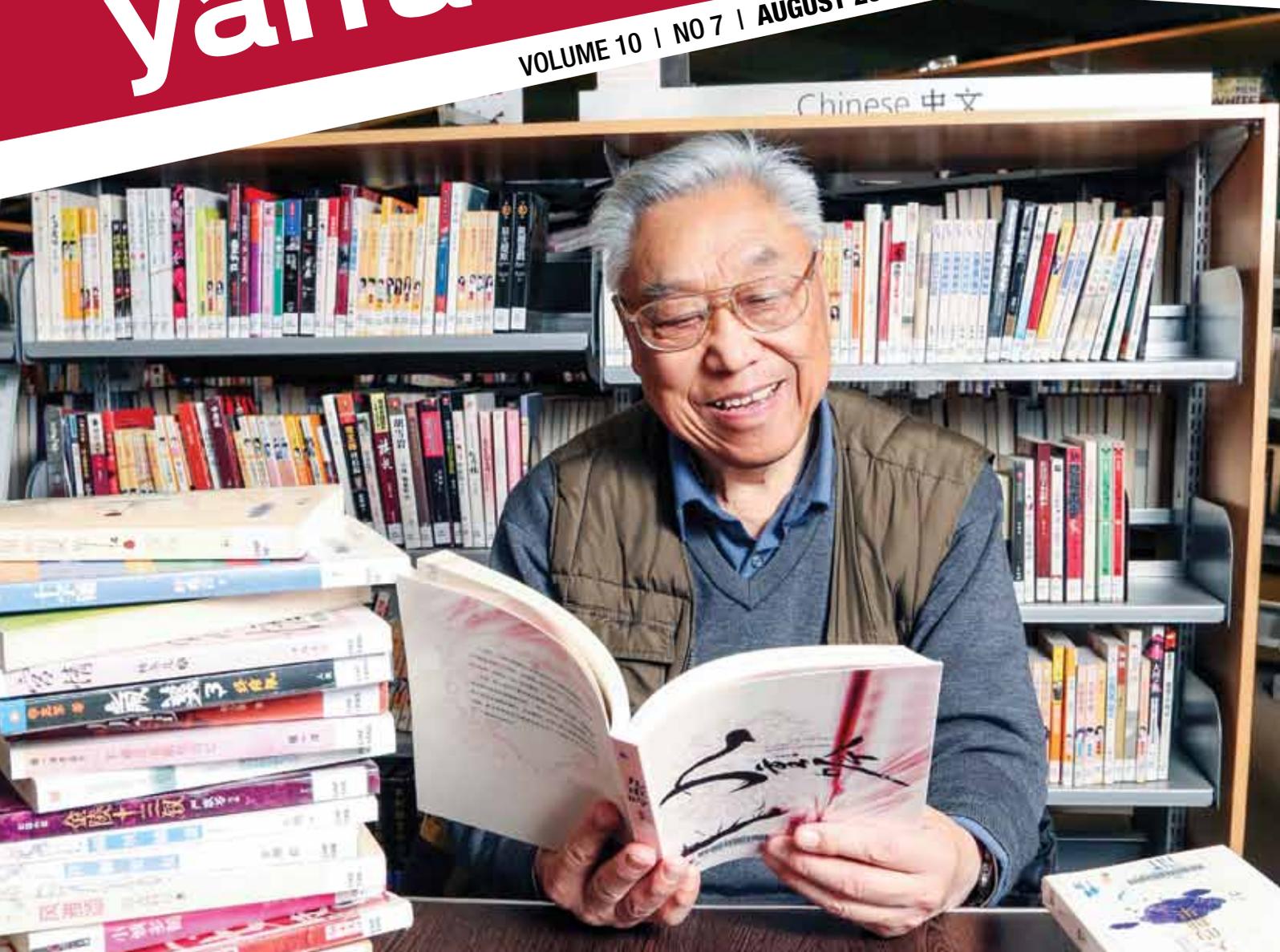


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中文读书月

雅拉图书馆将于八月庆祝中国的语言和文化。

Chinese Reading Month

Yarra Libraries celebrates Chinese language and culture in August.

