



## MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

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### **BULLETIN**

**COUNCIL WATCH REPORT:** Compiled by James Syme, MSYRG President  
The CoM budget was adopted on 30 June last. The document runs for 155 pages and provides for expenditure of \$732 million and a very small surplus. It makes for tedious reading. Of some interest is that 61% of Council revenue comes from rates and the next largest contributor is User Fees at 13%. Rates are based on net annual values and the non-residential property rate is approx. 15% higher than the residential rate.

The Fawknor Park Masterplan gets a passing mention as does the South Yarra Urban Forrest Precinct Plan.

During July there were 2 Future Melbourne Meetings on 1 and 15 July and 1 Council Meeting on 29 July. Of interest is that there will be AC/DC Concerts in Melbourne on 12 and 16 November. CoM is looking to hold some events at this time in conjunction with the Concerts.

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The CoM <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au> website has only one link this month. CoM is seeking input to help in the development of the 2026 - 2029 Animal Management Plan. You can have your say by participating in the survey - <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/domestic-animal-management-plan-2026-29/draft-plan>

The MSYRG Committee met on 22<sup>nd</sup> July and discussed several issues. We have a new committee member, Janique Lambert. At the meeting she was appointed as a casual appointee, prior to the upcoming AGM when she will nominate for a committee position. Janique is taking responsibility for taking the Committee Minutes.

There was no update on the issue of transport in South Yarra (tram, bus and train) but it continues to be closely followed by three committee members. The Committee is also concerned that the South Yarra Heritage Amendment C426 that is before the State Government has still not been gazetted. We are now strongly following up with the State Government, expressing our concern, seeking information and pressing for action. 15 free tickets were forwarded to members for a tour of Anzac Station on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July

MSYRG AGM date is Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 5.30 pm at St Martins Youth Arts Centre. Our guest Speaker will be Rachel Westaway MP, State Member for Prahran

The committee also continues to closely follow the issue of speeding, hooning and concern about traffic in our streets and is in contact with the City of Melbourne Traffic Department. In fact it has received two replies. They are

1. On 2nd August MSYRG received a reply from Veronica Skrzyniarz Acting Transport Leader, Infrastructure & Amenity Division - They write Thank you for contacting City of Melbourne and raising your concerns regarding vehicle speeds in Domain Road, South Yarra late at night. Domain Road between Park Street and St Kilda Road has a posted regulatory speed limit of 40km/h and comprises a central carriageway that accommodates existing tram tracks and provides kerbside parking on either side of the road.

Speed data has been reviewed from our internal data source for the period between 29 May 2025 and 29 June 2025 for various sections of Domain Road and it was found that the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile recorded speed of the sample was:

**Date:** Friday, 1 August 2025 at 2:09 pm

Location	Eastbound	Westbound
Between Park Street and a point approximately 100m west of Dallas Brooks Drive	44 km/h	42 km/h
Between Dallas Brooks Drive and Domain Street	41 km/h	44km/h
Between Domain Street and Hope Street	43 km/h	44 km/h
Between Hope Street and Millswyn Street	41 km/h	39 km/h
Between Millswyn Street and Park Street	37km/h	37 km/h

Noting the above results it is considered that the above results are insufficient to warrant consideration of any further traffic management at this stage. The City of Melbourne will however continue to monitor traffic conditions in Domain Road. In the event that you believe the occurrence of motorists speeding late at night could be considered as hoon driving then this can be reported anonymously to [Crime Stoppers](#) on 1800 333 000. While this may not be the desired response you were seeking, I trust it clarifies City of Melbourne's position on this matter. Please feel free to contact Transport Engineering on 9658 9658 if you have any further queries.

2. 15<sup>th</sup> August Email from CoM **Han Aung** |Senior Transport Engineer Team A | T: 03 9658 8439 | M: 0477 713 255 | E: [han.aung@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:han.aung@melbourne.vic.gov.au) I am writing to update you regarding traffic data we collected in Marne Street and Walsh Street in South Yarra as promised. We have recently conducted traffic surveys for both streets. The key findings are as follows:

***Marne Street (North of Toorak Road) - Data collected between 24 June to 30 June 2025***

- Average weekday traffic volumes: **696 vehicles per day** (461 northbound, 236 southbound).
- Peak hours:
  - AM (8:00–9:00): **56 vehicles - 35 (northbound) and 21 (southbound)**
  - PM (15:30–16:30): **63 vehicles - 46 (northbound) and 18 (southbound)**
- Average speed: **29.4 km/h**, with the 85th percentile at **37.4 km/h** (below the 40 km/h speed limit).

***Walsh Street (North of Toorak Road) - Data collected between 25 June to 1 July 2025***

- Average weekday traffic volumes: **740 vehicles per day** (489 northbound, 250 southbound).
- Peak hours:
  - AM (10:00–11:00): **54 vehicles - 35 (northbound) and 19 (southbound)**
  - PM (15:00–16:00): **64 vehicles - 40 (northbound) and 24 (southbound)**
- Average speed: **29.4 km/h**, with the 85th percentile at **37.2 km/h** (below the 40 km/h speed limit).

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