic initiatives, including a Japanese food festival in Fitzroy, and a beer trail across Collingwood. Other initiatives include:

- The People of Gertrude Street: telling the stories of the people behind Gertrude Street's businesses through a series of images and short films.
- Your Hood with the Goods: campaign encouraging people re-connect with Fitzroy Village through online marketing, competitions, signage and merchandise.
- Gertrude Saturdays: pop-up entertainment and competitions throughout December.
- Queens Parade Christmas Market: one-day family market, with footpath trading, buskers, and a treasure hunt.

This funding has also supported creative initiatives and localised marketing campaigns to get people engaged and excited about what their neighbourhood has to offer.

The program provides individual grants of up to \$20,000 to eligible groups of Yarra businesses – or businesses and community members – to deliver projects that activate, promote and enhance our vibrant and much-loved precincts. The total funding pool is \$160,000.

Round one of the grant program had been a huge success, with nine projects funded across Yarra's bustling precincts. Applications for round two closed in early February 2021, and will be announced in the coming weeks.

Find out more at yarracity.vic.gov.au/precinctgrants

WORKING WITH YARRA IS WORKING FOR VICTORIA

We're also working with the Victorian Government to create new job opportunities for unemployed workers through the Working for Victoria initiative.

Yarra is creating more than 67 new local positions to help respond to and support local business and the community through pandemic recovery.

Under the initiative, Yarra is creating a range of positions to help support outdoor dining and strengthen our community wellness initiatives. These roles will:

- provide additional local business support and liaison
- clean and maintain outdoor dining spaces
- enrich spaces with arts and cultural displays
- reduce digital and physical isolation, by helping build capacity for community members and organisations to connect with community services and support organisations.

Visit vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria for more information.



Collingwood College students enjoy the new playground at Gahan Reserve.

HAVE YOUR PLAY AT GAHAN RESERVE

Being the first to try out a playground – before it’s even open – is a pretty exciting thing for any kid.

But for this group of Year 5s, this inaugural play is more special.

This is a playground they all helped design, making this first play at Abbotsford’s Gahan Reserve Playground even more exciting.

“I really like how the things we said we wanted, I can see in the new park,” the students told us.

The upgraded playground has logs and rocks to climb, a basket swing, a spinner to sit on, monkey bars and a central tower like a treehouse which works its way around the existing trees and plants.

We knew how much children and adults alike loved the old playground at Gahan Reserve, so when it was due for an upgrade, it was especially important we got it right. Fortunately, we had a savvy group of young playground experts to help!

The group of Collingwood College students have been part of the process since the beginning, when they were in Year 3.

We first asked the students what they liked and didn’t like about the original playground, and what they’d like to see in a new one. They told us that the new playground should have more climbing equipment, better swings, and something for older kids too.

We also asked locals, who told us how much they loved the natural and green setting of the playground, and how important it was to keep this.

With this long list of ideas, we worked with a landscape designer to come up with some a plan that could work for Gahan Reserve.

After that, we asked the community if we had got the design right. The Collingwood College students, now in Year 4, were also keen to check out the plans and tell us what they thought.

Now that we were sure the design would meet the expectations and needs of those who used it, we could finally build the new playground.

“I love it!” the students told us when they were saw the final product. “I really liked being asked what I wanted for he park.”

“It was a really good process, to be asked, to be listened to, and then to see it here today.”

Find out how you can get involved in Yarra’s projects at yoursayyarra.com.au

OUR NEW WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE

For a long time, most of Australia relied on other countries to take and process our recycling. These countries no longer accept our recycling, which has caused a big strain on local sorting stations. It has also led to more waste being sent to landfill.

Yarra has moved quickly to find local solutions to collect and process our recycling. We now only accept items that can be recycled in Australia. This will help grow the industry, create local jobs and ensure we can continue recycling successfully in the future.

Because Yarra's waste is no longer sent to other countries, your rubbish and recycling service has also needed to adapt.

