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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**In my final message to you as the Mayor at Yarra, I want to say how thankful I am for the way you have united during this pandemic.**

Whether it's shopping local, making a donation or following the COVID-19 restrictions, these things make a very big difference.

I know that many of you may be feeling lonely and overwhelmed right now. It's important to feel like you can ask for help, or ask someone if they need support. We created a list of community networks, charities and groups that are doing amazing work in Yarra (and beyond). Read more at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/kindness](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/kindness)

With the adoption of Yarra's 2020/21 budget we continue to support you through COVID-19.

One way we're doing this is providing residents with fresh food packages, hygiene and personal products, and entertainment packs for children. We've been distributing around 100 packs every day, with a focus on people living in public housing who are unwell and need to isolate.

In more positive news, I'm personally really happy to let you know about improvements to our recycling service that will start in October, with the introduction of a new recycling bin for glass. Separating glass from other types of recycling will help protect the quality of the materials we receive so they can be used to create new products. You can read all about these changes in our special lift-out in this edition.

We're now approaching October's council elections – which for the first time will be by postal vote, due to changes made by the Victorian Government. Thank you for all the suggestions you've sent to me since I've been Mayor. Please keep checking in on your neighbours and call us if you or someone you know needs help during this pandemic.

Take care

**Cr Misha Coleman  
Mayor**

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings will be live streamed on our website during COVID-19. Community members are encouraged to watch meetings live at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/webcast).

All meetings begin at 7pm.

- Tuesday 18 August 2020
- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Tuesday 15 September 2020

You can participate in the online meeting by registering by 10am on the day of the meeting via our website and ask a question or make a submission about an item on the agenda.

Visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/meetings) to find out how to join the meeting, access agendas, minutes and more about council meetings. Agendas are published by the Friday before each meeting.

## 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.

# YOUR COUNCILLORS

## LANGRIDGE WARD

Abbotsford, Alphington (south of Heidelberg Road), Clifton Hill (east of Wellington Street), Collingwood (except for the area bounded by Johnston, Wellington and Smith streets and Alexandra Parade), Fairfield (south of Heidelberg Road), Fitzroy (south of Moor Street), and Richmond (in the area bounded by Lennox, Highett and Hoddle streets).



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# DELIVERING A PANDEMIC-LED BUDGET

**We adopted our 2020/21 budget on Tuesday 4 August 2020.**

This new budget continues to deliver the essential services our community needs, while also supporting you through the coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis.

Thank you to everyone who shared ideas and priorities with us when we first spoke to the community about our budget in late 2019. While the challenges of COVID-19 have greatly shifted some of our priorities, your feedback has still shaped this budget.

We'll continue to deliver the services that matter most to you – from immunisations, delivered meals, and

online library services, through to support for people experiencing family violence and homelessness – while also planning for our future.

One way this budget is doing this is through the introduction of a new glass-only recycling bin in November, which will reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill. You'll also see many other big improvements in Yarra over the coming year.

## Highlights of our \$197.36 million budget

- \$7.46 million to help residents, businesses, and organisations hit hardest by COVID-19. This COVID-19 Community and Economic Support Package includes \$2.6 million in grants – see page 4 for more. This supplements State and Federal assistance and will sustain our community during the challenging months ahead.
- \$9.23 million to renew our footpaths and roads and keep pedestrians, bike riders and motorists safe.
- \$8.08 million to bring important community facilities up to modern and safe standards. This includes \$2 million for the new Jack Dyer Pavilion at Citizens Park in Richmond.
- \$1.2 million for upgrades to Richmond Kindergarten.
- \$845,000 to reconstruct some of Yarra's much-loved bluestone laneways.
- \$800,000 for a new 1.2 million litre rainwater storage tank at Edinburgh Gardens.
- \$620,000 for new library resources to educate and inspire residents of all ages.
- \$600,000 to complete the pavilion and public toilet redevelopment at Ryan's Reserve.
- \$555,000 for improvements at Clifton Hill's Darling Gardens.
- \$500,000 to progress planning and design of the Brunswick Street Oval Precinct.
- \$135,000 towards a new small local park at Reid Street, North Fitzroy

This year's budget includes a rate rise of 2%, in line with the 2020/21 Fair Go Rating System cap and the majority of other Victorian councils.

**The budget includes a COVID-19 hardship policy for ratepayers struggling financially as a direct result of the health crisis, alongside our pensioner rate rebate of \$190.90.**

**This pensioner rebate is in addition to the Victorian Government's rate rebate. These both provide urgently needed assistance to the people in Yarra who need it most.**

See the full budget breakdown at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget21](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/budget21)



# GRANTS TO SEE OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH COVID-19

**We're delivering almost 200 quick response grants to help Yarra residents, businesses and not-for-profit organisations through coronavirus (COVID-19) over the coming months.**

These grants are part of our \$7.46 million community and business support package, which is providing immediate assistance to our community.

We're supporting:

- Yarra's businesses and sole traders through our Local Business and Precinct Support Fund
- Front-line community organisations working in family violence and emergency food relief through our Food Security and Addressing Family Violence grants
- Creative communities and businesses through our Creative Community and Creative Business grants.

Clothing label Spacebound is using its grant to promote the business, while also promoting and supporting other local creatives. Spacebound has a retail store in Collingwood, which is also used to hold exhibitions, launches and events for other creatives in the community.

Its founder Joshua Space says his concept for the store has always been to "support those who support us."

