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MUSIC FESTIVAL
JULY 3-19 2015

Yarra's live music scene is on show this month – see page 6 for details.

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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 اصدار 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.

Πείτε τη γνώμη σας

Ο Δήμος καλεί την κοινότητά μας να προτείνει για να συμμετέχει σε μια ομάδα η οποία θα βοηθήσει στη διαμόρφωση του μέλλοντος του Yarra. Θα κληθεί η ομάδα να ανταλλάξει τις απόψεις της σχετικά με το πώς μπορεί να γίνει το Yarra μια καλύτερη τοποθεσία για να ζει κανείς. Τα μέλη της ομάδας θα συναντηθούν στις 8 και στις 22 Αυγούστου, και στις 5 και 26 Σεπτεμβρίου. Για να δηλώσετε το ενδιαφέρον σας για τη συμμετοχή στην ομάδα, επισκεφθείτε την ιστοσελίδα: yarraconversation.com.au/liveableyarra πριν τις 17 Ιουλίου, 2015. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας σχετικά με αυτό ή με οποιοδήποτε άλλο άρθρο του Yarra News, τηλεφωνήστε στον αριθμό: 9280 1934 και αναφέρετε τον αριθμό αναφοράς 15150.

Dite la vostra

Il Comune invita la nostra comunità ad essere parte di un gruppo che contribuirà a plasmare il futuro di Yarra. Al gruppo si chiederà di condividere le proprie opinioni su come sia possibile rendere Yarra un posto migliore in cui vivere. I partecipanti s'incontreranno l'8 e il 22 agosto, il 5 e il 26 settembre. Per manifestare il tuo interesse a partecipare al gruppo, visita il sito web yarraconversation.com.au/liveableyarra prima del 17 luglio 2015. Per maggiori informazioni nella tua lingua sull'argomento o riguardo qualsiasi altro articolo di Yarra News, chiama il 9280 1931 e cita il numero di riferimento 15150.

提出您的意见

市政邀请我们的社区提名组成一个社团，帮助塑造雅拉的未来。这一社团需要就将雅拉打造成为更理想的居住地的话题分享他们的观点。社团成员将会于8月8日和22日以及9月5日和26日开会。如果您有兴趣加入社团，请在2015年7月17日之前登入网站登记 yarraconversation.com.au/liveableyarra 若想获得有关这一社团或其他雅拉新闻文章的更多中文版，请拨打9280 1937，并提供参考号码REF 15150。

Hãy đóng góp ý kiến

Hội đồng Thành phố xin mời cộng đồng chúng ta tình nguyện tham gia nhóm sẽ giúp định hướng tương lai của Yarra. Nhóm này sẽ được mời đóng góp ý kiến về cách thức làm cho Yarra trở thành một nơi sinh sống tốt hơn. Thành viên trong nhóm sẽ họp vào ngày 8 và 22 tháng 8 và ngày 5 và 26 tháng 9. Muốn đăng ký ý muốn tham gia nhóm này, xin quý vị truy cập yarraconversation.com.au/liveableyarra trước ngày 17 tháng 7 năm 2015. Muốn biết thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình về việc này hoặc bất kỳ bài nào khác được đăng trong Yarra News, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 9280 1939 và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 15150.

REF 15150

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.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Langridge Ward

Abbotsford, Alphington (south of Heidelberg Road), Clifton Hill (east of Wellington Street), Collingwood (except for the area bounded by Johnston, Wellington and Smith streets and Alexandra Parade), Fairfield (south of Heidelberg Road) and Fitzroy (south of Moor Street), and Richmond (in the area bounded by Lennox, Highett and Hoddle streets).



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To view a map of your ward, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/ward-map

To contact your Councillors, ring **9205 5055**, send a letter c/o **PO Box 168, Richmond VIC 3121**, or contact them as above.

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 next month. All members of our community are encouraged to come along.

Nicholls Ward

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

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

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

Not sure which Ward you live in? See the listing to the left, or visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/ward-map

Council Meetings Timetable

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

Tuesday 21 July	Fitzroy Town Hall
Tuesday 4 August	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 18 August	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 1 September	Fitzroy Town Hall
Tuesday 15 September	Fitzroy Town Hall

School crossing supervisors wanted

Are you looking for a rewarding job that gets you out and about in the community?

Council is now recruiting for School Crossing Supervisors (SCS). Joyce Harper of Richmond (pictured) has been a SCS in Yarra for about eight years. She gives an insight into the job:

Q: What do you most enjoy about being a SCS?

A: You feel that you're doing a very worthwhile job. You're meeting people and seeing your regulars every day.

Q: Would you recommend this job to others?

