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Our cover: Part-time kitchen supervisor Stuart Elith and chef Shu Wei Ho in FareShare's Abbotsford kitchen.



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

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

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Η Παγκόσμια Ημέρα της Γυναίκας είναι το Μάρτιο – Ο Δήμος του Yarra θα γιορτάσει αυτή την παγκόσμια επέτειο βραβεύοντας γυναίκες που διακρίθηκαν με το ειδικό βραβείο του Δήμου, γνωστό ως «the 2016 Inspirational Women of Yarra Award». Για να προτείνετε κάποια γυναίκα ή ομάδα γυναικών για το γεγονός αυτό, πηγαίετε στην ιστοσελίδα www.yarra.city.vic.gov.au για να υποβάλλετε την πρότασή σας. Η προθεσμία υποβολής υποψηφιοτήτων λήγει την Πέμπτη, 18 Φεβρουαρίου. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες σχετικά με αυτό ή οποιοδήποτε άλλο άρθρο του Yarra News, καλέστε τον αριθμό 9280 1937 και αναφέρετε τον κωδικό REF 16006.

Giornata internazionale della donna

La giornata internazionale della donna si festeggia in marzo. Il comune di Yarra celebrerà questo evento globale presentando il Premio per le donne eccellenti di Yarra 2016. Per nominare la donna o il gruppo di donne per questo evento, visitate il sito www.yarracity.vic.gov.au. Le nomine chiudono giovedì 18 febbraio. Per ulteriori informazioni su questo o altri articoli di Yarra News, chiamate il 9280 1937 e fornite il codice REF 16006.

Ngày Quốc tế Phụ nữ

Ngày Quốc tế Phụ nữ là vào tháng 3 – để đánh dấu sự kiện toàn cầu này Yarra sẽ trao Giải thưởng Tám Gương Phụ nữ Năm 2016. Hãy vào trang mạng www.yarra.city.vic.gov.au để đề cử một phụ nữ hoặc một nhóm phụ nữ cho sự kiện này. Hạn chót để đề cử là thứ Năm, ngày 18 tháng 2. Muốn biết thêm thông tin về đề tài này hoặc bất kỳ bài nào khác đăng trên Yarra News, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 9280 1937 và báo cho nhân viên biết số REF 16006.

国际妇女节

三月的国际妇女节——雅拉市将借此国际活动来颁发2016年雅拉励志女性奖。若想为此奖项提名一位女性或一个女性团体，请登陆网站www.yarracity.vic.gov.au。提名截止日期为2月18日星期四。若想获得关于这一方面的更多信息或者其他雅拉新闻文章，请拨打电话9280 1937并提供参考号码REF 16006。

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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
 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

Welcome to the first edition of *Yarra News* for 2016. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable festive season and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Many of you chose to ring in the New Year at some of Yarra's local parks and reserves, and I have received great feedback about the welcoming atmosphere and enjoyable night that was had by many. Council worked hard to ensure the community could enjoy safe and family-friendly environments in Yarra to celebrate New Year's Eve.

A big year lies ahead for Council, mainly due to budgetary issues, including the impacts of the State

Government's 2.5 per cent rate cap. There is no doubt this will mean some hard decisions need to be made about how we spend limited resources. Of course, we will continue to seek your input. See page 4 for more details.

Turning now to Australia Day, I would like to congratulate and acknowledge the recipients of Council's 2016 Australia Day Awards.

I congratulate FareShare, winner of Community Service of the Year. This service uses quality surplus food to cook nutritious meals, which are delivered to charities for serving to those in need. The work this Abbotsford organisation does shows