We know this is a big change and it will take some time to get it right. You can find answers to some of your questions about the new service here.

What is contamination and why is it a problem for recycling?

When your recycling is collected, it is transported to a sorting facility where the items are separated into different streams. Contamination occurs when the wrong items are placed in your recycling bin. The contaminated items are difficult to remove and often end up ruining the quality of other recyclables, decreasing the chance of them being used in new products.

The most common examples of contamination are:

- broken glass
- soft plastics, like plastic bags
- fabric or clothing.

What can I put in my new purple-lidded recycling bin?

Your purple-lidded recycling bin is for clean glass bottles and jars, with their lids removed. By separating these into a separate glass-only recycling bin, we can prevent contamination from broken glass in your yellow-lidded recycling bin.

What can go in:

- glass jars (empty, no lids)
- glass bottles, including broken bottles (empty, no lids)
- wine, beer or spirit bottles
- olive oil and sauce bottles.

Different types of glass melt at different temperatures, so they can't all be recycled. This means we can't accept the following:


- glassware including cups or wine glasses
- broken crockery and other ceramics
- window or mirror glass
- light bulbs
- glass food storage containers or baking dishes (such as Pyrex)
- perfume bottles, vases and other decorative glass items
- lids or corks.

FOUR BINS FOR ALL VICTORIANS

To improve recycling across the state, the Victorian Government has announced a four-bin waste and recycling system will be rolled out with all councils. Some areas already have some or all of these bins, with the goal of most households having the new system by 2030. Read more at vic.gov.au

What's changed for the yellow-lidded recycling bin?

We are only collecting items that can be recycled in Australia. This means that some plastics can no longer go in your yellow bin. We accept bottles made from plastics 1 and 2 and other containers made from plastic 5.

To check what type of plastic the item is made from, look for the triangle with the number inside. It looks like this  and is usually on the bottom of the item.

Just like before, you can still place the following items in your yellow bin:

- clean paper
- cardboard
- aluminium cans and foil
- plastic bottles, labelled 1 or 2 (lids off)
- plastic food containers labelled 5 (Ice cream containers, yoghurt containers, butter tubs and meat trays).

Items that do **not** belong in the yellow bin:

- glass of any kind
- plastic bags and soft plastics
- plastic items labelled 1 and 2 that are **not** bottles
- all plastics labelled 3,4,6 and 7
- coffee cups and lids
- aerosol cans
- drink cartons and Tetra Paks.



Young Yarra residents Elja and Julian love to recycle!

What can I do with my soft plastic rubbish?

Soft plastics include plastic bags, freezer bags, cling wrap and other plastics you can easily scrunch in your hand.

These items can be placed in a REDcycle bin at participating supermarkets such as Coles or Woolworths. Your soft plastics will be converted into bollards, decks, furniture and more. Find your closest REDcycle bin at redcycle.net.au

We also accept soft plastics at our recycling drop-off centre in Clifton Hill.

How do I get information in my language?

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/mylanguage for information in these languages:

- Arabic
- Greek
- Italian
- Simplified Chinese
- Spanish
- Traditional Chinese
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

Where can I find my new bin collection calendar?

A new bin collection calendar has been sent to all households and businesses who use our waste and recycling service.

There are 10 bin collection zones. You can check which zone you live in and download a copy of the new bin collection calendar on our website.

Find your collection calendar at yarracity.vic.gov.au/bincalendar

Can I change the size of my recycling bins?

Yes. You can change your bin to one of the following sizes, free of charge.

- 120-litre or 240-litre purple bin
- 240-litre yellow recycling bin

You can request to change your bin size by visiting yarracity.vic.gov.au/binsize

Still have questions?

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au, email us at info@yarracity.vic.gov.au or call **9205 5555**.

