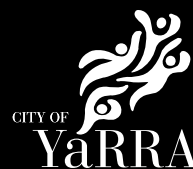


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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Yarra Council condemns racial and religious attacks in the strongest possible terms. That's why we're promoting We Stand Together (page 3). Available in a variety of community languages, this campaign offers practical tips for dealing with bigoted attacks, whether you're a target or a witness who wants to help.

My sincere thanks to Collingwood residents Firdous and Marta, who are supporting the campaign by bravely sharing their own experiences of racism.

Many of you will be aware of a recent incident in Richmond in which a commercial crane became unsteady in high winds. Homes were temporarily evacuated and an emergency relief centre established at Richmond Town

Hall. Thankfully the crane was dismantled and no one was hurt. I am immensely proud of the way our community came together to support one another during this challenging period.

I was also proud of the emergency support we were able to provide to hundreds of community members in conjunction with Victoria Police, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, State Emergency Service, Ambulance Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services and many other agencies. My thanks to our committed staff and everyone else who contributed to this issue being resolved safely and efficiently.

I'd like to finish by encouraging you to nominate someone for a 2018 Yarra Community Award (see page 11 for details). Yarra is blessed with so many unsung heroes and this is a wonderful opportunity to recognise their selfless contributions to the community.

**Cr Daniel Nguyen
Mayor**

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are open to the public and community members are invited to attend. All meetings listed below begin at 7pm at Richmond Town Hall.

- Tuesday 4 September
- Tuesday 18 September
- Tuesday 2 October
- Tuesday 16 October

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings for agendas, minutes and further information about Council Meetings. Agendas are published on the Friday prior to each meeting.

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



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NICHOLLS WARD

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



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To contact your Councillors, call **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.



Firdous Bandour (left) and Marta Gebrenigus (right) talk about some of the challenges they've faced as a result of racism.

WE STAND TOGETHER

Sudanese born Firdous Bandour arrived in Australia in 2007 and now lives in Collingwood with her children. She's happy that her kids are getting a good education, but concedes that racist attacks are affecting her wellbeing.

Some of the most hurtful comments have come from people in her own neighbourhood. "They say you are not welcome here," she says. "You go in the street and someone can say bad things and shout at you for no reason."

Eritrean-born Marta Gebrenigus also arrived in Australia in 2007. She too lives in Collingwood. She too has

experienced racism. "We need to work together and share experiences, she says. "If you live in Australia we are all the same."

Yarra has a proud history of embracing different cultures because diversity makes our community stronger. But we acknowledge that some people continue to face racial and religious attacks.

The wallet-sized We Stand Together booklet provides quick and practical advice for people experiencing such attacks. Importantly it also provides tips for people who witness attacks and want to help.

"The We Stand Together resource is useful because it gives us information about what to do if racism happens to you, how you can get help and who you can contact," Firdous says.

Our We Stand Together project partners include Carringbush Adult Education, Cohealth, Medicare, Neighbourhood Justice Centre, Fitzroy Legal Service, Victoria Police and Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission.

QUICK, PRACTICAL ADVICE

Racial and religious attacks are not okay. Racial and religious attacks are a crime.

Attacks include words, spitting, hitting and pushing.



If you are attacked

- Call 000 if you are in danger
- Make sure you are safe
- Stand with others or find others to help you
- If you feel safe, record the event on your phone

If you see someone else being attacked

- Call 000 if you are in danger
- Make sure you are safe
- Stand or sit with the person
- Ask if they are okay
- If you feel safe, record the event on your phone

Afterwards, report the attack to...

- Richmond Police 8420 3600
- Collingwood Police 8413 1700
- Fitzroy Police 9934 6400
- To report anonymously, call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER, STAY SAFE

Call our Community Partnerships team on **9205 5555** to request a wallet-sized copy of this advice in English, Chinese, Arabic, Somali, Oromo and Vietnamese.



Burnley Fruit Squad volunteers James Hains and Suzanna de Leijer show off a fresh crop of kumquats.

A FRUITFUL ENDEAVOUR

Richmond fruit pickers and fruit tree owners are coming together thanks to an exciting local volunteer program.

Burnley Fruit Squad operates from Burnley Backyard and volunteers harvest excess fruit from trees or vines on local properties.

“We harvest all sorts of fruit,” says Oren Rozensweig, who helps coordinate the program as part of his role at Richmond Community Learning Centre.

