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INTRODUCTION

The City of Yarra is a small municipality, characterised by its cultural diversity, high density living, major arterial roads, city hospitals, narrow streets, the Yarra River, public housing estates, shopping strips, old factories, art galleries and bars.

The City of Yarra was established in June 1994 following the Victorian Government's restructure of Local Government. It unites the suburbs of Abbotsford, Burnley, Clifton Hill, Collingwood, Cremorne, Fitzroy, North Carlton, North Fitzroy, Princes Hill and Richmond, as well as parts of Alphington and Fairfield. Each of these neighbourhoods retains their own unique heritage and character.

The municipality is home to approximately 93,000 residents, it is a work location for 70,000, a tourist destination for many others and it serves as a thoroughfare for thousands of people travelling through via train, tram and bus to the CBD.

DATA SET

The data in this community profile was compiled by the Yarra City Council from a variety of sources including Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) census data, Profile.id^{®1}, REMPLAN^{®2} and other published research, including state and municipal documents. Unless otherwise stated, reported demographics are from the 2016 Census of Population and Housing. Although this community profile uses Census data, it should be noted that there is a significant undercount in the Census.

The estimated resident population of Yarra is 93,380 (ABS, ERP 2016), and whilst 86,740 people were counted as living in Yarra on Census night (August 2016) the actual population is known to be higher. The census undercounts the actual population for reasons including, people:

- Were travelling overseas
- Don't complete or return the form
- Were worried about the Government knowing about them
- Were at a different house on Census night and assume they were counted at home
- Were in dwellings that were not identified by Census collectors.

4.1 GEOGRAPHY

The City of Yarra is one of Australia's smallest inner city municipalities, covering an area of 19.5 square kilometres. The municipality is bordered by the Cities of Moreland and Darebin to the north, Stonnington to the south, Melbourne to the west and Boroondara to the east.

