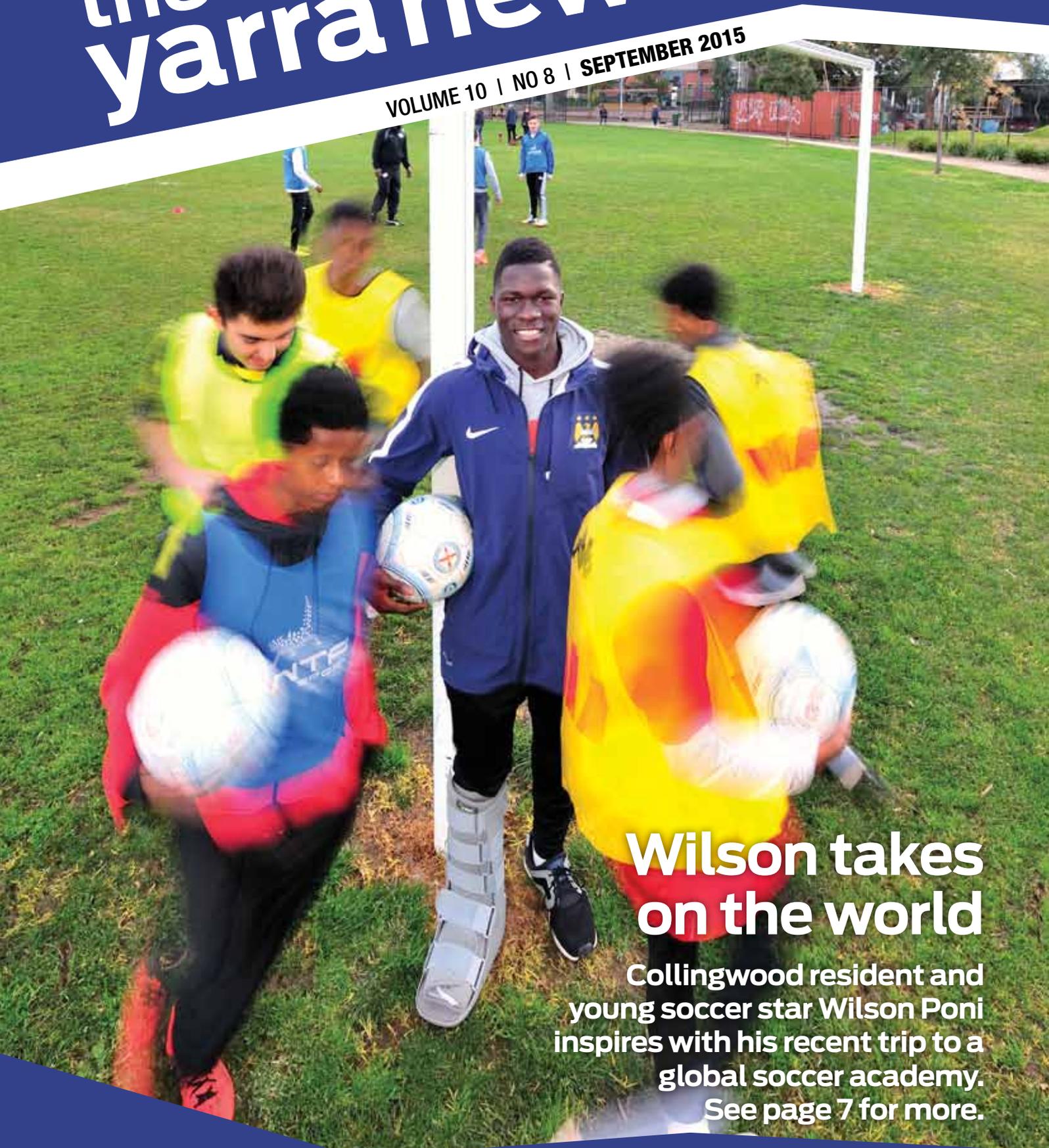


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To improve communications with Yarra's non-English speaking community, a selected article from this edition of Yarra News has been translated into Yarra's four main community languages.