“It’s citrus season so lemons and kumquats are popular. But we have also picked grapefruits, olives and oranges as well.”

Residents are encouraged to keep one third of the collected fruit, and the remainder is distributed via a number of community organisations.

The program works with Richmond Churches Food Centre, which uses fruit as part of its food relief outreach program. Some organisations also offer to make the fruit into jam or marmalade.

This isn’t just about picking fruit. It’s so much more.

“This isn’t just about picking fruit. It’s so much more,” says James Hains, a Burnley Fruit Squad volunteer.

“The Fruit Squad tackles issues like sustainability, social isolation, and accessibility to fresh produce,” he says.

“That we can do all this as a community is pretty incredible.”



**GOT A FRUIT TREE?
THIS IS YOUR TIME
TO SHINE!**

“As the spring and summer months approach, we are seeking more fruit tree owners to get involved,” says Richmond Community Learning Centre’s Oren Rozensweig.

Oren would love to hear from fruit tree owners who are happy to share their harvest, including those who may not be able to pick the fruit themselves.

If you are a Richmond fruit tree owner (or would like to volunteer as a picker) visit www.rclc.org.au or call **9428 9901**.

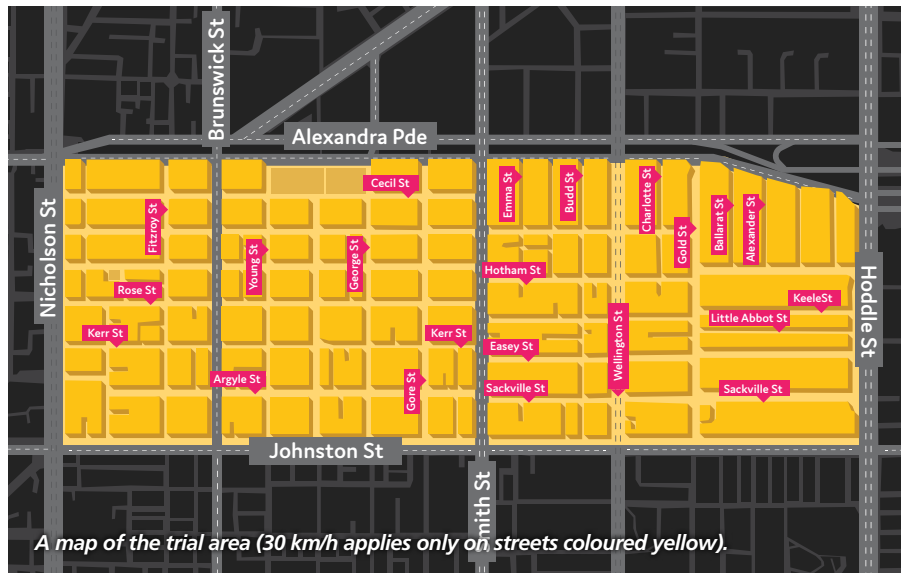
THANKS FOR 30 STREETS WORTH SHARING

Motorists and cyclists will soon need to slow down to 30km/h in parts of Fitzroy and Collingwood, as Yarra becomes the first council in Australia to trial the reduced area-wide speed limit.

The trial starts in late September and will run for 12 months in the neighbourhood streets bordered by Alexandra Parade, Johnston Street, Hoddle Street and Nicholson Street.

The aim of the trial is to create safer and more liveable streets, especially for people who walk and cycle.

Ninety per cent of crashes in the area have involved pedestrians, cyclists or motorbike riders, but we know that people have a much better chance of escaping serious injury if vehicles travel more slowly.



A map of the trial area (30 km/h applies only on streets coloured yellow).

In fact, a pedestrian hit by a motor vehicle is at least twice as likely to survive if the vehicle is travelling at 30km/h instead of 40km/h.

There are lots of ways Council could make cars slow down, by building speed humps or implementing other costly changes to road infrastructure.

This approach is different because it focuses on changing our attitudes and behaviour to achieve positive change, rather than spending money on road works.

It's about creating streets that are vibrant, where people feel safe to cycle, walk around and spend time in their neighbourhood.

Visit thanksfor30.com.au for more information about the trial.

FOUR SEASONS IN ONE DAY

The four seasons are coming to Collingwood Neighbourhood House thanks to a group of active senior citizens.

June, a regular attendee of Willowview Seniors' Centre, saw the chance to brighten up the space for the children and families who use it.

Once we've got back into it we've realised we haven't forgotten our talents.

