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Message from the Mayor

Hello everyone

I am proud to officially introduce Yarra's first ever Community Vision. This vision was created by our community and has been guided by your hopes and aspirations for our city over the next 15 years. Thank you to all the people who took the time to contribute to this important piece of work. You can read more about the vision on page 4.

I now encourage you to provide feedback on a draft of our Council Plan. This Plan has been developed based on the themes and feedback we received for our Community Vision, and will guide all of our work over the next four years. Find out how you can get involved on page 5.

We have now sent your rates notices for 2021/22. Your rates help fund many of the essential services and programs that our community relies on, like our libraries, parks and trees, maternal and child health care, our roads, footpaths and bike lanes, as well as helping to support businesses and residents through COVID-19 lockdowns. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please reach out to us as soon as possible so that we can discuss your options through our financial or COVID-19 hardship policies.

Nominations are closing soon for Yarra's Community Awards, so don't miss out! This is an opportunity to celebrate the people who go above and beyond for our community. Find out more on page 3.

I am inspired by the incredible community spirit and generosity I have seen during the latest lockdowns. Please continue to be kind to yourselves and your neighbours.

Take care

Cr Gabrielle de Vietri
Mayor City of Yarra



Council Meetings

Meetings may be held online or in person depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Before attending a meeting, please visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings for details. All meetings are live streamed at yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast

All meetings begin at 7pm:

- Tuesday 7 September 2021
- Tuesday 5 October 2021
- Tuesday 19 October 2021

Wurundjeri Acknowledgement

Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra. We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra. We pay our respects to Elders from all nations and to their Elders past, present and future.

On the cover: Adam from Open Table was instrumental in supporting the Yarra Libraries COVID-19 emergency food relief program.

Grant Guppy was our Citizen of the Year in 2019

Nominate your community hero

Each year we honour people who make outstanding contributions to our community with Yarra's Community Awards.

In 2019, Grant Guppy was recognised as our Citizen of the Year for his work as a member and Vice President of Finbar Neighbourhood House.

Grant volunteered at Finbar for up to four days a week and developed several new community activity groups, including an ancestry group, ukulele classes, and a men's group designed to help them explore issues in a safe space.

"I was extremely surprised to be nominated, and when told I had won the award it was both a very happy and humbling experience," says Grant.

Since winning the award, Grant says "it has increased my determination to use my skills and seek further opportunities. Volunteering is an incredibly satisfying experience."

Grant has been a positive role model who encourages others to try new things, offers support and welcomes everyone in the community.

Do you know an individual or group who deserves to be recognised for their outstanding contributions to Yarra?

Nominating takes less than 10 minutes and could be life changing for an everyday hero.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/community-awards

What are the categories?

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Initiative of the Year
- Contributions to Arts
- Contributions to Sport
- Contributions to Heritage
- Contributions to Diversity and Inclusion
- Community Spirit

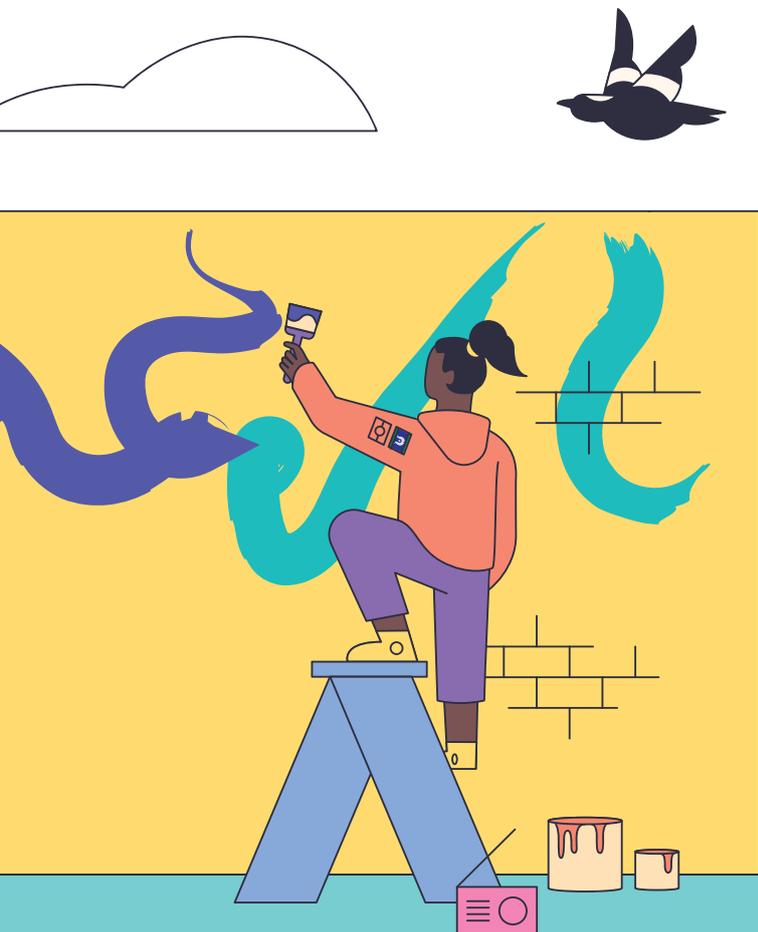
This year we've added a special category for Community Spirit, to recognise those who have supported community recovery and resilience during COVID-19.