¹ <http://profile.id.com.au/yarra>

² <http://www.economicprofile.com.au/yarra/>

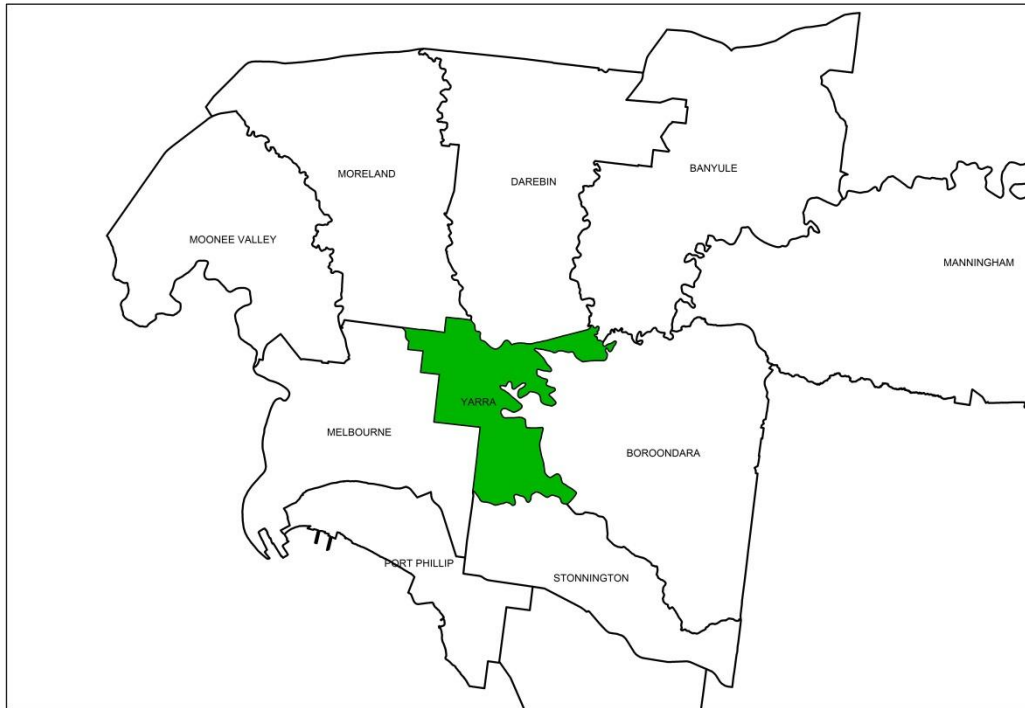


Figure 1 (above): City of Yarra municipal boundary map

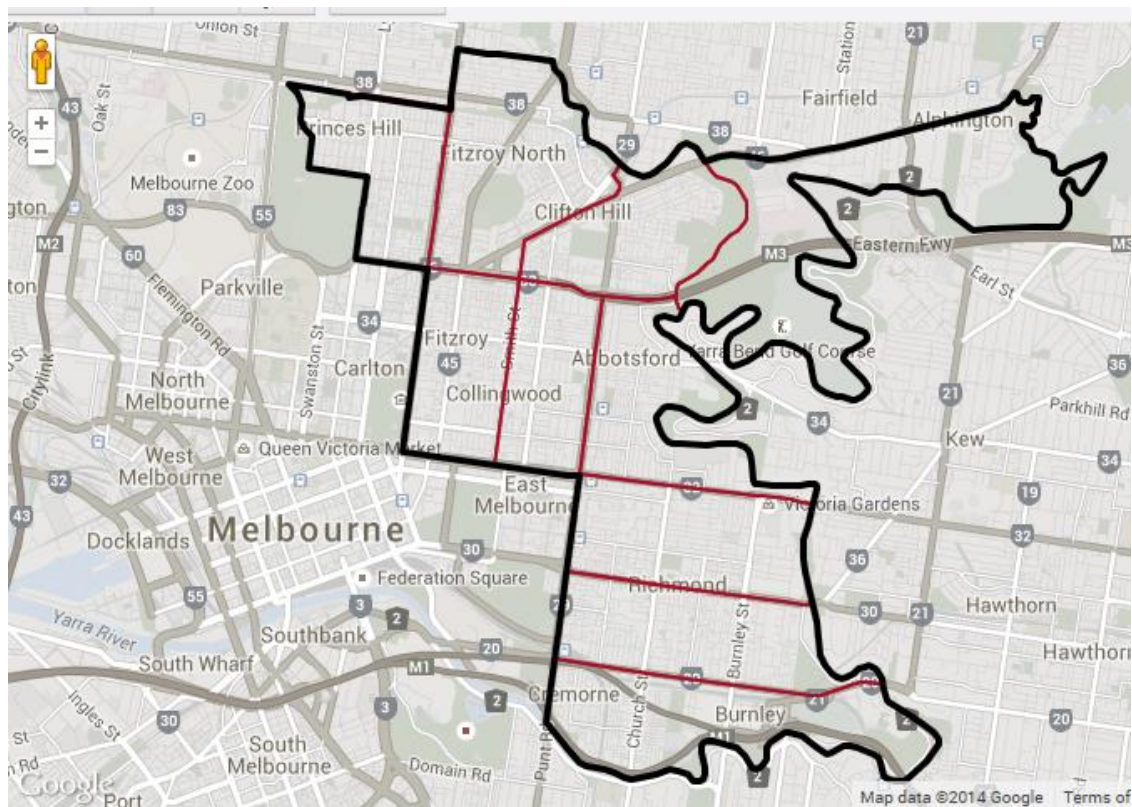


Figure 2 (above): Map showing suburbs in the City of Yarra

4.1.2 Climate and weather

The City of Yarra has a moderate climate. However, temperatures can vary from zero in the winter to 40C in summer. The annual mean minimum temperature is around 10C and the annual mean

maximum temperature around 20C. On average approximately 650mm of rain falls annually with May to October being the wettest months. The municipality belongs to the Central Forecast District.

4.1.3 Rivers and waterways

The main waterways in the City of Yarra are the Yarra River and two tributaries: Merri and Darebin Creeks. The Yarra River and Merri Creek are specifically listed as ecologically important streams in the State Environment Protection Policy (SEPP – Waters of Victoria).

In Abbotsford, Dights Falls is an important location where salt water from the estuary meets the fresh water of the river. This site features waterfalls and remnants of the Dights Flour Mill built in the 1840s. Dights Falls is a significant site of the Wurundjeri (refer section 2.3).

4.1.4 Parks, Gardens and Farmland

The City of Yarra’s parks and gardens include some of Melbourne's best known open space areas: Edinburgh Gardens, Darling Gardens, Barkly Gardens, Burnley Park, Linear Park, Fairfield Park, Mayors Park and Yarra Bend Park (the largest remaining area of natural bushland in inner Melbourne). Further information on all parks, gardens and reserves in the municipality can be accessed online - <https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/facilities>.

4.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

4.2.1 Transport

The City of Yarra has a number of major arterial roads, railway and tram lines, bus and bicycle routes running through the municipality.

Vehicles classified as a major hazard pass through the Municipality each day including LP gas tankers, petrol tankers and chemical transporters.

4.2.2 Freeway and Arterial Roads

| Arterial Roads and Freeways | From – To |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Eastern Freeway | Gold St. to Yarra River |
| Alexandra Pde | Nicholson St to Gold St. |
| Punt Rd | Yarra River to Bridge Road |
| Bridge Road | Hoddle St to the Yarra River |
| Hoddle St | Bridge Road to Queens Pde |
| Brunswick St | Alexandra Pde to St Georges Rd |
| Burnley St | Barkly Ave to Victoria St |

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Chandler Highway | Heidelberg Rd to Yarra River |
| George St | Alexandra Pde to Queens Pde |
| Heidelberg Rd | Queens Pde to Darebin Creek |
| Johnston St | Nicholson St to Yarra River |
| Nicholson St | Victoria Pde to the Municipal boundary |
| Princes St | Nicholson St to Lygon St |
| Queens Pde. | Heidelberg Rd to Merri Creek |
| St Georges Rd | Brunswick St to Merri Creek |
| Swan St | Punt Rd to Yarra River. |
| Victoria Pde | Nicholson St to Hoddle St. |
| Victoria St | Hoddle St to the Yarra River |
| Church St | Yarra River to Victoria Street |
| Yarra Boulevard | Bridge Road to Loyola Gv |
| Barkly Av | Burnley St to Gibdon St |
| Twickenham Cr | Gibdon St to Loyola Gv |
| Loyola Gv | Twickenham Cr to Madden Gv |
| Madden Gv | Loyola Gv to Swan St |

4.2.3 Railway Stations and Crossings

The following stations are located within the municipality:

- Rushall (Fitzroy North)
- Clifton Hill
- Victoria Park
- Collingwood
- North Richmond
- West Richmond
- Richmond
- East Richmond
- Burnley

There is 1 level crossing in the municipality. It is located on Ramsden Street near Clifton Hill train station.

