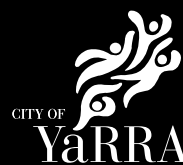


Yarra's new Community Local Law

Information for businesses



Council has adopted the new Community Local Law which replaces the General Local Law when it comes into effect on 1 September 2026.

This helps Council manage local issues that state and federal laws don't cover to improve community safety, protect our environment and ensure Yarra continues to be a peaceful and safe place to live and work.



Key changes include:

- Removed legal jargon (where possible) and simplified language.
- Removed red tape with less permits required and the introduction of automatic permitting.
- New and updated clauses, in line with community expectations.
- Reorganised information which enhances clarity, accessibility and usability for both the community and Council Officers.



Commercial trade waste bins:

- New requirement to ensure bins are not left out more than 3 hours before or after the scheduled collection window.
- Businesses may be eligible for a permit if they can't meet these restrictions.
- Businesses may be asked to provide a Waste Management Plan if Council needs additional information about waste management to ensure compliance.



Outdoor Dining, advertising frames and displays of goods:

- There is still a permit required for A-frames and the display of goods, however the permit process will be automated.
- Standard permit process remains in place for business outdoor dining furniture on footpaths (10 business day turnaround).
- Footpath trading and parklet policies have been updated to make them clearer and easier to understand.



Shopping trolleys:

- Shopping trolleys must have wheel locks and be labelled with the business name (businesses with less than 20 shopping trolleys are exempt).
- Council can now impound abandoned shopping trolleys where appropriate.



Penalty units:

- Penalty units have changed in line with state legislation.

More information:

Visit yarracity.vic.gov.au/communitylocallaw to view the new Community Local Law.

By 1 September, this will be updated to also include the following:

- Local Laws you should know – including local laws that have changed or tackle common local issues.
- A comprehensive list of all permits under the Local Law.
- What happens if you break the Local Law.
- A plain English guide to the Community Local Law.