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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.

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Sono aperte le sovvenzioni annuali

Si invitano quei gruppi no-profit e quegli individui che organizzano iniziative per la comunità di Yarra a presentare le proprie domande di finanziamento tramite il Programma comunale 2016 di sovvenzioni annuali. Sono disponibili più di 820 mila dollari per iniziative nell'ambito dello sviluppo comunitario, alloggi popolari, arte e cultura, famiglia, ragazzi e bambini, sport e tempo libero, ambiente. Le domande di sovvenzione sono aperte dal 15 giugno al 27 luglio 2015, ore 9. Per saperne di più, visita il sito www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitygrants Per maggiori informazioni nella tua lingua a proposito del bilancio comunale o di qualsiasi altro articolo contenuto in Yarra News chiama il 9280 1931 e cita il numero di riferimento 15121.

年度基金开放

欢迎在雅拉区提供社区活动的非营利性团体和个人向市政2016年度基金计划提出拨款申请。82万多元的基金会发放给各个领域的组织者，这些领域有社区发展、社区公房、艺术和文化、家庭、青年和儿童、运动和娱乐以及环境。基金申请开放时间为2015年6月15日至7月27日早上9点。若想获得更多信息，请登陆网站www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitygrants若想获得更多有关基金或其他雅拉新闻文章的中文版，请拨打电话9280 1937，并提供参考号码REF 15121。

Bắt đầu nhận đơn xin Ngân khoản Tài trợ Thường niên (Annual Grants)

Các nhóm và cá nhân diện vô vị lợi, cung cấp các chương trình cộng đồng tại Yarra nên nộp đơn xin ngân khoản tài trợ qua Chương trình Ngân khoản Tài trợ Thường niên Năm 2016 (2016 Annual Grant Program) của Hội đồng Thành phố. Chúng tôi dành ra hơn 820.000 đô-la cho các sáng kiến trong lĩnh vực phát triển cộng đồng, nhà ở cộng đồng, nghệ thuật và văn hóa, gia đình, thanh thiếu niên và trẻ em, thể thao cũng như vui chơi giải trí và môi trường. Chúng tôi bắt đầu nhận đơn xin Ngân khoản Tài trợ từ ngày 15 tháng 6 cho đến 9 giờ sáng ngày 27 tháng 7 năm 2015. Muốn biết thêm chi tiết, xin quý vị vào trang mạng www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitygrants Muốn biết thêm thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình về ngân sách hoặc bất kỳ bài nào đăng trong Yarra News xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 9280 1939 và nói cho nhân viên biết số REF 15121.

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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 the Elders past and present.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Refugee Week

Refugee Week (14-20 June) is a time to raise awareness about the issues affecting refugees in Australia and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees to our community. This year's theme, "With courage let us all combine," celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice.

There are many people from refugee backgrounds who now call the City of Yarra home. I acknowledge the courage they have shown in travelling to a foreign land with an unfamiliar language in order to build a better and safer life for themselves and their families. They bring with them their cultures, languages and faiths that make our community richer.

I look forward to celebrating the positive impact our refugee

communities continue to have in our City during the Emerge in Yarra Festival this month. There is a range of events happening, including a Refugee Week Q&A session featuring a panel of leading refugee advocates – see page 8 for details.

Annual Grants

Applications for Yarra's Annual Grants program open this month, with \$820,000 available to groups and individuals providing not-for-profit services and programs that support our community, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The team from SisterWorks (featured on page 6) is a great example of what our grants program is about. They provide skills and English language training to women from refugee backgrounds, to help them produce their own craft and fashion products to sell at markets and

online. This largely volunteer organisation helps its 'Sisters' to build confidence, independence and their own businesses.

World Environment Day

Early this month we are celebrating World Environment Day (5 June) by announcing the winners of the Yarra Sustainability Awards. The awards highlight our community's innovative efforts towards environmental sustainability. As the recipients have not yet been officially announced, I won't spoil the surprise, but you'll be able to read all about our winners in the next edition of *The Yarra News*.

Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis
Mayor

New residential zones for Yarra

New residential zones have been introduced to Yarra, providing greater certainty to residents about the size of new developments.

The State Government approved most of Council's recommendations for the new zones in late April.

Council developed its recommendations after extensive consultation with the community early last year.

The new Neighbourhood Residential Zone, which restricts larger-scale development in heritage precincts, applies to about 74% of Yarra's residential areas. New housing in this zone is restricted to eight metres in height.

The General Residential Zone applies to 26% of Yarra's residential areas and restricts building heights to nine metres, except for some existing



warehouses and specific areas along main roads.

The State Government did not introduce the Residential Growth Zone – the zone which accommodates higher-density development.