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GREEK

Ανακοινώσεις από αυτή την έκδοση του Yarra News θα μεταδοθούν στο Ελληνικό ραδιοφωνικό πρόγραμμα της Δευτέρας από τις 8μμ, στο 3CR 855 AM.

TURKISH

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

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

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

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To improve communications with Yarra's non-English speaking community, a selected article from this edition of Yarra News has been translated into Yarra's four main community languages.

Other articles from Yarra News can be read in any language on Council's website. Visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-news and select a language from the drop down Google Translate menu at the bottom of the screen.

For more information in your language, please call 9280 1940 and quote the ref number below.

市政管理费账单即将寄送

在此提醒雅拉地区的房屋业主，2015/16年的市政管理费账单将于8月中旬寄送，请注意查收。市政管理费用由来资助各项重要服务，比如收集废品和可回收垃圾，道路基础设施建设以及社区项目。现在，管理费缴纳人可以登记使用电子邮件接收市政管理费分期付款通知———如需登记，请登陆网站www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Rates-and-valuations 若想获得更多关于此内容的中文信息或其他 Yarra News 的中文文章，请拨打电话 9280 1937 并提供参考号码 15171。

Πρόκειται να σταλούν σύντομα οι ειδοποιήσεις των Δημοτικών τελών

Υπενθυμίζεται στους ιδιοκτήτες ακινήτων του Yarra να είναι σε επιφυλακή για τις ειδοποιήσεις των δημοτικών τους τελών 2015/16, τα οποία θα παραχθούν στα νοικοκυριά στα μέσα Αυγούστου. Τα δημοτικά τέλη βοηθούν με την χρηματοδότηση ουσιαστικών υπηρεσιών όπως τη συλλογή των αποβλήτων και της ανακύκλωσης, τις οδικές υποδομές και τα κοινοτικά προγράμματα. Για πρώτη φορά, οι φορολογούμενοι δημότες μπορούν να εγγραφούν για να λάβουν τις ειδοποιήσεις για τις δόσεις των δημοτικών τους τελών, μέσω ημείλ-για να εγγραφείτε, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα: www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Rates-and-valuations Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας σχετικά με αυτό ή με οποιοδήποτε άλλα άρθρα του Yarra News, τηλεφωνήστε στον αριθμό: 9280 1934 και αναφέρετε τον αριθμό αναφοράς 15171

In arrivo gli avvisi di pagamento delle imposte comunali

Si ricorda ai proprietari d'immobili nel Comune di Yarra che gli avvisi di pagamento delle imposte 2015/16 saranno recapitati a domicilio a metà agosto. Le imposte comunali contribuiscono al finanziamento di servizi essenziali quali la raccolta dei rifiuti e dei materiali riciclabili, l'infrastruttura stradale e i progetti comunitari. Per la prima volta, i contribuenti potranno registrarsi per ricevere gli avvisi delle rate via e-mail. Per registrarsi, visitare la pagina web www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Rates-and-valuations Per maggiori informazioni nella tua lingua su questo o qualsiasi altro articolo di Yarra News, chiama il 9280 1931 e cita il numero di riferimento 15171.

Quý vị sắp nhận được Giấy Báo Thuế Địa phương (rates notice)

Xin nhắc sở hữu chủ bất động sản tại Yarra nên để ý đón giấy báo thuế địa phương (rates notice) 2015/16 sẽ được giao đến cho các nhà vào giữa tháng 8. Thuế địa phương (rates) giúp trang trải chi phí các dịch vụ cần thiết như đổ rác và thu gom rác tái chế, cơ sở hạ tầng đường lộ và các chương trình cộng đồng. Lần đầu tiên, người đóng thuế địa phương có thể đăng ký để nhận được giấy báo thuế địa phương trả góp của mình bằng email – muốn đăng ký, hãy truy cập www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Rates-and-valuations Muốn biết thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình về đề tài này hoặc bất kỳ bài nào khác được đăng trên Yarra News, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 9280 1939 và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 15171.

REF 15171

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.

