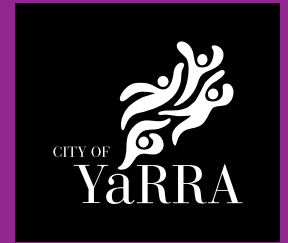


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Message from the Mayor

Hi everyone

Yarra is back! Our venues have re-opened, the streets are bustling, and it's so great to see. From Johnston Street Fiesta to Music in Exile over the summer, it's been brilliant to reconnect in-person with our community.

We've done a lot to help bring Yarra back to life, with great partnership and support from the Victorian Government. Read about our Rediscover Yarra campaign on pages 6 and 7.

In other exciting news, I am delighted to share that we have appointed Sue Wilkinson as our new Chief Executive Officer for a five-year term.

Ms Wilkinson has extensive experience within the local government sector, most recently as the CEO of Darebin Council. She has also been CEO at Colac Otway Shire and has worked in senior roles at Monash and Port Phillip councils.



I look forward to working with Sue to achieve great things for the City of Yarra and I am confident in her ability to deliver on our ambitious Council Plan and our Community Vision when she commences with us in late June.

We are also finalising our draft Budget and it is important for us to hear what you think of our financial plan for the next year. On page 3 you can find out when and where to go for in-person and online information sessions to learn more and have your say. The Budget is just one of a variety of projects we'll be asking for your opinion on this year – our Linear Park Masterplan and plan for a circular economy being a couple more you can read about in this edition, on page 4.

And for the art lovers amongst you, this edition doesn't disappoint. Melbourne is world-renowned for its street art and Yarra is where you'll find some of the best! Read about our program that helps emerging artists while also beautifying our neighbourhoods on page 13. And on page 11 you can take a look at Fitzroy's amazing new Queer-ways mural.

Cr Sophie Wade
Mayor City of Yarra

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.

Stay connected with Yarra

- Online at yarracity.vic.gov.au
- Have your say on projects at yoursayyarra.com.au
- Follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@cityofyarra) and Twitter (@yarracouncil)
- Register for our fortnightly e-news at yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarralife

For the latest updates or changes to our services due to COVID-19, visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

On the cover: The Johnston Street Fiesta returned to Collingwood in February following a two-year hiatus.



Yarra's draft Budget for 2022/23

Our draft annual Budget will be considered for public consultation on Tuesday 19 April.

As we develop this year's draft Budget, we find ourselves in a very challenging economic landscape.

We recognise the financial challenges associated with a growing population, ageing infrastructure, rate capping, cost shifting (where services are shifted from state or federal government to local governments) and the need to build cash reserves in the short to medium term. We have also had to manage the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, both through loss of revenue and increased spending to provide support to our local community and businesses when they needed it most.

This is a draft Budget that recognises the need for a strong focus on our fiscal responsibilities and outlines a range of projects that will help achieve our community's vision for Yarra. We acknowledge we need to be realistic about what we can responsibly deliver, while also being responsive to the current and future needs of our community by continuing to deliver high quality services and infrastructure.

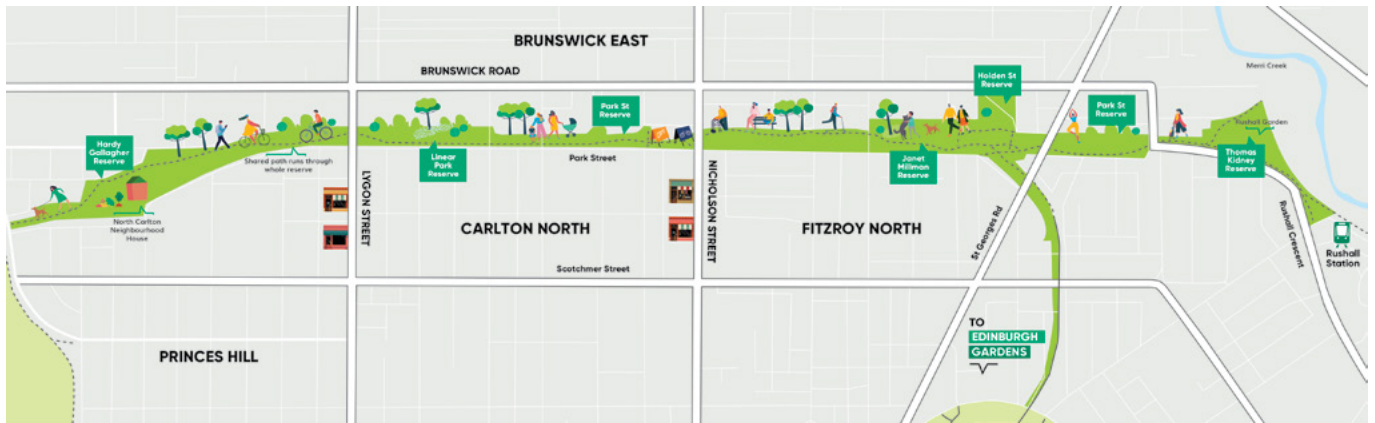
You can provide your feedback on the draft Budget from Friday 22 April.

