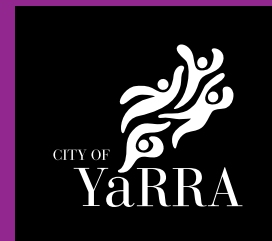


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## Message from the Mayor

Hi everyone

I'm really pleased to share Yarra's first-ever Transport Strategy was unanimously adopted by Council last month! The Strategy is all about making it easier and safer to get around our city whether you walk, wheel, scoot, cycle, catch public transport or drive. We want to plan for the future and move forward together. Find more details on page 3.

Yarra's libraries are back to full opening hours after COVID-19 and have so much to offer! Libraries are about far more than just books. With greater access, more programs and resources than ever before, now is the time to get back to your local library. Visit pages 4 and 5 to find out more.



We've recently finished expanding two outdoor spaces in Cremorne. Finding places to sit and relax in Cremorne can be tricky, so we've used community feedback to inform how we upgrade these parks to make them more appealing spaces to have coffee or lunch, including by adding greenery, and making them more pedestrian-friendly. See page 10 to see how they look.

I'd like to finish by encouraging you to nominate someone for Yarra's 2022 Community Awards! This is a fantastic way to thank our unsung heroes who help make Yarra a great place to live, work and visit. If you know someone who deserves recognition, why not nominate them! Everything you need to know is on the back cover of this edition.

**Cr Sophie Wade**  
**Mayor City of Yarra**

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### 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](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au)
- Sign up for our community engagement e-news and have your say on projects at [yoursayyarra.com.au](https://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](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarralife)

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**On the cover:** Hong relaxing with a good book at Richmond Library.





## Latest news

### Moving forward together

We have adopted our first ever Transport Strategy, which sets the future of transport in our city.

This will help us prioritise ways of getting around that are sustainable, safe, healthy and affordable. We want to make it easier to get around Yarra, whether you walk, wheel, scoot, cycle, drive or catch public transport.

The strategy will create safer road options for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. It will help us improve accessibility for kids and people with a disability, and aims to reduce traffic on our local streets.

### AFLW at Victoria Park

The next AFLW season kicks off in August and Yarra's own Victoria Park will be hosting games throughout the season.

Here's what you need to know if you're visiting for a game:

- AFLW games are ticketed events.
- Parking at Victoria Park is limited. We recommend catching the train or cycling if you can.

- Don't bring your own alcohol. AFLW games are licensed.
- Please don't bring your dog to the game.
- Stay COVID-19 safe. Please stay home if you are feeling unwell.

Victoria Park will be closed from 8am on game days until 2 hours after the final siren, to allow for set up and pack down of the venue.

### Pride street party returns to Yarra

We are thrilled that the Victorian Government has announced the Pride street party will continue in Yarra in 2023.

Minister for Equality, the Hon. Harriet Shing, announced the street party would return to Collingwood and Fitzroy, again featuring a celebration of LGBTQIA+ arts and culture.

The inaugural street party was held in February 2022, attracting more than 30,000 people and was a huge success for local businesses.

Find out more at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/news](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/news)

# Return yourself to the library

Our five libraries are back to full opening hours, so now's the time to rediscover everything they have to offer.

Lose yourself in a good book, relax with an audiobook or settle in with some on-demand movies. Our library cards give you access to thousands of online resources, all completely free!

Library membership is free and open to everyone. Register online at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/librarymembership](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/librarymembership) or visit one of our libraries to get your card.

## Increased access to our libraries

Upgrade your library membership to access Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library and Richmond Library outside of normal opening hours. All you need to do is take part in a quick induction session, then you're free to access the library most days between 8am and 10pm, including public holidays.



## Get more than just books

Did you know our libraries provide free access to one of the largest lending collections in Australia? You can borrow books, magazines, audiobooks and more from libraries all over the state. A Yarra Libraries membership lets you borrow and return items from over 200 libraries across Victoria.

## Something for everyone

We hold early literacy development programs such as storytimes for kids, plus more than 3,000 programs and events annually for people of all ages.