Feedback

If you have any comments or queries about Yarra News, please contact Jessica Matrakis, Communications Officer, on 9205 5144 or at Jessica.Matrakis@yarracity.vic.gov.au Large print, audio and online versions of Yarra News are also available by contacting Jessica.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Richmond Secondary School

Last month, the State Government announced that planning for a new secondary school in Richmond is ready to begin. The site earmarked for the new school is on Gleadell Street, between Citizens' Park and the Richmond Town Hall.

The space available at the proposed site as well as its inner city context are factors that call for innovative and optimised integration with its surrounds. Accordingly, the new school provides a catalyst to evolve a vision for the precinct in order to realise benefits not only for the future school community but for the wider community as well.

A key priority for Council is that there be appropriate community engagement. In this context, the committee (including representatives from Council, local schools, community groups and the Department of

Education and Training) proposed by the State Government to help steer planning for the school, is a welcome initiative. Council will work through this committee and through other avenues to engage with stakeholders to further the interests of the Yarra community.

Close collaboration between the State Government and Council as well as innovative thinking can make the new school an exemplar community asset.

Wurundjeri Week

Wurundjeri Week (3-9 August) highlights the role and significance of the Wurundjeri People, Yarra's Traditional Owners. This is an opportunity to learn about the ancient culture and history of our First Peoples and their special connection to the land.

The Wurundjeri Council will be running various tours on Country

providing information on various aspects of Aboriginal and Wurundjeri culture. You can also find out more and take your own self-guided tour of local sites of significance by visiting www.aboriginalhistoryofyarra.com.au

Richmond Football Club 130th anniversary

The Richmond Football Club was formed in 1885 with a past mayor of the City of Richmond, Councillor JC Winn, elected as its inaugural president. The club has a special and enduring connection with the Richmond community. As mayor (of Tigerland!) I congratulate Richmond FC for going "strong and bold" for 130 years; long may the Tigers continue to roar.

Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis
Mayor

Construction set to start on Yarra's new library

Construction of the \$14.5 million North Fitzroy Community Hub is set to begin at the end of August, bringing this long-awaited project to fruition.

The hub, to be located at 182 St Georges Road, will incorporate a maternal and child health centre, Council customer service centre and library – the first to be built in Yarra in 30 years.

The building will span three storeys, including a landscaped rooftop garden. The outside of the building will feature recycled bricks, etched concrete and a series of perforated metal panels that will provide shade to increase the building's energy-efficiency.

Other environmentally sustainable features, such as solar panels and a water storage tank, will help the building achieve a six star Green Star rating – the highest environmental rating awarded by the Green Building Council of Australia.

The project is expected to take 16 months to complete. A newsletter will be distributed to the local community before construction starts with details about what people can expect to see and hear on the site, as well as any changes to traffic conditions.

Artist's impression.

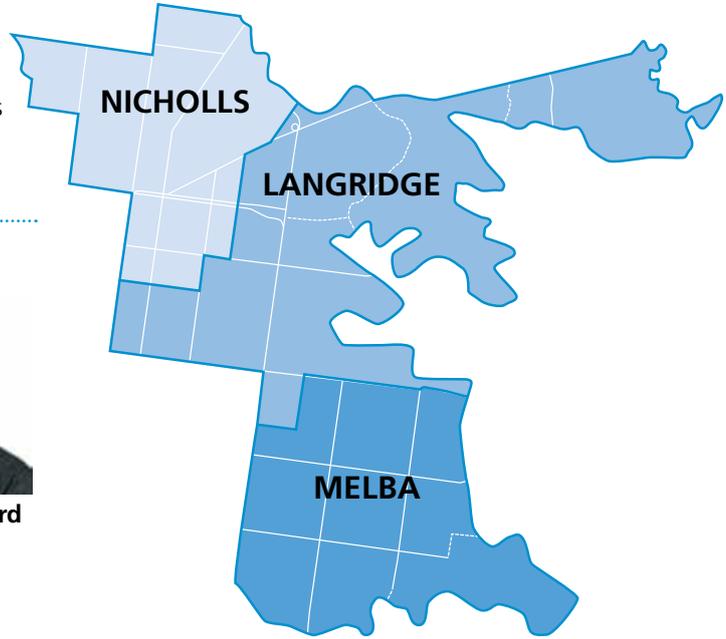


For more information about the North Fitzroy Community Hub, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/North-Fitzroy-Community-Hub or contact Andrew Griffin, Project Manager, on 9205 5758 or Andrew.Griffin@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Ward Councillor Meetings

Get to know your local representatives, ask questions, share ideas and discuss local issues at our upcoming Ward Councillor Meetings.