Yarra's draft Long Term Financial Plan 2022–32 will also be available for feedback during this time.

- Online at yoursayyarra.com.au
- Join us for an online Q&A session on Tuesday 26 April, 7pm to 8pm. This session will be recorded.
- Come and talk to us at an in-person information session with the Mayor on Thursday 28 April, 1pm to 2pm at Richmond Town Hall.
- How are we responding to the needs of young people in our draft Budget? Young people aged 25 and under are invited to join us for food and a chat with the Mayor on Thursday 5 May, 4pm to 5:30pm at Yarra Youth Centre.

Visit yoursayyarra.com.au to RSVP for these events and lodge your questions.

If you need an interpreter for any of our Budget events, please call us to arrange ahead of time on **9280 1940**.



Planning for our Linear Parklands

Our Linear Parklands span three suburbs in Yarra from Princes Hill, through Carlton North right across to Fitzroy North, wrapping around the inner circle rail trail.

We want to ensure this significant stretch of open space caters to all who want to use it, from families with kids, to dog walkers and nature lovers.

That's why we're creating a new master plan for the parklands and we want you to be involved. Help us ensure that future upgrades and investment in Linear Parklands reflect the needs of our community.

The future of waste in Yarra

Traditionally, reducing waste has been focused on what we throw away. In Yarra, we are working to reduce waste at all steps, from how products are designed, what we buy, how we use products and how we dispose of them.

Doing this creates a “circular economy” where we can make the most out of what we would normally throw away. Moving towards a circular economy will allow us to:

- rethink how we create materials and products
- reduce what waste we produce
- reuse items where we can
- recycle more products

That's why we're developing a Circular Economy Strategy for Yarra, and we need your input. Visit Your Say Yarra in May to contribute.

Get involved in Yarra's projects



We want to hear your feedback about these community consultations and more. Visit Your Say Yarra to have your voice heard.

yoursayyarra.com.au

Yarra's draft Asset Plan for 2022–2032

We will be seeking community feedback on our draft Asset Plan 2022–2032 in May. Keep an eye out for more details over the coming weeks on Your Say Yarra.



News in brief

We've extended our temporary parklet program for existing parklet operators until the end of June 2022.

This will allow additional time for temporary parklet holders to transition across to the permanent parklet program. We have waived all fees associated with parklets since the temporary program began in October 2020.

More than \$2 million has been provided by Yarra Council and the Victorian Government to support local businesses.

Since the temporary outdoor dining program was introduced, we have created over 485 additional outdoor dining spaces.

We have adopted a new program called Local Liveable Streets which aims to improve the municipality's streetscapes.

Local Liveable Streets builds on – rather than replaces – other council policies and strategies that apply to local streets.

Local Liveable Streets outlines the way the community can influence and support future improvements to their local streets.

We recently adopted a new Place Making Framework.

The Place Making Framework outlines the key areas in Yarra that would benefit from specific and coordinated planning, and proposes approaches that enhance look, feel and vitality of the municipality.

Yarra is trialling a new permeable pavement in Clifton Hill.

The pavement, installed last month, was developed by the University of Melbourne, and is made from around 70% locally sourced recycled tyres.

This project forms part of our Integrated Water Management Plan which uses water sensitive urban design like permeable pavements to improve waterway health, better support tree growth in Yarra, and reduce waste.

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

REDISCOVER YARRA.



Yarra bursts back to life

Find yourself again in Yarra

Our iconic shopping precincts, galleries, music venues, cafés and parks are open again – and it's time to come out and enjoy all that Yarra has to offer.

The broad range of events and festivals we're supporting are aimed at reconnecting our community with local businesses, makers and precincts. You don't need to go far to enjoy a fun, free and COVIDSafe day out!

It's been wonderful to see our community come to life again over the past few months – and there's still more to come. We've got a fantastic line-up of events and activities over the coming months to entice you to get out and about.