Say hello to Yarra's first-ever Community Vision!

The Yarra 2036 Community Vision is Yarra's new long-term vision. It sets out our community's hopes, aspirations and priorities for the next 15 years.

This Community Vision was created by you – our community. It all started in 2020, when over 1,300 people from across Yarra told us their ideas and aspirations for their future. Then a community panel of 55 locals from all walks of life came together to consider this feedback and create the vision.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this important achievement in our city's history.



The Community Vision

Yarra is a vibrant, safe and inclusive environment. We celebrate and embrace our diversity and connection to each other and the land. Our community is empowered to work together and support one another with respect and trust.

Vision themes

There are eight vision themes that accompany the vision statement, each with their own priorities for a future Yarra.

- Vision theme 1: Strong and Vibrant Community
- Vision theme 2: Shared Governance
- Vision theme 3: Community Safety
- Vision theme 4: Environmental Sustainability
- Vision theme 5: Social Equity
- Vision theme 6: Thriving Local Economy
- Vision theme 7: Shared Spaces
- Vision theme 8: Growing Sustainably

What's next?

The Community Vision and its themes are the backbone of our next draft Council Plan 2021–25 and 10-year financial and asset plans. Keep reading to find out how you can have your say on these.

Hop online for the full story

You can see a digital version of the Community Vision and read the full report at yarracity.vic.gov.au/communityvision

Have your say on Yarra's draft Council Plan

This is your chance to provide feedback on our next four-year plan for Yarra.

What is the draft Council Plan 2021–25?

All councils must produce a council plan every four years. They provide guidance to councillors, officers, community, state and federal governments and service providers on how to respond to the opportunities and challenges faced by a city.

Yarra's draft Council Plan 2021–25 is a key document that sets out the medium-term direction for council. It informs all our work, decision making and strategic direction. It outlines our strategic objectives, strategies, initiatives and indicators for the next four years to achieve our Community Vision.

What has informed the draft Council Plan 2021–25?

When we developed our Community Vision, we also sought input on the Council Plan 2021–25, and our 10 year Financial Plan and Asset Plan. The draft plan aligns with your feedback and the Community Vision themes and priorities.

Where can I read the draft?

The draft documents, along with our 10 year Financial and Asset Management plans, will be available at yoursayyarra.com.au between Thursday 9 and Thursday 23 September 2021.

How do I have my say?