A: Yes, because you're out in the fresh air. You're only working for an hour at a time so you still have most of the day to yourself.



Q: What do people need to know before they apply?

A: It's an all-weather job! You have to smile and greet people even when you feel too cold or too hot. It also requires good concentration.

Q: What is your top tip for staying safe around school crossings?

A: Be aware of what's going on around you. If there is respect on the roads, there is safety on the roads.

School Crossing Supervisors receive training, uniform and an hourly wage. To apply for a position, contact Jessica Buhagiar from HOBAN Recruitment on 9325 3200.



The budget includes funding towards renovations of the Yarra Community Youth Centre.

Budget invests in community

Council adopted its \$159 million total operating expenditure budget for 2015/16 last month, bringing benefits to residents and ratepayers following extensive community consultation.

The centrepiece of Council's announcement is the \$40.5 million capital works budget (including carried forward projects of \$6.4 million), which features \$8.3 million in new funding towards stage one of the much-anticipated \$14.5 million North Fitzroy Library and Community Hub, as well as \$7.3 million for roads, footpaths and drains and \$2.9 million for more than 30 parks and open spaces projects.

Council committed \$642,000 towards the redevelopment of the Yarra Community Youth Centre, \$450,000 on upgrades to Williams Reserve in Richmond and \$350,000 to improve customer service technology at Yarra Libraries. The budget also provides \$1.9 million in community grants to support the valuable contribution that the not-for-profit sector makes to the local community.

Council received 94 submissions on the budget during the public consultation process. Community feedback informed Council's support for several new items:

- \$225,000 for the Fitzroy Adventure Playground (Cubbies), which provides activities for hundreds of children from the Atherton Gardens Housing Estate
- \$103,000 for an urban agriculture facilitator position that will help residents establish community gardening projects
- \$25,000 to the Collingwood Basketball Association to undertake a feasibility study to build additional basketball courts at Collingwood College (conditional on commitment from the Department of Education and Training, and Sport and Recreation Victoria)
- \$7,500 to support the Garage Sale Trail event in Yarra.

The budget includes a modest increase in general rates of 4.5%, with a 6.25% increase in the rate rebate for pensioners (from \$160 to \$170 per annum).

To view the full budget, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget

For more information, contact Philip Mason, Chief Financial Officer, on 9205 5449 or Philip.Mason@yarracity.vic.gov.au



Lamine Sonko and the African Intelligence at Melba Spiegeltent.

The third annual Leaps and Bounds Music Festival is expected to attract thousands of live music lovers this month.

The 17 day festival includes around 300 events, featuring more than 800 acts performing at your favourite music venues across Yarra.

While the main focus is on traditional venues, there will also be specially curated events in unusual spaces. Exciting new performances added to the line-up this year include shows at the Melba Spiegeltent in Collingwood and a mini festival being hosted over two stages at The Corner Hotel.

The festival, which takes its name from the Paul Kelly song *Leaps and Bounds*, started three years ago to support the local music industry over the winter months, and has grown to become a unique celebration of Yarra's thriving live music scene.

For a full gig listing, visit www.leapsandboundsmusicfestival.com



Lace and Whisky at Yah Yah's.

Leaps and Bounds Music Festival is proudly presented by Council, Music Victoria, PBS 106.7FM, the Music, Quiet Deeds, Bendigo Bank Clifton Hill/Fitzroy North Community Branch and Nelson Alexander.

Smith Street Dreaming: One Street Many Mobs One Community

One of the headline events of the Leaps and Bounds Music Festival is Smith Street Dreaming, a showcase of Aboriginal musical talent and celebration of local community.

This year's all-star line-up includes Archie Roach, Emma Donovan and The Putbacks, Coloured Stone, Jindi Worabak and MC Aaron Pedersen. All are welcome to attend this free outdoor concert, which takes place on the corner of Stanley and Smith Streets, Collingwood on Saturday 18 July from 1pm-5pm. It is an alcohol free event, with free BBQ and coffee available.



Emma Donovan and the Pushbacks. Photo: Cesar Rodrigues.

Smith Street Dreaming recently earned a Community HART Award (presented by Victorian Local Governance Association and Reconciliation Victoria) in recognition of its mission to bring mutual understanding and respect between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

The event is presented by the Smith Street Working Group, comprising community members and local organisations based in and around Smith Street, which aims to build better relationships between people who live, work and visit the area.



Yarra celebrates sustainability

The sixth annual Yarra Sustainability Award winners were announced last month, highlighting local people and projects that embody Council's vision for a sustainable city.

