

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to Yarra News.

This is our first edition for the year, and the first since I assumed the role of Mayor in November last year.

Allow me to begin by thanking my predecessor, Cr Amanda Stone, for her leadership over the past 12 months.

I'd also like to congratulate Cr Misha Coleman on becoming Yarra's first ever Deputy Mayor.

As I said on the night of my election, the role of Mayor is a remarkable privilege, and I thank my fellow councillors for entrusting me with this responsibility.

Our Council is unique in its fabric, a fabric woven from the threads of countless backgrounds, histories and experiences.

That's why a major focus of my Mayoral term will be listening to the suggestions and concerns of people from many different backgrounds.

I'm particularly keen to work hand-in-hand with young people on the issues that will affect the next generation.

This edition of Yarra News touches on a number of opportunities to get involved in Council decisionmaking.

Our current and upcoming engagement projects include the Council Budget, Open Space Strategy, Housing Strategy, Access and Inclusion Strategy and Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy.

This is a great chance to have your say on local issues and we look forward to hearing from you.

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, please check our website for meeting locations.

- 6 February at Richmond Town Hall
- 20 February at Richmond Town Hall
- 6 March (please check our website for meeting location)
- 20 March (please check our website for meeting location)

Visit varracity.vic.gov.au/upcomingmeetings 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) and Fitzroy (south of Moor Street), and Richmond (in the area bounded by Lennox, Highett and Hoddle streets)



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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.



100% COMMITTED

We are renewing our commitment to a sustainable future by joining the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP).

We will be sourcing 100% of our electricity through MREP, enough to power all Council-owned and operated buildings, as well as park and street lighting throughout Yarra.

As an MREP partner, we are also helping to drive construction of a 39 turbine wind farm in regional Victoria, a huge stride forward for sustainability in this state.

The wind farm will be owned and operated by Melbourne-based clean energy company Pacific Hydro, and the power will be supplied by its retail arm, Tango Energy.

By using a clean and renewable resource like wind power, we will be contributing to a 96,000 tonne reduction in harmful greenhouse gas emissions each year.

Led by Melbourne City Council, MREP has united leading councils, universities, cultural institutions, and corporations. Visit **melbourne.vic.gov.au/mrep** to learn more.

Yarra is Victoria's first carbon neutral council (achieving carbon neutral certification every year since 2012) and the first local government in Australia to receive 'One Planet' certification.

For tips on how to live sustainably, visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/livesustainably

IMPROVING SAFETY IN NORTH RICHMOND

Following a decade of Council and community advocacy, the State Government has announced that it will trial a medically supervised injecting centre in North Richmond.

Victoria Street and the surrounding area has faced challenges to public safety and liveability as the result of drug-related activity over many years.

Research shows that supervised injecting centres help prevent overdoses and reduce the number of used syringes being discarded in local streets.

They can also connect drug users to health services offering a path out of drug dependence.

Council is now urging the State Government to work closely with us to consider the needs of our residents and businesses during the planning and implementation of the centre.

Our support for this trial is about preventing overdose deaths, taking drug use off the streets and making our public places safe and welcoming for everyone.

This year, we'll be working to improve public safety and amenity with a major upgrade to the intersection of Victoria Street and Lennox/Nicholson streets

Works are expected to begin in February, and will include improved footpath paving, new street crossing points, street furniture and bicycle parking, better lighting, public art and street trees.





About 90% of women working in hospitality have endured sexual harassment in the workplace according to a United Voice study. The good news is that a growing number of Yarra venues are tackling this issue head on.

Respect is the Rule sees venues pledge to provide harassment training to their managers and staff, raise awareness with posters and fact sheets, and remove customers who sexually harass staff and other patrons.

Eighteen Yarra venues are already on board, including Rose Gaumann's Kent St Bar & Café in Fitzroy.

Rose helped launch Respect is the Rule during her time at United Voice, and she remains a strong advocate for the campaign in her role as Bars of the North founder. We recently caught up with Rose for a quick chat about the campaign.

This is a change that is not only possible, but is inevitable

Q: What led you to join the Respect is the Rule campaign?

A: As a hospitality worker and a woman, I have plenty of first-hand experiences of sexual harassment at work. It's awful to think of the current and new generations entering the industry suffering the same treatment and disregard, without any official backing when they complain. All of this and more brought me to a point of frustration and motivation to strive for awareness, and ultimately, change.