Yarra's Councillors will hold the informal community meetings in Fitzroy, Richmond and Collingwood. All members of our community are encouraged to come along.



Nicholls Ward



Cr Roberto Colanzi Cr Jackie Fristacky Cr Sam Gaylard

Thursday 20 August from 6.30pm–8pm

Edinburgh Gardens Community Room (Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy)

RSVP to 9205 5096 or

RSVPNichollswardmeeting@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Melba Ward



Cr Misha Coleman Cr Simon Huggins Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis (Mayor)

Monday 24 August from 6.30pm–8pm

Richmond Town Hall (333 Bridge Road, Richmond)

RSVP to 9205 5096 or

RSVPMelbawardmeeting@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Langridge Ward



Cr Geoff Barbour Cr Stephen Jolly Cr Amanda Stone

Thursday 27 August from 6.30pm–8pm

Collingwood Senior Citizens Centre (Eddy Court, Collingwood behind the town hall)

RSVP to 9205 5096 or

RSVPLangridgewardmeeting@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Nicholls Ward

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

Melba Ward

Burnley, Cremorne and Richmond (except the area bounded by Lennox, Highett and Hoddle streets).

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).

To view detailed ward maps, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/ward-map

Regular Council Meeting Schedule

All meetings begin at 7pm and are open to the public. For meeting agendas and minutes, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings

Tuesday 18 August	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 1 September	Fitzroy Town Hall
Tuesday 15 September	Fitzroy Town Hall
Tuesday 6 October	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 20 October	Richmond Town Hall



Local kids to walk the walk

Students from Collingwood College on the walk to school.

Yarra primary schools looking to encourage healthy lifestyles are invited to sign up for this year's Walk to School program.

Walk to School is a VicHealth initiative that encourages primary school children to walk to and from school as often as possible throughout October.

All participating schools will receive fun activity materials and the first six schools to sign up with Yarra will receive a \$300 project voucher to help promote and celebrate the month.

Schools that register by 21 August will also be eligible to enter a 'Tracks to School' competition for the opportunity

to win Australian animal or dinosaur footpath prints.

To express your interest, contact Heidi Marfurt, Sustainable Transport Officer, on 9205 5734 or Heidi.Marfurt@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Warmth for rough sleepers

Connecting people to services in their community is the best first step to ending homelessness, says Tony Keenan, CEO of Launch Housing – a new organisation formed by the merger of HomeGround and Hanover.

"Our mission is to end homelessness, part of doing that is welcoming people into our services and working with them in partnership to get people housed and keep them housed," he said.

Every day Launch Housing assists a wide range of people – from those sleeping rough, families escaping family violence through to helping young people experiencing homelessness get back into education.

"People experiencing homelessness can feel disconnected from their community. We can all help by acknowledging that everyone counts. This can be as simple as asking how they are."

Council works closely with Launch Housing to help improve the situation for the homeless in our community.

If you know of someone who needs housing support or you would like to make a donation to Launch Housing, contact them on 9288 9611 or visit www.launchhousing.org.au

Rates notices on the way

Yarra property owners are reminded to be on the lookout for their 2015/16 rates notice, expected to be delivered to households in mid-August.

Rates help fund essential services like waste and recycling collection, road infrastructure and a range of community initiatives that improve the health and wellbeing of our community. The amount charged is based, in part, on property value. This is a non-revaluation year, meaning rates will be calculated using the same property values Council recorded last year.

Full rates payments are due in mid-February 2016. They can be paid in quarterly or monthly instalments throughout the year. For the first time, ratepayers can register to receive their rates instalment notices by email – to register, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Rates-and-valuations

For more information, contact Council's Rates Unit on 9205 5025.