June and her friends came up with the idea of decorating the space with umbrellas representing each of the four seasons.

June sees art and craft as a form of therapy. "Many of us have experience in different crafts like crocheting and knitting," she says.



June (right) leads the umbrella art project with the help of Willowview friends like Joyce (left) and Program Worker Marie (middle).

"A lot of us haven't done crafts for a while, but once we've got back into it we've realised we haven't forgotten our talents."

Council staff are supporting the project, but June and her fellow seniors are leading the way. "To have one of our seniors leading a project with the group is just fantastic," says Marie Packer, Willowview program worker.

"It means we know we have done our job and they are passionate about the activities we are doing together."

To learn more about activities for senior citizens in Yarra, visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/olderpeople or call us on 9205 5555.



Volunteers at St Mary's House of Welcome offer meals, showers, training and more to those in need.

MAKING VOLUNTEERING EASIER

People who volunteer feel physically, mentally and emotionally better. It's a great way to make connections, gain experience and find a sense of purpose, all while helping the local community.

We're currently exploring ways to better support volunteering in Yarra and we'd love to hear about your ideas and priorities.

How can we connect volunteering with the right information and resources? How can we showcase volunteer opportunities, assist with education and training, and ensure that volunteers are acknowledged for their efforts?

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/volunteering to have your say and learn about our pop-up sessions.

VOLUNTEERING IN YARRA

- 22% of Yarra's population do volunteer work (compared to Greater Melbourne average of 18%)
- A quarter of our 18 to 24 year olds volunteer their time
- Volunteers contribute \$55m of economic benefit to our community

Based on 2016 figures

DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR FUTURE GROWTH

Developers would contribute to infrastructure upgrades and community facilities under a new plan to help provide for the needs of our growing city.

We are proposing to introduce a Development Contributions Plan to the Yarra Planning Scheme, which would require developers to pay a contribution

towards essential city infrastructure like roads and footpaths, as well as community facilities (for example, a new community centre).

Each contribution would be spent within the area that the new development is built, to ensure that existing and future local residents benefit.

The plan would apply to all new residential dwellings (not renovation of existing residences) as well as commercial and industrial developments where new floor space is being added.

We have identified an extensive list of infrastructure projects that would be eligible to be funded under the program.

As our population grows, so does the demand on our city's infrastructure. This plan aims to ensure that developers make a fair contribution to our community.

The Development Contributions Plan planning scheme amendment (known as Amendment C238) is open for community feedback from 23 August until 21 September 2018.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/amendmentc238 to find out more about the process, and how to make a submission.



SHOP FRONT RENOVATIONS

Supporting 9 shop front renovations.



ROLLER SHUTTER ARTWORK

Installing artwork on 15 roller shutters.

REIMAGINING VICTORIA STREET

Take a look at the different projects taking place on Victoria Street as part of our response to over 2,300 ideas we received from a 2017 community consultation.

The works aim to make Victoria Street a more vibrant and welcoming place for residents, traders and visitors.



VICTORIA/LENNOX/NICHOLSON STREET UPGRADE

Installing new paving, bike lane, furniture and landscaping.



FURNITURE AND STREETScape UPGRADE

Installing new street furniture, trees and plantings and general physical improvements.



GRAFFITI AND STREET CLEANING

Regular cleaning, including bins, footpaths, posters and graffiti.



CHAN PHAT RECEIVES SHOP FRONT UPGRADE

Victor Chen owns the fruit and vegetable shop Chan Phat on Victoria Street. He is a third generation small-business owner and took over the shop five years ago.

"I am a Richmond Football Club supporter, so working here makes sense," Victor laughs.

Chan Phat is one of 10 businesses who have received support from Yarra Council to have their shop fronts upgraded.

"I noticed that some roller shutters had been painted with impressive artwork along the street so I contacted Yarra Council to see if there was anything that could be done with my shop."

He hopes that the projects will help revive the look and feel of Victoria Street.

"We have seen the way Swan Street has taken off in recent years. We have our fingers crossed Victoria Street can do the same."

"This area has lots of potential. There is great food and culture. Having the support of Yarra Council is greatly appreciated and hopefully we can see Victoria Street thrive."

YOUR RATES EXPLAINED

Your rates allow us to invest in essential infrastructure and services including roads, parks, libraries and community centres.

Rates also support a wide range of projects that benefit health and wellbeing in Yarra, like the new youth space planned for Richmond.