Other articles from Yarra News can be read in any language on Council's website. Visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-news](http://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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### Đừng quên xin giấy phép

Có phải quý vị đang tính xây cất tại nhà hoặc doanh nghiệp của mình? Quý vị phải bảo đảm rằng quý vị có đúng loại giấy phép của Hội đồng Thành phố cho dự án của mình trước khi khởi công. Hệ thống cấp giấy phép bảo đảm các công trình xây cất được thực hiện một cách an toàn, tuân thủ pháp luật liên quan và biết điều đối với hàng xóm láng giềng. Nhân viên Hội đồng Thành phố có thể giúp quý vị xin đúng loại giấy phép. Muốn biết thêm thông tin, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại cho Hội đồng Thành phố qua số 9205 5585. 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 15217.

## REF 15217

## 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](mailto: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

## Embracing Diversity

For me, one of the most uplifting mayoral duties is presiding at citizenship ceremonies. Council hosts one every other month and I have privilege of welcoming up to 70 new Australians to our community.

At last month's ceremony, we took the opportunity to contribute to the Embrace Diversity campaign that commenced earlier this year. The new Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Helen Kapalos, only four days into the job, was our special guest and shared her thoughts on Embracing Diversity. I was thrilled that Commissioner Kapalos, a Yarra resident and ambassador for the campaign, accepted my invitation to be part of this special ceremony. Commissioner Kapalos and I joined our

new Australians from 29 countries for a group photo with each of us holding #EmbraceDiversity signs.

In the City of Yarra, we are blessed with a diverse community and something about which I am passionate is fostering an inclusive community. I am particularly inspired by the campaign because there are people in our community who, because of language, literacy or disadvantage, face barriers to participating fully in civic life. Council has a major role to play in encouraging and supporting those whose circumstances make participation difficult.

I encourage everyone to get involved in the Embrace Diversity campaign and support diversity, inclusion and harmony – read all about it on page 7.

## Meeting local businesses

Small businesses really are the backbone of our local economy. During August I hit the streets with Council's Economic Development team and visited traders in our key shopping precincts.

I had lots of positive conversations with business owners who generously shared their thoughts and ideas. It was wonderful to meet so many of the men and women who are at the front line of our local economy, doing what they do to serve locals as well as to make Yarra a drawcard for visitors.

**Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis**  
Mayor

## People's Panel gets to work

Sixty local residents have begun their journey as part of Yarra's first ever People's Panel, making an invaluable contribution to Council's Liveable Yarra: better planning for people and places project.



The panel, which includes community members from a range of age groups and backgrounds from across the municipality, has been tasked with providing suggestions to Council about how Yarra can adapt to the challenges and opportunities brought about by growth and change in our city.

Their feedback will help inform Council's rewrite of the Yarra Planning Scheme – a technical document that guides decisions about planning and development.

The panel met on two Saturdays in August, listening to presentations and engaging in in-depth discussions on issues including housing, population growth, transport and the local economy. They will meet twice more in September.

Fitzroy resident, Patrea Smith, said she nominated for the panel because she wanted to contribute to her community and learn more about Council's decision-making processes.

"I had some really interesting conversations with other residents," Patrea said after the first session.



*Fitzroy resident Patrea Smith discusses the big issues at the first Liveable Yarra People's Panel session.*

"I learnt a lot more about the bigger issues and the complexity of Council decision making," she said.

The outcomes from the panel are expected to be presented to Council later in the year. To find out more about the Liveable Yarra project, visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/liveable-yarra](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/liveable-yarra)

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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.

## Preparing for rate capping in 16/17

Planning is underway at Yarra Council for the introduction of the State Government's capping of Victorian council rates in 2016/17.

Rate capping will bring with it both opportunities and challenges for Council and the community.

Council will be looking at innovative options to continue to provide services and infrastructure in a smarter and more efficient manner. This could be through sharing services with other Councils and State Government, maximising the use of community assets, fostering partnerships with business and organisations, sourcing grants and other funding, and making sure all services are providing value for money.

Community consultation on how resources are allocated is going to be important once rate capping is introduced and will occur as a part of Council's annual planning and budgetary process.

Equally important will be the need to balance community aspirations for new services and infrastructure, with the need to renew ageing infrastructure and maintain existing programs. Council will continue to seek feedback from the community to help prioritise what services and facilities are most important to them.