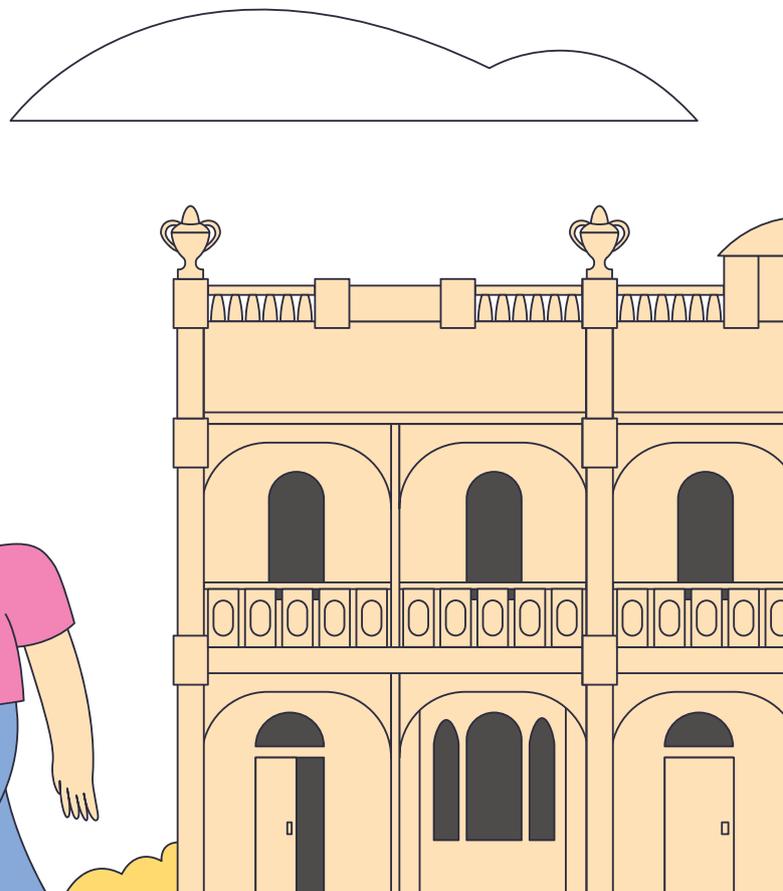
You can provide feedback from Thursday 9 to Thursday 23 September 2021 by:

- completing the feedback form at yoursayyarra.com.au
- emailing info@yarracity.vic.gov.au with the subject 'Draft Council Plan feedback'
- mailing your feedback to **PO Box 168, Richmond 3121.**

During this time you can also provide feedback on the draft of our 10 year Financial Plan by emailing info@yarracity.vic.gov.au with the subject 'Draft Financial Plan feedback'.

Questions?

Call us on **9205 5555** or email info@yarracity.vic.gov.au



Promoting biodiversity through art at Willowview

Since Collingwood's Willowview Centre re-opened its doors after the long lockdowns of 2020, its members have been busy making art tiles and clay sculptures that represent the rich biodiversity of Yarra and its waterways.

The biodiversity art tiles group is creating a vibrant ceramic mural centred on Birrarung – the Yarra River – and its environment and habitats.

The group were recently treated to a presentation by ecologist Nick Bradsworth, who worked with Yarra on research of powerful owls living in local areas. They learnt about the powerful owls and what we can do to help protect the endangered species. The members are now taking on the challenges of making owl sculptures for the 3D mural.

“The most rewarding part to me is interacting with other people and having a common interest,” says Willowview member Anney.



“I am enjoying what we are creating and enjoying the co-operative process even more. When our tiles go on the wall I get great satisfaction!”

Join us!

The biodiversity art tiles program runs on Wednesdays from 10am. They're always looking for new people to join in the fun – all levels of clay experience are welcome.

Any Yarra resident aged over 65 years can join Willowview, and registration is via My Aged Care. They welcome people of diverse cultural backgrounds, LGBTIQ+ residents, and people of all abilities. It's also wheelchair friendly! You can find the centre at 6 Eddy Court, Abbotsford – next to Collingwood Town Hall.

Call **9205 5427** to book a visit. For support with My Aged Care registration, contact the Willowview Coordinator on **9205 5276**.



Join the Yarra Dementia Alliance

In early 2020, a group of people living with dementia, carers, volunteers and those working in the field established Yarra's first-ever Dementia Alliance.

Following a year of interruptions, the group has reconnected and is determined to continue its work – rain, hail or lockdown! They are looking for interested people in Yarra to join the alliance so they can continue this important conversation.

Who are we looking for?

Do you want to know more about dementia and other people's experiences? Do you have dementia, care for or know someone with dementia? Are you interested in increasing the understanding of dementia within our community?

Join us during Dementia Action Week

Wednesday 22 September 2021
10.30am to 12noon
Richmond Library
415 Church Street, Richmond

For more information and to RSVP

Call 9205 5667 or visit
yarracity.vic.gov.au/dementia

Did you know?