"We are planning to use the Yarra funding to run some online campaigns focussed around local creatives and businesses, and our products," he said.

Another successful applicant, Fitzroy Legal Service, received \$35,000 to fund its COVID-19 family violence legal outreach project.

"[The funding] will provide much needed additional legal assistance services to victims and survivors of family violence, primarily through strong partnerships with our maternal and child health and family support services," said Claudia Fatone, Fitzroy Legal Service's Chief Executive Officer.

## THANK YOU

The Yarra community has also shown great community spirit during this time, providing support by making individual donations directly to organisations. This response has truly been a team effort.

Read more about our support package at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/covidsupport](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/covidsupport)

## Other recipients of Yarra's quick response grants include:

- Sacred Heart Primary School – Providing technology for remote learning.
- Djirra's Feed the Need project – providing food security to Aboriginal women.
- The creative projects of Backwoods Gallery, Slow Clay Pottery Studio and artist Kenny Pittock.



Mayor Cr Misha Coleman, Open Table, Cultivating Community and Yarra Libraries staff preparing emergency food relief packages.

## DELIVERING MORE THAN JUST BOOKS DURING COVID-19

**Yarra Libraries has been working hard to make sure people not only continue to read and learn, but also have enough food and other support during coronavirus (COVID-19).**

We've teamed up with not-for-profits Open Table and Cultivating Community to create and distribute food relief packages to people who need them. Around 300 of these packages are delivered every week.

As well as fresh produce and healthy frozen meals donated by local businesses and charities, these packs contain toiletries, library books, children's activity sheets, and other forms of information and entertainment for people who might not have access to the internet or other news sources.

### Do you need food assistance?

Victorians in mandatory self-isolation who have no access to food and essential supplies, and no network of family and friends to support them, can receive emergency relief packages from the Victorian Government.

Each eligible household will receive a two-week supply of essential goods. The packages will be delivered door-to-door, with other distribution points to be established as required.

You can call the Victorian Government's dedicated COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398** to access this service.

For more information on what Yarra's doing to help, call us on **9205 5555** or visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/foodrelief](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/foodrelief)

## BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

**The internet is of the easiest ways to stay connected with family and friends when we can't see each other in person. Yarra Libraries is helping some of our older residents get connected – and stay connected.**

Unfortunately, over 2.5 million Australians are unable get online to video call, stream movies or send a simple email. Many of these people don't have access to technology, or lack the confidence to navigate the web safely.

Yarra Libraries is on a mission to increase digital literacy through confidence-building learning programs in both English and Chinese.

Thanks to a grant from the Good Things Foundation, some of our older residents are currently trialling our Be Connected program. The program will soon allow other members to borrow an iPad pre-loaded with mobile data to continue their learning, and stay connected to the world while at home.

"When I first came to the library, I didn't know how to use a computer. Thanks to the librarians who helped me learn, I can now use my iPad and MacBook to access Facebook and talk to my family overseas." – Dŭng, Yarra Libraries member.

*Yarra Libraries is an accredited eSmart service, member of the Australian Digital Inclusion Alliance, partner of the Be Connected Network and facilitator of the Digital Springboard program.*

### DIGITAL COACHING

If you need help with connecting to the web, creating a social media or email account, using a mobile device/iPad, or navigating through junk email, scams and fake news – our library staff are here to help.

Book a Digital Coaching session by calling **1300 695 427** or visiting [yarracity.vic.gov.au/digitalcoaching](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/digitalcoaching)



# YOUR STAY HOME GUIDE TO SUPPORTING BUSINESS

Even though we're all staying safe at home, you can still help out your favourite local businesses with Yarra's Stay Home Guide.

Earlier this year, we created a map of over 300 businesses still open for delivery and takeaway in Yarra.

Find out what's open near you by visiting [yarracity.vic.gov.au/stayhomeguide](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/stayhomeguide)

### Update your business' details

Please let us know if your business' details need to be updated or removed from the map (for example, if you're now closed), or if you'd like to be added to the map.

Simply email us at [business@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:business@yarracity.vic.gov.au) with your details.

### THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Make a conscious effort to shop locally.
- Ask stores whether they have online offerings, or delivery to your home.
- Buy gift vouchers from your favourite stores to spend when they re-open.
- Share photos of your favourite offerings from local cafes and restaurants on social media. Don't forget to tag the business, and #YarraLife!



Do you have a neighbour who might be in need of a chat, some help, or just want to introduce yourself?

Simply cut out this note and drop it in your neighbour's letterbox!

**Hello neighbour!** We haven't met yet, but I live nearby and wanted to say hi.

My name is .....

I live at .....

My phone number / email is .....

I speak these languages .....

#### I'm happy to share:

Essential supplies .....

An online catch up or phone call .....

Other .....

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#### If you need help, I can:

Put your bins out

Make or provide a mask

Pick up groceries/essentials

Share my Wi-Fi

Other .....

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# A recycling revolution is coming to Yarra.



From November we are introducing a new glass-only recycling bin.

Every household, business and building will receive a new purple-lidded bin to separate glass bottles and jars from other recyclables.

This will revolutionise how we recycle in Yarra.

By separating glass from your other recyclables, we can improve the quality of what we collect, and use what's thrown out to make something new.

Glass creates problems for our recycling system. It often breaks and gets mixed in with plastic and paper, making these things harder to recycle.

Your yellow-lidded bin is still for other recycling (such as clean paper, cardboard, plastic water bottles and aluminium cans), but what can go into this bin is changing.

