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Our cover: Bethany McAuliffe-D'Rozario, left, and Emma Sands from Northcote United Cricket Club are about to enjoy the new facilities at Fairfield Park.



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

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If you have any comments or queries about Yarra News, please contact Nicole Cirson, Communications & Engagement Advisor, on 9205 5144 or at nicole.cirson@yarracity.vic.gov.au
 Large print, audio and online versions of Yarra News are also available by contacting Nicole.

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.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A year ago I assumed the role of Mayor, offering myself up as the “chief storyteller” of our wonderful municipality. Since then I have learned from, and shared within and beyond, our community a great many stories that have inspired and motivated me.

For me, these stories – deriving from, and reflecting, the unique mix of Yarra’s people – helped forge a narrative of Yarra at its best. At the core of this narrative are inclusion and cohesion.

To “walk the talk” of inclusion and cohesion, I made it my mission to connect Council with people in our community who are marginalised as a result of a variety of barriers (including cultural, language, socio-economic and age barriers).

In this context, I cherish some special moments I experienced.

Launching Council’s Aboriginal Partnerships Plan in March, I met people from our Aboriginal community. The acceptance from, and connection with, them that I felt that afternoon while we talked about all sorts of things, has stayed with me.

Another memorable experience was meeting an elderly, migrant woman, to discuss a petition she had initiated for the benefit of her neighbourhood. She’d never done something like this. She lacked confidence given her limited English. Almost in tears, she told me how she felt empowered by the positive response. She was beaming.

The third experience was last month. Three teenagers of African background from the Atherton Gardens housing estate, who remembered meeting me at a Youth Services soccer program,

stopped me to tell me how things were going.

Finally, one time in a shop on Victoria Street I tried to introduce myself to a man who spoke no English. I gave him my card and, after studying it for a few seconds, he smiled and shook my hand enthusiastically. He had spotted the word “Mayor” which, at my suggestion, appears on my card translated into our key community languages. One of those translations “spoke his language”; he felt acknowledged and included.

My dynamic, diverse community, thank you. It’s been an honour to serve you.

Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis
Mayor

Liveable Yarra: People’s Panel achieves great results

Council’s Liveable Yarra: better planning for people and places project reached another milestone when the People’s Panel appointed to work on the project met recently for their final session.

Council chose to appoint a People’s Panel for this project because it allowed for members of the community to have in-depth conversations and provide considered responses on very complex issues.

The process also helped the Panel understand the challenging nature of many planning issues.

Members of the Panel attended four sessions during August and September at the Collingwood Senior Citizens



The People’s Panel hard at work at the final Liveable Yarra session in late September.

Centre, where they examined a range of topics including housing, heritage, transport, built form, open space and the local economy.

Their feedback will help inform Council’s rewrite of the Yarra Planning Scheme, ready for submission to the Minister for approval.

The outcomes from the Panel are expected to be presented to Council by the end of 2015. To find out more about the Liveable Yarra project, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/liveable-yarra

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Alphington paper mill site redevelopment

About 70 people came to Council's information night on 21 October, at the Fitzroy Town Hall to discuss the developer's revised development plan for the former Alphington paper mill site.

Council's Director, Planning and Place Making, Bruce Phillips, provided a background to the site and the community consultation process.

Extensive consultations took place earlier this year on the original development plan and more than 290 submissions were received from residents, nearby Councils and referral agencies.

All submissions were considered, and the developers have come back to Council with a revised Development Plan for a second round of consultation.

The developers' architect Rob McGauran delivered a comprehensive presentation on the site, and responded to many questions, along with representatives from the developers, Alpha Partners and Alphington Developments, and VicRoads.

Most of the issues raised referred to the traffic impacts and management, improved initiatives to support sustainable transport, open space and heritage.

Council's and the architect's presentations, plus a summary of the questions and responses, are available on Council's website.

The next step for Council is to take the revised development plan and the community feedback to a special Council meeting at Fitzroy Town Hall on 26 November – verbal submissions are welcome. Council will then hold a special meeting on 2 December – no verbal submissions allowed – where councillors will consider the plan and whether or not to approve it.