4.3 Educational Institutions

Yarra is home to 12 secondary and 22 primary schools. Major educational institutions in the City include the University of Melbourne (Burnley campus), Australian Catholic University (Fitzroy Campus), Melbourne Polytechnic (Collingwood and Fairfield campuses) and Kangan Batman TAFE (Richmond campus).

4.4 Industry and Commerce

As of December 2017, total output for the area was \$23,514.6M, making Yarra home to one of the largest economies in metropolitan Melbourne (REMPAN).

The top 10 industries in Yarra, measured by number of persons employed, are:

| | |
|--|--------|
| Health Care & Social Assistance | 18.10% |
| Professional, Scientific & Technical Services | 15.90% |
| Retail Trade | 12.40% |
| Accommodation & Food Services | 8.4% |
| Construction | 6.6% |
| Education & Training | 5.1% |
| Manufacturing | 4.2% % |
| Financial & Insurance Services | 4.0% |
| Wholesale Trade | 3.8% |
| Transport, Postal & Warehousing | 3.8% |

Figure 4 (above): Industries in Yarra (source: REMPLAN)

Commercial areas are concentrated along several of the main roads; these include Bridge Road, Swan and Victoria Streets in Richmond, Brunswick and Gertrude streets in Fitzroy and Smith Street in Collingwood. There is a concentration of retail premises operating in the main activity centres of:

- Bridge Road, Richmond
- Brunswick Street, Fitzroy
- Church Street, Richmond
- Gertrude Street, Fitzroy
- Johnston Street, Collingwood
- Nicholson Street, Carlton
- Queens Parade, Fitzroy North
- Rathdowne Street, Carlton
- Smith Street, Collingwood
- St Georges Road, Fitzroy North
- Swan Street, Richmond
- Victoria Gardens, Richmond and
- Victoria Street, Richmond

4.5 Tourism

Yarra is well represented by the key tourism attributes which attract visitors to Melbourne including shopping, dining, entertainment, arts, culture and events such as the Johnston Street Fiesta and Victoria Street's Lunar Festival.

According to data from REMPLAN, tourism generates service demands to support 4,256 jobs within Yarra, representing approximately 5% of employment in the municipality. Tourism related employment is attributed to retail, hospitality, education, arts and recreation services, and health. The major industries associated with tourism in Yarra include:

- Accommodation and Food Services (approximately 29.2% of tourism employment);
- Retail Trade (approximately 24.4% of tourism employment); and
- Transport, Postal and warehousing (approximately 22.3% of tourism employment).

The total output of the tourism sector is estimated to \$883 million, representing 3.8% of Yarra's total output.

4.6 Hospitals, health centres and health services

The main public hospital attended by residents of Yarra is St Vincent's Public Hospital.

Yarra is well serviced in terms of general health care services. Locations of all health services in the City of Yarra are available at: <https://www.serviceseeker.com.au/>

| Hospitals in the City of Yarra | | |
|--|---|--|
| St Vincent's Public Hospital 41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy 9231 3399 | St Vincent's Private Hospital 59 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy 9411 7111 | Epworth Richmond 89 Bridge Road, Richmond 9426 6666 |
| Thomas Embling Hospital 101 Yarra Bend Road, Fairfield 9495 9100 | The Melbourne Clinic 130 Church Street, Richmond 9429 4688 | |
| Community Health Centres in the City of Yarra | | |
| Cohealth - Carlton 622 Lygon St, North Carlton 9448 5535 | Cohealth - Fitzroy 75 Brunswick St, Fitzroy 9448 5531 | Cohealth - Collingwood 365 Hoddle St, Collingwood 9448 5528 |
| Cohealth Innerspace - Drug Safety Services 4 Johnston Street, Collingwood 9448 5530 | Access Health and Community 283 Church Street, Richmond 9810 3000 | North Richmond Community Health Centre 23 Lennox Street, Richmond 9420 9800 |

Figure 5 (above): Hospitals and Community Health Centres in the City of Yarra

4.7 DEMOGRAPHY

4.7.1 Population and age

- The estimated residential population was 93,380 as of June 2017.
- Yarra has one of the youngest age demographics of any Victorian municipality. The median age of Yarra residents is 33 compared with 36 for Greater Melbourne. Over half (53%) of Yarra's residents are aged between 25 and 49, compared with 37% for Greater Melbourne.
- As of the 2016 Census, there were 39,867 households in Yarra. This represents a 19% increase since 2011.

- North Richmond is the most populous area (14,335) followed by Central Richmond (13,973) and Fitzroy (12,360).
- The most common household types in Yarra are: lone person (29.5%), couples without children (25.7%), group households (12.8%). Couples with children account for 14.8% of the population, and single-parent families 6.5%.

4.7.2 Use of Transportation

- Nineteen percent of households in Yarra have no car, 45% have one car and 24% have 2 or more cars.
- 10,650 people rode their bike or walked to work in 2016 (21%).
- 18,068 people drove to work in a private vehicle (35.6%).
- Nearly one-in-two Yarra residents (46%) journey to work on sustainable transport: public transport (28.1%), cycling (8.6%) and walking (12.4%).