Resume Rescue is one of our most popular programs, providing free, one-on-one support to help build your resume writing skills and find meaningful employment.

One participant said "As a fresh graduate who had never worked in Australia before, I'm very grateful for the resources Yarra Libraries has provided. [Staff members] offered me tremendous help revising my resume and prepared me for job interviews. I got my first-ever job within a month of attending Resume Rescue – it wouldn't have been possible without their help."





It's not just programs, we're helping our community with access to food with our Community Pantry and Open Table community lunches.

For our full program you can pick up a copy of our latest What's On brochure at your local library, or sign up to our fortnightly email newsletter for updates at [library.yarracity.vic.gov.au/contact-us](http://library.yarracity.vic.gov.au/contact-us)

### Find your local library

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

**Fitzroy Library**  
28 Moor Street, Fitzroy

**Carlton Library**  
667 Rathdowne Street, Carlton North

**Collingwood Library**  
11 Stanton Street, Collingwood

**Richmond Library**  
415 Church Street, Richmond



If you're interested in any of the services or programs mentioned in this story, you can visit the Yarra Libraries website for more information [library.yarracity.vic.gov.au](http://library.yarracity.vic.gov.au) or scan the QR code





Dianne has been a school crossing supervisor in Yarra for 27 years.

## Meet one of our school crossing supervisors

Rain, hail or shine, our school crossing supervisors are out at schools at drop-off and pick-up times, helping children and adults safely cross the road.

They play an important role in the community, particularly in teaching community members of all ages about road safety.

We chatted with Dianne, who has been a school crossing supervisor in Clifton Hill for 27 years.

### What's the best part of the job?

Oh the kids obviously, I have a great rapport with the kids and the parents as well – it's definitely the people.

### What's changed since you started?

Increased traffic... when I started there were no high school kids around, now I'm greeting them as well. There's a lot more foot traffic.

### Your top road safety advice?

When you are near a school crossing, always listen to what the supervisor tells you, because they are there to protect you as well as the kids.



### Any other messages for the community?

School crossing supervisors are there to do a job, they are there to service the community – like police officers or emergency services – be nice to them!

### Recruiting now!

Interested in working as a school crossing supervisor? Contact us on 9205 5555 or email [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au) or visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/supervisors](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/supervisors) to find out more.



## Inclusive fitness empowers our community

Our Empower and Empower+ programs at Yarra Leisure are now more accessible than ever, thanks to a partnership with AUSactive.

We've joined AUSactive's All ABILITIES (Australia Brings Inclusivity to Life, Through Innovation, Transformation In an Exercising Society) program.

All ABILITIES facilitates education for fitness businesses and partnerships with disability service providers. This increases opportunities for people with disabilities and chronic conditions to access safe and effective group exercise.

"Our goal is to provide a safe, inclusive space, no matter who you are," said Yarra Leisure's Troy Hill.



Did you know that NDIS providers can purchase bulk packs for our Empower and Empower+ programs? Learn more at [leisure.yarracity.vic.gov.au/empower](https://leisure.yarracity.vic.gov.au/empower)



### Which program to choose: Empower vs Empower+

#### Empower

Our **Empower** program supports people with chronic conditions who require minimal support. It's an inclusive, fun and supportive space to meet other people and stay fit.

For the most part you'll train independently, but a gym instructor will be there to support and guide you.

"The team create a supportive and welcoming environment where you can achieve your fitness goals, whatever your ability," said Rossana, a program participant.

#### Empower+

**Empower+** is a strength training session for people with disabilities who require a high level of support. This program is perfect for people who can use gym equipment with the support of their own carer, including upper and/or lower body movement.

One of few in Melbourne, this program is not just about building strength and fitness, it's about making meaningful connections with people who have a shared lived experience.

"We schedule these classes during traditionally quieter times in the gym for a better sensory experience," Troy added.

# Watching our waste



## Our combined efforts are making a huge impact, great work Yarra!

Here's an update on how we're progressing.



Contamination of purple-lid glass bins is very low at 1% to 2% for houses and 5% for apartments, units, and townhouses.



Contamination of yellow-lid recycling bins is at 17%, reduced from 30%. This is a massive effort!