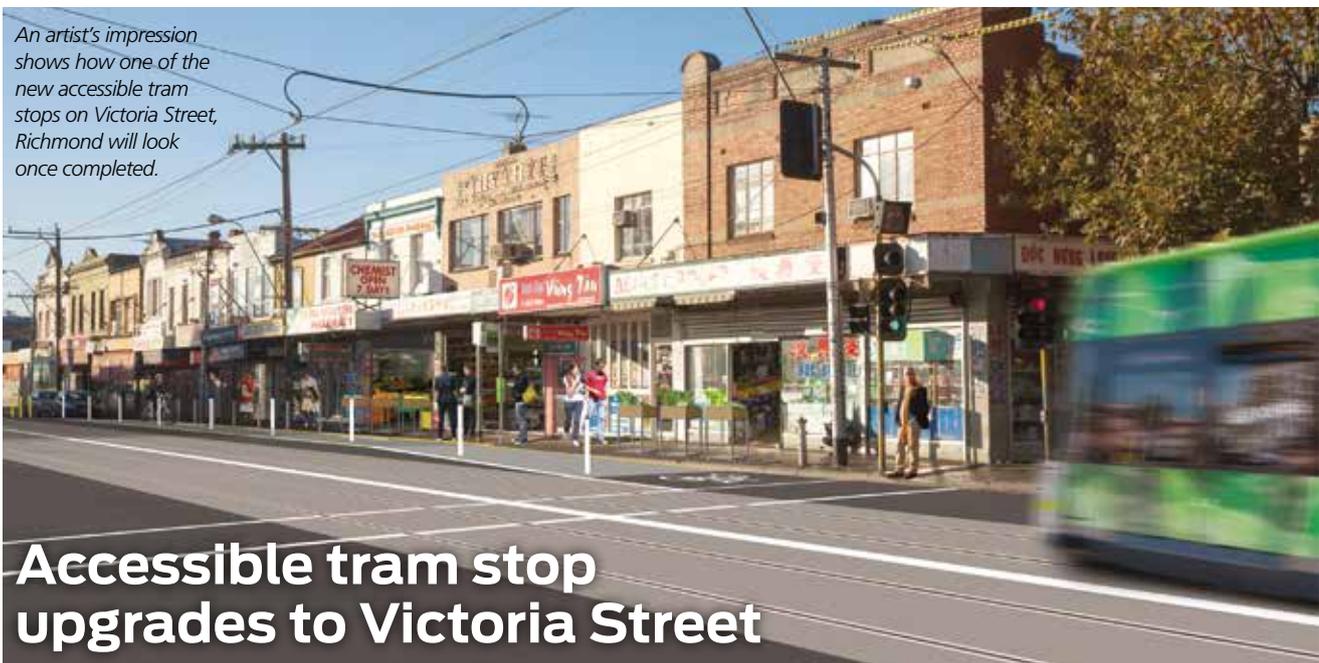
community spirit is alive in Yarra, as does the work of our other winners.

I also extend my congratulations to Citizen of the Year, Sophie Daws and Young Citizen of the Year, Rebecca Chapman, both tireless volunteers in our community. See page 5 for more information.

Please join me in acknowledging our Australia Day Award winners, and also the many other selfless and passionate volunteers in our community.

Cr Roberto Colanzi
Mayor

An artist's impression shows how one of the new accessible tram stops on Victoria Street, Richmond will look once completed.



Accessible tram stop upgrades to Victoria Street

Two pairs of easy-access tram stops will be installed in Victoria Street Richmond in February, following extensive community consultation by VicRoads and Yarra Trams.

Council has been working with Public Transport Victoria, VicRoads and Yarra Trams since last September on the construction of the accessible tram stops which will link up with the

growing number of accessible stops already in place throughout the municipality and wider Melbourne.

The tram stops are located at stop 19, North Richmond Train Station and stop 20, Nicholson/Lennox Street. Both will provide level entry and exit from trams to the kerbside and greatly benefit people with accessibility impairments, the elderly and people with prams.

Preliminary works are expected to start on Wednesday, 10 February, and the major work (including the closure of Victoria Street from Hoddle Street to Church Street) is planned to occur through the week of 21-28 February.

For more information on the upgrades and road closures, visit www.yarratrams.com.au

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Challenges for Council in wake of rate cap

The State Government's announcement in December that Victorian Council rate rises will be capped at 2.5 per cent for 2016/17 will have a significant impact on Yarra Council.

This enforced cap will mean fewer available funds to allocate to capital works, services and major projects.

According to the Municipal Association of Victoria, Council rates have risen at a lower rate each year than State taxes which have risen an average 5.59 per cent each year for the past decade and State property taxes which have increased an average 7.13 per cent a year.

Council rates deliver hundreds of vital local services, and Council accepts that its limited resources will need to be used carefully. However, the rate cap will very significantly reduce Council's income.

As mandated by the State Government, Council will also be undertaking a property revaluation process in 2016.

Victorian Government legislation requires all properties in Yarra, and across Victoria, to be valued every two years on a common date, the last occurring in January 2014.

The amount of rates to be paid by an individual property will depend upon the movement in value of that property compared to the value of all other properties in the municipality. All properties in Yarra will be revalued as of 1 January 2016.

For further information visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/your-council/budget/ or www.mav.asn.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 2 February	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 16 February	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 8 March	Fitzroy Town Hall
Tuesday 22 March	Fitzroy Town Hall
Tuesday 5 April	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 19 April	Richmond Town Hall
Tuesday 3 May	Fitzroy Town Hall

Australia Day winners

Abbotsford-based charity FareShare, who cook more than one million free nutritious meals a year for charities across the State, have been named as Yarra's 2016 Community Service of the Year.

Formally recognised in Council's 2016 Australia Day honours, FareShare rescues surplus food that businesses can no longer use, saving it from landfill and turning it into meals for thousands of Victorians who are in need.

What's more, this year more than 7,000 volunteers got cooking in the FareShare kitchen, including local secondary school students and local business workers.