The Essential Services Commission's (ESC) final report on how rate capping will be applied is due at the end of October 2015. Council is providing feedback on this to the ESC. All submissions will be available to view online at [www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au)

There will be more information on how the community can become involved in the October issue of *The Yarra News*.

## 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 15 September	Richmond Town Hall
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. This meeting will begin at 6.30pm.
Tuesday 24 November	Fitzroy Town Hall



## On your bike!

Local workplaces and community groups are encouraged to get into the cycling spirit for this year's Ride2Work Day on Wednesday 14 October.

Ride2Work Day is a national celebration of cycling culture and an opportunity for people who have thought about cycling to work to try it for the first time. Other methods of sustainable transport – such as walking or catching public transport – are also encouraged on the day.

Last year 30 local events were held, attracting more than 1500 cyclists. In 2015, Council is set again to provide free advice, promotional material, prizes and fruit boxes to participating local workplaces, universities and other event hosts.

To find out about the local Ride2Work Day breakfasts happening near you, visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-rides-2-work](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarra-rides-2-work)

For more information, or to register your organisation as an event host, contact Madeleine Cahill, Yarra Rides2Work Program Coordinator, on 9205 5769 or [Madeleine.Cahill@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:Madeleine.Cahill@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

## Call before constructing

Are you thinking of doing a home renovation or extension, building a new carport, front fence or installing a basketball ring?

Make sure your project has the right permits in place before you begin.

The permit system ensures that works are carried out in a safe manner, comply with relevant legislation and are considerate to neighbours.

Sometimes projects take place without the required permits and as a result Council is forced to take the appropriate enforcement action. The key to avoiding this outcome is to contact Council before you begin so that staff can identify which permits you require and guide you through the application process.

For more information, contact Council's Construction Management Branch on 9205 5585. You can also visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/CMP](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/CMP) and download Council's new Construction Management Permits fact sheet, covering everything from Footpath Occupation Permits to Utility Consents.

## VicRoads community engagement on Chandler Highway

VicRoads hopes to commence community engagement in September on the proposed plans for the upgrade of the Chandler Highway in Kew/Alphington.

The Victorian Government has committed funding of \$110 million to widen Chandler Highway and build a new bridge over the Yarra River.

The upgrade will add traffic lanes between Heidelberg Road and south of Yarra Boulevard to carry more vehicles over the Yarra River crossing. It will also improve the efficiency of the surrounding road network.

Carrying an average of 44,000 vehicles per day, Chandler Highway is operating above capacity. It is also the main road for cyclists crossing the Yarra River between Studley Park Road and Burke Road in Kew.

More information will be available at [www.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

Familiar faces from Gleadell Street Market: Jim Pittas, Tony Madaferri, Pina Madaferri and Ross Tripodi.



## Saturday morning buzz

After 15 years selling deli goods at Richmond's Gleadell Street Market, Ross Tripodi says he loves the community spirit that makes Saturday mornings buzz.

The fresh food market has been pleasing customers since 1873, providing a source of local produce and a vibrant community atmosphere. Another stall holder Tony Madaferri has sold fruit and vegetables at the market since his dad started the stall in 1976. He's seen many changes to the

market over his time, with a greater variety of produce from fresh bread to dry goods, small goods, poultry and fish, fresh flowers and groceries to add to the traditional fruit and veg line up.

"If I don't stock something I'll send

the customer to the bloke over the road at the other stall. After 40 years, many customers are more like friends."

Stock up your pantry this weekend. Gleadell Street Market operates from 7am-1pm every Saturday.

## Know-how saves money, reduces waste

For generations, wise nanas and nonnas have urged us to waste not, want not. No doubt they'd be shocked to know that food waste makes up about half of the household rubbish collections in Yarra.

Learning practical, everyday ways to reduce the flow of food waste into landfill is the aim of Council's new Food Know How program. By getting involved you'll discover how to shop better, store better, make the most of left overs and divert more scraps to compost.

Richmond resident Samantha Green was already a keen composter when she joined the first Food Know How program, "I picked up practical tips like balancing nitrogen and carbon to ensure the food waste breaks down effectively," she said.