For further information go to www.yarracity.vic.gov.au

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 10 November	Fitzroy Town Hall
Thursday 12 November	Richmond Town Hall
Ceremonial Meeting of Council starting at 6.30pm	
Tuesday 24 November	Fitzroy Town Hall
Tuesday 1 December	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 15 December	Richmond Town Hall



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GET INVOLVED IN YARRA'S 2016/17 BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS

Council's annual budget planning process begins this month and will culminate in setting the 2016/17 budget in June next year.

As part of this process, the community is invited to help Council determine the priorities by participating in our two-stage consultation program, with feedback invited in November 2015 and April 2016.

Among the many factors to influence Council's budget for 2016/17 will be the State Government's capping of rates for all Victorian councils. Rate capping will bring with it both opportunities and challenges.

It means we will need to look for innovative ways to continue to provide services and infrastructure in a smarter and more efficient manner.

If Council wished to set rates above the State Government's cap, we would have to submit a sound business case, supported by the community, to the Essential Services Commission for approval.

We value your input on what community services and infrastructure are important to you.

At the same time there may be many views, so Council's role will be to listen, consider and make informed decisions that balance community aspirations for new services and facilities with the ongoing need to strengthen essential services and maintain our existing, ageing assets.



BUDGET PLANNING: TO MEET NEEDS

One of the most important roles Council undertakes each year is to plan and deliver a financially responsible budget. In doing so Council must balance community expectations with the need to continue providing hundreds of vital services, programs and facilities that support healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods.

With Yarra's population expected to grow by 35 per cent by 2036, there will be increased pressure on Council in the years ahead to plan and provide services and facilities that support communities at all stages of their lifecycle. Here is a snapshot of how Council is doing this:

PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLIANCE

Yarra is one of Victoria's busiest municipalities for planning and development. Council's role in assessing

more than 1700 permit applications each year, monitoring major construction and ensuring compliance with local laws and permits is essential. When major developments occur, for example GTV9 in Richmond and Alphington Paper Mill, Council not only assesses complex permit applications but also ensures these new communities have access to services and facilities. For example, Council recently invested \$1.8 million for a new community hub within the redeveloped GTV9 site in Richmond.

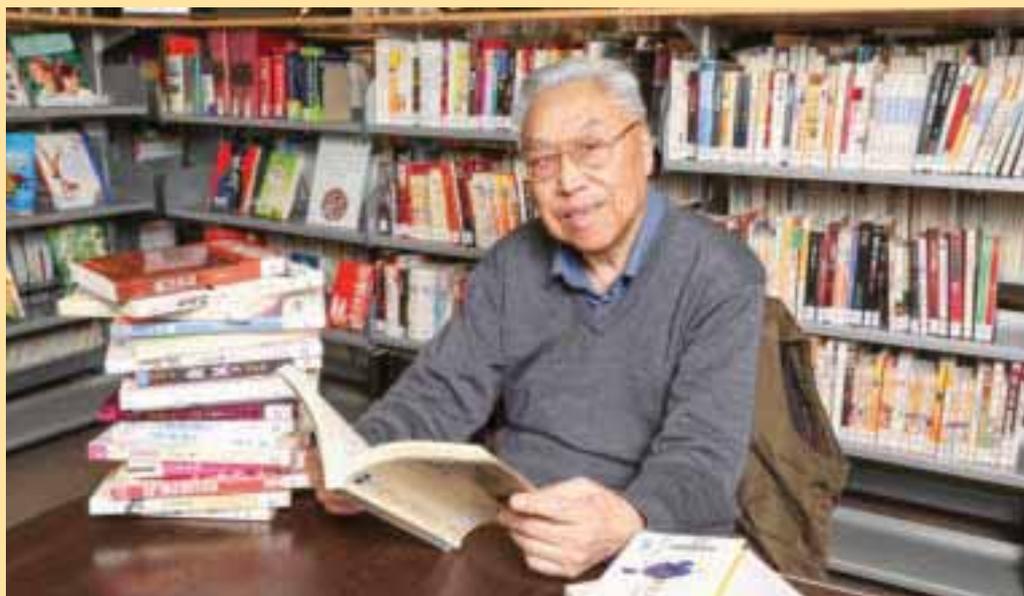
OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION

Each year Council budgets to protect and enhance Yarra's 230 hectares of open space which includes more than 100 parks and reserves, playgrounds and sporting ovals. Identifying a shortage of open space in Richmond, Council created a number of "pocket parks" – one being 635 Church Street Richmond which was built on a former freeway ramp.