"Being named the Community Service of the Year is fantastic recognition for our staff and 750 regular volunteers who cook 5,000 meals a day for the hungry, homeless and those doing it tough," said FareShare CEO, Marcus Godinho.

But despite cooking and delivering more than one million meals this year, demand is greater than ever with Marcus revealing FareShare currently receives two to three calls a week from charities requesting more food.



Yarra Mayor, Cr Roberto Colanzi talks with FareShare CEO, Marcus Godinho about the organisation who were named Yarra's 2016 Community Service of the Year.

"Over the next couple of years our aim is to double the number of meals we cook for charities to two million a year."

Citizen of the Year – Sophie Daws

Sophie Daws has worked tirelessly in the Yarra community for many years. She currently runs and trains volunteers for a community lunch program at The Wellington, Collingwood. Sophie can often be found cooking, cleaning, and driving homeless people around to provide them company. In addition to her extensive community work, Sophie is also a mother-of-two and cares for a son with special needs.

Young Citizen of the Year – Rebecca Chapman

A volunteer with Eating Disorders Victoria, Rebecca Chapman has incredible passion and motivation for assisting people who are experiencing eating disorders and strives to improve their quality of life. The 25-year-old goes above and beyond in her work and has also been instrumental in setting up a project which provides eating disorder-related education and information to education professionals, school-aged children and their parents.

Annual Report now available

Council's 2014-15 Annual Report is now available.



The Annual Report covers our progress towards the objectives established in the 2013-2017 Council Plan, outlines some of the key services and programs that Council provided to the community in that year and provides information on our finances and governance.

You can view the Annual Report online by visiting www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/annual-report. If you would like a hard copy, please call 9205 5555.

More ways to connect with Yarra

There are now more ways to connect with Yarra than ever before, with Council launching Facebook and Instagram pages in January.

They join our Twitter presence as a great way to connect with Council, to share your story, to ask questions and to stay up-to-date on all things Yarra.

'Follow' and 'like' us on our new social media platforms for unparalleled insight into life in Yarra.



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Local traders like Hamish Goonetilleke from The Rum Diary are getting behind The Beat of Brunswick Street event and encouraging the community to visit the precinct.

Bohemian Brunswick Street set to buzz

Brunswick Street will be buzzing more than ever on Saturday, 27 February for the inaugural The Beat of Brunswick Street music event.

More than 40 bars, cafes, established music venues and stores on Brunswick Street and its immediate surrounds will be hosting live music and DJs between 1pm and 1am, showcasing all that the street has to offer.

The vibrancy and diversity of Melbourne’s bohemian and cultural heartland will be pumping, and local traders and Council encourage people to visit the precinct and experience what is on offer.

“It’s all about getting back to the roots of Brunswick street – locals living as locals, enjoying what they have on their doorsteps, the music,

the people, the creativity and arts and the vibe that make Brunswick Street such a special place,” said Hamish Goonetilleke from The Rum Diary, whose venue will be hosting live music on the day.

For more information on events and venues participating visit www.fb.com/yarracitycouncil

Celebrating the women of Yarra in 2016

International Women’s Day is a special time to acknowledge the achievements of women and to recognise the worldwide need for greater gender equality. Yarra will mark this global event by presenting the 2016 Inspirational Women of Yarra Award in March.

Now in its third year, the award celebrates the unique and important contribution women make to our community. It is open to women, or groups of women, who live, work or study in Yarra and who have made significant contribution to the community through paid or unpaid work.

If you know a woman or a group of women deserving of recognition, please nominate by visiting www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/2016-inspirational-women-of-yarra-award. Nominations close 5pm, Thursday, 18 February.

Community members are welcome to celebrate International Women’s Day and to come along to the announcement of the award winner/s at a special event to mark this important day at Richmond Town Hall on Tuesday, 8 March from 11am–1pm.

For more information, contact Maryanne Clarke, Policy Advisor – Gender Equity, on 9205 5240 or at Maryanne.Clarke@yarracity.vic.gov.au.



Cam Nguyen was celebrated as Yarra’s 2015 Inspirational Woman of the Year, in recognition for her 30-year commitment to supporting vulnerable members of the Yarra community, particularly refugees and women.

Yarra joins Bike Share network

No bike? No worries! Yarra has joined the Melbourne Bike Share phenomenon, with sites now in operation in the municipality.

The sites – located at Yorkshire Brewery in Wellington Street, Collingwood, the Australian Catholic University on the corner of Napier Street and Victoria Parade – link into the network which currently extends through the cities of Melbourne and Port Phillip.

In the coming months, Yarra will also be adding a third station on the corner of Moor and Young streets in Fitzroy (adjacent to the Fitzroy Library), providing great access to Brunswick Street.

Yarra's involvement in the innovative program is part of Council's 2013-2017 Plan and continues Council's commitment to providing sustainable transport options.