GOING SOLAR: CLIFTON HILL RESIDENTS ACHIEVE ENERGY FREEDOM

Long-term Clifton Hill residents Amaryll and her partner Diana built their home with sustainable design and construction at the heart of the project.

They originally owned two neighbouring 1920s cottages in Clifton Hill that were unfortunately unfit for renovation. Instead of demolishing and building a single house, they chose to build two new sustainable townhouses. One to live in, and one to rent.

“Some of the materials used to build the house have come from the old house — we recycled as much as we could,” Amaryll said.

Amaryll and Diana wanted to install the largest solar arrays their roof space would allow, resulting in 55 solar panels across both townhouses.

The all-electric townhouses have achieved a very high sustainability rating, not only for using solar power but also for the efficient and ethical design.

The homeowners don't pay any energy costs for many months of the year, and pay only a small amount over winter.

“Our home is largely self-sufficient. There is no gas connection, and the solar energy system generates more electricity than used over the year. About 60 percent of the generation goes back to the grid,” Amaryll said.

Amaryll and Diana applied the same sustainability ethos to the neighbouring property that they rent out. They are strongly connected to the local community and wanted to create buildings that would last and provide energy freedom for future generations.



Amaryll and Diana at their very sustainable property in Clifton Hill.

They were also motivated to support the local renewables industry.

“We wanted to do more than just cover our electricity needs. We maximised our investment in solar and batteries because we felt the more of us that do this, the stronger the industry becomes.”

“That's what Australia needs right now, a clean energy industry that keeps growing. Prices will come down too, making it more affordable for others,” said Amaryll.

Join Amaryll and Diana and help us create a city 100% powered by renewables. Whether you own or rent, live in a house or apartment, there are lots of ways you can join our 100% Renewable Yarra campaign, an important part of our response to the climate emergency. Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/goingsolar to find out more.

WANT TO UP YOUR CLIMATE ACTION?

Check out our What's On section on page 15 to find sustainability events in Yarra.

You can also sign up for email updates at yarracity.vic.gov.au/sustainabilitynews

SUSTAINABLE PLANNING FOR A ZERO-CARBON FUTURE

Around 80% of Yarra’s carbon emissions come from electricity and gas use in home and office buildings. As we continue to grow, there’s a clear need – and opportunity – to reverse this trend.

That’s why we’re working to introduce zero-carbon standards for new developments as part of our commitment to the climate emergency.

These new standards raise the bar on our existing environmentally sustainable design standards. They will make sure new buildings are completely fossil fuel free, powered by 100% renewable energy, with no connection to gas.

DESIGNING ZERO-CARBON BUILDINGS

At Yarra, we’re committed to urgent climate action. Already, every eligible planning application must incorporate environmentally sustainable design, which includes materials used, and energy and water efficiency.

Zero-carbon buildings typically:

- are highly energy efficient through excellent design, insulation, glazing, lighting, cooling and heating and hot water systems
- don’t use gas
- are solely powered by renewable electricity through rooftop solar, and buying renewable energy from large-scale wind or solar farms
- have electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- are built with materials with a low carbon footprint
- use carbon offsets for any remaining carbon emissions.



The Rochester apartment building.



Ford Street townhouses, Clifton Hill.

Zero-carbon living

We’re already seeing some leaders in the development industry respond to a growing demand in the community for healthy, zero-carbon, and climate-resilient homes and workplaces.

The Rochester apartment building, Fitzroy

This all-electric, fossil-fuel free apartment building has achieved a high sustainability standard, with clever insulation and design innovation reducing residents’ reliance on artificial heating and cooling. Rainwater from a 10,000 litre tank irrigates plants and flushes toilets.

Developer: Cremorne Enterprises.
Project Team: PDS Group, Ola Studio, Breathe Architecture

Ford Street townhouses, Clifton Hill

These two townhouses were designed and built to make sure very little energy would need to be drawn from the grid. Most energy is generated from solar panels and stored in batteries, and there is no gas connection. Clever design, which makes the most of winter sun, also helps the townhouses achieve their high energy rating.