4.7.3 Aboriginal Heritage

The Wurundjeri people are the cultural custodians of the land now known as the City of Yarra. They cared for the land for many thousands of years before being displaced by European settlers from the 1830s. Council acknowledges the profound impacts of these changes and today celebrates the rich and enduring culture of Yarra's Traditional Owners. More information can be found online at: <http://aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com.au/>

There were 382 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra on census night in 2016. However, local Aboriginal services report that many more people travel into Yarra for social activities, events and to access services. It should be noted that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are commonly under-represented in the Census count.

4.7.4 Education

Yarra is evolving into a more educated and affluent community, with 45% of residents holding tertiary qualifications (compared to the Greater Melbourne average of 24%) and 58% working in management or the professions (compared to the Greater Melbourne average of 37%).

4.7.5 Employment

- It is estimated that 84,359 people work in Yarra (REMPLAN, 2017)
- At the time of the 2016 Census, Yarra had a higher proportion of the labour force in employment when compared to Greater Melbourne, (94.7% and 93.2% respectively) and a lower proportion unemployed (5.3% and 6.8% respectively).
- Yarra residents work mainly as Professionals (43.0%), Managers (15.4%) and Clerical and Administrative Workers (12.3%). These three occupations accounted for 70.7% of the employed resident population according to the 2011 Census.
- Between 2011 and 2016, the number of people employed in the City of Yarra showed an increase of 7,731, and the number unemployed showed an increase of 663. In the same period, the number of people in the labour force showed an increase of 8,394 or 18.6%.

4.7.6 Health and Wellbeing

- Despite a mostly socio-economically advantaged community, Yarra males have a life expectancy slightly below the Victorian average. The most recent data estimates that a male child born today has a life expectancy of 79.6 years compared to the Victorian average of 80.3 years, while a female child has a life expectancy of 84.7 years compared to the Victorian average of 84.4 years (DHHS, 2014).

- The proportion of the Yarra community that have sought help for a mental health problem during 2010-11 was higher compared to the state average. While hospitals admissions rates for mental health related conditions do not exceed state rates, rates are notably higher for women in Yarra compared to men.

4.7.7 Financial Wealth

Yarra is a municipality of economic and social extremes. While a third of households earn over \$2,500 per week, and 58% of workers are in managerial and professional occupations, more than one quarter earn less than \$400 per week and many are living with economic hardship and social disadvantage.

4.7.8 Internet Usage

- 81% of households have access to the internet.

4.7.8 Religion

- 49% of Yarra’s residents do not affiliate with a religion.
- At 2016, the largest single religion in the City of Yarra was Western (Roman) Catholic: 16% of the population.
- Major differences of religious affiliation between Yarra and Greater Melbourne are:
 - a smaller percentage of Western (Roman) Catholics: 16% compared to 23%
 - a smaller percentage in Yarra of Anglicans: 5% compared to 8%
 - a smaller percentage in Yarra who nominated Islam: 2% compared to 4%

4.8 Vulnerable Groups

The City of Yarra is home to a high proportion of residents living with socio-economic disadvantage, in what is an otherwise relatively affluent municipality.

The SEIFA Index of Disadvantage measures the relative level of socio-economic disadvantage based on a range of Census characteristics. The index is derived from attributes that reflect disadvantage such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, and jobs in relatively unskilled occupations. The scores for Yarra neighbourhoods are listed in the table below. Note that lower scores indicate higher levels of disadvantage. There is a direct correlation between disadvantage and the location of public housing estates:

| Area | 2016 index |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Cremorne and Burnley - Richmond South | 1115.5 |
| Central Richmond | 1108.8 |
| Clifton Hill | 1097.2 |
| Fairfield - Alphington | 1105.4 |
| Carlton North - Princes Hill | 1084.3 |
| Abbotsford | 1076.8 |
| Fitzroy North | 1063.2 |
| Greater Melbourne | 1018.0 |
| City of Yarra | 1035.0 |
| Victoria | 1001.9 |
| Fitzroy | 957.1 |
| North Richmond | 946.3 |
| Collingwood | 935.5 |

Figure 7 (above): SEIFA Index of Relative Socio-economic Disadvantage in Yarra.

The capacity of a community to support those who experience disadvantage of some form is recognised in the MEMP, which makes provision for specific support to particular groups that may require special responses and attention. Groups identified as being particularly vulnerable in emergencies are outlined below.

4.8.1 People with Disability

Disability can be defined in terms of categories and describe characteristic and causes of each category including physical disability, sensory disability, intellectual disability, mental illness and neurological impairment. Depending on the level of disability, the type and level of support required may vary in areas of self-care, communication and mobility.

People with disabilities can experience more difficulty during and after emergencies, regardless of the level of environmental accessibility and social inclusion already established. For example, people with physical disabilities may have reduced ability to get to accessible exits, as well as reduced access to their personal items and emergency supplies. People affected by blindness and deafness and people with speech impairment often encounter many more communication barriers, especially when regular communication channels are down or overloaded. These barriers appear at a time when rapid communication may be crucial to survival and safety.

In 2016, the total number of persons in Yarra requiring help in their day-to-day lives was estimated at 3,043 (approximately 3.5%). Of this number:

- 94 were 0-9 years old
- 84 were 10-19 years old
- 820 were 20-59 years old
- 677 were 60-74 years old
- 1,372 were 75 years and over

In 2015, 2,985 Yarra residents received a disability support pension (DSS, 2015).