## How and when will my recycling change?

We're working towards the first glass collections starting in later this year. This date may change due to the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). Until then, please keep recycling as normal.

When the new service begins we'll be asking everyone in Yarra to:

- separate glass items from other recycling by using your purple-lidded bin
- change what goes in your yellow-lidded recycling bin
- change when you put your recycling bin out.

**All Yarra residents** (except those in the Abbotsford trial area) will receive a new 80-litre purple-lidded bin. This bin is for glass only.

**If you live in an apartment block**, we'll provide you with a shared bin.

**If you live in Abbotsford**, you have already been trialling the new glass bin. You'll have the option to receive a new 80-litre glass bin following the initial roll out.

You'll be keeping your yellow-lidded recycle bin for all your other recycling needs. This will be collected every fortnight, alternating week to week with your glass bin.

Before the changes begin we'll send you an information kit with everything you need to know. This will tell you exactly what goes in each bin and what you need to do.

# get ready



## Why do we need a separate glass bin?

We're introducing a separate glass-only bin to improve the quality of recyclable materials.

Glass often breaks in the collection process and makes plastic and paper harder to recycle.

Separating glass from other items makes it easier to make new products, like bottles, jars and even new surfaces for roads.

## Why do we need to change what we put in each bin?

For a long time, Australia has relied on other countries to take and process our recycling. These markets are no longer accepting our recycling.

This means that some things we used to put in our recycling bins – like milk and juice cartons, aerosol cans, bottle lids and some plastics – can no longer be recycled. You will need to put these in your rubbish bin.

## Why do we need to change how we recycle?

We want to help fix the recycling industry. By collecting only the recyclable materials that can be processed in Australia, we're helping to grow our local recycling industry, create jobs and ensure recyclables don't end up in landfill, or aren't sent overseas.

Something simple we can all do is to separate our waste at its source – our homes. It's good for local jobs, the environment and our future.

## What can I do in the meantime?

There are everyday things you can reduce what goes into your waste and recycling bins.

- Ditch the plastic produce bag and switch to a reusable cloth alternative.
- Make sure items you put in your mixed recycling bin are clean and have no food left on them.
- Collect your soft plastics, such as plastic bags, cling wrap and bubble wrap, and drop them off at a RedCycle station at participating supermarkets.
- Reuse glass jars to store nuts, rice, grains and flour to keep them fresh. Store open packets of pasta in an airtight container.
- Don't buy pre-packed fruit and vegetables. Instead opt for loose carrots, tomatoes, avocados and lettuce.

### Find out more

For more information about these changes visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/recyclerev](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/recyclerev)

You can also stay up to date by subscribing to our email newsletter at [yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarralife](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarralife)

If you have any questions please call us on **9205 5555** or email [info@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@yarracity.vic.gov.au)

# Why change?



*Erika using her upsized glass bin for multi-unit developments.*

## **'The changes are a real improvement...'**

**Erika and Leonie are Abbotsford residents who have tried and tested our new way of recycling.**

"It's a great initiative," says Erika. "I'm really happy that my council gives people opportunities to recycle in a way that will have big environmental benefits."

Living in an apartment building, they've had some challenges.

"At the start ... we had items going into recycling bins when they couldn't be recycled," explains Erika. "My neighbour and I put up signs, talked to our other neighbours and often checked the bins."

They feel the new glass bins have been easy to use. But Leonie says: "The hardest part was not being able to recycle more plastic."

Part of the new service being introduced includes changes to what can and can't go in to your yellow-lidded recycling bin. We'll let you know exactly what's in and what's out when we roll out the new service in the coming months.

"[The changes] made me think more about what I purchased, because I didn't want all that plastic going into landfill," adds Erika.

Leonie says her top tip is to rinse your glass and other recycling before putting it in the right bin. Erika says: "It's challenging when you live in an apartment and share bins, but working together can help everyone understand."

## Tin mới về những thay đổi quan trọng

Dịch vụ rác tái chế của bạn có những thay đổi lớn. Vào tháng 11, chúng tôi sẽ tặng bạn một thùng đựng rác thủy tinh mới và yêu cầu bạn:

- phân loại riêng rác thủy tinh với các loại rác tái chế khác
- thay đổi những gì bỏ vào trong thùng rác tái chế có nắp màu vàng, và
- thay đổi khi bạn đem thùng rác ra ngoài để thu gom.

Các thùng rác thủy tinh và rác tái chế của bạn sẽ được thu gom hai tuần một lần (vào các tuần khác nhau) và thùng rác thải của bạn sẽ được thu gom hàng tuần.

Chỉ những thùng rác tái chế chứa đúng loại mới được thu gom.

Trước khi bắt đầu, bạn sẽ nhận được một bộ thông tin đầy đủ với tất cả các chi tiết chỉ dẫn những điều cần làm.

Những thay đổi về rác tái chế này sẽ chưa tiến hành cho đến cuối tháng Mười, vì vậy hiện nay hãy tiếp tục bỏ rác tái chế và đem các thùng rác của bạn ra ngoài để thu gom như bình thường.

Bạn có thể gọi cho chúng tôi theo số 9280 1939 và viện dẫn REF 18,733 nếu cần thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của mình.