This is consistent with Council's long held position that the zone is not

needed because housing growth has and will continue to occur in Yarra's commercial and mixed-use areas.

For more information, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/new-residential-zones or contact Council's Strategic Planning Unit on 9205 5374.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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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, Hightett and Hoddle streets).



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

Green bins for green thumbs

Council is intending to sell green bins to make it easier for residents to tidy up after gardening.

Residents currently have their garden waste collected by Council by bundling branches with string and leaving grass clippings in a container. A survey conducted last year showed that a number of people would be interested in using a green bin as an alternative.

Council is keen to understand the demand for green bins by asking residents to register their interest in buying one from Council.

The size of the bin will be 240 litres (larger than a regular rubbish bin) and is expected to cost about \$100. The bins would likely be available for purchase in August 2015.

To register your interest, fill in the online form at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/green-waste or contact Council on 9205 5517.

Please note, residents are not required to purchase a green bin order to have their green waste collected by Council – materials can continue to be bundled as usual.

Green waste collections are free and can be booked as many times as needed throughout the year by calling Council on 9205 5190.

Budget update

Council considered community feedback to the Draft Budget 2015/16 at a Special Meeting on 20 May. Ninety two written submissions, as well as verbal feedback, were received during the month-long consultation period. Council is expected to consider the adoption of the budget, with or without changes, at its meeting on Tuesday 23 June.

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 23 June	Richmond Town Hall
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Tuesday 7 July	Fitzroy Town Hall
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Tuesday 21 July	Fitzroy Town Hall
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Tuesday 4 August	Richmond Town Hall
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Tuesday 18 August	Richmond Town Hall
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Batten down the hatches



Winter can be a time of extreme wet weather. Chris Patton (pictured) of Northcote SES, which covers much of Yarra, shares his tips for how residents can prepare for severe storms and floods:

Preparing for a storm or flood (do not attempt these during a storm)

1. Regularly clear your gutters, downpipes and drains. Trim any overhanging branches and ensure that unsecured items in your yard don't become flying hazards.
2. Assemble an Emergency Kit and prepare a Home and/or Business Emergency Plan. Check your home and contents insurance.
3. If you are a renter, make sure you have the emergency contact details of your estate agent or housing agency.

During a storm or flood

1. Monitor the Bureau of Meteorology website and other media sources for emergency updates and warnings. Stay in touch with family, friends and neighbours.
2. Shelter indoors, stay clear of windows, watch out for fallen trees and branches, and beware of roads damaged by rain. Never walk, drive or play in floodwaters.
3. For life-threatening emergencies, call 000 immediately. For help with storm or flood-related emergencies, call SES on 132 500. Please do not call the SES for non-emergency work requests (e.g. shrubs or small branches down in a yard).

For further information, visit www.ses.vic.gov.au



Simone Gardiner of Richmond Community Learning Centre and Yarra Mayor, Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis with volunteers Susan and Margaret at the brand new Burnley Backyard.

A backyard for everyone

Local spirit is alive and well in Tudor Street, Richmond, where the former site of a much loved Neighbourhood House is being transformed into a vibrant new community space.

Known as Burnley Backyard, the new facility will host community gardens, work shed and studio, sustainability workshops and more.

Burnley Backyard has been brought to life by Council and Richmond Community Learning Centre, with strong support from Richmond Community Garden Group, local residents and volunteers.

All members of the community are invited to attend the launch of the service at 49 Tudor Street, Richmond from 11am–3pm on Sunday 21 June.

Richmond Community Learning Centre Coordinator Simone Gardiner has been working towards this day since 2011 and she has high hopes for what she regards as "a backyard for everyone."

"This is about bringing people together," she said. "It's about making connections and sharing our passions."

"We are really looking forward to everyone exploring the new spaces and creating opportunities together."

For further information, visit www.facebook.com/BurnleyBackyard or contact Burnley Backyard on 9428 9901 or burnleybackyard@internode.on.net

Link in with local jobs

Wish you could walk, ride or take a short tram ride to work every day?

Looking for a job that's close to home just got easier thanks to Yarra Joblink, a new website that allows you to search for jobs based in the City of Yarra.

Local employers can also post jobs on the site for free.

To start your local job search or to post a job ad, visit www.yarrajoblink.com.au

For more information, contact Janet McMurray, Business Liaison Officer, on 9205 5049 or Janet.Mcmurray@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Mural makes a mark



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A graffiti-covered apartment block in Fitzroy has become the latest building to offer up its walls to the area's growing gallery of public art.

Last year, Council approached property owners and tenants of the Argyle Street building with a proposal to paint a mural over the graffiti in the hope it would reduce vandalism of its walls.

In April this year, Lachlan Plain, the artist selected by the building's residents for the task, completed his transformation of the Fitzroy back street with his large-scale mural *Life on Planet Daisyworld*.