Rachel Bendall and Jennifer Colbert at the Tower House in Alphington (designed by Andrew Maynard Architect), the site of the first Solar Neighbourhoods installation (Photo: Susan Gordon-Brown).

More neighbours invited to go solar

Two local women have used group buying power to help over 100 home owners to get solar panels.

Rachel Bendall and Jennifer Colbert had never met when they separately approached Council with an idea to give consumers better information about buying solar panels. Frustrated by solar sales information, they felt that unbiased expert advice would help more people make the decision to go solar.

“Most people know how to buy a fridge or dishwasher, but they aren’t confident about buying solar panels,” Jennifer said.

After being introduced by Council, Rachel

and Jennifer formed Solar Neighbourhoods, a program that provides information and tools to help households decide whether solar would work for them. With the help of Yarra Energy Foundation, they surveyed suppliers, rated the offers and asked the best to “come up with something special”.

Not only did they get a great group buy discount on panels and installation, but also a solar supplier

that donates panels to community organisations as more homes come on board. The program has already ‘earned’ free panels for St Mary’s House of Welcome in Fitzroy.

“We called it Solar Neighbourhoods because it’s about making it easier for people to go solar and meet others in their neighbourhood,” said Rachel.

To find out more, visit www.solarneighbourhoods.com.au

Wellington Street bicycle lanes are open

Cyclists are busy road testing Yarra’s first separated bicycle lanes, which opened in Collingwood last month.

The lanes, often referred to as ‘Copenhagen lanes’, are located on Wellington Street between Victoria Parade and Gipps Street. They improve safety for cyclists by providing physical separation between the bicycle lane and traffic lane.

The lanes were constructed on Wellington Street because it is one of the most popular cycling routes in Yarra, providing an important connection from the inner-north to the CBD.

The project is a key feature of Council’s Bicycle Strategy, which aims to encourage more people to cycle by creating a safe and well-connected network of bicycle paths.

Construction of the lanes began in mid-March and cost approximately \$650,000.

Council encourages cyclists, motorists and pedestrians to take extra care in the area while people adjust to the new conditions.

Motorists especially are reminded not to drive or park in the bicycle lane.

To find out more, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/wellington-street-copenhagen-bicycle-lanes

For more information about the Wellington Street project, contact Alistair McDonald, Acting Transport Coordinator, on 9205 5737 or Alistair.McDonald@yarracity.vic.gov.au



Pitch a pop-up to U3A

University of the Third Age (U3A) Yarra City has put out the call for potential presenters to pitch their ideas for new pop up courses or events.

Local U3A President Lyn Watson said the organisation was looking for new and exciting ways to add a unique local flavour to their activities.

“Amongst other things, we are working with Yarra Libraries to plan pop-up events in local libraries and other venues to reach out to new people in our demographic.

“We want to tap into the great volume of skill, wisdom and experience in our community to bring more people together to be inspired in their third age,” she said.

The U3A has a survey online to gather ideas from both presenters and participants.

“If you’ve got a story to tell or a subject to share, we want to hear about it. Of course, the same applies to people who want to nominate topics for courses. The survey is for everybody.”

U3A Yarra already has over 40 courses and activities including table tennis, writing, bike



Yarra U3A members (front) Viv Blanskby, Lyn Watson, Wendy Hall and Royce Amiet (back) Clare Forbes, Tina Hocking and Mon Roberts.

riding, history walks and more. Anyone over 50 can enrol and a \$40 annual fee gets you into as many activities as you like.

To find out more and take the U3A survey, visit www.u3ayarracity.org.au or contact them on 9416 3443 or u3ayarracity@gmail.com

Explore the world of Chinese reading

August is Chinese Reading Month at Yarra Libraries and you’ll find everything from martial arts and family stories to epic romance.

Highlights include weekend workshops presented by inspiring Chinese speakers in Mandarin. Mr Chen Heyi, local Chinese newspaper reporter, and Dr You Benlin, President of the Australian Chinese Calligraphy Association will be speaking at the Richmond Library. Local short story writers will talk about writing life stories at the Fitzroy Library. There’s also a new book and martial arts movie day at the Collingwood Library.

