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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.

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**Our cover:** Clifton Hill's Alison Copley and her dog Squidge are getting ready for this year's Garage Sale Trail.



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](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-news)

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

### 澳大利亞國慶日獎提名現在開放

2016年雅拉市澳大利亞國慶日獎提名現在開放，截止日期為11月27日。提名的獎項有年度最佳公民、年度最佳青年公民、年度最佳社區服務以及年度最佳社區活動。若想獲得更多關於提名或者其他《雅拉新聞》文章的中文版，請撥打電話9280 1937，並提供參考號碼15240。

### Ανοιξαν οι υποψηφιότητες για τα Βραβεία της Ημέρας της Αυστραλίας

Ανοιξαν οι υποψηφιότητες για τα Βραβεία 2016 του Yarra για την Ημέρα της Αυστραλίας (Australia Day Awards), και κλείνουν στις 27 Νοεμβρίου. Ενδιαφερόμαστε να βραβεύσουμε τον Πολίτη της Χρονιάς, το Νεαρό Πολίτη της Χρονιάς, την Κοινοτική Υπηρεσία της Χρονιάς και την Κοινοτική Εκδήλωση της Χρονιάς. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες στη γλώσσα σας σχετικά με αυτό ή με οποιαδήποτε άλλα άρθρα του Yarra News, τηλεφωνήστε στον αριθμό: 9280 1937 και αναφέρετε τον αριθμό αναφοράς:15240 (REF 15240).

### Le nomine per l'Australian Day Award sono aperte

Le nomine per gli Yarra Australia Day Awards 2016 sono aperte e chiudono il 27 novembre. Siamo alla ricerca del cittadino dell'anno, del giovane cittadino dell'anno, dell'associazione comunitaria dell'anno e dell'evento di comunità dell'anno. Per maggiori informazioni nella vostra lingua su questo o altri articoli di Yarra News, contattate il numero 9280 1937 e fornite il codice 15240.

### Bắt đầu nhận ý kiến đề cử người lãnh Giải Ngày Quốc khánh Úc

Thủ tục nhận ý kiến đề cử người lãnh Giải Ngày Quốc khánh Úc Yarra Năm 2016 giờ đây bắt đầu, kết thúc vào ngày 27 tháng 11. Chúng tôi muốn tìm người xứng đáng được tặng danh hiệu Công dân Tiêu biểu Toàn Năm, Công dân Trẻ Tiêu biểu Toàn Năm, Dịch vụ Cộng đồng Tiêu biểu Toàn Năm và Sự kiện Cộng đồng Tiêu biểu Toàn Năm. 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 1937 và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 15240.

## REF 15240

## 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 Nicole Cirson, Communications & Engagement Advisor, on 9205 5144 or at [nicole.cirson@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:nicole.cirson@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

Large print, audio and online versions of Yarra News are also available by contacting Nicole.



# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

## #SmartCityYarra

Last month I had the privilege to participate in the third biennial Hybrid City conference. Hosted by the University of Athens, academics from various disciplines shared their research on the role information and communications technologies and media are playing, and can play, in urban communities as cities evolve.

I learned how innovative and artistic use of these technologies and media can bring urban communities together. I also learned how, by making their data electronically accessible in readily-usable formats, cities can enable their citizens to 'hack' solutions that are now possible through the application of technology to such data.

In the presentation I gave at the conference, I shared with an international audience Yarra's story of diversity. I considered how in our diverse community, technology and (social and other) media can serve to facilitate inclusion or, conversely, to enhance the influence of some while (further) disenfranchising others (eg the aged, non-English speaking or socio-economically disadvantaged).

My learnings from the conference affirm my long-held view that Yarra is ideally placed to evolve as a 'smart city' to optimise our community's aspirations. A compelling case emerges for a unifying smart city vision supporting everything Council does – from parks through to parking – and drawing on the 'smarts' our diverse

community (our residents, businesses, artists/creators and educational institutions) has to offer.

## Australia Day Awards

As we approach the end of 2015 it is time to start thinking about nominations for our 2016 Yarra Australia Day Awards. There are many people in our community worthy of recognition. Please nominate them for Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Service of the Year and the Community Event of the Year – find out more on page 5.