- Almost half a million people are living with dementia in Australia, with an estimated 250 people joining the dementia population every day.
- There are an estimated 1.6 million people in Australia involved in the care of someone living with dementia.
- Dementia is the second leading cause of death in Australia.

All activities are subject to COVID-19 restrictions. Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/coronavirus for the latest updates.

How we're tracking on waste and recycling

Did you know Yarra collects almost 346 tonnes of recycling from homes, businesses and apartments every two weeks. That's more than the weight of 55 African elephants!

This collection includes 207 tonnes of paper, cardboard, plastic and metals. Each of these can be recycled into something new here in Australia.

But we still have some work to do. In the same two-week period, we collected almost 138 tonnes of glass in yellow-lidded recycling bins. That's almost 700,000 jam jars worth of glass not being recycled because they were placed in the incorrect bin.

In Yarra, our recycling facility can't accept any glass because it gets stuck in other recyclables like paper and cardboard, making them harder to recycle.

Glass goes to a different facility, so we need to keep it out of yellow-lidded recycling bins and in purple-lidded glass bins or red-lidded rubbish bins instead.

Glass bin with a purple lid:

- Glass jars (like pasta sauce, jam, and condiments)
- Broken glass (bottles and jars only)
- Wine bottles
- Beer bottles
- Spirit (alcohol) bottles
- Olive oil and sauce bottles



Rubbish bin with a dark green or red lid:

- Drinking glasses
- Broken windows and mirrors
- The glass from broken lightbulbs
- Vases
- Perfume or makeup containers
- Bottle tops/lids (plastic)

We also collected 48 tonnes of soft plastics, like plastic bags, cling wrap, chip packets, bubble wrap and plastic pockets. These plastics break machinery and should go in your red-lidded rubbish bin, or be dropped at your local supermarket for recycling.

Laura, a Richmond resident, thinks that people have the best intentions when it comes to recycling their waste properly, but it can be confusing.

“There are so many different rules and it's different in every council. And that's what made me interested, I wanted to make sure I was doing the right thing,” says Laura.

Want to do the right thing like Laura?
Get your answers at
yarracity.vic.gov.au/atoz

The next chapter for Yarra's libraries

We're planning for the next four years at our libraries, and we need your help. We need you to tell us what you love about our libraries, and what should come next.

There's more to our libraries than books. Did you know Yarra Libraries also provide access to audiobooks, movie streaming, laser cutters, sewing machines and offers a wide range of free programs to help people in Yarra learn and connect?

With an extensive outreach program, our library staff can deliver library materials to your home and have stepped up to provide emergency food and material relief during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Help us plan for the future of our libraries by sharing your ideas about programs and services we should offer over the next four years.

Share your ideas

Online at yoursayyarra.com.au/nextchapter or by dropping in to one of our five libraries.



Our libraries may be affected by COVID-19 restrictions. Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/coronavirus for the latest updates on our services.

Changes to developer open space contributions in Yarra

Yarra's population is forecast to grow by 40% in the next 15 years, with many people living in medium and high density housing. This means that we need to increase the amount of public open space to accommodate this growth.

That's why we've proposed to increase subdivision open space contributions to 10.1% through Amendment C286 to the Yarra Planning Scheme.

You can find out more and comment on the Amendment between Tuesday 7 September and Tuesday 5 October 2021 at yarracity.vic.gov.au/currentamendments



Uncle Colin Hunter, Uncle Bootsie Thorpe and elder Bobby Nicholls visit Gertrude Street to test out the app

Yalinguth: truth telling, healing and reconciliation

A brand new app is bringing the wisdom of Yarra's First Nations Elders and ancestors to your fingertips.

Yalinguth, which also means yesterday in the Woi Wurrung language, uses augmented reality to share the oral traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past and present.

The app uses your smartphone's GPS to display stories, songs and poems connected with the land of Ngár-go/Fitzroy and the lived experiences of its First Peoples.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history of Gertrude Street is one feature of Yalinguth, as told by notable Elders and artists like Uncle Jack Charles and Uncle Archie Roach. Some stories and soundscapes take you back to pre-colonial times, while others take you through deep personal reflections on finding family and community in the venues and streets of Ngár-go/Fitzroy.