Yellow-lid recycling bins are generally 80% full when collected.

A recent audit of our bins showed much lower levels of contamination. While there's still room for improvement, our recycling facility can now better separate items.

## So what's the problem with contamination?

Contamination occurs when the wrong items are placed in our bins.

Our recycling processor can't take items that haven't been sorted correctly, as it causes problems for the machinery and contaminates our recycling system. This could even result in a whole load of recycling being sent to landfill.

By separating your rubbish and recycling correctly, you can help ensure more of our recyclables become new products.

Help us keep improving! Visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/recycleright](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/recycleright) to make sure you're separating your waste correctly.

## Edinburgh Gardens flush with new toilets

We know how busy Fitzroy North's iconic Edinburgh Gardens can get in the warmer months with picnics, family gatherings and events attracting locals and visitors.

Whether relaxing under the beautiful Jacaranda trees or having a swing at one of the playgrounds, when nature calls the last thing you want is to have to wait in a long queue for the toilets.

That's why we've been busy adding additional toilets and upgrading the gardens' facilities, ready for spring and

summer. The improvements include expanded facilities for the Alfred Crescent Pavilion (at the southern end of the park) with 11 additional toilets, new hand washing stations and a water fountain.

The toilet block near St Georges Road (at the northern end of the park) has been upgraded with six new toilets, in addition to the nine already there.

Both toilet upgrades were funded by the Federal Government through its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.



# It's time to grow your own way

Spring is in the air! Time to get veggies in the ground.

As Yarra thaws from winter, it's great to get outdoors and get growing.

You don't need access to a big space to grow your own food – a pot on your balcony or windowsill can hold a bounty of fresh herbs and more. It's good for your health, good for the environment, and great for your wallet.

Growing your own veggies and herbs is a great way to reduce your food waste at home. You'll be able to harvest only what you need – plus you'll bring less packaging home when you go grocery shopping.

## What to plant now

Asparagus	Carrot	Parsley
Beans	Chives	Potato
Beetroot	Coriander	Silverbeet
Capsicum	Lettuce	

Find more resources to help you start your garden at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/growingfood](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/growingfood)



### Call out for seed library volunteers

Yarra Libraries is expanding its collection to include seeds! We'll be launching our very first seed library this spring and are looking for volunteers to help stock and prepare. We'll be starting at Carlton Library so if you live nearby and want to help, contact us at [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au) or call 9205 5555.



# Sit back and relax in Cremorne

We know Cremorne needs more outdoor spaces for people to relax, eat, catch up and recharge.

That's why we've been working for you to expand two of the smaller public spaces in the area.

We used community feedback to make sure that these small spaces give maximum benefits to locals and workers.