Connect with me on  
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**Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis**  
Mayor

## Helping shape our community

**Council continually evaluates how traffic can be streamlined for the safety of all road users and to make local neighbourhoods more liveable.**

For the past 10 years, Council has been engaging with the community to identify traffic problem areas across Yarra and reduce their impact through the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) program. This has resulted in Yarra becoming one of the first Councils in the world with a 40km/h speed limit introduced on all local streets.

The municipality is broken up into 21 LATM precincts and Council generally undertakes studies in two precincts every financial year, based on a priority ranking list. This process takes an integrated approach which invites active participation of the community, resolution of broad traffic issues and development of appropriate measures.



Council is currently undertaking a study in Princes Hill. A draft traffic management plan for the area has been created, and Council is seeking community feedback until Friday 23 October.

In the future, Local Area Place Making (LAPM) studies are set to replace LATM, as Council will be taking a

broader place making approach to Yarra's neighbourhoods.

For more information on LATM and the current Princes Hill study, visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/LATMS](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/LATMS) or contact [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au) or call on 9205 5555.

# YOUR COUNCILLORS

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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.

## Revised plan for mill site

**Community members are invited to comment on the revised Development Plan for the former paper mill site at Alphington.**

The developers for the former paper mill site at Alphington have lodged with Council their revised proposed Development Plan. The Plan has been revised following consideration of 290 submissions received earlier this year from the community and also comments from referral authorities.

The revised Plan will be available for public inspection in hard copy, from 5 October to 4 November at Yarra City Council venues and at front counters of the nearby municipalities of Darebin, Banyule and Booroondara, as well as electronically on the developers' website.

Your comments or feedback must be in writing via the online feedback form on Council's website or by post by close of business on Wednesday 4 November.

An information session, hosted by Council, will be held at Fitzroy Town Hall, 201 Napier Street, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm, Wednesday 21 October.

A drop-in session will also be held by the developers from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on 27 October at Alphington Bowls Club, 10-26 Parkview Road, Alphington.

To view the proposed Development Plan and a summary of changes go to the developers' website [www.alphingtonpapermill.com.au](http://www.alphingtonpapermill.com.au)

Two Special Meetings of Council will be held at Fitzroy Town Hall, with the first on 26 November to report on written submissions and the second on 2 December for Council to debate and decide on the revised Development Plan.

For further information go to [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au](http://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](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings)

Tuesday 6 October Richmond Town Hall

Tuesday 20 October Richmond Town Hall

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

## Australia Day Award nominations open soon

It's now time to think about nominations for the 2016 Yarra Australia Day Awards.

Council wants to recognise and celebrate our community. If you know a person, group or organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to Yarra, please nominate them for an award. Nominations close on Friday 27 November.

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.

To be eligible for the awards, nominees must be Yarra residents and Australian citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the Yarra community in one or more of the following areas:

- Community service
- Sport
- Arts and culture
- Environment, and/or
- Business and economic development

To find out more and download an application form, visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Australia-Day](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Australia-Day)



David Langdon, Yarra's 2015 Citizen of the Year with Mayor, Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis.

## Supporting Yarra's rich heritage

Did you know heritage homes are potentially eligible for grants for improvement?

Council has a strong commitment to the protection and enhancement of Yarra's heritage, and many sites of local importance are protected by a heritage overlay.

Council, together with the Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund (VHRF), offers grants to tenants and owners of Yarra's much-loved heritage buildings to help restore heritage facades or reinstate period features.

Since 2013, 20 Yarra properties have benefitted from funding, administered on behalf of the VHRF by the National Trust. Want to join locals who have accessed and utilised the grants? Visit [www.vhrf.org.au](http://www.vhrf.org.au) to find out more about conditions and to see if you meet the requirements.

Thanks to three recent Yarra Planning Scheme amendments, even more of Yarra's heritage listed properties could be eligible. Heritage overlays were recently applied to 784 properties, helping preserve more of the precious heritage places that make our municipality great.

To find out more, visit [www.vhrf.org.au](http://www.vhrf.org.au)

## VicRoads community engagement on Chandler Highway

VicRoads will be commencing community engagement in October on the proposed plans for the upgrade of the Chandler Highway in Kew/Alphington.