Supported by the Victorian Government's COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund, our Rediscover Yarra program is an initiative to promote and support local outdoor activations and events across the municipality.

So come, find yourself again in the vibrant, creative, and unique places in Yarra.

What's On



Check out your local record store on Saturday 23 April.

Record Store Day Vinyl Party Saturday 23 April, various locations

Come soak up the culture and cool vibes at our independent record stores. Celebrate the day with lots of great performances from artists and DJs and exclusive releases and offers at record stores across Yarra. Presented with Record Store Day Australia.

Garden State Festival Friday 29 April to Sunday 1 May, various locations

Join us at our first Garden State Festival! Over three days, we'll celebrate gardening as an art form and explore the vital role plants play in the art of living. There will be plant workshops, open studios, design showcases and projections. Run in partnership with The Plant Society.

All of our events follow COVIDSafe guidelines. Please make sure you are following current COVID-19 guidelines and stay home if you feel unwell.

Collingwood Harvest Festival Saturday 21 May, 3pm to 7pm, Harmsworth Park, Collingwood

The unique tapestry of cultures of Collingwood House Estate will be celebrated with food stalls, musical performances, and plenty of fun activities for the kids.

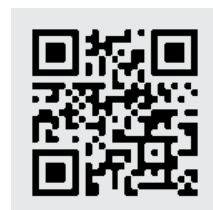
Leaps and Bounds Music Festival Friday 24 June to Sunday 3 July, various locations

Live music lovers rejoice – Leaps and Bounds is back! Come listen to homegrown talent from up-and-coming locals to internationally acclaimed artists.



Leaps and Bounds returns this year bigger than ever.

Find more details about these events and other exciting activities in Yarra on our Rediscover Yarra page:



yarracity.vic.gov.au/rediscoveryarra

Exploring local history

Have you checked out PastPort Yarra? We created the online guide for people to share our rich local history. PastPort Yarra is a community within the PastPort website, hosted by the University of Melbourne.

We are lucky to be surrounded by such rich heritage, and PastPort Yarra allows us to capture and share these heritage stories with the rest of the community.

Yarra is home to some of Melbourne's first suburbs, 19th century shopping strips and old industrial buildings and areas.

PastPort Yarra also allows you to create and follow history walks and explore the area via historical themes.



Do you have a historical tale to tell? If you have a story to share, we encourage you to share it on the PastPort site.

Learn more about PastPort Yarra and get involved at pastport.com.au

Protecting and enhancing Yarra's heritage is important to us. Heritage helps tell the story of our city and community. In our Council Plan 2021–25 we identified the need to protect, promote and preserve our unique heritage.

Our Heritage Advisory Committee provides advice on heritage matters including Yarra's natural, built, and cultural heritage.

The committee also makes recommendations regarding the implementation of the Yarra Heritage Strategy, and advises council nominations of state, national and world heritage significance.

Learn more about the committee at yarracity.vic.gov.au/advisorycommittees



Have you heard of a cyclorama?

The cylindrical buildings, which contained immersive panorama images, were an early precursor to cinemas. Situated where St Vincent's Hospital is today, the cyclorama in Fitzroy shot to popularity between 1889 and 1906.

With the arrival of motion pictures in the 1890s, cycloramas fell out of fashion. After transforming into a circus and a boxing ring, the building was demolished in 1928.

Yarra's Room to Create program continues to support local artists

Artists and creative organisations make an important contribution to the culture and vitality of Yarra.

With iconic live music venues, more than 60 galleries and artist-run spaces, peak arts organisations, film production houses, recording studios and more, Yarra is an engine room for the arts.

But with the price of land skyrocketing, artists need more support than ever to secure creative spaces.

That's why we established the Room to Create program.

A charitable fund delivered in partnership with the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, the program aims to support artists and creative organisations with affordable and sustainable creative spaces.

Room to Create utilises under-used council buildings to house creative organisations and artists-in-residence.

Learn more about the program at yarracity.vic.gov.au/roomtcreate

The historic building at 12–16 Peel Street is owned by Yarra Council and was formerly a Congregational Church hall and caretaker's residence. The building is part of the Collingwood Slope Precinct and today houses creative organisations as part of the Room to Create program.

Learn more about Yarra's heritage buildings at yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage

In February, KIN Fashion officially opened its studio in Peel Street, Collingwood – with support from our Creative Neighbourhoods Partnerships Pilot Program with the Victorian Government.