Project Team: Field Office Architecture and Sustainable Homes Melbourne

Find out more at yarracity.vic.gov.au/zerocarbondevelopment

PETIQUETTE: DOS AND DON'TS

Last year saw a huge uptake in pet adoption. With more people working from home than ever, having a furry friend to keep you company has been the purrfect distraction from an uncertain year of lockdowns.

Since restrictions have eased and the weather has warmed up, you and your new little buddy may be finding yourselves out and about in the parks, gardens and streets of Yarra more than ever. We've got a few tips to keep you, your pet and others safe.

Find out more at yarracity.vic.gov.au/responsible-pet-ownership

✓ DOS



Make sure your dog or cat is microchipped and registered with us by the time its three months old. This also needs to be renewed before 10 April each year.



Always carry a bag to pick up your dog's poop and dispose of it in a bin or at home.



Give your pet access to water and shade on hot days.



Take your pup to one of our dog off-lead parks for a run around.



Make sure your cat has been de-sexed before it is registered with us – this is compulsory in Yarra. It reduces the chance of fighting with other cats and stops unwanted kittens.



Look out for signs of separation anxiety in your dog. If your dog is fretting or barking more after your daily schedule has changed, consult an animal care professional.

✗ DON'TS



Don't let your dog jump on people, especially children, without invitation – this breaches local laws. Even friendly dogs can scare some people. Just because someone is in an off-leash area, it doesn't mean they want to engage with your dog.



Don't ever keep your pet in a vehicle on a hot day even with the windows down and you are parked in shade. Animals can easily overheat.



Don't walk your dog off-lead anywhere other than our designated off-leash areas – you can find these at yarracity.vic.gov.au/dogs



Don't let your dog to dig holes anywhere, especially on our sports grounds. This can cause damage and lead to players injuring themselves.



Don't let your cats stay out at night. They can kill wildlife and fight with other cats. Keep them indoors, or make sure your yard is secure.

RENEWING YOUR PET'S REGISTRATION



In March each year, you will be sent a renewal notice for your pet's registration. It is your responsibility to make sure your pet's registration is renewed before 10 April each year. You may be issued an infringement notice if you don't do this one time.

How to pay

- Online at yarracity.vic.gov.au
- Call 1300 792 772 (select option 5)

FELINE FACTS

Did you know?

- Domestic cats kill around 230 million native animals each year in Australia (*Wildlife Research, 2020*)
- Cats are more likely to get into fights, catch viruses or be hit by a car if they are allowed to roam at night.
- By keeping your cat indoors, you're helping to protect native wildlife while keeping your furball safe.



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

Let's be honest, any resolutions we may have made to get fit and healthy in 2020 were swiftly quashed by COVID-19 restrictions. Sitting at home in your activewear became the new going out – and maybe even your new working day!

But we are the bearers of good news. Not only is it a new year, Yarra Leisure is on hand to help create a new you, too!

Upgrades across the board

We've just upgraded all strength and cardio equipment at Collingwood Leisure Centre, Fitzroy Swimming Pool and Richmond Recreation Centre, with new treadmills, power mills, arc trainers, cross trainers, Airdyne, ski ergs, rowing machines and more.

We've also introduced an ultimate 165-inch video wall experience to our group exercise rooms at our Collingwood and Richmond locations. These high resolution video walls provide vibrant mood backgrounds to our instructor-led classes, and facilitate virtual classes throughout the week.

To top it off, we've installed 28 new iC7 spin bikes, powered by ICG into the Collingwood Leisure Centre spin room. These bikes also feature 'My Ride', which provides adventurous wilderness rides in the comfort of our studio, with immersive big screens that take you anywhere in the world.

Swim away

Not a gym junkie? We also have SwimFIT to tempt you back into the pool. This swimming fitness program supports a range of levels, abilities and skills, encompassing all four swimming strokes.