4.8.2 Children

Children are vulnerable to a range of risks such as separation from family, sexual exploitation, physical harm, and psychosocial distress. They are often dependent on others to ensure their safety and do not have decision-making capacity or capabilities.

- In 2016 there were 4,006 children in Yarra aged 0-4 years. Children in this age group accounted for 4.6% of Yarra's total population, which is smaller than the Victorian average of 6.4%.
- Compared to Greater Melbourne, Yarra has a smaller percentage of residents aged 0 to 17 years (11,803 or 9.1% compared to 15.1%).

4.8.3 Women

Studies have shown that disasters generally accentuate existing gender inequalities³. In emergency management policy and practice in Australia, women are typically seen as victims, overlooking

their role as breadwinners, business owners and/or employees. They are also most often the primary family and community carers and face increased workloads post-disaster.

- In Yarra, there is a gender bias to earning levels and financial security. The distribution of people aged 15 years and over who earned more than \$1,000 per week, was 47% female and 53% male.
- In 2014/15, there were 781 reported incidents of family violence in Yarra (Victoria Police, 2015). Evidence shows that the incidence of family violence increases post-disaster. Intimate partner violence is the leading contributor to death, disability and illness for women aged 15 – 44 years.

4.8.4 Aged Persons

- Seniors (over 65) comprised 11% of the population of Yarra in 2016.
- 7% of the Yarra population was aged 70 years and over at the time of the last Census, as compared to 10% in Greater Melbourne.
- The older age groups tend to be more culturally and linguistically diverse than the Yarra population as a whole, with approximately 38% born overseas. This brings great language diversity, with 43% of the 65+ population not speaking English well or at all. The range of languages spoken across the age spectrum of older people traces the history of migration to Victoria.

4.8.5 Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Persons

- People from non-English speaking backgrounds may be more vulnerable than others in an emergency because they may not have similar levels of access to emergency management information; socio-economic differences, low education and literacy levels, cultural and language barriers, distrust of warning messages and lack of preparation and protective action combined with the unfamiliarity of Yarra's environment and hazards may compound this vulnerability.
- About 29% of Yarra's population was born overseas, with the predominant non-English speaking countries of birth being Vietnam, Greece, China and Italy.
- Almost a fifth of Yarra residents come from countries where English is not the first language. The top five languages other than English spoken in Yarra are: Vietnamese, Greek, Italian, Cantonese, and Mandarin.
- The three suburbs with a large public housing population (Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond North) have the greatest proportion of residents speaking a language other than English at home. Higher concentrations of 'other' languages spoken in particular areas – generally correlate with the main housing estates in Yarra.
- Of those with low English proficiency, 43% are aged 65 years or older, 7% between 45 and 64 years old, and 5% under the age of 15 years

4.8.6 Parkies

The term 'Parkies' refers to the community of vulnerable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who regularly meet in parks and street corners in the City of Yarra. A key support mechanism for this group is the Billabong BBQ, a weekly event that takes place (usually on Tuesday mornings) at Harmsworth Park in the Collingwood High-Rise Estate. The BBQ is attended by a variety of health and service providers and occasionally Victoria Police. Yarra Aboriginal

Support Network (YASN) meets once a month to info-share and co-ordinate services to the Parkies.

4.8.7 Refugees and New Migrants

- Yarra has a slightly higher proportion of people who arrived in Australia within the last 5 years (25%), when compared to the Greater Melbourne SD (23.2%). Many recent humanitarian arrivals are from the Horn of Africa (Eritrea, Sudan and Somalia).
- Many young people who are refugees have experienced physical and psychological violence. State research indicates that most refugees have experienced a threat of harm to their family and half have undergone a dangerous flight leaving their home country. Around 40% were separated from their family at some point, more than a third have witnessed violence, around one-quarter have been under combat fire and one-quarter have experienced the disappearance of family members.
- International data indicates that a significant proportion of refugees experience mental health problems, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety as a result of their refugee and post-migration experience. Although no localised data exists on the prevalence of mental health problems among refugees living in the City of Yarra, it is worth bearing this in mind when considering emergency management planning and operations.

4.8.8 Housing Security

Homelessness and housing insecurity increase vulnerability in emergencies because there is likely to be a lack of regular access to physical protective structures, as well as diminished means of transport, communications, access to information and money. People who are homeless or have precarious housing arrangements are often socially and economically marginalised, transient and may be experiencing physical and mental illnesses, all of which are factors that affect their access to the resources needed for emergency preparedness, response and recovery.

- In Yarra, the percentage of rental housing that is affordable is negligible; Yarra is the 73rd least affordable LGA in Victoria, less than 1.0% of housing stock is considered affordable.
- Yarra has five-to-six times the state average rate of homelessness.
- More people rent than own their homes in Yarra, with levels of home ownership being relatively low.
- Just over half (50%) of all Yarra households are renting their home.
- Just under one-in-ten (9%) households are classified as public housing.
- 18% of residents own their homes and 20% are purchasing their home.
- In terms of housing, Census 2016 data shows that 5,904 dwellings are separate houses, 21,133 semi-detached (such as terraces) and 16,305 are flats, units or apartments.