There will be two sessions at Northcote High School at 19-25 St Georges Road, Northcote on the following dates and times:

Tuesday 13 October, 6pm to 8.30pm

Saturday 17 October, 10am to 12.30pm

### Project background

The Victorian Government has committed funding of \$110 million to widen Chandler Highway and build a new bridge over the Yarra River. The upgrade involves adding additional traffic lanes to Chandler Highway, between Heidelberg Road and south of Yarra Boulevard, to improve reliability and efficiency of the surrounding road network.

For further information please visit [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

Solar panels have helped Richmond West Primary School's energy efficiency says Principal, Paul Ledwidge.



## Providing smart solutions for Yarra schools

Local students and teachers are leading the way in working towards a sustainable future, with six schools throwing their support behind the Yarra Energy Foundation's Smart Solar for Yarra Schools.

Designed to help schools realise the opportunity to improve their environmental performance through a variety of measures, the recently-launched program is proving to be a

win-win for both schools and the environment.

Initiative trailblazer Richmond West Primary School has already replaced their existing lights with LEDs and installed solar panels.

Their involvement has encouraged others, with five other local schools now working with the Foundation to review their energy saving options.

"Our school community has an active interest in sustainability and, for us, this was the next step of the journey in reducing our footprint," Richmond West Primary School Principal Paul Ledwidge said of the landmark program.

For more information on the Yarra Energy Foundation's Smart Solar for Yarra Schools program, visit [www.yef.org.au/schools](http://www.yef.org.au/schools)



Heather and Ray Hodge of Fitzroy North will be getting into the dancing spirit this October.

## Dance hits the streets of Yarra

Council has teamed up with The Village Festival to get young and old moving their feet this October thanks to the free month-long *Dance With Me* project.

Coinciding with the Victorian Seniors Festival, *Dance With Me* is an inter-generational venture that will see a variety of dance routines – ranging from swing to street Latin – taught in free, public dance classes for all ages.

As Ariel Valent from The Village Festival explains: "Dance has always brought people together. However, in elderly communities people are dancing less, partly because of decreased mobility, but often because their life partner has passed away.

"*Dance With Me* bridges this gap and provides a mechanism for people of any age to get involved – no experience necessary, just enthusiasm," says Ariel.

Free sessions will be held throughout the month at Collingwood Community Centre led by qualified instructors, and tutorials are also available online if you can't make it in person. The ground-breaking project will culminate at The Village Festival in Edinburgh Gardens on Sunday, 1 November in a dance for the ages.

Find out more at [www.thevillagefestival.com.au](http://www.thevillagefestival.com.au)

Excitement is building throughout Yarra ahead of the Garage Sale Trail.



# Get set for the Garage Sale Trail

**There's no better time for a spring clean, so clear out your cupboards as the much-loved Garage Sale Trail return to the streets of Yarra for another year on Saturday, 24 October.**

A free, nation-wide initiative that encourages sustainability and resourcefulness, the annual Garage Sale Trail is the ideal way to clean out your clutter, pick up a bargain and meet your neighbours.

Get involved in the event as either a seller (as a household, school or community

group) to make some extra cash for yourself or fundraise for charity or join in as a shopper.

"I love refurbishing things and not having to take something off the shelf – what goes around comes around," says Alison Copley from Clifton Hill who's selling a multitude of things on the Garage Sale Trail, including a car.

"I'm relatively new to the community and I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone."

It's estimated close to 700,000 items will be up for sale on the day from 16,800 sellers throughout Victoria. Sign up on your own, with your street, school or community. Likewise, for buyers, put 24 October in your diaries and get set to pick up some bargains.

To find out more, visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)

## New community hub begins business

**The new Studio 1 Community Hub at 15 Barnet Way, Richmond will be up and running from early October, with the former Channel 9 television studio now brought to life as a vibrant space for all to enjoy.**

Council invested \$1.8 million to transform the building into a multi-purpose hub. Richmond Community Learning Centre (RCLC) will support Council and local community providers to manage the operation of the hub.

Studio 1 will offer a range of programs and activities for local residents and the wider community, and will be officially opened on Saturday 10 October.