Under the guidance of a knowledgeable and passionate swim coach, you'll be challenged to develop your technique and swimming fitness and empowered to smash your goals.

Join us now!

It's never been a better time to get motivated, sign up to Yarra Leisure and take advantage of all our amazing new equipment and fitness programs. Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/leisure



HELP PROTECT YARRA'S FLYING-FOXES

Did you know that Yarra is home to Melbourne's largest Grey-headed flying-fox colony? The colony at Yarra Bend Park can grow up to over 40,000 flying-foxes in summer, from less than 4,000 in winter!

These little guys help to pollinate native plant species, travelling far greater distances than some birds and bees – in fact, a single flying-fox can disperse 60,000 seeds in one night!

It's important that we take steps to protect our colony of Grey-headed flying-foxes, particularly as they can play a huge ecological role in regenerating Victoria's native forests after a devastating bushfire season last summer.

You can contribute to their protection by doing the right thing in your own backyard, and not using unsafe netting on fruit trees.

Hundreds of native birds and animals are killed in fruit tree nets, and in Melbourne alone, between 350 and 500 Grey-headed flying-foxes are rescued from netting every year. Many don't survive.

When a Grey-headed flying-fox is rescued from netting, it requires 21 days of care to ensure they have no wing die-off. If a female is caught in a net, she may be foraging for fruit to produce milk for a pup. The pups cannot survive more than two days alone, and Grey-headed flying-foxes only produce a single pup in any given year.

To help tackle this problem, the Victorian Government recently moved to ban fruit tree netting that can kill or harm wildlife. Unsafe netting will be illegal come September 2021.

What you can do

- Don't wait until September – you can protect Yarra's flying-foxes and our other native animals by not using unsafe netting on your fruit trees today.
- Use net bags or fruit socks to protect bunches of fruit or individual branches, rather than netting whole trees.

- Leave what you don't need to share with wildlife.
- Remove old netting that is not protecting fruit, and check netted trees every day to ensure the nets are not loose and no animals are trapped.
- Dispose of old netting responsibly.
- Report it – if you see any wildlife trapped in netting, call Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300 or visit wildlifevictoria.org.au.

What's makes netting unsafe?

- Any netting with holes greater than 5mm by 5mm when fully stretched is unsafe. If you can poke your finger through, then it is capable of injuring wildlife.
- Netting with an individual strand diameter of 500 microns or more (0.5mm) is also unsafe.
- Wildlife can't easily see black, dark green or grey netting.

WHAT'S ON

HELEN HU AND LILY LI'S NEW BOOK LAUNCH 胡海伦和李国立新书发布会

Saturday 27 February 2021
1.30pm to 3.30pm
Richmond Library

Join us as we launch local author Helen Hu's new book, "The Time to be Savoured", and Lily Li's new book, "Friendship, Fate, Cherish" 请参加新书首发庆典, 胡海伦的《其味无穷》, 李国立的《友情, 缘分, 珍惜》和《不一样的精彩》

yarracity.vic.gov.au/febbooklaunch

EMILY BRONTË: A CHILD OF THE MOORS

Monday 8 March 2021
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room

Acclaimed Melbourne actress Lise Rogers is back by popular demand with her brilliant new one-woman show. Sponsored by The Thomas, Samuel and George Ewing Trust.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/rockyarra

GET CRAFTY WITH LASERS

Wednesday 10 March 2021
2pm to 4pm
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library

Design and laser cut a geometric bookmark with free, easy to use software. Create amazing geometric designs with our new Emblaser 2 Laser Cutter, and take home your finished creation!

yarracity.vic.gov.au/bookmarkworkshop



PLAN YOUR OWN ESCAPE ROOM

Wednesday 10 March 2021
2pm to 4pm
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library

Ever wondered what's involved with making a fun, yet challenging escape room? In this hands on workshop, Shang Lun Lee from local game design studio PlayReactive will take you through puzzle design concepts, tricks and tools to get you thinking about how to make your own games, treasure hunts or escape rooms.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/escaperoom