KIN Fashion supports First Nations people in the fashion industry. Their support covers everything from connecting participants with industry contacts to setting up a manufacturing network.

"It is so empowering to have a culturally safe space to work from – and to work with KIN who share my values of education, social justice and self-determination," said wa-ring designer Annette Sax.

The studio has been a hive of activity and excitement following the showcasing of their collections as part of the Melbourne Fashion Festival in March.

Find out more at kinfashion.com.au



Annette Sax's clothing label, wa-ring



Repurpose and repair!

Did you know that 60 hard rubbish collections are booked in Yarra every day?

That leads to more than 2,900 tonnes of hard rubbish being collected annually. That is equal to collecting 6,500 grand pianos every year.

Our team can rehome and recycle 880 tonnes of this ourselves and with the support of partner organisations. Unfortunately, this means more than 2,000 tonnes of hard rubbish is still going to landfill every year.

With the amount of hard rubbish increasing, we are asking residents to consider some alternative options. This includes:

- Organising a pickup from your local op shop
- Taking unwanted items to a repair café
- Listing them for free on Facebook Marketplace or Gumtree.

Check out Yarra's **Zero Waste Map** to find sites to safely recycle and rehome items like clothing, furniture and electronic waste at yarracity.vic.gov.au/zerowastemap





New mural celebrates queer history

Queer-ways' Retracing Queer Footprints celebrates Yarra's queer history with a new mural and guided walking tours.

The mural marks the LGBTIQ+ history of the Collingwood, Fitzroy, and Fairfield Memorial Hospital precincts.

Artists LUCIANO and Georgia Keats were supported by the Australian Queer Archive to map Melbourne's vibrant queer history.

See the mural on the corner of Little Smith Street and Gertrude Street and start one of the audio guided walking tours to explore stories of connection, loss, and celebration.

Retracing Queer Footprints has been made possible through the support of Yarra Council through Yarra City Arts, City Heritage, Community Partnerships and Yarra Libraries, Midsumma for Melbourne Pride – A Road to Pride and the State Government of Victoria.

Find out more about Queer-ways at yarracity.vic.gov.au/queerways

Did you know Yarra has a Rainbow Advisory Committee? Formed in 2021, the committee provides a formal voice for the LGBTIQ+ community, to help implement Yarra's LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2021–2024.

We support our LGBTIQ+ community and culture, and work to ensure everyone is welcomed, engaged and included equitably, as outlined in our Council Plan 2021–25 strategic objectives.

Learn more about the committee at yarracity.vic.gov.au/advisorycommittees



The future is bright with GreenPower

Making the switch to renewable energy is now easier than ever.

GreenPower is a national government program that allows households and businesses to support renewable energy generation, regardless of whether they rent or own.

When you choose to buy GreenPower, your electricity provider purchases an equivalent amount of electricity from accredited renewable sources, such as large-scale wind and solar.

Ande Bunbury, an architect specialising in energy efficiency and sustainability, switched to 100% GreenPower at her home because of a passion for the environment. She also wanted to choose a company that supported a strong renewable energy target.

“It also helps drive the demand for more investment in renewables rather than propping up our old coal-fired power stations that are due or overdue for retirement,” Ande said.

Now every house Ande works on is transformed to all-electric, and they remove the gas connection. Heating and hot water use most of the energy in Melbourne homes, so this means that with 100% GreenPower, homes can be powered completely with renewable energy.

Learn how to compare and choose a 100% GreenPower plan at yarracity.vic.gov.au/renewableenergy



Partnering with a local community member at 29 Cooke Street, Abbotsford



Transforming Coles Terrace, near the corner of Leslie and Church Streets, Richmond

Transformative street art

For the past four years, Our Youth Services team has been connecting young people with a traditional graffiti background with mentor artists to produce community art projects – and the results have been spectacular!

Finding a place to practice their art and express their creativity can be challenging for budding street artists. In this program, young artists can grow their skills and express their creativity in a way that will be embraced by locals, not shunned.

The mentor artists start by getting to know the young participants and their goals. Then they explore the different art techniques and materials used in street art. They spend many hours developing and refining the young artist's skills before moving on to bigger public art projects with their mentors.

One participant, an emerging artist from Brunswick, said the program helped him develop skills and step out of his comfort zone.

"It's pretty great to see your artwork on big public spaces. I've also learnt a lot about the business side of murals," said the participant.

Mentor artist Christian McMahon described the program as transformative. "It's amazing to see the personal growth in our young artists. These are people that wouldn't usually have the opportunity to participate in traditional art programs," said Christian.