ROADS, PARKING AND TRANSPORT

More than 600,000 motorists travel on Yarra's roads every day and while we can't eliminate traffic, Council is working hard to reduce its impact, including improving conditions on local roads, managing parking, advocating for better public transport and promoting sustainable transport. For example Council has 21 local area traffic management plans which look at issues such as traffic speed and volume, pedestrian safety and comfort, and how to calm traffic so that neighbourhoods are more liveable. We also have a Bicycle Strategy with a key achievement in 2015



, ASPIRATIONS AND FUTURE GROWTH

being the construction of the Wellington Street "Copenhagen style" bike lanes.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

Council manages 260 kilometres of road pavement, 491 kilometres of footpaths, kerb and channel, 170 kilometres of storm water pipes and 85 kilometres of laneways. We also manage dozens of new and ageing community buildings and facilities including three town halls.

COMMUNITY WELLBEING

As the number of families in Yarra continues to grow, so too does the need to support them. In addition to the community services and programs Council provides each week, recent budgets have funded major projects including the \$1.52 million redevelopment of the Gold Street Children's Centre in Collingwood; the upgrade of the Connie Benn Family and Children's Centre in Fitzroy; and construction of the \$14.5 million North Fitzroy Community Hub, expected to open in 2017.



LIBRARIES AND LEISURE

In addition to the new North Fitzroy Community Hub (which will include a new library), Council provides five public libraries, three leisure centres and a golf course. Last year more than 35,877 people attended a library program or event with more than 1.1 million visits recorded across the leisure centres.

SUSTAINABILITY

Yarra is one of Australia's leading sustainable cities. We were the first Australian local government, and only the fourth worldwide, to achieve certification as a One Planet City

which is an internationally recognised benchmark for exemplars of sustainable living. We have implemented 83 energy conservation projects across 18 Council-owned buildings under our \$3.4 million Energy Performance Contract.

Through programs including In Your Patch and Food Know How, we are also supporting local residents to lessen their impact on the environment.

To read more about the hundreds of services and programs Council provides visit Yarra's website www.yarracity.vic.gov.au



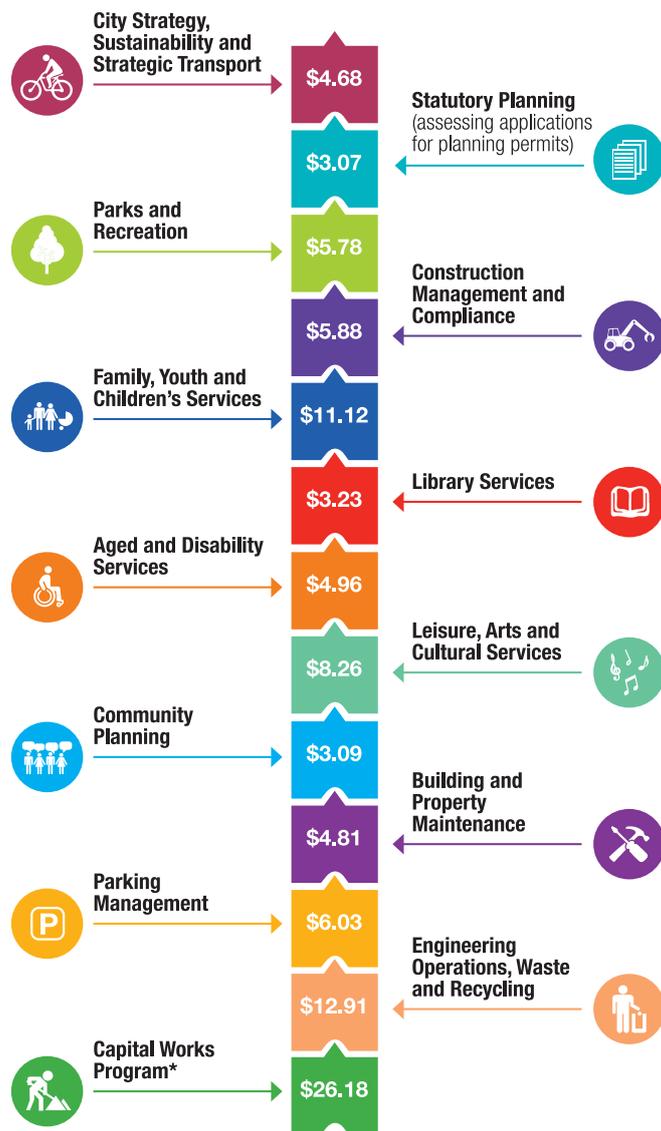
UNDERSTANDING COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLANNING PROCESS