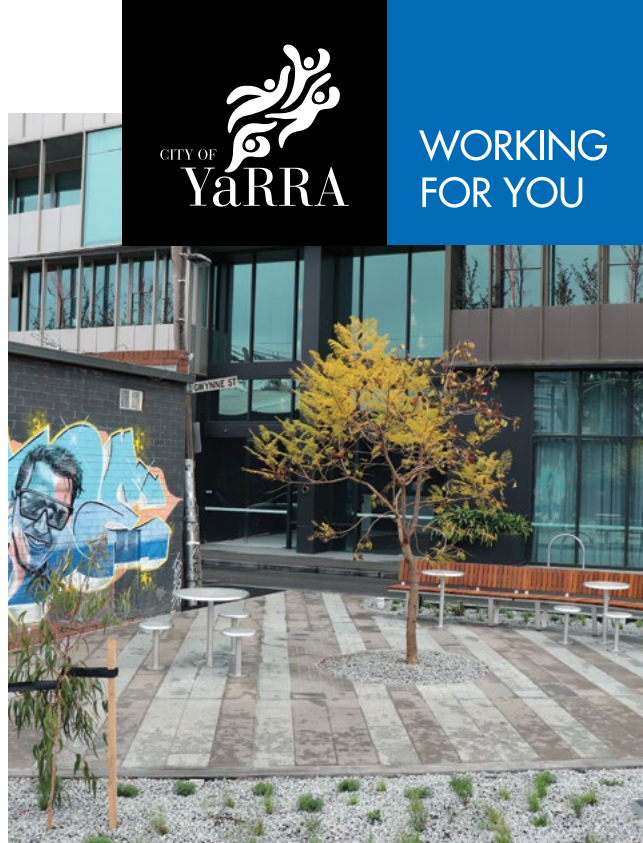
## Stephenson Street Reserve

Located on the corner of Stephenson Street and Dover Street, this space has been expanded and upgraded to be a welcoming place for people to sit, relax, meet with friends or have lunch.

Seating spaces with tables have been added on either side of the existing Eucalyptus trees, and a drinking fountain and bins have also been installed.

Trees and low flowering plants will not only help separate the park from the road, but also encourage birds and bees.

Find out more about the new pocket parks by visiting [yoursayyarra.com.au/cremorneparks](https://yoursayyarra.com.au/cremorneparks)



## Gwynne Street

We've expanded and upgraded the corner of Gwynne and Stephenson streets to create place to pause and relax.

This small plaza is centred around a flowering Jacaranda tree, with native plants and trees around the outside. Seating and café-style tables have also been added to allow individuals or groups to use the space as an escape from the office.

We have also improved footpath connections, to help pedestrians better navigate this corner.







## Sign o' the times

Glowing neon signs once dotted Melbourne's skyline.

At their peak in the 1930s, thanks to the arrival of neon lighting first pioneered in France in the early 20th century, some of the city's most well-known signs lit up the skies of the then-industrial Richmond and surrounds.

While there is only a handful of these historic signs left, they hold a special place in our collective memory.

'Little Audrey,' the beloved Skipping Girl Vinegar sign first took up residence in Victoria Street, Abbotsford in 1936. Replaced with a replica in 1970, she's still skipping today.

The Pelaco sign in Richmond is a true reminder of the suburb's industrial past. A prominent textile manufacturer best known for producing men's shirts, Pelaco introduced new mass production techniques to the local textile industry. It was also progressive in its industrial relations, introducing improvements in working conditions such as reduced working hours, rest periods and payment for holidays ahead of legislation.



While the huge neon letters crowning Pelaco's Goodwood Street factory no longer light up, the sign still holds a special place in Richmond's history.

Both signs are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

Explore more of Yarra's heritage at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/heritage)



## Take part in free community training

We're responding to our community's vision for access to equitable education services with a program that helps local not-for-profit and community organisations run more effectively.

Community training is part of our capacity building and community empowerment program, which helps local community leaders develop practical skills through facilitated training sessions in different aspects of running not-for-profit incorporated associations.

All training sessions are free. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

### Coming up in our training calendar

Register to attend these sessions online at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitytraining](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitytraining)

#### Social enterprise – is it right for us?

**Wednesday 5 October**  
**9.30am to 12 midday**

This session helps participants to understand what a social enterprise is, the varying ways it can be structured, as well as the benefits and pitfalls of social enterprise.

#### Managing challenging member and volunteer-related situations

**Tuesday 22 November**  
**12.30pm to 3pm**

This session will provide you with the tools to review your current service and to better engage with the community, members and volunteers now and in the foreseeable future.

Find out more on our website at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitytraining](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitytraining) or get in touch by calling us on **9205 5555** or email [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

## Victorian Seniors Festival turns 40!

**Friday 2 to Saturday 9 October**

To celebrate this milestone, we will be hosting activities and events across Yarra. Keep an eye on our website for more event details.

During this time Seniors Card holders will also be eligible for eight days of free public transport.

Visit [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](https://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au) for more information.

### Seniors Storytelling

**Monday 10 October from 10.30am**  
**Bargoonga Nganjin Library,**  
**Fitzroy North**

We'll be launching the Recollection Series, told by Yarra voices. Anyone over 60 is invited and catering will be provided. For more information and to book visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/seniorsstorytelling](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/seniorsstorytelling)



# What's on



## **Tanderrum (Inverted plinth) by Steven Rhall**

**Until Thursday 29 February 2024**

**All hours**

**Edinburgh Gardens plinth**

This new sculpture is an inverted replica of the plinth that it sits on, undermining its colonial stand and directing the viewer's focus back to the Aboriginal land beneath it.