4.8.9 Residents in Housing Estates

- Social disadvantage as measured by SEIFA is concentrated in the areas with highest proportion of households rented from housing authority or co-operatives.
- Yarra has the highest concentration of social housing of any municipality in Victoria.
- Overall 10% of Yarra households live in public housing, with just under a fifth (18%) of households in Collingwood and North Richmond (20%), and 18% of households in Fitzroy living in public housing.
- The Department of Human Services (Office of Housing) has developed an Evacuation Procedure and Emergency Response Plan for each of their High Rise Estates.

Collingwood Housing Estates

Two high rise blocks of 180 units each and housing about 1480 tenants:

- 229 Hoddle Street & 253 Hoddle Street

One high-rise block of 208 units housing about 740 tenants:

- 240 Wellington Street

A number of low rise buildings containing approximately 613 tenants

Another 497 tenants in properties in Abbotsford, Clifton Hill and Alphington

Fitzroy Housing Estates

Four high-rise blocks of 800 units housing about 1853 tenants:

- Block 90 Brunswick Street
- Block 140 Brunswick Street
- Block 95 Napier Street
- Block 125 Napier Street

A number of low rise and other properties in North Fitzroy and North Carlton with around 1354 tenants

Richmond Housing Estates

There are approximately 2062 tenants residing in high-rise estates:

Four 20 storey high-rise towers containing 800 flats:

- 106, 108, 110 & 112 Elizabeth St

One 22 storey high-rise tower containing 220 flats:

- 139 Highett St;

Low rise buildings with 179 tenants, a new development with 341 tenants and other housing through Richmond with 550 tenants.

The Richmond High-rise estate has a 24 hour security service. Each high-rise tower is manned by a 24 hour foyer security guard.

4.9 Community resilience

A wide range of active organisations and services facilitate the creation and maintenance of a connected and resilient Yarra community. The community sector represents around 1,200 local, regional and state-wide agencies delivering more than 1,500 different types of services. Through the Annual Grants program, Council has funded around 300 community groups located in Yarra to build networks and collaborate on environmental, political, social, economic and cultural activities.

Yarra's Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres (NH&LCs) offer services including children and youth programs, art, music, cooking and computer classes, English and other language lessons and community lunches, all at little or no cost. Importantly, they also provide a welcoming place for community members who may feel isolated or disconnected to drop in, have a cup of tea and see some friendly faces. The NH&LCs are predominantly run and staffed by volunteers:

<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/the-area/visiting-yarra/neighbourhood-houses-and-learning-centres>

There are a number of well-known community groups and networks that seek to address vulnerability in Yarra. Some of these include:

-Active Ageing Advisory Group

<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/committees/active-ageing-advisory-group>

-The Disability Advisory Committee
<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/about-us/committees/disability-advisory-committee>

-Youth Support and Advocacy Service (YSAS)
<http://www.ysas.org.au/>

-Council to Homeless Persons
<http://chp.org.au/>

-Yarra City Older Persons
<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/older-people>

-Yarra Energy Foundation
<http://www.yef.org.au/>

-Yarra Drug and Health Forum
<http://www.ydhf.org.au/>

4.10 HISTORY OF MAJOR EMERGENCIES IN THE CITY OF YARRA

4.10.1 Influenza

In 2011, notifications of influenza in Yarra were 0.39 per 1,000 populations, compared with 0.36 per 1,000 for Victoria.

4.10.2 Flood

There have been no major level floods recorded in the City of Yarra⁴. For a comprehensive historical list of flooding and dam failures in the City of Yarra, refer to the Municipal Flood Emergency Plan. The most recent recorded instances of flooding occurred in Fairfield on February 2005 (minor flood with a height of 5.7m) and February 2011 (minor flood with a height of 4.55m).

4.10.3 Fire

The MFB keeps detailed records of major incidents involving fire and hazardous materials in the City of Yarra. Between March 2015 and April 2018, there were 32 major incidents (alarm level 2 or above) relating to building fires and other incidents that were recorded by the MFB. In March 2017 a significant fire occurred in the Atherton Garden Housing Estate resulting in the evacuation of 300 people.

4.10.4 Hazardous Material

The MFB attended to 8 major hazardous material incidents (level 2 or above between January 2009 and October 2014). In this same period, the MFB attended to 4 major incidents (incidents (level 2 or above) relating to combustible/flammable spills and leaks.

4.10.5 Protracted Utility Outage

In September 1998, an explosion took place at the Esso Longford Gas plant, killing two workers and injuring eight. Gas supply to the City of Yarra (and most of Victoria) was severely affected for two weeks.

⁴ Records date back to November 1971 (source: VICSES).

4.10.6 Major Transport Accidents

On 23 March 2007, a vehicle pile-up occurred in the Burnley tunnel involving three trucks and four cars. The crash resulted in an explosion and a subsequent fire which reached temperatures in excess of 1,000°C. The fire forced the evacuation of motorists from both the Burnley and nearby Domain tunnels. Three people died in the accident.

There have been two further road fatalities within the municipality one in 2017 and another in 2018.

4.10.7 Massacre

On 9 August 1987, a mass shooting occurred on Hoddle Street, Clifton Hill. Seven people died and 19 others were seriously injured. The massacre was highly publicised and had a long lasting psychosocial impact in Yarra and further afield.

4.10.8 MEMP/ERC Activation

In the summer of 2014, Council activated an Emergency Relief Centre following a fire in an apartment building which led to a number of displaced residents.