Council has a total income of around \$170 million, of which around \$96 million comes from rates. We have a comprehensive planning process to help us to develop our annual Budget and Annual Plan which sets out where this money will be spent.

Council's planning process starts around August each year and involves members of the community and Council staff contributing ideas. These are considered by management who provide critical review to Councillors so they can make informed decisions when setting the budget. Few people would realise the breadth of the services their rates fund. The graph to the right provides a snapshot of how every \$100 of rate revenue is invested in Yarra.

Please note, this illustration is a guide only. Internal functions such as finance, governance, customer service and communications were equally divided between each service for the purpose of this exercise.

Every **\$100** of rates revenue is invested in...



*includes works related to buildings, roads, footpaths, drains, tree roots and more.

WHERE TO NOW?

2014/15 was a busy year for Council: one of consolidation, continuous improvement and planning for the future. With Yarra facing greater development pressure, increased demand on services and infrastructure, and imminent restrictions on rates revenue, we now need to build on our strong foundations and put in place solid plans for a prosperous and sustainable future.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You can be part of our annual budget planning process and contribute to 2016/17 budget discussions by participating in Yarra's online forum at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget

This webpage will remain open until **Friday 27 November 2015** and suggestions will be considered in the 2016/17 budget discussions.

2016/17 BUDGET TIMELINE

- November 2015:** Stage 1 community input on budget priorities for 2016/17.
- December 2015 - March 2016:** Council drafts 2016/17 budget with consideration to community feedback and assesses need to apply to ESC for rate variation.
- April 2016:** Stage 2 community input. Council releases its draft 2016/17 budget for community feedback.
- June 2016:** Council adopts the 2016/17 budget, with or without amendments.

Stay cool this summer by making the most of Council's many aquatic leisure facilities.



Keep cool in Yarra

After an unseasonably hot October and warnings of a scorching summer ahead, Yarra residents are encouraged to be prepared for days of extreme heat.

Heatwaves cause more deaths than any other type of natural disaster in Australia and can have a significant impact on the community's health.

Some simple steps that will help you stay safe this summer include:

- Reschedule travel, sports and chores to early morning
- Avoid going outside during the hottest part of the day, but, if you do go, stay in the shade and wear a hat
- Keep your home cool by turning off non-essential lights and electrical equipment as they generate heat
- Talk to your doctor if you feel unwell or have a health issue that may be affected by the heat

Council also suggests making a list of emergency contact numbers to keep on your fridge, and urges the community to look out for each other during these periods – particularly people who may struggle in the heat.

Council has more detailed information on preparing for the heat, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/Health-and-Safety/Stay-healthy-in-the-heat/ or call 9205 5555

Celebrating New Year's Eve

Council continues its commitment to promoting safe and respectful celebrations this New Year's Eve and all public places in Yarra, including that parks and gardens will be alcohol free.

Council is encouraging families and the community to enjoy our parks and gardens for this special event and will continue to work hard to provide a safe environment for all members of the community to enjoy.

As with several other municipalities, alcohol will be banned from our parks and gardens from 9pm on Wednesday 30 December through to 9am on 1 January. Alcohol cannot be consumed in Yarra's streets and other public places at any time.

Amplified music will not be permitted in these spaces during these periods. Council and police will be closely monitoring the municipality over this period to ensure compliance.

Council is working with some of Yarra's venues on special arrangements for New Year's Eve, so look out for more information about these in the next issue of *Yarra News*.

For more information about New Year's Eve contact Council on 9205 5555

Sewer works temporarily close intersection

Due to sewer works undertaken by Melbourne Water, the intersection of Pigdon and Amess streets in North Carlton will be closed until March 2016.

