



## MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

*Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969*

### **March Bulletin**

#### **MELBOURNE PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C376: SUSTAINABLE - BUILDING DESIGN**

All South Yarra residents should have received a letter dated 28 February from the City of Melbourne dealing with this important issue. Details are now available online by following the instructions set out in the letter: First page attached here -[2023\\_02 CoM Amendment C376.jpg](#) Public consultation on the proposed Amendments is now open and will continue until 17 April. There will also be an online information session which will be held on 22 March from 6 to 7pm. Submissions are invited from people affected (which includes all residents). The documentation can also be inspected at the Melbourne Town Hall Customer Service Centre 120 Swanston St.

MSYRG is reviewing the proposals and will issue further Bulletins as needed to inform members as to the proposals and assist in making submissions.

In general terms, the amendments are intended to apply to all new buildings throughout the Municipality as well as certain major alterations to existing buildings. The amendment will introduce new standards for environmentally sustainable design and will address such matters as:

- Energy efficiency including support for electric vehicle charging and bicycle use.
- Waste and resource recovery
- Urban heat island response
- Urban ecology and
- Integrated water management.

Hearings to finalise the proposed amendments are planned for later this year. In the meantime, MSYRG welcomes any comments or suggestions you wish to make as to the proposals and the way in which MSYRG should respond. Please email:[secretary@msyrg.com.au](mailto:secretary@msyrg.com.au)

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# MORETON BAY FIG TREES in FAWKNER PARK

## TREE HEALTH UPDATE

### **There is CoM signage in Fawkner Park with the following information:**

During the 2023-23 summer CoM has identified some isolated populations of Moreton Bay Fig Trees which have been impacted by Fig Psyllid (*Mycopsylla fici*). The Fig Psyllid is a sapsucking insect that mainly impacts Moreton Bay Figs. High populations have the potential to cause short term impacts on canopy density and tree health.

CoM is currently doing a survey of Moreton Bay Figs across the whole city to determine the infestation levels and respond with site specific control measures to effectively manage the pest.

Over the coming weeks the following control measures are occurring in Fawkner Park:

- Retention of leaf matter on site to encourage beneficial insect control.
- Incorporation of an organic compost layer around the affected trees.
- Supplementary watering.

For more information contact URBAN FOREST & ECOLOGY on 9658 9658 and [trees@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:trees@melbourne.vic.gov.au)

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### **The February Meet n Greet Boule/Petanque gathering was a success**

MSYRG's Meet n Greet on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February was a pleasant time gathering around the Boule Court opposite the Domain Road shops. Games of Pétanque were played and conversations were enjoyed. The Committee plans to arrange more such gatherings. Stay tuned

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### **MSYRG has received notification of two public events in March –**

#### **2023 HERALD SUN/TRANSURBAN RUN FOR THE KIDS**

Herald Sun/Transurban Run for the Kids is coming up on Sunday March 19, 2023, and the organizers want to ensure that you're aware of the impact the event may have on you. South Yarra streets themselves will not be closed for Run for the Kids but note the following.

- Toorak Rd to Kings Way heading north remains open throughout the event but it may carry more traffic than a usual Sunday. Residents intending to use that route on the morning of Sunday, March 19 should allow a little extra time for their travels.
- The section of South Yarra that may be slightly impacted is the residential area adjacent to Anderson Street. While Anderson Street itself, and everything further east remains open to traffic, Alexandra Avenue between Anderson Street and the Swan Street Bridge will be closed. Anyone trying to access the CBD from Anderson Street would be best to take Domain Road onto St Kilda Road and head straight into the

city. Punt Road will also be open but is the last exit point from the Monash Freeway, so traffic may be a little busy in that vicinity.

More information, including an interactive map showing road impacts is available at <https://www.runforthekids.com.au/road-closures-details/>

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**ABILITY FEST 2023 BIRRARUNG MARR, MELBOURNE Saturday 25th March 2023: approx 7 am to 10 pm**

**This year Ability Fest will return with its two-stage festival, welcoming all guests - regardless of their abilities - to join in the one-day music festival at Birrarung Marr on Saturday 25 March. Any queries email to Ashleigh O'Gara, Event Manager: [ashleigh@untitledgroup.com.au](mailto:ashleigh@untitledgroup.com.au)**

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