Q: What benefits have you seen at Kent St since the campaign launched?

A: It has helped to highlight things we have already been aware of and encourage us to stick to our guns; knowing we have the support of the campaign and the resources to educate staff, as well as a network of other venues to talk to. Our customers frequently comment on how comfortable, safe and supported they feel when they see the information posters around. Happy customers make happy staff and a happy venue.

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Q: Do you have a message for anyone thinking about getting involved?

A: To any venues considering joining the campaign, please do. To any workers wanting to get involved, please do. This is a change that is not only possible, but is inevitable. Be proud to say you were part of a movement that supports its workers, work mates, customers and their safety and happiness.

Visit **respectistherule.org.au** to get involved in the campaign.

Visit **fb.com/barsofthenorth** for more information on Bars of the North.



BUDGET INFO SESSIONS

We're in the early stages of planning for our budget for 2018/19 and encourage our community to attend one of our upcoming information sessions to learn more about the process.

We also want to hear your ideas about the types of projects you think we should prioritise in our budget.

The information sessions will be held on:

Thursday 8 February

6pm–7.30pm Bargoonga Nganjin - North Fitzroy Library 182 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy Community Room (level 2)

Saturday 10 February

10am–11.30am Richmond Town Hall 333 Bridge Road, Richmond Meeting Rooms 1, 2 and 3

Monday 12 February

6pm–7.30pm Collingwood Town Hall 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford Main Hall

Your contributions at these information sessions and during our earlier round of consultation in December 2017 and January 2018 will help shape the direction of a draft budget. The draft will be released for further community feedback in April 2018.





UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS

Supporting older residents and people with a disability

In February, we'll be asking our community to share their views on how we can support people to live healthy, connected and inclusive lives in Yarra. Your feedback will help us develop two important strategies:

- Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy 2018–24
- Access and Inclusion Strategy 2018–24

These strategies will guide our work over the next six years to support older residents and people with a disability, including their families and carers.

Housing Strategy

This year, we'll be talking to our community about our draft Housing Strategy. The Housing Strategy will be implemented as part of the Yarra Planning Scheme (the planning guidelines for Yarra) and will help us plan ahead for our growing population – expected to increase by nearly 30,000 people in 15 years.

The strategy will guide where new housing can go, while protecting the heritage and neighbourhood character of Yarra.

Go to **yarracity.vic.gov.au/consultations** or call us on **9205 5555** for upcoming consultations.



PLANNING FOR OUR PARKS

We love our local parks in Yarra.

They are the lungs of our city, providing beautiful spaces for people of all ages (and their furry friends) to relax, play, walk, ride, and just be. They also support an abundance of trees, plants, animals and waterways that are essential to our local environment.

We're planning for the future of Yarra's parks, gardens, reserves and waterways through the development of our new Open Space Strategy.

This strategy will guide how we manage our public open spaces over the next 10 to 15 years. It will also help identify how and where we can create new open spaces to meet the needs of our growing community.

Get involved

You can help us create a vision for the future of open spaces in Yarra.

We want to know which parks and facilities you love and why, how you use them now and how you would like to be able to use them in the future. We also want to know what is lacking and areas that could be improved.

We'll be able to develop a better strategy if we understand your needs.

Have your say

Take our survey online at yarracity.vic.gov.au/weloveparks

It's easy to do, and should take less than 10 minutes.

If you'd prefer to receive a paper copy of the survey, contact us on **9205 5555**.

Survey responses must be received by Sunday 18 March 2018.



Pop up sessions Come and discuss open space with council staff at one of our pop up

sessions featuring family-friendly activities and giveaways:

Thursday 22 February 12pm-2pm

Peel Street Park, Collingwood

Saturday 24 February 10am-12pm Edinburgh Gardens, North Fitzroy

Saturday 3 March 10am-12pm Citizens Park, Richmond



Park life

Yarra has a total of 235 hectares of open space that is useable and accessible, covering 12.2% of the total area of the municipality.

This includes over 145 parks, from small neighbourhood parks to the much loved Edinburgh Gardens.

Growing community

Like all of Melbourne, Yarra's population is growing. Our population is expected to increase by nearly 30,000 by 2031.

Most new residents will live in apartments or town houses and rely on public open spaces as extensions of their own living spaces.