This immersion in the past encourages us to think about our own history and identity, and how we relate to the people and places around us.

To learn more about Yalinguth and the people behind it, head to yalinguth.com.au. You can download the Yalinguth app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Elder Bobby Nicholls and Aunty Rieo Ellis

Old Vintage Melbourne book launch comes to Yarra

Join Yarra Libraries this October for the launch of *Old Vintage Melbourne*, an enchanting collection of annotated historical images and photographs revealing how Melbourne has changed over the years.

Meet the author Chris Macheras and hear about their motivation behind the popular Instagram account @oldvintagemelbourne.

Old Vintage Melbourne started as a lockdown project in 2020, and recently celebrated its first anniversary. Chris was inspired that so many of the locations in the images he sourced were instantly recognisable.

“I suspected that my fellow Melburnians would be just as fascinated at how Melbourne had changed over the years,” says Chris.

Chris wasn’t expecting the huge community that would form around his Instagram page.

“People began to share their personal narratives and stories with each other.”

“It still excites me when someone recognises themselves or someone they know in the photos,” he says.

The book launch is taking place at Yarra’s historic Fitzroy Town Hall, which Chris says he’s pretty excited about.

“This incredible Victorian era building was built around 1890 and its ornate columns and opulent clocktower are a fascinating snapshot into the Melbourne of the time. It was a world-class city with wealth pouring in due to the Victorian gold rush.”



Chris Macheras



“Like many of the town halls and extravagant landmark buildings erected during this time in Melbourne, architecture and style can often be an indicator of the circumstances and wealth of our city in the mid-to-late 1800s.”

Book your free ticket now

Thursday 21 October, from 6.30pm
Fitzroy Town Hall Ballroom
Free, bookings required

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/oldvintage-melbourne

Event subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

A greener Hughes Street

We've been working for you to plant trees and improve Hughes Street, Carlton North.

Residents living on Hughes Street told us that the lack of trees and shade meant that the street was unattractive and very hot in summer.

That's why we've planted 11 new trees to provide shade as well as help improve the appearance and liveability of Hughes Street.

“It ticks all the boxes – greener, cooler, almost no change to parking arrangements and has really made our modest little street look so much prettier,” says Hughes Street resident Jane.



Street trees play an important role in cooling our local areas, which is vital in the summer months as we experience more extremely hot days due to climate change.

“I appreciate City of Yarra making a genuine local effort to respond to climate change and its threats,” says Jane.

Street trees also play an important role in filtering air, calming traffic and have benefits for local wildlife.

Along with the new trees on the street, we also made some other upgrades near the corner of Hughes and Lygon street:

- Installed two new garden beds.
- Based on feedback from residents, we have installed a bench seat on the footpath outside the church on Lygon Street to support the community to use this space.

Find out more about street tree planting in Yarra by visiting yarracity.vic.gov.au/trees



More support for local business

With lockdowns and changing restrictions we know the impacts of COVID-19 are being felt strongly by many in Yarra, none more so than our local business community.

In a show of support, we are waiving all footpath trading and parklet fees until October 2021.

The fee waiver builds on Yarra's support for local business during the COVID-19 response and recovery, including \$2.4 million in direct grants, fee waivers and refunds.

We have now waived all fees associated with outdoor dining since the pandemic began.

We are also encouraging our community to support their local businesses and rediscover Yarra by shopping and dining locally.



Yarra has provided more than \$8 million dollars of funding and other relief measures to ensure local businesses and the community are supported during COVID-19 and in the post pandemic recovery.

Find out how we can help support your business in Yarra by visiting yarracity.vic.gov.au/supportbusiness

What's on

Preserving your memories

11am to 12.30pm

Wednesday 15 September 2021

Online

Do you have old photos, letters, small drawings or documents that you would like to preserve safely? Join us online and learn different methods you can use to keep your memories safe for years to come.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/memories

RUOK? Guided meditation for wellbeing and happiness

6.30pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 15 September 2021

Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library

This RUOK? day, look after yourself and your mental wellbeing with a guided meditation from Paul Beaton at Open Sky Meditation. Cultivate calmness and peace as you're guided through a gentle meditation to enhance your wellbeing and happiness.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/meditation

