



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

December Bulletin

As we end another busy year for your Committee we would like to extend our warmest best wishes to all residents for the coming festive season and hope that 2025 will be a safe, happy and peaceful year for all.

Electoral Matters

The recent shock resignation of our State Member for Prahran, Sam Hibbins, means that there is no-one representing us at a state level at the moment. A by-election will be called early next year but the Labor Party have already announced that they will not be contesting it. Their reasoning is that it is an unnecessary expense and that they are keeping their powder dry for the full election in November 2026.

The Greens have nominated environmental engineer Angelica Di Camillo to run for the seat but the Liberal Party have yet to identify their contender at the time of writing this.

Federally, we are also about to get a new member. The Australian Electoral Commission have had to make a few adjustments to the boundaries due to the elimination of the Higgins electorate, so South Yarra and a bit of Prahran has been tacked on to the Melbourne seat, currently held by Greens' leader, Adam Bandt. But Josh Burns will remain our local representative up to the election, then the winner in Melbourne will become our member. With the Melbourne electorate losing a slice of Carlton, Fitzroy North and Clifton Hill and gaining South Yarra, who knows?

And just to clarify the City of Melbourne has not changed its boundaries, the part of South Yarra East of Punt Road will remain in Stonnington. For a map of the electorate [click here](#).

The Tram Issue

At the last AGM a motion was approved to follow up on the fate of the No 8 tram. We have met with representatives of the Royal Botanic Gardens, who we believe are not served well by the current arrangements. We believe that their voice would greatly strengthen our submission. These discussions are ongoing.

We are also arranging a meeting with other relevant government people who have been recommended to us by Ms Alison Leighton, CEO of the City of Melbourne.

The key piece of news, however is that the opening of the new tunnel will not take place until the end of next year, so any decisions have been pushed back, as the government has always maintained they will not decide on tram/bus routes until the line is functioning and passenger movements have been analysed.

We are continuing to lobby, but we do not expect an early resolution.

Local Break-ins

A couple of properties in Park Street have suffered attempted burglaries in the last few weeks and police have warned residents to be on the look out. Police advise that if an incident is occurring to call 000. If the incident is discovered later, then the best course of action is to call 131 444. They usually respond in a couple of hours.

They also recommend that you always lock your vehicle and never leave anything of value in it. Cars are regularly ransacked if left unlocked overnight.

Victorian Road Runners NYE Fun Run

The run will take place on the Tan track on December 31 between 7:30 and 9:00 am. They are expecting about 100 participants, and no roads will be closed, no music or PA systems used and the track will be shared with any other users, so there should be minimal disruption.

If you have any queries please contact Dr Michael Kennedy, President on 0411 191 115 or Lynn Kisler on 0437 981 357.

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