Presenting in English, Robyn Ansell from the Chinese Australian Family Historians of Victoria, will explain how to uncover the history of Chinese families on the Victorian goldfields at Collingwood Library.

Also during the month, many new books and DVDs will be added to the collection.

The Yarra Chinese collection attracts people from all over Melbourne. Most popular are romance fiction, martial arts



Yarra resident Mary Wang shows Mayor Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis around the Chinese collection at Fitzroy Library.

movies, cookery and daily newspapers. With the exception of North Fitzroy, all Yarra libraries have extensive Chinese collections.

All events are free and bookings are recommended. See the back page for details.

Chinese 中文



Yarra
LIBRARIES
AUGUST 2015



中文讀書月
CHINESE READING MONTH

East Meets West – Writing Life Stories

Sunday 2 August, 2.30pm–4.30pm, Fitzroy Library (128 Moor Street)

中文寫作研討會。

東西方的生活感悟—寫出我們的故事。

亞拉中文微型小說協會的會員們會與文友們一起討論他們的作品，鼓勵大家寫出對移民生活的感悟。新的中文圖書和影碟將會在二點開始供借閱。研討會時間：2015年8月2日，星期日下午：2:30pm – 4:30pm。地點：費姿絡圖書館一號會議室。略備茶點招待。

How to Write Reports

Sunday 9 August, 2pm–4pm, Richmond Library (415 Church Street)

文學講座：如何寫好報告文學。

2015年8月9日，星期日下午：2:00pm – 4:00pm。力士門圖書館二樓會議室。主講嘉賓：陳賀義，墨爾本大洋日報記者。合辦單位：澳洲維州華文作家協會。作為一名資深記者，陳賀義先生將講述他從一名企業執行董事到報社記者的成功轉型故事，分享他在報告文學寫作上的經驗和協作技巧。有茶點招待。

Chinese New Book and Movie Day

Drunken Master starring Jackie Chan (with English subtitles)

Saturday 22 August, 1pm–3pm, Collingwood Library (Stanton Street, Abbotsford)

中文新書和電影放映日。醉拳(Drunken Master)。

新的中文圖書和影碟唱碟將會在10點開始在圖書館供讀者借閱。電影放映時間：下午：1:00 – 3:00pm。2015年8月22日星期六。主演：成龍。適合任何人士觀看。有中文字幕。放映地點：考林伍德圖書館會議室。略備茶點招待。

Chinese Calligraphy Workshop

Sunday 30 August, 2.30pm–4.30pm, Richmond Library

中國書法文化講座。

特邀演講嘉賓：徐少英先生(新金山圖書館館長)。合辦單位：澳洲華人作家協會。你有機會學習用毛筆和宣紙來書寫漢字，體驗書法的樂趣中華文化的精髓。提供英語翻譯。時間：2015年8月30日，星期日。下午：2:30pm – 4:30pm。地點：力士門圖書館二樓會議室(靠近東力士門火車站，離力士門火車站也不遠，約5分鐘路程)。請預約。略備茶點招待。

These events are all in Chinese language. To book, call 1300 695 427 or visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries

WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

Chinese Families on the Goldfields

Sunday 16 August, 2pm–3pm

Join us as Robyn Ansell from the Chinese Australian Family Historians of Victoria explores overcoming barriers in researching family history, including family secrets, illiteracy and language differences.

This free event takes place at Collingwood Library (Stanton Street, Abbotsford).

Bookings are essential – visit

www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries

The Australian National Brooch Show

6 August–3 October

Fitzroy Library (128 Moor Street, Fitzroy) hosts a glittering array of brooches and contemporary wearable artworks. The Australian National Brooch Show is the largest of its kind in Australia, showcasing a diverse range of imaginative, beautiful and unusual brooches from a variety of artists.

The exhibition is free and open during library opening hours.

Visit www.yarracityarts.com.au

Railway House Knitting and Art Exhibition 2015

Tuesday 25 August, 10.30am–12.30pm

North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House celebrates the creative skills of members of its Knitting Circle and Art Group. Come and be inspired by an amazing display of work created by people from the local community.

North Carlton Railway Neighbourhood House is located at 20 Solly Avenue, Princes Hill.