In March 2017 an Emergency Relief Centre was activated to respond to a fire at Atherton Garden Housing Estate which forced the evacuation of 300 people.

In July 2018 an Emergency Relief Centre was activated to respond to a crane which was damaged in strong wind and was at risk of falling. As a precaution hundreds of residents were evacuated at from their homes in Richmond.

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

This section provides a list of municipal facilities where large numbers of community members – including vulnerable people can be located.

4.11.1 Town Halls

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| Richmond Town Hall 333 Bridge Road Richmond | Collingwood Town Hall 140 Hoddle Street Abbotsford | Fitzroy Town Hall Corner Moor & Napier Streets Fitzroy |
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4.11.2 Council Depot

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| Roseneath Street, Clifton Hill | 111 Queens Parade, Nth Fitzroy |
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4.11.3 Community Halls

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|---|---|--|
| Edinburgh Gardens Community Room Off Brunswick St, Nth Fitzroy | Mark Street Community Hall 1 Mark Street, Nth Fitzroy (under renovation until June 2018) | Collingwood Senior Citizen Room Eddy Court, Abbotsford |
| 156 Yarra Community Youth Centre Pier Street, Fitzroy | The Stables (upstairs) 19 Duke Street, Richmond | Richmond Senior Citizen Room Hosie Street, Richmond |

4.11.4 Libraries

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| Carlton Library 667 Rathdowne St North Carlton | Collingwood Library 11 Stanton St Abbotsford | Fitzroy Library 128 Moor St Fitzroy |
| North Fitzroy 182 St Georges Rd | Richmond Library 415 Church St | Contact number for all centres |

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| North Fitzroy | Richmond | 1300 695 427 |
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4.11.5 Maternal & Child Health Centres

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| North Carlton M&CHC Corner Pigdon and Wilson Streets, North Carlton 9380 8710 | North Fitzroy M&CHC Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library 182 St Georges Road Nth Fitzroy 9481 8857 | North Richmond M&CHC North Richmond Community Health Centre 23 Lennox Street Richmond |
| Alphington M&CHC 54 Yarralea St, Alphington 9499 3522 | Abbotsford/Collingwood M&CHC Gahan Reserve, Park St Abbotsford 9415 7921 | South Richmond M&CHC 415 Church St Richmond 9427 1395 |
| Fitzroy M&CHC Connie Benn Centre 160 Brunswick St Fitzroy 9426 1500 | Gold Street Children's Centre MCH office 64 Gold Street Collingwood | |

4.11.6 Leisure Centres and Golf Course

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| Richmond Leisure Centre Gleadell Street Richmond | Collingwood Leisure Centre Corner Turnbull & Hoddle Streets, Clifton Hill | Fitzroy Swimming Pool Alexandra Parade Fitzroy |
| Burnley Golf Course Corner Madden & Loyola Grove, Burnley | | |

4.11.7 Schools

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| Princes Hill College Arnold Street North Carlton 9389 0600 | Carlton North Primary School 60 Lee Street North Carlton 9347 4822 | Princes Hill Primary School 280 Pigdon Street North Carlton 9389 5300 |
| Fitzroy High School 30 Falconer Street North Fitzroy 9488 1900 | Fitzroy North Primary School Fergie Street Fitzroy 9481 5860 | Merrie Creek Primary Miller street (cnr Ida Street), North Fitzroy 9481 0177 |
| Samaritan College (Year 9) 100 Barkly Street North Fitzroy 9480 2922 | St Brigids Primary School 378 Nicholson Street North Fitzroy 9489 9546 | Clifton Hill Primary School 185 Gold Street Collingwood 9489 8333 |
| Spensley Street Primary School 193 Spensley Street Collingwood 9481 4666 | St Johns Primary School 77 Queens Parade Clifton Hill 9489 1346 | Alphington Grammar School Old Alphington Road Alphington 9497 4777 |
| Melbourne Polytechnic Fairfield Campus Yarra Bend Road Fairfield 9269 1200 | Alphington Primary School Yarralea Road Alphington 9499 2200 | Academy of Mary Immaculate 88 Nicholson Street Fitzroy 9419 3044 |
| Australian Catholic University 115 Victoria Parade Fitzroy 9953 3000 | Fitzroy Primary School George Street Fitzroy 9417 4222 | Sacred Heart Primary School 107 King William Street Fitzroy 9419 3528 |

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| Collingwood Alternative School 4 Stanley Street Collingwood 9419 3816 | Collingwood English Language School 19 Cambridge Street Collingwood 9419 7633 | Melbourne Polytechnic Collingwood Campus 20 Otter Street Collingwood 9269 1200 |
| St Josephs Primary School 46 Otter street Collingwood 9419 4918 | Sophia Mundi Steiner School 1 St Heliers Street Abbotsford 9419 9229 | Abbotsford Primary School Lithgow Street Abbotsford 9428 5977 |
| Lynall Hall Gleadell Street Richmond 9427 0637 | Richmond High School 6 Gleadell Street Richmond 9448 9488 | Yarra Primary School Davison Street (cnr Buckingham) Richmond 9428 3286 |
| Richmond West Primary Lennox Street Richmond 9428 2950 | Trinity Catholic School 61 Davison Street (cnr Kent) Richmond 9428 7180 | Melbourne Girls College The Boulevard Richmond 9428 8955 |
| St Kevins College (Year 9) Rowena Parade Richmond 9421 4319 | Kangan Institute Richmond Campus 85 Cremorne Street and 70 Gwynne Street Richmond - 13 8233 | Richmond Primary School Brighton Street Richmond 9428 1909 |