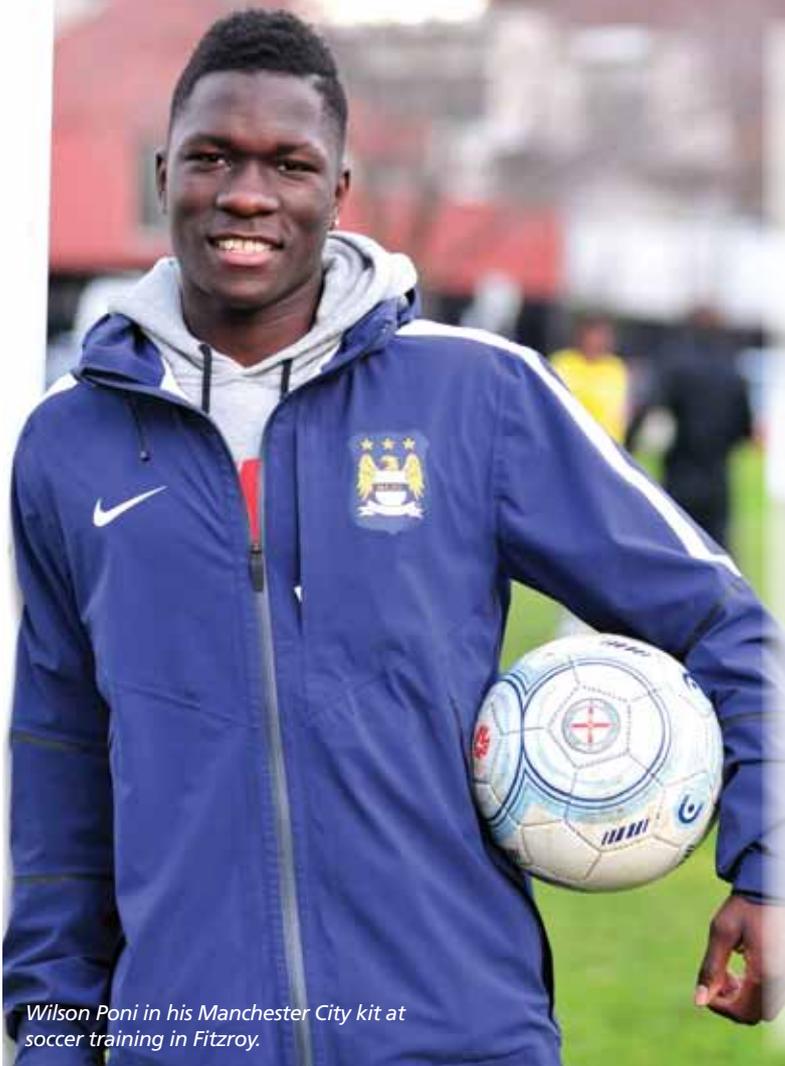
Samantha also learned useful skills to reduce her food waste. Tips like where best to keep fresh foods in the fridge, what foods store well together and what really loves the crisper. She also learned better freezing habits that made freezing a real time and money saver.



Food Know How Facilitator, Helen Jennings and Yarra Mayor, Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis shop locally at Frootz on Parade, with Daniel Russo.

Sign up to the Food Know How program and receive a free welcome pack – visit [www.foodknowhow.org.au](http://www.foodknowhow.org.au)

For more information, contact Helen Jennings, Food Know How Household Facilitator, on 9205 5555.



## City unites the world

Wilson Poni, Yarra's Young Citizen of the Year in 2015, has returned from a global soccer academy in the UK inspired by the role sport can play in tackling social issues.

"It was amazing to see how soccer can help solve all issues," he said. "For example, we saw how the Columbians use soccer drills to show alternatives to violence.

"Having young people from many countries showed the different ways that football brings people together and helps with a feeling of belonging."

Selected through the Yarra Youth Services Soccer Pathways program in partnership with Melbourne City FC, Wilson joined other young players from six countries at City Football Academy's first Global Young Leaders Summit in Manchester in June. The summit took the players to primary schools to deliver soccer clinics and also hosted a one-day soccer festival with over 200 students.

Wilson, who is studying sports development, is keen to inspire others to play soccer. "Soccer unites us, here in Fitzroy and across the world," he said.

For more information, contact Yarra Youth Services on 9426 1455 or visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/youth-services](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/youth-services)

Wilson Poni in his Manchester City kit at soccer training in Fitzroy.