## Notizie su cambiamenti importanti

Stanno arrivando dei cambiamenti importanti al vostro servizio di riciclaggio. In novembre, riceverete un bidone nuovo per il vetro e vi chiediamo di:

- separare i rifiuti di vetro dall'altro materiale di riciclaggio
- cambiare quello che va messo nel bidone di riciclaggio con il coperchio giallo, e
- cambiare quando portate fuori il bidone

I bidoni di vetro e di riciclaggio verranno raccolti ogni quindici giorni (in diverse settimane), e il bidone dell'immondizia verrà raccolto ogni settimana.

Solo i bidoni di riciclaggio con il contenuto corretto verranno vuotati.

Prima di cominciare il nuovo sistema, riceverete un kit informativo completo nel quale ci saranno tutti i dettagli su quello che si deve fare.

Il vostro sistema di riciclaggio non cambierà fino alla fine di ottobre, quindi continuate a riciclare e portate i bidoni fuori come fate normalmente.

Se avete bisogno di informazioni nella vostra lingua, chiamateci al 9280 1931 e citate il numero di RIFERIMENTO 18.733.

## Νέα για σημαντικές αλλαγές

Έρχονται μεγάλες αλλαγές στην υπηρεσία ανακύκλωσης. Τον Νοέμβριο, θα σας δώσουμε ένα νέο γυάλινο κάδο απορριμμάτων και θα σας ζητήσουμε:

- να ξεχωρίσετε τα απορρίμματα γυαλιού από τα άλλα ανακυκλώσιμα απορρίμματα
- να αλλάξετε ό,τι βάζετε στον κάδο ανακύκλωσης με το κίτρινο καπάκι και
- να αλλάξετε την ημέρα που βγάζετε τους κάδους σας για περισυλλογή.

Οι κάδοι γυαλιού και ανακύκλωσης θα συλλέγονται κάθε δεκαπενθήμερο (σε διαφορετικές εβδομάδες) και οι κάδοι απορριμμάτων σας θα συλλέγονται κάθε εβδομάδα.

Θα αδειάζονται μόνο κάδοι ανακύκλωσης με τα σωστά απορρίμματα.

Πριν ξεκινήσουμε, θα λάβετε ένα πλήρες πακέτο πληροφοριών με όλες τις λεπτομέρειες σχετικά με το τι πρέπει να κάνετε.

Η ανακύκλωσή σας δεν θα αλλάξει μέχρι τα τέλη Οκτωβρίου, οπότε συνεχίστε την ανακύκλωση και βάζετε τους κάδους σας για περισυλλογή όπως συνήθως.

Μπορείτε να μας τηλεφωνήσετε στο 9280 1934 και να αναφέρετε REF 18.733 εάν χρειάζεστε πληροφορίες στα Ελληνικά.

## 有关重要变化的信息

回收服务即将发生重大变化。在11月份，我们将为您提供一个新的玻璃回收箱，并要求您：

- 将废弃玻璃品与其他回收物品分开
- 改变放入黄盖回收箱的物品
- 改变垃圾箱/回收箱放出的时间。

您的玻璃回收箱和其他物品回收箱将每两周（在不同的星期）收集一次，而您的不可回收垃圾箱将每周收集一次。

只有装有正确物品的回收箱才会被清空。

在新变化开始之前，您将收到一个完整的信息包，其中包含有关您需要执行的操作的所有详细信息。

现有回收安排直到10月下旬都不会改变，因此请继续进行回收，并像往常一样将您的回收箱/垃圾箱放出。

如果您需要以您的语言获取信息，您可以致电 9280 1937与我们联系，并引用参考号18,733。

# MAKING SPACE FOR YOU

**A new pop-up bike lane on Park Street in Fitzroy North is just one of the many new ways we're looking at using our roads to encourage people to physically distance, stay active and travel sustainably.**

The way we all work, live and move around has changed significantly due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

Having space to safely move around in is critical for us to stay COVID-safe in Yarra.

With the different traffic conditions we've been experiencing, we have a rare opportunity to try using Yarra's roads and public spaces in new ways that keep us healthy and safe.