Delivered with the help of a \$15,000 grant from the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program, the mural is one of several graffiti intervention projects supported by Council in the past two years.

For more information on Council's graffiti removal services, call Council on 9205 5555 or visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/graffiti

Supporting our community

Not-for-profit community groups and individuals providing programs that address local needs and enhance the health and wellbeing of the Yarra community are encouraged to apply for funding through Council's 2016 Annual Grants Program.

More than \$820,000 is available for initiatives in the areas of community development, community housing, arts and culture, family, youth and children, sports and recreation and the environment.

Grant applications open on Monday 15 June and close at 9am on Monday 27 July 2015.

Information sessions on the Annual Grants process will take place in June. For full details or to apply for a grant, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitygrants or contact Yarra's Grants Team on 9205 5170 or at yarragrants@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Helping our sisters

SisterWorks, a group supporting asylum-seeker, refugee and migrant women to produce and sell their handcrafts, received \$15,000 in last year's Annual Grants Program. Founder and Executive Officer of SisterWorks, Luz Restrepo said the money had made a huge difference to the 25 women who meet in Collingwood each week to make jewellery, soft toys, basketware, cushions and knitted goods to sell at markets and retail outlets.



Lhakpa, Petronia, Valerie, Deidre and Betty at the SisterWorks design lab in Collingwood.

The group is looking for space in Yarra where they can produce and sell their products and Luz said the money they received would go towards this project.



Tim and Marco from Minus18 know how important it is for young people to be able to share their experiences.

Sharing stories of sexuality and gender

Same sex attracted and gender diverse young people are encouraged to join in a new project that aims to empower and celebrate our LGBTI community.

Participants will receive mentoring to write and illustrate their stories of sexuality and gender, to be published in a storybook titled *The Telling Tree*.

Tim Christodoulou, 19, Partnerships Manager at Minus18 Foundation, a Cremorne-based national youth organisation that supports gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth, said the project would give young people "a voice and a platform to talk about the things that matter to them."

"*The Telling Tree* is all about empowering young people to share their personal stories about sexuality and gender identity," Tim said.

Minus18's Communications Manager, Marco Fink, 21, agrees – "It's important to boost exposure of same sex attracted and gender diverse stories and showcase diversity in our community. Sharing these stories helps spread awareness and educates people on what it means to be same sex attracted and gender diverse," she said.

Young people are invited to submit their story idea, name and contact details by Wednesday 24 June to Gabrielle Nolan, Yarra Youth Services, on 9426 1455 or Gabrielle.Nolan@yarracity.vic.gov.au

The project is being run by Council's Youth Services team in partnership with Minus18 and Drummond Street Services.

Champions of live music

Bakehouse Studios in Richmond play a central part in the history and future of Australian rock 'n' roll.

Founded by Helen Marcou and Quincy McLean in 1991, the Hoddle Street recording, rehearsal and production studios are an incubator for local and international talent, as well as a place where music, art and activism converge.

Paul Kelly, Nick Cave, Olivia Newton-John, Elvis Costello and Smashing Pumpkins are just some of the renowned artists that have passed through their doors.

"Bakehouse is a place where artists can collaborate, write songs and be part of a creative community," said Bakehouse co-founder and director, Helen Marcou.

Helen and Quincy are also founders of Save Live Australia's Music (SLAM), a group that advocates for policy reform to support the contemporary music sector.