This year the awards recognised a truly diverse array of individuals and organisations, including the Bridge Road Early Learning Centre, which received the award in the Educational Services category. Children at the centre receive a great grounding in the importance of sustainability and the best ways to tackle environmental challenges.

Members of the community also had a say in the awards, with hundreds of votes registered for the People's Choice Award. This year's winner is 3000acres, a community organisation that

connects people with potential sites, resources and information about how to establish a community garden in their neighbourhood.

A complete list of winning and highly commended entries can be viewed at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/ysa2015

For more information, contact Courtney Deans, Sustainability Officer, on 9205 5783 or awards@yarracity.vic.gov.au

On the road with L2P

Kevin Fox is one of 20 active volunteer mentor drivers in the Yarra L2P Program which helps disadvantaged young people in Yarra achieve the 120 hours supervised practice they require to sit their driver's licence test.

He has volunteered in the program for more than three years and enjoys the interaction with young people and helping them to achieve something that can open up new opportunities and make a difference to their lives.

"The benefits of the program extend beyond just helping to make young drivers safer on the road. Mentors get to connect with young people in their local community from many different backgrounds, building friendships and understanding across cultures and generations," he said.

Council recently took over the Yarra L2P program from Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service and is now seeking more volunteer mentor drivers to assist young people who are currently on the program's waiting list. Two L2P cars are used for driving practice and all costs including petrol and insurance are covered by the program.

Volunteers are required to commit to one to two hours a week and are provided with training before being matched with a young person who will have completed a series of



Volunteer driving mentor Kevin Fox with Yarra Mayor, Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis.

professional driving lessons to ensure they are road-ready. Mentors must hold a full Victorian driver's licence and be willing to undergo a Police check, driving history check and Working with Children check.

For more information, contact Samuel Sakama, Yarra Youth Services, on 9426 1455 or Samuel.Sakama@yarracity.vic.gov.au



Porcelain Punch perform as part of last year's projection festival. Photo: Fabian Adams.

WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

the Plains Grassy Woodland species that originally flourished throughout the Richmond area. Upon completion of planting activities we'll down tools and celebrate our good work with a delicious free BBQ! Plants and gardening tools will be supplied.

For more information, visit www.treeday.planetark.org/site/10007019 or contact Craig McGrath, Habitat Management Officer, on 9489 4588 or Craig.McGrath@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Gertrude Street Projection Festival

10–19 July, after dark

For 10 evenings in July, the length of Fitzroy's Gertrude Street will be illuminated by the visions of more than 70 talented projection artists, transforming familiar spaces and buildings in new and inspired ways. With an incredible line-up of events, including live music, performances, workshops, master classes, tours and panel forums, the festival aims to celebrate and connect our diverse community, offering something for everyone.

Gertrude Street Projection Festival is free. To find out more, visit www.gspf.com.au

Annual Grants reminder

Applications for the next round of Annual Grants close at 5pm on Monday 27 July 2015. Not-for-profit community groups and individuals planning initiatives in the areas of community development, community housing, arts and culture, family, youth and children, sports and recreation and the environment are invited to apply for a grant.

For more information on the Annual Grants or to apply, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitygrants, contact Yarra's Grants Team on 9205 5170 or at yarragrants@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Dying Matters Forum

Thursday 21 July, 8.45am–2pm

Hear from speakers with a wealth of expertise as they explore how individuals can start thinking and talking about what is a 'good' death. Reflect on what matters and what can be done to ensure that end of life wishes are respected. Lunch will be provided.

The Dying Matters Forum takes place at Richmond Town Hall. To register your place, call Council on 9205 5555 or visit <http://dyingmatters.eventbrite.com.au>

Collingwood Town Hall open house

Saturday 25 July, 10am–4pm

Collingwood Town Hall will open its doors as part of this year's Open House Melbourne. From the first Collingwood

Football Club committee meeting, to performances by Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, Collingwood Town Hall has hosted thousands of functions, events, concerts and community celebrations. During Open House Melbourne, the ballroom and foyer areas will be open to the public, with a limited number of free tours through the building also available.

Collingwood Town Hall is located at 140 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford. For more information visit www.yarracityarts.com.au or contact Michael Ward, Arts and Cultural Services, on 9205 5109.

National Tree Day

Sunday 26 July, 10am–12pm

Celebrate National Tree Day by joining us for a day of planting at Kevin Bartlett Reserve (Yarra Boulevard, Richmond). Our focus this year will be to plant some of

Council regularly seeks feedback on projects and proposals that affect Yarra residents, business operators and the wider community. Council encourages everyone to have their say on matters that are important to them and participate in Council's decision making process.

To find out about community consultations that Council is currently seeking feedback on, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Consultation