Find out more at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/tanderrum](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/tanderrum)

## **Researching the history of your house**

**Wednesday 21 September**

**10am to 12 midday**

**Online event**

Interested in researching the history of your house? Join us to discover the range of resources available online and at your nearest Yarra Library.

Find out more at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/househistory](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/househistory)

## **Melbourne Spoken Word presents: Fresh Voices**

**Wednesday 28 September**

**6.30pm to 9.30pm**

**Richmond Library Theatrette**

Join us at Richmond Theatrette for an open mic night with live spoken word poetry performances by some of Melbourne's freshest spoken word talent.

Find out more at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/freshvoices](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/freshvoices)

## **National Walk for Mental Health**

**Sunday 16 October**

**10.30am start**

**Albert Park Lake**

Walk 3km or 5km at your own pace with Yarra Council this year for mental health. Let's take steps together to raise awareness and ensure everyone is supported and included.

Register to join us by calling **9205 5555** or email [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

## **Stroke improvement courses at Yarra Leisure**

**Richmond and Collingwood  
leisure centres**

Need to polish up on your butterfly? Perfect that backstroke? Yarra Leisure runs regular courses to give you the chance to level up on your swimming with personalised support from amazing coaches.

Visit [leisure.yarracity.vic.gov.au/events](http://leisure.yarracity.vic.gov.au/events) for upcoming dates.

Find more events in Yarra at  
[yarracity.vic.gov.au/events](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/events)



## Responsible dog ownership is a walk in the park

Anyone who owns a dog knows that they're more than a pet – they're family.

Playful, loving and non-judgmental, dogs can bring joy to our lives.

With these benefits comes great responsibility! It's important to be mindful of others when you're out and about with your furry companion.

Our public spaces – including footpaths, walking trails and parks – are busy day and night.

Make sure your best friend lives harmoniously in our community by following some simple guidelines:

- Observe on-leash, off-leash and dog-free areas and times in our parks.
- Always carry something to pick up dog waste and clean up after your dog straight away.
- Supervise and have control of your dog at all times.
- Be mindful that your dog doesn't bother or interrupt others, roam or wander.



- Make sure your dog does not damage public spaces, by digging holes or chewing.
- Always have your current Yarra Council registration tag on your dog when in public.

Find more information about owning a pet in Yarra at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/pets](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/pets)



## Your Councillors

To find your Ward visit  
[yarracity.vic.gov.au/councillors](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/councillors)

### Langridge Ward

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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, please visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings) for details.

All meetings are live streamed at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast)

All meetings begin at 7pm:

- Tuesday 13 September
- Tuesday 4 October
- Tuesday 25 October

Information from this edition in your language. For more information please call **9280 1940** and quote REF **19,284**.

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最新的重要消息。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19,284。

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Nella presente edizione di Yarra News, scoprite cosa sta succedendo nella nostra comunità. Leggete delle novità dei prossimi eventi locali e degli aggiornamenti importanti del comune. Per ulteriori informazioni su Yarra News telefonate al numero **9280 1931** e citate il numero di riferimento 19.284.

En esta edición de Yarra News, descubra lo que sucede en nuestra comunidad. Lea sobre los próximos eventos locales y las importantes actualizaciones del municipio. Para más información sobre Yarra News, comuníquese al **9280 1935** e indique el número de referencia 19.284.

# YARRA COMMUNITY AWARDS 2022

NOMINATIONS  
**OPEN**



Nominations close Sunday 11 September.  
[yarracity.vic.gov.au/awards](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/awards)

## Do you know anyone who deserves to be recognised?

Whether they're loud and proud or quiet achievers, we want to celebrate them and share their stories.

**Cash prizes up for grabs!**

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Initiative of the Year
- Contributions to Arts
- Contributions to Sport
- Contributions to Heritage
- Contributions to Diversity and Inclusion