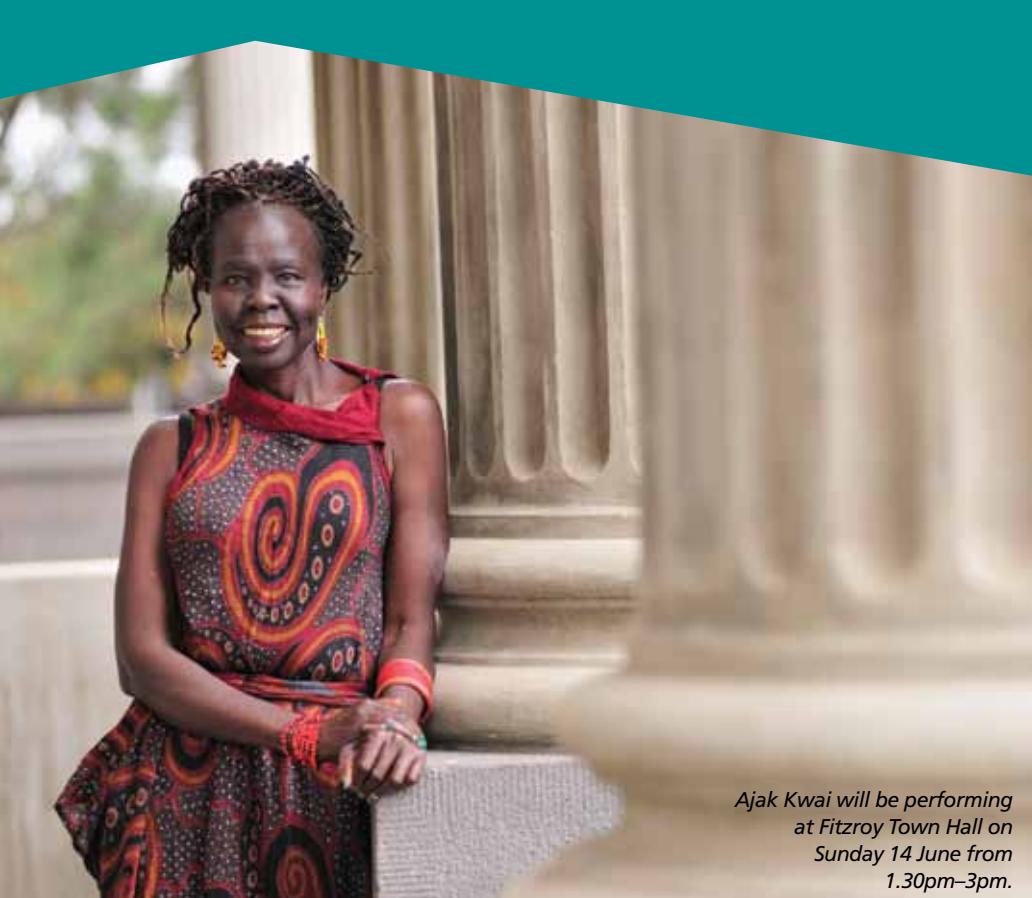
"SLAM is living proof that genuine and lasting change can be brought about if strongly enough desired," Helen said.

In recognition of their years of dedicated work, Helen and Quincy were recently awarded the Sidney Myer Performing Arts Award Facilitator's Prize for their contributions to the Australian music industry and creative arts practice. The national awards recognise outstanding achievements in performing arts.

To find out more, visit www.bakehousestudios.com



Helen Marcou and Quincy McLean.



WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

Pedal Power Launch

Saturday 27 June, 11am

The Pedal Power Point features an easy to use stationary bike that charges your phone while you ride. Be one of the first people to try it out at the Pedal Powered launch party at Richmond Library (415 Church Street, Richmond).

For more details, visit
www.pedalpowerpoint.com.au

Leaps and Bounds Music Festival

3–19 July

Leaps and Bounds Music Festival is back for another year, showcasing the best of Yarra's vibrant live music scene. Over 50 participating venues in Fitzroy, Collingwood, Richmond, Abbotsford, North Carlton, Clifton Hill and North Fitzroy will collectively host more than 300 events featuring around 800 acts during the 17 day festival.

Check out the Leaps and Bounds website for full details:
www.leapsandboundsmusicfestival.com

Emerge in Yarra

14–20 June

Celebrate Refugee Week with Emerge in Yarra, presented by Multicultural Arts Victoria. This new week-long festival format highlights the diverse talent and cultural identity of the City of Yarra through a week of free and ticketed workshops, language and cooking classes, comedy, music, theatre, exhibitions and forums.

See event highlights below. To view the full program, visit www.multiculturalarts.com.au

RADlove (Relationships, Art, Diversity)

Wednesday 17 June, 5.30pm–8.30pm

Yarra's Youth Ambassadors invite you to explore issues such as body image, family conflict, self-care, sexual health and more, through art, workshops, music, presentations and a Q&A session. The forum will look at the different types of relationships in life; with yourself, your loved ones and the world surrounding. This free event takes place at Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room (201 Napier Street).

Bookings are essential, visit
www.trybooking.com/HOBZ

Refugee Week Q&A

Thursday 18 June, 6pm–8.30pm

Hear from a panel of leading refugee advocates, ask questions and be entranced by their stories and perspectives. Hosted by Arnold Zable and featuring Julian Burnside AO QC, Abe Nouk, Mariam Issa

and Pamela Curr, with a performance by Afrovival! This free event takes place at Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room (201 Napier Street).

Bookings are essential – contact Cristina Del Frate, Community Planner, on 9205 5174 or Cristina.Delfrate@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Thursday 18 June, 11.30am–2pm

Join host Giaan Rooney, Olympic swimming gold medallist and Carolyn Creswell, one of Australia's most successful business women, at this special event which includes a two course lunch and glass of wine. The event takes place at Amora Hotel Riverwalk and is proudly hosted by Yarra Council and Leaders & Lattes with support from The Victorian Government and Leader Newspapers.

Cost: \$55. To book, visit
www.yarrabusiness.com or call 9205 5049.

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.

Have Your Say

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