Cultural heritage

Yarra is home to a number of natural places that are of special significance to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, like the Corroboree Tree in Burnley Park, Scar trees in Coate Park/ Rudder Grange and Studley Park, Dights Falls Mission School and Native Police Corps, and the confluence of the Yarra River and Merri Creek.

Concrete conversions

In the past few years, we have created five new pocket parks, including Oxford Street Park and Peel Street Park in Collingwood, and Church Street Park in Richmond.

This year we are excited to be building another new park in Mollison Street, Abbotsford. These small parks are a creative way of introducing much-needed green spaces to dense urban areas.

Sharing the love

There are over 94,000 residents, 66,000 workers, 58 sporting and social clubs, and 5000 registered dogs in Yarra, plus a high number of visitors.

All these people (and pups) have to share our parks and open spaces for recreation, sport, play and socialising.



HOLIDAY HIJINKS

The Yarra Youth Services team works around-the-clock to offer fun and engaging activities for our young people every school holidays.

This summer, the program included a day at the beach in Mornington, mountain biking, a rooftop party, surfing at Ocean Grove, a film screening in the city and a day at Geelong Adventure Park.

Youth Development Officer Jade Blair sees the program as a great opportunity for kids to make friends outside the classroom. "The most important thing is that the kids have a great time and enjoy their school holidays," she said.

Yarra Mayor, Cr Daniel Nguyen joined the group for the most recent activity, a fast-paced table-tennis tournament. "It's awesome to see our younger community making the most of what we have in Yarra and beyond," he said.

"They're learning important real-life skills that will put them in good stead to be future leaders in our community."



WORKING FOR YOU

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/ schoolholiday to sign up to our program before the next school holidays.

ACTIVEYARRA

HOLDING COURT

Since 2010, young people from Yarra's housing estates in Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond have been playing basketball together as the Yarra Wild Beasts.

The teams consist of male and female players aged 13 and up, who train, compete and develop their skills in a safe and social environment.

Nineteen-year-old player and coach Riyadh Aden says "Wild Beasts has brought the people of the housing estates together, and that's a big achievement. The program values family and unity, which most of these kids need. Our brotherhood exists not just between the players, but within the whole community of coaches, families and everyone behind the scenes."

Players who show their commitment on and off the court are selected to compete in tournaments across Australia.

The program is delivered by Yarra Blue Light with support from Victoria Police, along with local residents and businesses. To get involved in the fun, contact Chris McGeachan at christopher.mcgeachan@police.vic.gov.au

Visit **yarracity.vic.gov.au/getactive** to learn more about sports, fitness and lifestyle opportunities in Yarra.



A shared passion for basketball is bringing local young people together. Photo: Adam McKay



REVITALISING A RICHMOND FAVOURITE

Williams Reserve, one of Richmond's favourite parks, has reopened to the public after a major upgrade. Local residents and park users told us that Williams Reserve is a much-loved space and upgrades should be subtle, building on the already well-functioning park.

Suggestions were taken on-board for the final design including the planting of more trees and bushes and refreshed lawns of drought-resistant grass. This, along with the installation of a new irrigation system, will help the park stay healthy and green throughout the year.



WORKING FOR YOU

Improvements also include a brand-new playground, additional picnic tables, a new footpath on Victoria Street and seating nooks for increased comfort.

A boulevard of new trees and a feature fence create a divide between the reserve and Victoria Street, separating it from traffic and providing local residents with a relaxing green retreat in the bustling inner-city suburb.

We secured funds to upgrade and revitalise the reserve from the developers of a nearby apartment block in return for the temporary use of Council land.

Turn to page 6 to learn how to have your say on the future of Yarra's parks and gardens.

Find more parks in Yarra by visiting yarracity.vic.gov.au/findparks

A CANVAS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Bold, eye-catching colours and a quirky design have made the mural at Acacia Fitzroy Crèche a talking point for the local community.

The wall that now hosts the fantastical artwork was a target for taggers and there was a frequent need for graffiti removal.

Acacia staff wanted to counter this issue, while also creating something that the children would connect with.

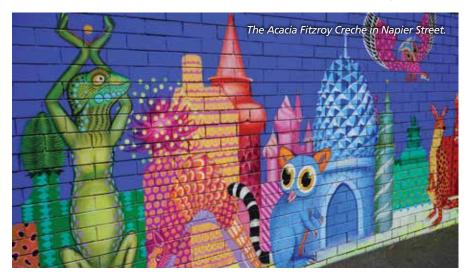
The mural was hand-painted by artists Lucy Parkinson and Gonzalo Varela over two months. While the original design was for a fairytale-like cityscape featuring native flowers, it evolved significantly over time.