Talking (about) books

12noon to 1pm

Wednesday 29 September 2021

Online

Love talking about books? Join us once a month to discuss what we've read, what we're reading and what we'd like to read. Come prepared to share with your fellow reading enthusiasts.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/talkingbooks

First aid for new parents

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Thursday 30 September 2021

Collingwood Library

Attend our parent first aid course to learn how to recognise when your child is sick or injured. and how to respond confidently and effectively. The course is specifically designed for parents, grandparents and babysitters and focuses on at home emergencies.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/firstaid

Victorian Seniors Festival reimagined 2021

Seniors discovery expo

10am to 2pm

Thursday 14 October 2021

Collingwood Town Hall

We're celebrating older Yarra residents by bringing together wellbeing services, carer supports, interest groups and entertainment. This is a chance to learn more about what your community offers and to get out and connect with others.

Look out for plenty more Senior Festival events in Yarra and across Melbourne throughout October.

yarracity.vic.gov.au/seniorsfest21

Events and COVID-19

Please note that some events may be cancelled, postponed or moved online due to COVID-19 restrictions at the time. For the latest updates visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Your Councillors

To find your Ward visit
yarracity.vic.gov.au/councillors

Langridge Ward

- **Cr Stephen Jolly**
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- **Cr Anab Mohamud**
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- **Cr Gabrielle de Vietri, Mayor**
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Melba Ward

- **Cr Edward Crossland**
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- **Cr Herschel Landes**
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- **Cr Claudia Nguyen, Deputy Mayor**
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Nichols Ward

- **Cr Bridgid O'Brien**
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- **Cr Amanda Stone**
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- **Cr Sophie Wade**
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To contact your Councillors, call **9205 5055**, send a letter to **c/o PO Box 168, Richmond VIC 3121**, or you can reach them via their email address as above.

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yoursayyarra.com.au

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(@yarracouncil)

Register for our fortnightly e-news at
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For the latest updates on changes to
our services due to COVID-19, visit
yarracity.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Information from this edition in your language. For more information please call **9280 1937** and quote reference number **19036**.

本期内容中文简介。

在本期的《Yarra News》中，我们宣布了在未来几年指导我们的工作的社区愿景、市议会计划和项目。我们同时就图书馆未来五年规划征求您的意见。如需更多信息，请致电 **9280 1937** 并报上查询参考编号 **19036**。

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Trong ấn bản kỳ này của Yarra News, chúng tôi thông báo về Tầm nhìn Cộng đồng và Kế hoạch của Hội đồng Thành phố, những dự án sẽ định hướng cho công việc của chúng tôi trong những năm tới. Chúng tôi cũng xin quý vị đóng góp các ý tưởng để giúp chúng tôi lập kế hoạch cho năm năm tới tại các thư viện của chúng tôi. Để biết thêm thông tin, hãy gọi số **9280 1937** và trích dẫn số tham chiếu **19036**.

Informazioni da questa edizione nella tua lingua.

In questa edizione di Yarra News, annunciamo i nostri progetti Community Vision e Council Plan, che saranno un punto di riferimento per il nostro lavoro nei prossimi anni. Vogliamo anche conoscere le tue idee per aiutarci con la pianificazione nelle nostre biblioteche per i prossimi cinque anni. Per ulteriori informazioni chiama il **9280 1937** citando il numero di riferimento **19036**.

Información sobre esta edición en su idioma.

En esta edición de Yarra News, anunciamos nuestros Community Vision (Visión Comunitaria) y Council Plan (Plan del Concejo Municipal), proyectos que guiarán nuestro trabajo en los próximos años. Además, le pedimos que brinde ideas para ayudarnos a planificar los próximos cinco años en nuestras bibliotecas. Para más información, comuníquese al **9280 1937** e indique el número de referencia **19036**.

YARRA COMMUNITY AWARDS 2021



Nominations close Sunday 12 September.
yarracity.vic.gov.au/awards2021

DO YOU KNOW ANY PEOPLE WHO DESERVE TO BE RECOGNISED?

Whether they're loud and proud or quiet achievers, we want to celebrate them and share their stories.

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Initiative of the Year
- Contributions to Arts
- Contributions to Sport
- Contributions to Heritage
- Contributions to Diversity and Inclusion
- Community Spirit - supporting community recovery and resilience during COVID-19.

CASH PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!