The works, which commenced last month, are part of Melbourne Water's Carlton Main Sewer Upgrade project, which involves renewing a 1.35 kilometre section of sewer across Carlton North, with three main work sites (the others being Scotchmer Street, North Fitzroy and Station Street, North Carlton).

The works at the Pigdon and Amess intersection will involve excavating two eight-metre deep shafts in the middle of Pigdon Street, followed by underground works to connect the new sewer to the existing main sewer.

Hoarding has been installed around the site and detours are in place for drivers. Access around the site will remain open to pedestrians and cyclists, and all on-street car parking in the area will remain open.

For construction updates and further information about the project, call Melbourne Water on 1800 771 747, email on carltonsewer@melbournewater.com.au or visit www.melbournewater.com.au/carltonmainsewer

As part of the Collingwood Allstars, Matt O'Neil has gone from participant to coach in the program.



Slam dunk for Council program

With Council's support, Collingwood Basketball Association's Access All Abilities (AAA) program has been changing the lives of children with special needs since its inception six years ago.

Council worked with the Association to introduce the AAA program into the community in 2009, recognising the need to develop a program for children to take part in a club-based sporting activity.

Suited to children 6-18 years, the benefit is two-fold. For participants, they achieve personal growth and the opportunity to try something new. For families, it provides a similar sense of belonging and an avenue to talk about any issues they may be facing.

The AAA program has seen many success stories in its time, like 20-year-old

Matt O'Neil. As one of the first in the program, Matt is now in a coaching role and is relishing the opportunity.

"It's a great program and I got into it because I liked playing sport and wanted to keep active," said Matt.

"I saw others coaching and thought I'd like to do that and I'm really enjoying it so far."

International Day of People with Disability is Thursday, 3 December and

Council has a host of activities on offer throughout the week to celebrate – including a free come-and-try session with the Collingwood Basketball Club's AAA program on Saturday, 6 December 11.15am–12.30pm.

For more information on Council's activities for International Day of People with Disability, visit <http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/Disability-services/>

Road art helps keep the community safe

Cremorne's Walnut Street has been brought to life, with Council last month finishing the special road art installation to help improve pedestrian safety in the area.

As one of Yarra Council's place making initiatives designed to create more liveable street environments, the innovative road art is the first of its kind in Melbourne and stemmed from feedback from Council's 2012–13 Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study.

The study identified considerable pedestrian numbers in the area due to a large number of offices and cafes, and there were concerns about pedestrian safety. As a result, a shared zone was created where the speed limit was dropped to 10kmh and pedestrians have priority.

Highlighting the shared zone and enhancing the urban environment at the same time, renowned artist Tom Civil was commissioned to design the eye-catching works, which have been embraced by the community and visitors.

This is one of a number of innovative place making initiatives being investigated and rolled out in Yarra streets, helping to move away from local streets serving purely a transport function.

For more information on LATM visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/LATMS or contact info@yarracity.vic.gov.au or call 9205 5555



The striking artwork has brightened up the streets of Cremorne, says Yarra Mayor, Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis with locals, David Hadley and Kate Valencia.

New Pavilion ready to serve the community

Female participation in organised sport in Yarra is set to see another boost with the renovated and revamped Fairfield Pavilion up and running.

As part of Council's investment in community sport, Council has funded this project as part of its Fairfield Park Master Plan to install new sports lights, cricket nets, turf, re-align the oval and, most notably, redevelop the run-down pavilion to be more gender and accessibility friendly.

The Fairfield Pavilion (formerly the Maxwell Sutherland Pavilion) is the final stage in Council's multi-million dollar investment and boasts a number of features, including five unisex changerooms.

Female players were formerly required to share game-day facilities with the men's teams and had to walk through male bathrooms to access their own.

But with more than 200 women's and men's, juniors and veterans competitions played on the ground each year, this new facility provides room, as well as an inclusive environment, for soccer and



Bethany McAuliffe-D'Rozario and Emma Sands from Northcote United Cricket Club can't wait to use the new facilities at Fairfield Park.

cricket clubs to develop new programs and teams that are responsive to community demand.