An ideal way to travel around Yarra and beyond, Bike Share is designed for short



Yarra resident Simon Osborne tests out the new Melbourne Bike Share station at the Australian Catholic University site, which provides an ideal transport option for university students.

trips across the city. To use, simply purchase a subscription or pass that suits you, take a bike when you need it and then return it to one of the 50 bike stations throughout the network. Helmets are also provided with each bike.

Melbourne Bike Share is operated by the RACV on behalf of PTV. For more information and for the network map visit www.melbournebikeshare.com.au

Leading the way on sustainable building design

Sustainable design elements must now be incorporated into new residential and commercial developments in Yarra and across inner Melbourne.

This follows the introduction late last year of ground-breaking planning rules developed by Yarra Council in partnership with Moreland, Whitehorse, Stonnington, Port Phillip and Banyule councils.

The rules are embodied in the Environmentally Sustainable Development Policy, under which new buildings must be designed to be energy efficient, have good access to daylight and use natural ventilation for cooling.

Where possible, developments will need to incorporate renewable energy features such as solar power, rainwater tanks, and space for recycling and green waste. Larger developments may also need to provide a green travel plan, which could include car sharing or electric car charging facilities.

These and other environmentally-friendly design elements will need to be considered by developers early in the planning permit application process, ensuring that opportunities for sustainable features are maximised and costs are kept down.



This apartment building in Church Street, Richmond provides a good example of sustainable building design.

Yarra Council has long been a leader in sustainable building design, offering the popular voluntary Sustainable Design Assessment in the Planning Process (SDAPP) program. The principles of the new policy will be embedded into Yarra's planning scheme, making sure new houses, apartments and commercial buildings will be better for the environment and cheaper to run.

To find out more about the policy and to access the SDAPP program tools, visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/esd



One of the many community garden initiatives in Yarra.



WHAT'S ON IN YARRA!

Launch of Library Playgroups

Saturdays from 13 February, 10.30–11.30am at Carlton Library

Mondays from 15 February, 2–3pm at Richmond Library

Tuesdays from 16 February, 10.30–11.30am at Collingwood Library

Fridays from 19 February, 4–5pm at Fitzroy Library

Join us for the first sessions of our new Library Playgroups, held weekly all year round. Parents and caregivers are welcome to bring their children for a fun and informal time to socialise and play.

Coming up...

Ride2School Day

Friday 4 March

Is your school participating in Bicycle Network's Ride2School Day? This is the perfect opportunity to embrace a healthier lifestyle by walking or riding to school. Register your school today to ensure you receive your resource pack by early term one.

For information regarding Ride2School Day, contact Heidi Marfurt, Sustainable Transport Officer, on 9205 5734 or Heidi.Marfurt@yarracity.vic.gov.au

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



Community Growing Workshop

Saturday, 13 February, 11am–2pm at Burnley Backyard, 49 Tudor Street, Burnley

Do you have, or are you interested in having, a planter box, fruit tree or nature strip garden in your street? Learn how to make the most of your garden by coming along to the Community Growing Spaces Workshop.

The workshop is free and will include a demonstration of how to turn a planter box into a wicking bed, a workshop on organic gardening, information on how to

apply for a public planter box in the City of Yarra and a chance to meet other community members over a free lunch.

Attendance at a workshop day is a pre-requisite for applying for a community growing space. RSVP by 12 February to Pippa French or Kathi Clark-Orsanic at Pippa.French@yarracity.vic.gov.au or Kathi.Clark-Orsanic@yarracity.vic.gov.au or call 9205 5555.

Merri Creek: Wastelands to Parklands

Sunday, 31 January, 2–3pm at Richmond Library

Enjoy a guided tour of this photographic exhibition celebrating the transformation of Merri Creek from a 1970s drain and dumping ground to a much-loved bushland corridor. Conducted by the Merri Creek Management Committee.

Bookings essential, visit the Events page at www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/libraries

Fairfield Summer Series

Every Sunday in February, 5–7.30pm

Make the most of balmy Sunday afternoons at this free concert series inspired by a different theme each week, presenting a mixture of established and emerging artists who frequent live music venues and performance spaces around

Yarra. Bring along a picnic rug, your dancing shoes and a group of friends and family. The Fairfield Summer Series will be held at the Fairfield Amphitheatre.

For more information, visit www.multiculturalarts.com.au

SoundWaves at Fitzroy Pool

Every Sunday in February, 1–5pm

Visitors to the Fitzroy Swimming Pool will be treated to a cool summer soundtrack courtesy of poolside DJs each Sunday in February. Whenever the weather is fine, a barbeque will also be held to cater to hungry swimmers. SoundWaves takes place at the Fitzroy Swimming Pool, Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy.

For more information, contact Yarra Leisure on 9205 5032 or YarraLeisure@yarracity.vic.gov.au