Property owners will receive their rates notices in the coming weeks. Here is some important information about your rates - your investment in your community:

How to pay your rates

You have two options for paying your rates, which are detailed on your rates notice. You can pay four instalments before the due dates, or 10 monthly instalments via direct debit starting in September. Access the direct debit form on our website.



Valuations

This year is a revaluation year, meaning all properties in Yarra have been revalued in 2018.

When working out the value of your property, the valuer will look at property sales and rents, as well as the type of property and its features. This year we found that property values in Yarra had increased by an average of 18.48% since 2016.

We have increased our overall rate revenue from last year by 2.25% in line with the State Government's cap on rate increases.

This means that if your property's value grew by more than 18.48% you will experience a rate increase higher than 2.25%. Properties that grew by less than 18.48% (or decreased in value) will experience an increase lower than 2.25% (or a decrease from last year's rates).

If you have any concerns about your property valuation, contact us within two months of the date on your rate notice.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/ratesandvaluations to learn more about rates and valuations in Yarra.

SERVICES SUPPORTED BY YOUR RATES



Family, youth and children's services

Building, property and asset management

Transport and sustainability

Waste and recycling

Construction management

Aged and disability services



Roads, footpaths and drains

Leisure, arts, culture and venues

Governance

Advocacy and consultation

Strategic and town planning



Customer service

Finance and accountability

Library services

Compliance, parking and traffic

Parks and recreation

FACES OF YARRA

Portraits of a living city



Beef is a four year old French Mastiff and the face of Beef's Barbers in Richmond.

His owner, Shaun Ash, says "The customers and people in the area love Beef. We even get stopped going on

walks from locals who recognise his face!"

So how does such an astounding employee get compensated? "Lots of steak, it's his favourite."



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

SUBSCRIBE TO YARRA BUSINESS E-NEWS

Local business owners are invited to subscribe to our fortnightly Business E-News bulletin. It's the quick and easy way to hear about training and grants, advisory groups and forums, changes to state and local law, and the many ways your council is supporting Yarra's growing business community.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/businessbulletin to subscribe today.

YARRA CALLS FOR GAMBLING PROTECTIONS

A staggering \$31m was lost across eight Yarra pokies venues during 2016/17. As part of the Alliance for Gambling Reform, Yarra Council is calling on the State Government to make changes to legislation and address this threat to our community's wellbeing.

Visit pokiesplayyou.org.au to learn more about this important campaign.

A PLACE FOR PEOPLE

North Fitzroy has embraced Bargoonga Nganjin, and this remarkable building has now been recognised with a gold award at the 2018 Melbourne Design Awards in the public and institutional architecture category. Located at 182 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy, Bargoonga Nganjin features a state-of-the-art library and customer service centre, along with maternal and child health services and playgroups.



Fringe Furniture at the Abbotsford Convent. Photo: Theresa Harrison.

WHAT'S ON IN YARRA

LIVING IN YARRA

Wednesday 29 August
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library

This seminar is being held by Yarra Libraries to inform the local community about a range of services provided by Yarra Council and how to book them. Services covered in this session will include parking, rates, waste services, aged care and more.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/livinginyarra for a full list of the topics that will be covered and to register.

READING IN EDINBURGH GARDENS

Until Wednesday 12 September
Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library

"Reading in Edinburgh Gardens" is a panoramic mural designed to make the viewer feel as if they are inside a picture book set in the nearby Edinburgh Gardens. Artist Simon O'Carrigan used black line drawings with vibrant colour washed over the top to create the mural.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/readinginedinburghgardens for more information.

FRINGE FURNITURE

Thursday 13 to Sunday 30 September
Wednesday to Sunday 11am to 5pm
Abbotsford Convent

Back for another year, Fringe Furniture is flipping perceptions of design on its head with a showcase of boundary-pushing furniture and design. This free exhibition is a core part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival, celebrating cultural democracy and art for everyone.

Visit www.melbournefringe.com.au to learn more.

GERTRUDE STREET PROJECTION FESTIVAL

Friday 21 and Saturday 22 September
After dark
Gertrude Street, Fitzroy

For two nights the Atherton Garden Precinct in Fitzroy will be transformed into a world of colour and movement through the light and inventiveness of projection art. Everyone is invited to come together and enjoy this spectacular show!

For more information about local events, visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarraevents

LUNCHBOX LEARNING: SUSTAINABILITY AND BUSINESS

Thursday 27 September
12pm to 1pm
Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library

Find out how you can make your business more sustainable in this free lunchtime session. Learn how you can improve the sustainability of your business, why you should do it and how it can benefit your bottom line.

