



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

BULLETIN

Email from Sally Capp, Lord Mayor & Justin Hanney CoM CEO with a link to the city COVID-19 Reactivation and Recovery Plan

Sent to MSYRG and other community groups-

18th September Email from Sally Capp Lord Mayor & Justin Hanney CEO, CoM
Sent to MSYRG

Dear President

As you know, the COVID pandemic has created a health crisis and decimated our city economy. We are pleased that the spread of the virus is slowing however we are very conscious that economic forecasts released last week confirm that the City of Melbourne economy has been disproportionately impacted with a loss of up to \$110 billion over the next 5 years and tens of thousands of job losses.

We want to be proactive in reactivating and reopening our City and support business owners and their teams who have had their businesses closed for months now. The pace and strength of the reactivation of our city economy will be paramount in the momentum we build to bring marvellous Melbourne back.

The city [COVID-19 Reactivation and Recovery Plan](#) was approved by Councillors on Tuesday night and this week the City of Melbourne and State Government committed to a joint \$100 million Melbourne City Recovery Fund.

The Fund includes \$30 million of business grants for COVID safe initiatives including the conversion of spaces into outdoor dining. Another \$30 million is dedicated to helping our city deliver events and activities to bring visitors back to Melbourne, and a final \$40 million will go towards creating a COVID safe city by delivering wider footpaths, bike lanes, safety measures and beautification.

We understand that there are concerns that some measures to support our businesses, such as facilitating outdoor dining, will not be balanced with the interests and needs of our residents. We want to assure you that the framework being developed to guide applications for outdoor dining and activities will include consideration of applications on a case by case basis within existing regulations and strategies to protect the safety, accessibility and amenity of residents and other city stakeholders. We have already received valuable feedback from residents and this is being considered as our plans develop.

Please continue to provide feedback and we will make sure that we keep you informed as the framework for outdoor dining is finalised.

Yours sincerely

Sally Capp

Lord Mayor

Justin Hanney

CEO