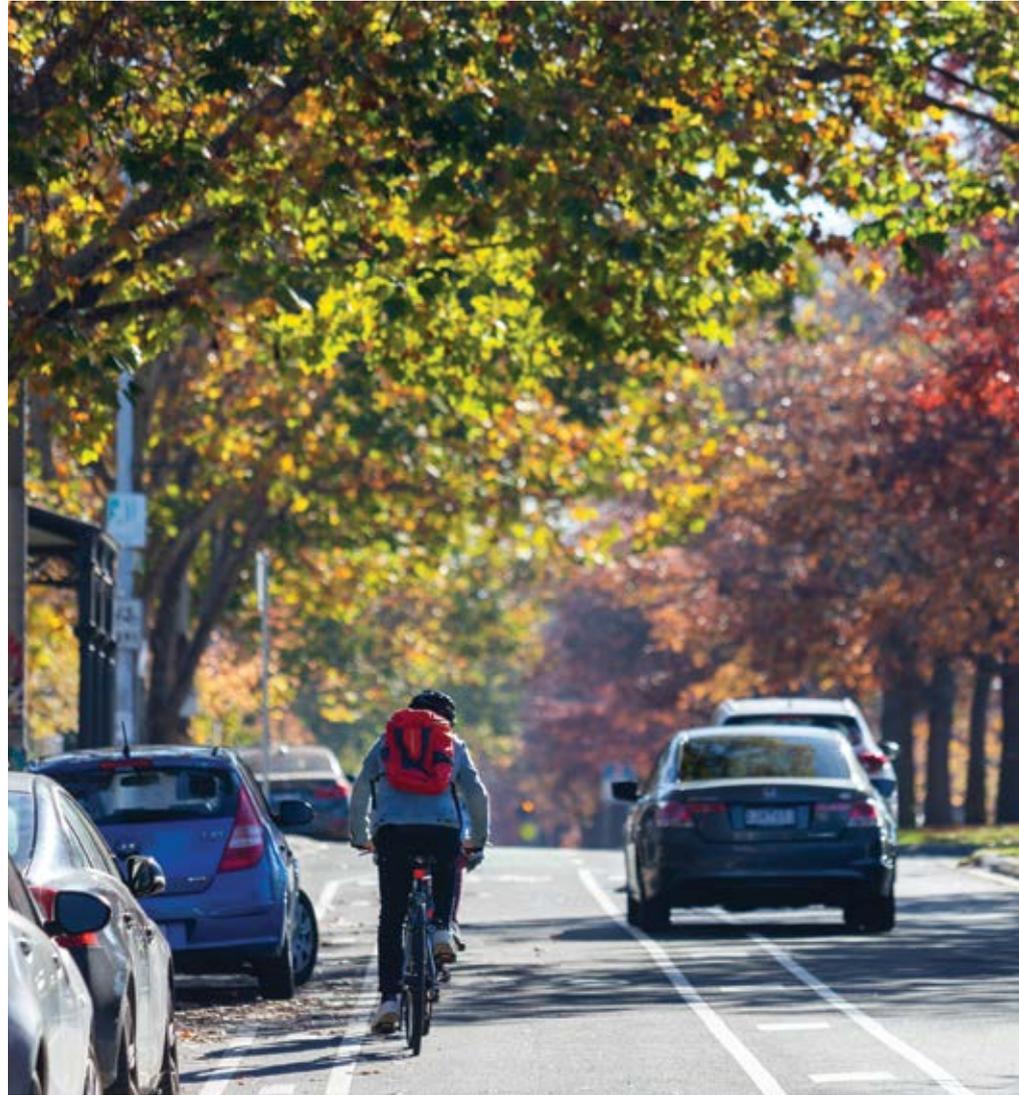
It's also a chance for us to think about what sort of sustainable future we want for Yarra's streets, once the peak of the pandemic has passed. How we can build back better in the long term?

We've created a range of Making Space projects to seize this opportunity. They include:

- repurposing road space to make space for new or expanded bike lanes
- creating pop-up parklets to encourage people to keep supporting local businesses, while making space for physical distancing
- making safer spaces for pedestrians and recreation.

For each trial we'll be using temporary infrastructure to make changes as soon as possible, and adjustments based on what you think works (or doesn't work).

These projects also create space for more sustainable transport options, which help us respond to the climate crisis while recovering from COVID-19. This is a priority in our new Climate Emergency Plan.



Some projects are subject to further Yarra Council and Victorian Government approval. We're working closely with the Department of Transport to ensure any proposals are safe and approved.

## **A new bike lane for Park Street, Fitzroy North**

We've kicked off these projects with a new trial bike lane in Fitzroy North to reduce congestion on the nearby Capital City Trail.

The pop-up bike lane runs along Park Street, between Nicholson Street and St Georges Road.

It will create safer routes to local schools and community facilities, and provide safer riding conditions for vulnerable road users and less confident bike riders.

## **WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MY AREA?**

Discover what Making Space projects are happening in your neighbourhood online Visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/makingspace](https://yarracity.vic.gov.au/makingspace).

You can share your thoughts and feedback on these projects with us here as well.

# PLANNING FOR YARRA'S FUTURE

**As an inner-metropolitan city, Yarra will always be growing and changing.**

Planning ahead can help us decide where this growth will happen and provide for our community's future needs.

One big way we can do this is through Yarra's planning scheme. The Yarra Planning Scheme guides how land in Yarra can be used and developed. It also protects our significant heritage and natural environment, supports our economy, promotes affordable housing options for vulnerable community members, and much more.

We're currently updating the policies in our planning scheme through Amendment C269. These policies will guide future planning decisions across the whole of Yarra.

Visit [yarraplanningscheme.com.au](http://yarraplanningscheme.com.au) to find out more about the amendment



process, and how you can comment on the proposed changes by making a written submission.

We will be accepting submissions from Thursday 20 August until Friday 20 November 2020, however you will not be able to view the amendment or make a submission between midday Tuesday 22 September and Saturday 24 October 2020.

This is because Yarra Council will be in caretaker period in the lead-up to council elections on Saturday 24 October 2020.

## CARETAKER PERIOD

During this time, we're unable to make policy decisions, publish certain documents or discuss this project with our community. This is to ensure the integrity of the council election.

For more information visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/elections](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/elections)

# POSTAL VOTES FOR THIS YEAR'S COUNCIL ELECTION

**The 2020 local council elections are happening this October, with one big change. This year all councils – including Yarra – are making the switch to postal voting.**

A postal vote will ensure this year's elections can be delivered in a secure and safe manner, and means more people can participate. The decision to move to postal voting was made by the Minister for Local Government.

You will automatically be sent a ballot pack to your address listed on the electoral roll. You must complete and return your postal vote before 6pm on Friday 23 October 2020.

## Enrol to vote or update your details

You have until Friday 28 August 2020 to enrol on either the State Roll or Council Roll.

### State Roll

You can be on the State Roll in Yarra if all of these apply:

- you are an Australian citizen or eligible British subject, and
- you are aged 18 years and over, and
- you have lived at your address in the City of Yarra for at least one month.