Keep an eye out for upcoming projects set to appear around Clifton Hill and an iconic venue on Victoria Parade.

Initially supported through a Department of Justice Graffiti Prevention grant, the program has since transitioned into an ongoing Yarra City Council funded program. The delivery of each project is a partnership with the local community including, traders, support organisations and residents.

The team are always looking for new art projects. To nominate a location or work with the team, email the Yarra Youth Centre: info@yarracity.vic.gov.au or call **9205 5555**.



Keeping our community connected

We're working for you by assisting with access to transport for your day-to-day living.

We provide a community transport service that assists residents to get to where they need to be when they are unable to use public transport to access shops, social activities and other services.

Regular bus services run from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, to transport eligible residents to shopping centres, social groups, local neighbourhood houses, health centres, senior's clubs or our Willowview centre.

Fitzroy North resident Isabelle MacDonald Turnbull recently had to stop driving, which limited her social interactions. Since using the Social Support Group Outing via our community transport bus, she was "pleasantly surprised" with the service and "not that stressed about giving up her license."

Our wheelchair-accessible buses and friendly staff are here to help our residents maintain independence, socialising and doing the things they love with ease.

Find out more by calling My Aged Care on **1800 200 422** or email info@yarracity.vic.gov.au

We are committed to including people from all walks of life in our community. We have specialised services to assist people over 50 and people with disabilities and to help make Yarra an enjoyable place to live for everyone. Contact our Aged and Disability team on **9205 5555** to learn more.

We deliver a wide range of inclusive and accessible services and programs to ensure Yarra's people have equitable access and opportunities to participate in community life. Social equity and health are among our strategic objectives, as outlined in our Council Plan 2021–25.

Learn more at yarracity.vic.gov.au/councilplan

Your Councillors

To find your Ward visit
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- **Cr Amanda Stone**
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- **Cr Sophie Wade, Mayor**
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To contact your councillors, call **9205 5055**, send a letter to **c/o PO Box 168, Richmond VIC 3121**, or email their address above.

Council meetings

Meetings may be held online or in person depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Before attending a meeting, please visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings for details.

All meetings are live streamed at
yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast

All meetings begin at 7pm:

- Tuesday 19 April
- Tuesday 10 May
- Tuesday 31 May
- Tuesday 21 June
- Tuesday 12 July

Information from this edition in your language. For more information please call **9280 1940** and quote **REF 19,186**

本期的《Yarra News》介绍了我们社区的最新动态以及当地即将举行的活动和市议会的最新消息。您还可以了解到如何查询本年度《年度预算》的更多信息。欲了解有关《Yarra News》的更多信息,请致电**9280 1937**并报上查询参考编号19,186。

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En esta edición de Yarra News, descubra qué sucede en nuestra comunidad. Lea acerca de los futuros eventos locales y las actualizaciones del municipio. Descubra dónde puede encontrar información adicional en el Annual Budget (Presupuesto anual) de este año. Para más información acerca de Yarra News, comuníquese al **9280 1935** e indique el número de referencia 19.186

Let's stay vaxxed, Yarra!

As restrictions continue to ease, it's important we keep working to protect ourselves and our families from COVID-19.

Third doses:

If you're aged 16 or older and you have received your second dose **three** or more months ago, you can have your third dose now.

This means...

- **If you received your second dose in December 2021 or earlier**, you can get your third dose now
- **If you received your second dose in January 2022**, you can get your third dose in April 2022
- **If you received your second dose in February 2022**, you can get your third dose in May 2022

You can get the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for your third dose regardless of the vaccine you received for your first two doses.

Fourth doses:

To prepare for winter, eligible people will be able to receive an additional fourth dose to boost their protection from COVID-19.

Visit the Victorian Government's website to check eligibility and to book.

Vaccination for children:

COVID-19 vaccines are available to everyone aged 5 and older.

Pfizer is available for children aged 5 to 11 years. Moderna is also available for 6 to 11 years as of February 2022. If you have questions, ask your paediatrician which vaccine is recommended for your child.

To prepare for the appointment you will need to bring:

- proof of your child's age (such as their birth certificate, passport, or school card)
- a fitted face mask for yourself and your child (if they are aged 8 years and older).

Book your vaccination appointment online and find out more at coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Coronavirus hotline on **1800 675 398**.

You can also go to local GPs, pharmacies, and health centres in Yarra to get your vaccine.