## #Embrace Diversity

Helen Kapalos, the recently-appointed Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission says that diversity is our community's greatest strength and a way of life.

Commissioner Kapalos, also the face of the Victorian Government's new Embrace Diversity social media campaign, was a special guest at Yarra's Citizenship Ceremony at Richmond Town Hall last month.

Each year about 500 local residents, hailing from countries all over the world, officially become Australian citizens at Council-run ceremonies.

"Victorians come from all corners of the globe, speak more than 260 languages and dialects, and follow more than 130 faiths," Commissioner Kapalos said.

"We must celebrate and embrace our diversity, and ensure that everyone feels part of the one community. No matter who we are, we all have the right to belong."

The #EmbraceDiversity campaign encourages support for cultural diversity across various social media channels.



Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis and Commissioner Helen Kapalos celebrate with two brand new Australian citizens, Luan Han Lu and Yunlong Chen.

Show your support by joining the conversation on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Visit [www.embracediversity.com](http://www.embracediversity.com)

# WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

**Teddy Bears' Picnic Storytime** at Curtain Square (Rathdowne Street, Carlton North) – Tuesday 22 September from 10.30am–12pm

**Bush Animals Storytime** at Quarries Park, Ramsden Street, Clifton Hill – Monday 28 September from 11am–12pm

**Farm Storytime** at Collingwood Children's Farm (18 St Heliers Street, Abbotsford) – Tuesday 29 September from 10.30am–11.30am

All Storytimes are free and no bookings are required.

## Coming up...

**Business Networking Breakfast  
Wednesday 28 October, 6.45am–9am**

Link up like-minded people in local business at our Business Networking Breakfast at Richmond Town Hall. Guest Speaker is Rebecca Scott, co-founder and CEO of STREAT – a social enterprise that tackles youth disadvantage and homelessness by providing life-skills, support networks, work experience and training for young people. Proudly supported by Leader Newspapers.

Tickets cost \$55. To book, visit [www.yarrabusiness.com.au](http://www.yarrabusiness.com.au) 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.

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



## Quippings: Disability Unleashed

19, 20, 26 and 27 September, various times

Quippings is a troupe of performers with bodies and minds of intriguing variation who subvert expectations and smash stereotypes. Come ramp your mind, support diversity and indulge in an evening of delightfully different comedy, dance, poetry and story-telling.

See *Disability Unleashed* at Richmond Theatre (415 Church Street, Richmond). Tickets cost \$21 full/\$16 concession. To book, visit [www.melbournefringe.com.au](http://www.melbournefringe.com.au)

## Finbar Neighbourhood House Spring Fete

Saturday 12 September, 12pm–4pm

Support your local community and have a fun day out with the family at the Finbar Neighbourhood House Spring Fete, featuring an animal farm, pony rides, trash and treasure stalls, a jumping castle, face painting, homemade jams and cakes for sale and much more.

Finbar Neighbourhood House is located at 143 Kent Street, Richmond. Visit [www.finbar.org.au](http://www.finbar.org.au)

## Crafternoon for Adults

Drop in to Richmond Library (415 Church Street, Richmond) and have some fun in these free hour-long craft sessions. Make a simple bracelet, create a mosaic and learn a unique flower design technique. All sessions take place from 2pm.

**Friday 11 September – Leatherworks**  
**Friday 18 September – Mosaics**  
**Friday 25 September – Hapa Zome**

Bookings are essential – visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Libraries](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Libraries) or call Yarra Libraries on 1300 695 427.

## Learner Sessions for Adults

Throughout September

Head to your local library to unlock the key to your online learning. There are courses for everyone at every level in hundreds of different subjects from learning a language to mastering digital photography and much more.

**Wednesday 9 September,  
11.30am–1pm at Collingwood Library**

**Friday 11 September,  
11.30am–1pm at Richmond Library**

**Wednesday 16 September,  
11.30am–1pm at Carlton Library**

**Thursday 17 September,  
11.30am–1pm at North Fitzroy Library**

**Friday 18 September,  
11.30am–1pm at Fitzroy Library**

Bookings are essential – visit [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Libraries](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/Libraries) or call Yarra Libraries on 1300 695 427.

## Special Storytimes

Get out and about with Yarra Libraries this month, as we bring three special Storytime sessions to fun locations around Yarra.