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/lunchboxlearning to find out more and register to attend this free event.

SIDESAULT AT THE MELBA

Wednesday 10 to Sunday 21 October
The Melba Spiegelent

Over two weeks in October, Sidesault at The Melba Festival will challenge, push and develop contemporary circus artists. This event will feature six emerging and established circus companies presenting new works ranging from physical stunts to heartbreaking stories.

Visit circusoz.com for ticket information.

YARRA COMMUNITY AWARDS 2018

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (26 years and over)

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (12 to 25 years)

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

Recognising the outstanding contributions to the Yarra community by individuals, groups, events, campaigns and movements in 2018 or over a number of years.

A \$500 prize will be awarded to the winner of each category.

ARTS

SPORT

HERITAGE

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Recognising significant contributions to the arts, organised sport, the protection and enhancement of Yarra's history and helping create an inclusive and diverse community in 2018 or over a number of years.

A \$250 prize will be awarded to the winner of each category.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER

To find more information about our selection criteria, and to nominate, visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/communityawards



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and at a time that suits you.

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-  **EMAIL** us at info@yarracity.vic.gov.au
-  **TWEET** us at @YarraCouncil
-  **LIKE** us at [fb.com/YarraCityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/YarraCityCouncil)
-  **FOLLOW** us on Instagram @CityOfYarra
-  **CALL** us on 9205 5555
-  **VISIT** a customer service centre
(open weekdays 8.30am to 5pm)

Collingwood Town Hall
140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford

Richmond Town Hall
333 Bridge Road, Richmond

Connie Benn Centre
160 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

**Bargoonga Nganjin
North Fitzroy Library**
182 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy

**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.

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Yarra's fortnightly e-newsletter bringing you the
latest news, updates and events across Yarra.

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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 18134.

本期《亚拉新闻》亮点包括当地果树采摘果实志愿者项目、应对种族和宗教攻击的建议，即将在菲茨罗伊(Fitzroy)和科林伍德(Fitzroy)部分地区试行30公里/小时限速、本市2018年亚拉社区奖(2018 Yarra Community Awards)开放提名。欲想了解更多关于本期的信息，请拨打9280 1937并引述参考号码18134。

Ανάμεσα στα κύρια θέματα αυτής της έκδοσης του Yarra News περιλαμβάνονται: πρόγραμμα εθελοντών για συγκομιδή φρούτων από τοπικά δέντρα, συμβουλές αντιμετώπισης ρατσιστικών και θρησκευτικών επιθέσεων, η επερχόμενη δοκιμαστική εφαρμογή του μέτρου των 30 χιλιομέτρων την ώρα σε ορισμένους δρόμους του Fitzroy και του Collingwood καθώς επίσης και ότι ξεκίνησε η υποβολή υποψηφιοτήτων για τα Κοινοτικά Βραβεία του Δήμου Yarra για το τρέχον έτος 2018. Αν θέλετε περισσότερες πληροφορίες για αυτή την έκδοση, καλέστε τον αριθμό 9280 1934 και αναφέρετε τον κωδικό REF 18134.

Questa edizione di Yarra News include articoli sul programma di volontariato per raccogliere la frutta dagli alberi nel proprio vicinato, consigli su come comportarsi in caso di aggressioni razziali e religiose, la prossima esecuzione del limite massimo di 30km/h in alcune parti di Fitzroy e Collingwood, e l'apertura delle nomine per il nostro Yarra Community Awards del 2018. Per maggiori informazioni su quest'edizione, contattate 9280 1931 e fornite il codice 18134.

Những tin đáng chú ý trong số báo Yarra News lần này là chương trình làm thiện nguyện hái trái cây trên các cây trong vùng, các gọi ý để đối phó với trường hợp phí báng vì lý do chủng tộc và tôn giáo, thử nghiệm tốc độ 30km/g sắp tới tại các khu vực khác nhau ở Fitzroy và Collingwood và bắt đầu nhận đơn đề cử người được trao Giải thưởng Cộng đồng Yarra 2018 của chúng ta. Nếu muốn biết thêm về thông tin đăng trong số báo này, xin quý vị gọi số 9280 1939 và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 18134.

ON THE COVER: The Burnley Fruit Squad is bringing kumquats (and more) to the community. See page 4 to learn how to get involved.

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.