To enrol, visit [aec.gov.au/enrol](http://aec.gov.au/enrol) or pick up a form at any Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) office and return it to the AEC.

## Council Roll

If you can't be on the State Roll, you can be on the Council Roll and any of these apply:

- you own a rateable property in Yarra
- you occupy a property in Yarra and pay the rates under the lease, or
- you represent a corporation that owns or occupies a rateable property in Yarra.

To enrol on the Council Roll, visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/elections](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/elections) and complete the form.



*Sam Yong's colourful mural at Willowview.*

## NEW MURAL BRINGS WILLOWVIEW TO LIFE

**Willowview Senior Citizen Centre in Collingwood was recently treated to a breathtaking facelift, to showcase Yarra's native flora and fauna.**

Collingwood artist Sam Yong has transformed two of the centre's walls into larger-than-life murals.

Throughout the artwork you can spot a sugar glider, a blue-tongued lizard, a red-rumped parrot and a eucalyptus – to name just a few.

Sam's aim was to create an artwork that reflected the spirit and brightness of the activities held inside Willowview, and capture the vibrant characters in the centre's community.

Yarra's older residents were consulted about what themes and imagery they would like to see on the outside of their centre, which has given them a sense of inclusion and connection to the final mural.

Sam, whose work has been exhibited across the world, says he took on the group's suggestions to highlight the native species around Yarra and draw attention to some often overlooked animals and plants.

June, a frequent Willowview visitor who is keen on Australian Indigenous studies and nature, loves all three of Sam's artworks, and says the detail is incredible.

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This process has even inspired the Willowview community to create their own artwork. They've been decorating clay tiles with their own unique designs of fish, turtles and plants. These surround tiles of swirling water, which

represents Birrarung, or the Yarra River in the Woiwurrung language of the Wurundjeri people.

They aim to put up their tile art in the courtyard garden by the end of the year, which will be a beautiful addition to the existing murals.

Since Willowview's temporary closure due to coronavirus (COVID-19), they've continued to pursue their artistic endeavours, with some members even having clay delivered to their homes.

This project is presented as part of the Yarra City Arts Public Art Program and was commissioned by Yarra City Council.

# STAY WELL AT HOME

**Routine and structure can go a long way in helping us stay healthy, happy and motivated. But while many of us are staying home without a daily commute, gym workout or time with friends, routine and structure can be hard to find.**

That's why our team at Yarra Leisure has created an online *Wellness Locker*, jam packed with online classes, activities for children and so much more.

## **Fitness for families**

Struggling to entertain the little ones? Staying home can be hard on all of us, but particularly for kids. The *Wellness Locker* has great resources for children, including Learn to Swim videos for little swimmers, fun family exercises and ideas for activities at home.



## **Keeping your mind healthy**

Our mental health is a crucial part of our overall wellbeing, and the *Wellness Locker* is full of handy resources to uplift and inspire. Why not try meditation, or use one of our neighbourhood walking maps for your next outing with your fur baby?

## **Tune in and work out**

Bring some structure back into your life with our range of virtual classes, from yoga to high-intensity circuits and

everything in between. Designed for many abilities and requiring no equipment, our 13 to 30-minute online classes are perfect for small spaces and busy schedules.

Visit the *Wellness Locker*  
[yarracity.vic.gov.au/  
wellnesslocker](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/wellnesslocker)

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## IT'S TIME TO BACK OUR NEIGHBOURS, FRIENDS AND COMMUNITIES

**Do you know there are more than 5,000 people and their families seeking asylum living in Australia, including right here in Yarra?**

They're waiting for a decision on their claim for asylum, without any financial support and little or no opportunity to work. With the additional pressures of coronavirus (COVID-19), asylum seekers in our community are feeling the effects of major economic impacts because they're ineligible for JobSeeker and JobKeeper payments.

Yarra is part of the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum, which is behind the national Back Your Neighbour campaign.

We're speaking out against the Federal Government's cuts to programs and funding for asylum seekers, which are leaving thousands of families struggling and homeless. We're also advocating for asylum seekers to be given a liveable income while they're waiting for a decision on their claim.

Asylum seekers make an enormous and valuable contribution to Australia's cultural diversity, enriching our community by sharing experiences, knowledge, skills, music, food and cultural practices. We will continue to support and advocate for their fundamental human rights.

For more information, to sign a petition or volunteer to help with the campaign, visit  
[backyourneighbour.com.au](http://backyourneighbour.com.au)

## PLEASE NOTE

While current at the time of publication, some events may be subject to change due to changing Victorian Government COVID-19 restrictions.

# WHAT'S ON

## ALL-ELECTRIC HOMES: THE HOW, WHY AND WHEN TO GET OFF GAS

**7pm to 8.15pm**  
**Thursday 20 August 2020**

Tune into this online panel discussion to learn practical ways to transition away from gas to all-electric homes powered by renewable energy. You'll hear about various technologies and the significant impact that burning gas can have on our environment.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/getoffgas](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/getoffgas)