"As we started painting it everyone coming past came up with ideas for what they wanted to see and the design just developed from that," said Lucy.

The final artwork is a patchwork of animals and plants in vibrant colours, a fitting reflection of Fitzroy's diversity. Passers-by have spoken of seeing their cultures reflected in the design.

Community members and crèche visitors alike feel that the mural has helped make Acacia feel right at home in a suburb known for its exciting street-art.

Visit **arts.yarracity.vic.gov.au/murals** to learn more about Yarra's public art.



FACES OF YARRA

Portraits of a living city



Richard Chadwick steals the show every weekend as office-worker-come-dragqueen 'Karen from Finance'.

A Yarra resident for more than 10 years, Richard's makeup, costume and wig artistry (not to mention his lip-synching skills) have made him a hit in the Melbourne drag scene.



Follow @CityOfYarra on Instagram for more on Richard (AKA Karen) and our other #FacesOfYarra.

HELPING OUR LOVED ONES KEEP THEIR COOL

Heatwaves can harm anyone, but some people are especially vulnerable.

People aged over 65 are at a higher risk during heatwaves - often because of their physical response and social isolation.

Other vulnerable groups include people with a disability or medical condition, babies and small children, and pregnant or breastfeeding women.

Health impacts can include heat stroke, heat exhaustion, dehydration, cramping or even death.

That's why you should check on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours at least once a day during a heatwave, especially if they live alone.

Help vulnerable people to:

- drink plenty of water
- stay somewhere cool for at least two hours each day

- reschedule chores and appointments
- stay out of the sun
- avoid exercise and movement during the hottest parts of the day
- apply a cold compress (e.g. wet tea
- plan for power outages

For more information on preparing for a heatwave, visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/ heat or call 9205 5555.



WHAT'S ON IN YARRA

SUMMER SOUNDS: THE SENEGAMBIAN JAZZ BAND

Sunday 18 February 2.30pm–3.30pm Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library rooftop garden

Made up of five musicians from four countries, The Senegambian Jazz Band developed their sound by melding the traditions of west African melodies and rhythms with jazz, Latin and funk. Their music is a melting pot of sounds, influences and cultures intricately woven to create a magical sonic experience, unlike anything in the Australian music scene. This is a free event. Bookings not required.

SUNSHINE SCREENING AND Q&A

Wednesday 21 February 6.30pm–8pm Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room

Set in the Melbourne suburb of the same name, acclaimed SBS series Sunshine is a vibrant and compelling drama that explores a world of contrasts felt by those forging a new life in a foreign land. Join us for a special screening of the first episode, followed by a Q&A with Sunshine producers and actors. This free event will feature an AUSLAN interpreter. Bookings are essential.

Visit **yarracity.vic.gov.au/sunshine** to reserve your place.

MOVIE IN THE PARK: LION (PG)

Saturday 24 February 5.30pm-10pm Holden Street Reserve, Fitzroy North

Set amongst the eucalyptus trees, our wonderful outdoor cinema is the perfect place to relax and enjoy this acclaimed and inspiring Australian film. Arrive from 5.30pm for food, live entertainment, sustainability workshops and activities for all ages. Film screening will commence after dusk (8.30pm). This is a free event, however bookings are essential.

Visit **yarracity.vic.gov.au/movielion** to reserve your place.

SOUNDWAVES

Every Sunday in February 1pm-5pm Fitzroy Pool

Slip, slop, slap and celebrate summer by the pool with DJs spinning your favourite tunes. Entry is standard pool fees and FREE for Yarra Leisure members! In the event of bad weather, we'll have the pool party on Saturday instead. Keep an eye on the Yarra Leisure Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.

FAIRFIELD IN FEB

Sunday 4, 11, 18 and 25 February 5pm-7.30pm

Fairfield Amphitheatre, Fairfield Park

Spend a summer afternoon by the river with family and friends and enjoy some of Melbourne's best music and performances. Local music organisations Play On, 3CR and the Melbourne Ukulele Kollective are combining forces to present an unmissable line-up of established and emerging local artists.