The Fairfield Pavilion will be officially opened on Saturday, 28 November 2015.

For more information on the Fairfield Pavilion, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/new-maxwell-sutherland-pavilion or call 9205 5555

Brace yourself: Christmas is coming

The Festive Season starts next month and Council has an exciting program of activities planned to help get you in the Christmas spirit.

Kicking things off is Carols by Candlelight in the Darling Gardens, Clifton Hill, on Thursday, 3 December between 6.30pm and 9.00pm.

This much-loved event is set to delight crowds once again, as the Australian Children's Choir and Australian Women's Choir join forces with local school and community choirs to sing your favourite carols.

The event is free to attend. Candles and song books can be purchased on the night, as can food and soft drinks from a number of stalls.

Santa will also make an appearance for the children, so be sure to put Thursday, 3 December in your diary.

Your favourite Christmas tunes will also ring out in Yarra's retail streets this year, as a variety of performers including the Salvation Army Brass Band and the Boite Choir serenade



Get your friends together and enjoy this year's Carols by Candlelight in the Darling Gardens on Thursday, 3 December.

shoppers in December. Council encourages you to support our local traders this Festive Season and shop local.

More information on additional events and Council's opening hours over the Christmas period will be in next month's *Yarra News*. For more information about Carols by Candlelight, call 9205 5555

Australia Day Award Nominations

Open until Friday, 27 November

Nominate for the 2016 Yarra Australia Day Awards. If you know a group, person or organisation that has made an impressive contribution to Yarra, it's time to put their name forward. We're looking for our Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Service of the Year and the Community Event of the Year. Nominees must be Yarra residents and Australian citizens who have made contributions in community service, sport, arts and culture, environment, and/or business development.

To find out more visit www.yarracity.vic.gov/Australia-Day/



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Wednesday, 11 November, 10.40am

This year marks the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–1918). Yarra Council will commemorate this special occasion with an official wreath-laying ceremony on the steps of the Richmond Town Hall. Join us to remember those who fought for this country, and to pay respects to both fallen and returned soldiers. Guests will then be invited to attend morning tea.

Richmond Town Hall, 333 Bridge Road, Richmond. No bookings required.

Music from the Wetlands

Sunday, 15 November,
11.45am–5.30pm

Enjoy a free music festival in Alphington's Wetlands (1 View Street, Alphington). There will be a variety of musical acts, stalls and displays from a range of community and environment groups. Learn circus skills with professional trainers and make decorations from nature with a local artist and produce your own books with Kids' Own Publishing.

For more information visit www.musicfromthewetlands.com.au/music.htm

Johnston Street Fiesta

Saturday, 21 and Sunday 22
November, 12noon–10pm

Celebrate the traditions, art and culture of Spain, Latin America and other countries where Spanish is the first language. Entertainment includes stage activities, dance classes, Spanish cuisine, and an exciting parade at midday on Sunday. This is a free event.

Find more information at
www.hispanicfiesta.com.au

Melbourne People's Climate March

Friday, 27 November, 5.30pm

Join the Melbourne march as millions of people – in hundreds of major cities around the world – ask for politicians to back 100 per cent renewable energy. These worldwide marches are happening as world leaders meet in Paris for the United Nations climate summit, hoping to build awareness of the need for a safer and fairer future for all. Those interested in joining the Melbourne walk are asked to meet at the State Library Forecourt.

For further information visit
www.peoplesclimate.org.au/

WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

Temporary closure dates for Yarra Libraries

Yarra Libraries branches will be closed for a number of days in November/December 2015 for the installation of self-loan stations.

During the closures patrons can:

- Renew or reserve items online at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries/ or by phone on 1300 695 427
- Experience another Yarra Libraries branch
- Make use of our digital resources such as eBooks and eAudiobooks online

Closure dates are:

Fitzroy Library: closed Monday 9 – Sunday 15 November, reopening Monday 16 November

Collingwood Library: closed Monday 16 – Thursday 19 November, reopening Friday 20 November

Carlton Library: closed Monday 23 – Thursday 26 November, reopening Friday 27 November

North Fitzroy Library: closed Thursday 26 November, reopening Friday 27 November

Richmond Library: closed Monday 30 November – Thursday 3 December, reopening Friday 4 December

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