GOING PLANT-BASED: TAKING CLIMATE ACTION CAN BEGIN WITH WHAT WE EAT (ONLINE)

Thursday 11 March 2021
7pm to 8.30pm

Join Shannon Martinez, Head Chef and Owner of vegan restaurant Smith and Daughters and Jess Panegyres, Former Campaign Manager Forests at The Wilderness Society, in a discussion about why we need to change the way we eat to tackle the climate emergency.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/plantbased

SUMMER SOUNDS: MUSIC YARED

Sunday 28 March 2021
2.30pm to 3.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library

This March, join us in the rooftop garden of Bargoonga Nganjin for the incredible East-African grooves of Music Yared.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/summersounds21

For more information about local events, visit

yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarraevents

What you can put in your recycling bins has changed

Glass

Separate glass jars and bottles from other recycling.

Clean and empty glass jars and bottles without their lids go in your purple-lidded glass bin.



Plastic

Only plastic bottles labelled 1 and 2 (lids off), and plastic food packaging labelled 5, can go in your yellow-lidded recycling bin.



Collection

We are still doing weekly recycling collections, alternating between glass and other recyclables.

Check the collection calendar that was sent with your purple glass bin, or sign up for our bin collection SMS reminders.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/recyclerev to find out more.



Not sure where to put something?
Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/atozguide

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

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

In this edition of Yarra News, read about how we're supporting businesses after COVID-19. Learn about our new waste and recycling service. Get tips on how to be a great pet owner. Read about homes in Yarra that use 100% renewable energy, and more. If you want more information about this edition, call 9280 1937 and quote reference number 18 877.

本期的Yarra News将为您介绍COVID-19疫情过后我们为企业提供的支持措施。通过阅读本期 Yarra News, 您还将了解到新的垃圾回收服务信息, 宠物饲养的好方法, 有关Yarra区使用100%可再生能源的房屋信息以及其他精彩内容。欲了解更多信息, 请致电9280 1937并报上查询参考编号18 877。

Σ' αυτή την έκδοση του Yarra News διαβάστε πώς υποστηρίζουμε επιχειρήσεις μετά την πανδημία του COVID-19. Μάθετε για την νέα υπηρεσία μας απορριμάτων και ανακύκλωσης. Πάρτε συμβουλές για το πώς να γίνετε ένας υπέροχος ιδιοκτήτης κατοικίδιου ζώου. Διαβάστε για σπίτια στο Yarra που χρησιμοποιούν 100% ανανεώσιμη ενέργεια, και για άλλα θέματα. Αν θέλετε περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά μ' αυτή την έκδοση, τηλεφωνήστε στο 9280 1937 και δώστε τον αριθμό αναφοράς 18 877.

Nella presente edizione di Yarra News, leggete come stiamo supportando le aziende dopo il COVID-19. Scoprite il nostro nuovo servizio sui rifiuti e sul riciclaggio. Ottenete consigli su come essere bravi proprietari di animali domestici. Leggete delle case a Yarra che utilizzano il 100% di energia rinnovabile, e di più. Se volete informazioni ulteriori sulla presente edizione, chiamate il numero 9280 1937 e citate il numero di riferimento 18 877.

Trong ấn bản này của Yarra News, hãy đọc về cách chúng tôi hỗ trợ các doanh nghiệp sau COVID-19. Tìm hiểu về dịch vụ rác thải và tái chế mới của chúng tôi. Nhận những lời khuyên về cách trở thành một người nuôi thú cưng giỏi. Đọc về những ngôi nhà ở Yarra sử dụng 100% năng lượng tái tạo, và nhiều tin tức hơn nữa. Nếu quý vị muốn biết thêm thông tin về ấn bản này, hãy gọi số 9280 1937 và trích dẫn số tham chiếu 18 877.

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