Sunday 4 February

Yarra City Council presents Emma Donovan and the Putbacks, Kylie Auldist and Niasha

Sunday 11 February

Play On presents Play On Collective and DJ Manchild

Sunday 18 February

3CR presents Communities of Sound, Kutcha Edwards, Thando and more.

Sunday 25 February

Melbourne Ukulele Kollective presents Melbourne Ukulele Kollective, Uke4Kids Family Orchestra (U.F.O) with Yanai Morris and Cat House

LANDSCAPES OF THE MIND, VISUAL ART EXHIBITION BY RIA GANIS

Saturday 3 February – Tuesday 24 April Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Road, Richmond

Landscapes of the Mind is an expression of the serendipitous nature of creativity. The artist often begins in control of her creative ideas, but eventually, the process takes on a life of its own. She believes that it is the serendipity of this process that is the delight of creativity. In this series of works, she aspires to "create a mood of meditation and freedom to wander the landscape of your mind".

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

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- **LIKE** us at fb.com/YarraCityCouncil
- FOLLOW us on Instagram @CityOfYarra
- **CALL** us on 9205 5555
- **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 North Fitzroy Library182 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.

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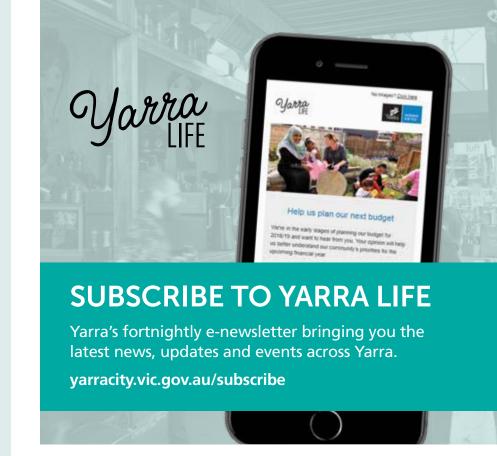
Yarra News'un bu baskısında yer alan duyurular, 92.3 FM bandından yayın yapan 3ZZZ Türkçe radyo programında, Pazar günleri saat 10.00'dan itibaren yayınlanacaktır.

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

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



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 17307.

本期《亚拉新闻》的主要内容包括:2018/19年度的预算信息会、有关亚拉公园规划、老年人和残疾人的社区咨询、菲茨罗伊区新添彩色壁画的报道,以及应对当地场所发生的骚扰行为。如果您想了解更多关于本期的信息,请致电9280 1937和引述REF 17307。

Τα κυριότερα σημεία αυτής της έκδοσης του Yarra News περιλαμβάνουν πληροφορίες για τις ενημερωτικές συνεδρίες για το Προϋπολογισμό 2018/19 και τις κοινοτικές διαβουλεύσεις σχετικά με τον προγραμματισμό των πάρκων των ηλικιωμένων και των ατόμων με αναπηρία του Γιάρα, καθώς και ιστορίες σχετικά με την πολύχρωμη νέα τοιχογραφία στο Φίτζροϊ και την αντιμετώπιση της παρενόχλησης σε τοπικούς χώρους. Αν θέλετε περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με αυτή την έκδοση, καλέστε το **9280 1934** και αναφέρετε REF 17307.

In quest'edizione di Yarra News troverete articoli sulle sessioni informative sul Budget 2018/19 e sulle consultazioni sulla comunità sulla pianificazione dei parchi a Yarra, sui residenti anziani e sulle persone con disabilità, su un nuovo murale colorato a Fitzroy e sulla prevenzione delle molestie nei locali pubblici. Per maggiori informazioni su questa edizione, contattate il **9280 1931** e fornite il codice REF 17307.

Những tin đáng chú ý đăng trong số báo Yarra News lần này gồm có các buổi phổ biến thông tin về Ngân sách 2018/19 và đợt tham khảo ý kiến cộng đồng về việc lập kế hoạch cho các công viên tại Yarra, người cao niên và người khuyết tật, cùng những câu chuyện về bức tranh tường mới đầy màu sắc ở Fitzroy và giải quyết vấn đề quấy rối ở các tiệm trong vùng. Nếu muốn biết thêm thông tin đăng trong số báo này, xin quý vị gọi số **9280 1939** và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 17307.

ON THE COVER: Enjoying the great outdoors in Barkly Gardens. Turn to page 6 to help us plan for the future of Yarra's parks and gardens.

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.