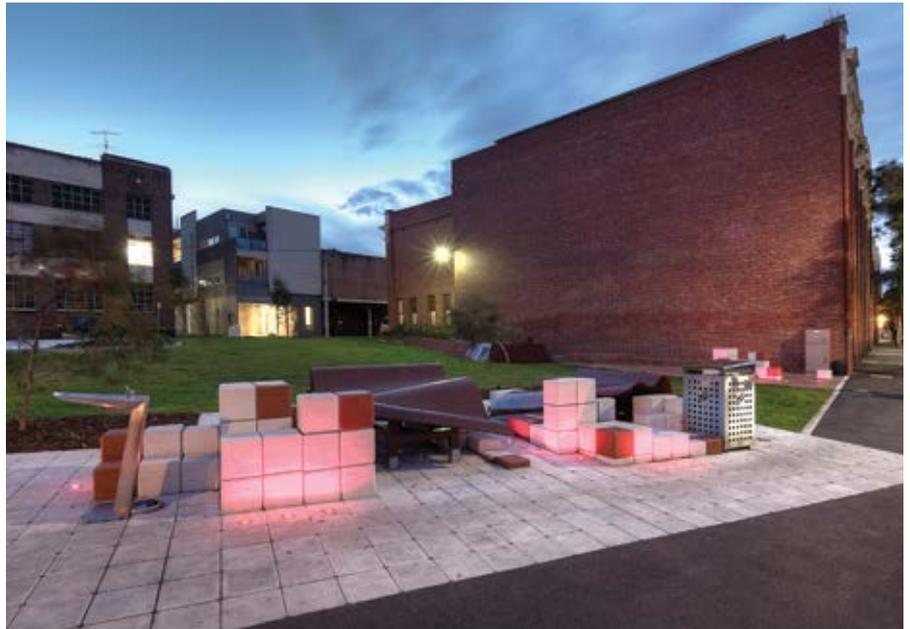
## SENIORS FESTIVAL 2020

This year the *Seniors Festival* will be brought straight to your home through online performances, recorded interviews and storytelling. This important initiative celebrates older Victorians and the valuable contribution they make to our community.

The *Seniors Festival* is also on radio this year. Call Seniors Card on **1300 797 210** to be mailed monthly radio schedules.

[seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards](http://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/festivalsandawards)

For more information about local events, visit [yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarraevents](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/yarraevents)



## GET JOB READY

**Various times throughout August through to September**

**Online**

Yarra Libraries is hosting a series of workshops aimed at getting you job ready. From writing cover letters to nailing that interview, making effective presentations and improving your CV, our online courses will provide practical and skills-based tips to get you back on your feet, back into the workforce and into your next job.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/jobready](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/jobready)

## PEEL STREET PARK PROJECTIONS

**From after dark to midnight**  
**Until Sunday 4 October 2020**

**Peel Street Park, Collingwood**

See projections from talented local artists light up Peel Street Park each night of the week. The massive, red brick wall in the park has become a cinematic screen for large-scale still and moving image artworks which are projected every night after dark, until late.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/peelst](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/peelst)

## MAKE DO: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF BOKASHI

**2pm to 3pm**  
**Thursday 3 September 2020**

**Online**

Learn how to transform your kitchen waste with the bokashi method of composting. When done right, bokashi produces no odours, attracts no pests, and is perfect for people living in apartments. This online event is part of *Make Do*, a new program intended to teach you skills through casual conversation and instruction, focusing on sustainability and self-sufficiency.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/bokashi](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/bokashi)

## PHILOSOPHY BEGINS IN WONDER

**6.30pm to 7.45pm**  
**Tuesday 4 August to Tuesday 8 September**

Yarra Libraries, in partnership with the Melbourne School of Philosophy, is offering an interactive six-week workshop on how philosophy can be practical in everyday life. Designed for people wondering about life's bigger questions, or for those interested in philosophy but with little or no experience of the subject, the course will consider views from 2,500 years ago, up to the present day.

[yarracity.vic.gov.au/philosophy](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/philosophy)

# COVID-19 INFORMATION IN YOUR LANGUAGE

## 中文信息

为减缓新型冠状病毒 (COVID-19) 传播, 我们对一些服务进行了调整。调整结束时间将另行通知。

我们关闭了客服中心、图书馆、休闲中心和场馆。垃圾收取等必要服务仍将继续, 其它服务可能受到影响。请访问我们的网站 [yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19) 或拨打 9205 5555 与我们联系, 获取最新信息。

维多利亚州卫生与公共服务部网站 [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) 是获取新型冠状病毒相关信息的可靠来源。

如果您怀疑自己感染了新型冠状病毒, 请拨打热线 1800 675 398 寻求建议, 热线 24\*7 全天候开放。如遇紧急情况, 请拨打免费电话 000。

## Thông tin bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị

Để giảm việc lây truyền coronavirus (COVID-19), chúng tôi đã thay đổi một số dịch vụ cho đến khi có thông báo tiếp theo. Chúng tôi đã đóng các trung tâm dịch vụ khách hàng, các thư viện, các địa điểm và trung tâm giải trí. Những dịch vụ thiết yếu, kể cả việc thu gom rác, vẫn tiếp tục hoạt động. Các dịch vụ khác có thể bị ảnh hưởng. Để biết thông tin mới nhất, xin vui lòng truy cập vào trang mạng của chúng tôi [yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19) hoặc gọi cho chúng tôi theo số 9205 5555.

Trang mạng [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) của Bộ Y tế và Dịch vụ Nhân sinh là nguồn thông tin tốt nhất về COVID-19.

Nếu quý vị nghi ngờ mình có thể bị nhiễm COVID-19, hãy gọi cho đường dây nóng coronavirus chuyên biệt 24/7 theo số 1800 675 398 để được tư vấn. Xin chỉ gọi Ba Số Không 000 cho những trường hợp khẩn cấp.