The RCLC – who also manage Burnley Backyard – has recently completed a survey with the local community to see what activities they would like offered. Early indications show yoga, IT classes



Yarra Council's Ann Limbrey and Simone Gardiner from RCLC with local residents Margaret Randle and Oren Rozensweig.

and a community choir to be popular inclusions.

In addition to offering a range of activities, events and programs, the hub also features a variety of function rooms, co-worker space and small meeting rooms, which will be available

for hire from mid-November. Facility bookings are to be made through Council.

To find out more about the programs the RCLC are conducting call 9428 9901



## Business Networking Breakfast

**Wednesday 28 October, 6.45am–9am**

Join us for a special Business Networking Breakfast on Wednesday 28 October at the Richmond Town Hall. Hosted by the City of Yarra and sponsored by Leader Community Newspapers with catering by innovative social enterprise STREAT, this event aims to connect like-minded people in local business. Rebecca Scott, co-founder and CEO of STREAT, will be a special guest speaker.

Tickets: \$55 (includes catered breakfast, STREAT coffee and organic teas).

For more information and to secure your place visit [www.yarrabusiness.com.au](http://www.yarrabusiness.com.au) and search the 'events' tab, or call 9205 5555

## Walk to School

**Monday 5 – Friday 30 October**

Encourage your kids to join in the fun and walk to school this October. Walking is free, encourages fitness and helps children get the daily physical activity they need to be healthy. This year Council is providing a fun *Toe Tally Card initiative* for every student involved. These are foot-shaped cards on which students record their walk/ride to school. Additional materials and prizes will also be provided.

For more information on VicHealth's Walk to School program, visit [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au) or call 9205 5555.

## Rag Trade and Recycle Market (RTRM)

**Multiple Sundays, 10am–2pm**

Buy and sell at the brand new Rag and Trade Market in Gleadell Street, Richmond. RTRM is a fashion and clothing market, running perfectly alongside Bridge Road – famous for its clothing and outlet stores. Stallholders sell new, designer, vintage, upcycled and recycled fashion. So support your local community and come along on the following dates:

Sunday 11 October  
Sunday 8 November  
Sunday 13 December  
Sunday 10 January  
Sunday 14 February  
Sunday 13 March

For stallholder information, please email [nikki@ragtradeandrecyclemarket.com.au](mailto:nikki@ragtradeandrecyclemarket.com.au) or call 0418 550 403

## Children's Week Celebration at North Richmond Community Health (NRCH)

**Friday 23 October, 10am–12 noon**

Come along to NRCH (23 Lennox Street, Richmond) for a special morning of face painting, food, music, activities, free giveaways, a fire truck and much more!

For more information please email [nrch@nrch.com.au](mailto:nrch@nrch.com.au) or call 9418 9800

## Children's Week Picnic at Collingwood Children's Farm

**Monday 26 October, from 9.30am**

Join a range of families and children's services in Yarra to celebrate at the annual Children's Week Picnic at the Collingwood Children's Farm (St Helier's Street Abbotsford). There will be traditional hay rides, cow milking, face painting and the all the usual creatures foraging at the farm. Entry is free, but please bring your own picnic goodies. This event is supported by the Victorian Government.

For more information please email [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au) or call 9205 5555

# WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

## Special Children's Week Storytimes at Victoria Gardens Shopping Centre

**Saturday 24 October and Thursday 29 October, 11am–12 noon**

Children are invited to join us at Victoria Gardens (620 Victoria Street, Richmond) for stories, songs, craft and fun at two special storytimes presented by Yarra Libraries.

For more information please email [jill.allen@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:jill.allen@yarracity.vic.gov.au) or call 9426 5664

## Fitzroy Spooktacular

**Friday 30 October, 5.45pm–8pm**

Join us for a spooky Halloween-themed evening in the Fitzroy Library (128 Moor Street), with games, sweet and healthy treats, roving performers, face painting and the magician, Tricky Nick! Dress in your spookiest outfit for the chance to win our Best Dressed Award. For children aged 5-12 years. Bookings essential. Event sponsored by The Thomas, Samuel and George Ewing Trust.

Bookings: visit [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) or call 1300 695 427

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](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Consultation)

Have Your Say