



## MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

*Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969*

# Bulletin

## Updates from the City Of Melbourne

### Community Engagement at Melbourne - new policy and consultation reports available

Last summer, we spoke with community members of all ages and backgrounds about what public participation in city decisions means to them. More than 1200 people shared almost 3000 comments that helped inform the development of City of Melbourne's new [Community Engagement Policy](#). Our consultation reports are now also available. Key themes that emerged from feedback indicate:

- People want more promotion about the projects Council is consulting on and they want to participate in ways that suit them
- All voices must be heard and valued
- People need to feel comfortable to participate
- Consultation must be genuine, transparent and clearly linked in action.

Feedback we heard will be used to inform our policy implementation and ongoing engagement with the community. Find out more on Participate Melbourne

-<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community-engagement-policy/community-consultation>

### New food and garden waste service - Share your thoughts by 1 November.

From June this year we began the roll out of a [new food and garden waste service](#) to houses and single storey dwellings, and will continue to roll out the service to apartments and multi unit dwellings. Whether you are a resident currently receiving the service, or if you live in an apartment that is yet to receive the service, we'd like to hear from you. Your feedback will help refine the current service and future roll out more broadly across our city. <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/food-garden-waste>

*NB: a MSYRG member has drawn attention to the fact that with the new lime green 'food and waste bin' you may be finding the 120 litre regular green lid bin too big and adding to your storage issues. They suggest you can request the smaller 80 litre bin from the CoM. Simply*

- . *Google City of Melbourne waste and recycling.*
- . *Click on waste and recycling.*
- . *Scroll down to "Report"*
- . *Follow the prompts and request the exchange of the 120 litre bin for the 80*

*litre bin*

### Getting on with Greenline

The City of Melbourne is calling for the community's feedback as it moves forward

with the [landmark Greenline initiative](#). The Draft Greenline Implementation Plan proposes transforming the NORTHBANK of the Yarra River, Birrarung, between Birrarung Marr and Collins Wharf, into an inspiring public waterfront on Melbourne's city edge. Find out more and have your say at <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/greenline>

### Activities for young people and children

Check out activities for young people' on our website <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/health-support-services/for-young-people/events-activities/Pages/events-activities.aspx> .

And activities for children here:

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/health-support-services/for-my-family/childrens-activities/Pages/activities-for-children.aspx>.

### CoM Seniors connection

We continue to offer a range of [regular online programs](#) via Zoom to help keep you active and connected. Our programs include Meditative Movement (Monday, 9.30am), Stronger Together (Wednesday, 11am), Tai Chi (Thursday, 10am) and Beginners Tai Chi (Friday, 10am). You can also join in a relaxed group conversation over the phone with our [Community Coffee Club](#) (Friday 2.30pm to 3.30pm). To register for these sessions or for further information, please contact us [via email](#) or call **9658 9190**.

### Citizen science project: Calling all bird watchers

Help us find Superb Fairy-wrens in the city by logging your sightings (or absence of sightings) with the Superb City Wrens project. We've teamed up with BirdLife Australia, University of Melbourne and RMIT University to better understand movements of these beauties in urban landscapes. Submit your sightings and find out more about the project at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/urban-nature/pages/superb-city-wrens.aspx>

### Flashforward enjoy some new tunes

Lockdowns may have paused live performance, but that hasn't stopped the City of Melbourne's Flash Forward program from rolling out new music, including producing 40 new albums. For more details about the program and recently released albums visit [https://www.facebook.com/FlashFwdMelb/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/FlashFwdMelb/?ref=page_internal)

### Timber program

The Urban Forest and Ecology branch has been stockpiling timber from trees that have been removed across the city since 2017. With a great deal of large infrastructure projects on the go, they are now moving to the stage of allowing registrations of interest in purchasing the timber by individuals, community groups and organisations. For more information visit:

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/tree-protection-management/Pages/habu-timber-program.aspx>

### City of Melbourne graduate recruitment

City of Melbourne is looking for 3 graduates to fill various positions in the Strategic Communication branch, including: Social Media Coordinator; Creative Services Coordinator; External Communications Coordinator. All roles are 12 months and applications close 30 September. [City of Melbourne - Mercury eRecruit](#)

### Can you help rehome some park benches?

Do you have space that could use some pre-loved outdoor benches? City of Melbourne's maintenance depot has a large stash of green painted metal benches (the ones seen in local parks and streets) which are needing a good home.

Contact [Mitchell.Duggan-Hulands@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:Mitchell.Duggan-Hulands@melbourne.vic.gov.au) to express your interest

### Research participants needed

ACU's iMAP study is investigating how our neighbourhood and places we regularly visit interact with lifestyle to impact brain health and psychological function in middle to late adulthood. They are currently recruiting 50-79year olds to be part of their study. For more information visit [www.acu.edu.au/research/our-research-institutes/mary-mackillop-institute-for-health-research/our-research/behaviour-environment-and-cognition-research-program/current-research/imap](http://www.acu.edu.au/research/our-research-institutes/mary-mackillop-institute-for-health-research/our-research/behaviour-environment-and-cognition-research-program/current-research/imap)

**No interest loans**

Islamic Council of Australia is promoting NILS or No Interest Loan Schemes. These offer small interest-free loans of up to \$1,500 to people on low incomes for the purchase of essential household goods and services. For more information visit <https://www.icv.org.au/services/nils/>

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**MSYRG Inc**

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