4.11.8 Child Care

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| Gold Street Children's Centre 64 Gold Street, Collingwood 9205 5576 | Keele Street Children's Centre 171 Keele Street, Collingwood - 8415 0970 | North Carlton Children's Centre 481 Canning Street, North Carlton- 9380 8634 |
| Connie Benn Centre 160 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy 9426 1500 | Yarraberg Children's Centre 4 River Street, Richmond 9428 0707 | Occasional Care also provided at the three Leisure Centres and Connie Benn |

4.11.9 Neighbourhood Houses

* Denotes that the facility is not Council-owned

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| *Alphington Community Centre Inc 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington Coordinator: Elspeth Chambers 9499 7227 | Belgium Avenue Neighbourhood House Inc 9 Belgium Avenue, Richmond Coordinator: Sue Kent 9428 1676 | Richmond Community Learning Centre 92 -94 Lord St, Richmond Coordinator: Simone Gardiner 9428 9901 |
| *Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc 20 Princes St, Carlton North Coordinator: Mary Parfrey 9347 2739 | *Collingwood Neighbourhood House 253 Hoddle St, Collingwood Coordinator: Sue Kent 9417 4856 | *Finbar Neighbourhood House Inc 143 Kent Street, Richmond Coordinator: Deb Sawyer 9428 7668 |
| Fitzroy Learning Network Inc 198 Napier Street, Fitzroy Coordinator: Colleen Duggan 9417 2897 | Holden Street Neighbourhood House Inc 128 Holden Street, Fitzroy Coordinator: Judy Morrison 9489 9929 | North Carlton Railway Station Neighbourhood House Inc PO Box 1 North Carlton Coordinator: Maria Bamford 9380 6654 |

4.11.10 Aged Accommodation

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| Brotherhood of St Laurence 67-75 Brunswick St, Fitzroy | Sambell Lodge 1 A South Terrace Clifton Hill | Old Colonists Association 20 Rushall Crescent North Fitzroy |
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| 9483 1151 | 9489 3000 | 9481 7466 |
| The Alphington Hostel 9 – 11 Old Heidelberg Road Alphington 9499 8522 | Sumner House 128 Fitzroy Street Fitzroy 9483 1151 | Mercy Place Abbotsford (formally Good Shepherd) 2–10 Clarke St, Abbotsford 9419 3933 |
| Riverside House Nursing Home,2 River Street Richmond 9427 9969 | Cambridge House 3 Cambridge Street Collingwood 9417 6021 | The Abbeyfield Society (Richmond) Inc 273 Burnley St, Richmond 9428 9710 |
| Sir Eric Pearce House 273 Church Street Richmond 9427 1404 | | |

4.12 YARRA EVENTS, FESTIVALS AND MARKETS

There is an extensive range of events held in Yarra that support the municipality's rich cultural diversity and tradition. A detailed calendar of events can be viewed on Council's website:

<http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Events/>. Some of the major festivals in Yarra include:

- Victoria Street Lunar Festival held in Victoria Street, Abbotsford in January or February
- Johnston Street Fiesta in Johnston Street, Fitzroy in November
- Carols by Candlelight held in various parks early December

A number of regular markets are also held:

- The Gleadell Street market operates every Saturday in Gleadell street, Richmond between 6.30am and 1.00pm
- Collingwood Children's Farm Farmers Market operates on the second Saturday of the month between 8.00am and 1.00pm St Heliers Street, Abbotsford (9417 5806)
- Melbourne Farmers Market North Carlton operates 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month between 8.00am and 1:00pm (0429 146 627), Carlton North Primary School Cnr Canning and O'Grady Streets Carlton North.
- Slow Food Farmers Market operates the fourth Sunday of the month between 8.00am – 1.00pm at the Abbotsford Convent, St Heliers Street, Abbotsford (9415 3600)
- Shirt and Skirt and Market operates 10.00am to 4.00pm from Abbotsford Convent, 1 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford (9415 3600)
- The Fitzroy Market (at Fitzroy Primary) 10.00am to 3.00pm Corner Napier and Chapel St Fitzroy <http://www.fitzroymarket.com>
- Abbotsford Market (at Abbotsford Primary) 9.00 am to 2.00om Lithgow Street Abbotsford (0414 896 198) <http://www.marketsandcommunity.com.au/markets/abbotsford-market>

4.13 MAPS OF THE CITY OF YARRA

Yarra City Council has specialist localised mapping information available to the public via: <http://spatial.yarracity.vic.gov.au/public/framesetup.asp>. Maps on this system include the locations of child centres, schools, maternal and child health centres, parking permit zones and disability parking, current and past planning applications, planning zones, overlays, Municipal Strategic Statement maps and much more.

The MERO, MRM and all of Council's Emergency Management staff have access to GIS which is accessible from home or office. GIS contains a specific Emergency Management layer which displays the locations of emergency relief centres, hospitals, childcare centres, retirement villages and parks.

A range of emergency management maps are kept in the Municipal Emergency Coordination Centres (MECC) for use in the instance of large-scale emergency events when a MECC is activated. These maps include flood data, community and municipal facilities.