Các thông báo từ Yarra News sẽ được phát bằng ngôn ngữ của quý vị trên sóng radio địa phương theo băng tần 3ZZZ 92.3 FM.

## Kendi dilinizde bilgi

Koronavirüs'ün (COVID-19) yayılmasını yavaşlatmak amacıyla, yeni bir bildirim kadar bazı hizmetlerimizde değişiklik yaptık. Müşteri hizmetleri merkezlerimiz, kütüphanelerimiz, sosyal tesislerimiz ve etkinlik yerlerimiz kapanmış durumdadır. Çöp toplama gibi gerekli hizmetler devam etmektedir. Diğer hizmetler de etkilenmiş olabilir. Güncel bilgi edinmek için web sitemizi [yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19) adresinden ziyaret edebilir ya da bizi 9205 5555 no'lu telefondan arayabilirsiniz. Sağlık ve İnsani Hizmetler Bakanlığı'nın (Department of Health and Human Services) web sitesi [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) COVID-19 hakkında bilgi edinebileceğiniz en güvenilir kaynaktır. Kendinizde COVID-19 olduğundan şüpheleniyorsanız danışmak için 7 gün 24 saat tahsis edilmiş olan koronavirüs yardım hattını 1 800 675 398 no'lu telefondan arayabilirsiniz. Lütfen 000 acil hattını arayarak meşgul etmeyin.

Yarra Haberleri'nin duyuruları yerel 3ZZZ 92.3 FM radyo istasyonundan kendi dilinizde yayınlanacaktır.

**Disclaimer:** This edition of Yarra News was produced before Stage 4 COVID-19 restrictions began. Content may not reflect the current situation.

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## Πληροφορίες στα Ελληνικά

Για να επιβραδύνουμε την εξάπλωση του κορωνοϊού (COVID-19), αλλάξαμε ορισμένες από τις υπηρεσίες μας μέχρι νεωτέρας.

Έχουμε κλείσει τα κέντρα εξυπηρέτησης πελατών, τις βιβλιοθήκες, τα κέντρα αναψυχής και τους χώρους συνάντησης. Οι βασικές υπηρεσίες, που συμπεριλαμβάνει την συλλογή σκουπιδιών, εξακολουθούν να λειτουργούν. Μπορεί να επηρεαστούν άλλες υπηρεσίες. Για ενημερωμένες πληροφορίες, επισκεφθείτε τον ιστότοπό μας [yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19) ή τηλεφωνήστε μας στο 9205 5555.

Ο ιστότοπος του Υπουργείου Υγείας και Ανθρωπίνων Υπηρεσιών είναι η καλύτερη πηγή πληροφοριών για το COVID-19 [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

Εάν υποψιάζεστε ότι έχετε COVID-19, τηλεφωνήστε για συμβουλές στην ειδική γραμμή επικοινωνίας 24/7 «Κορωνοϊός στο 1800 675 398. Μην τηλεφωνήσετε στο 000 αν δεν επείγει η περίπτωσή σας.

Ανακοινώσεις από τα Yarra News στα Ελληνικά θα μεταδοθούν στο τοπικό ραδιόφωνο 3CR 855 AM.

## Informazioni nella vostra lingua

Per rallentare la diffusione del coronavirus (COVID-19), abbiamo cambiato alcuni dei nostri servizi fino a nuovo avviso. Sono stati chiusi i centri di servizio, biblioteche, centri ricreativi, e altri locali. Servizi essenziali, compresa la raccolta di rifiuti, sono ancora operativi. Altri servizi potrebbero essere influenzati. Per aggiornamenti, visitate il nostro sito: [yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19) o chiamateci al numero 9205 5555.

Il sito del Department of Health and Human Services [Dipartimento di Salute e Servizi Umani] è il migliore per ottenere informazioni sul COVID-19: [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

Se sospettate di avere il COVID-19, chiamate la hotline dedicata per consigli. Si prega di mantenere il Triplo Zero 000 per emergenze.

## المعلومات بلغتك

لحد من انتشار فيروس كورونا (COVID-19)، قمنا بتغيير بعض خدماتنا حتى إشعار آخر. لقد أغلقنا مراكز خدمة العملاء والمكتبات ومراكز الترفيه والمقارن. الخدمات الأساسية- بما في ذلك جمع القمامة- لا تزال تعمل. بينما قد تتأثر الخدمات الأخرى. للحصول على معلومات محدثة، تفضل بزيارة موقعنا [yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19](http://yarracity.vic.gov.au/covid19) أو اتصل بنا هاتفياً على الرقم 9205 5555.

موقع وزارة الصحة والخدمات الإنسانية هو أفضل مصدر للمعلومات عن COVID-19 وهو [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

إذا كنت تشك في إصابتك بفيروس كورونا COVID-19، اتصل بالخط الساخن المخصص لفيروس كورونا على مدار الساعة (7/24) على الرقم 1800 675 398 للحصول على المشورة. يُرجى استعمال الرقم Triple Zero 000 في حالات الطوارئ فقط.

سيتم بث التصاريح في أخبار يارا Yarra News بلغتك على قناة الراديو المحلي 3CR 855 FM.

**ON THE COVER:** Local resident June, enjoying the brand new mural at Willowview Senior Citizens Centre.

If you have any comments or queries about Yarra News, please contact us at [yarranews@yarracity.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarranews@yarracity.vic.gov.au) or call 9205 5555. Large print, audio and online versions are also available.