



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

December BULLETIN

A Note from the MSYRG President

This is our final Bulletin for 2025 so it is time to wish all our members and other residents of our part of South Yarra the happiest of Christmases and best wishes for 2026.

We have recently strengthened our committee with the addition of 2 new members Janique Lambert and Andrew Ross. We are always on the lookout for members who wish to contribute to the work we do and who may be interested in joining our committee. Should you have an interest in knowing what goes on in our neighbourhood and can contribute to the work we do, we would love to hear from you. Our shared ambition is to ensure Melbourne South Yarra remains one of the very best areas in Melbourne to live, work and play. We also welcome suggestions as to our activities generally. Should you wish to contact us for any reason, the best way is through our email address: secretary@msyrg.com.au.

Many thanks are due to our Vice President Phil Lukies and our Secretary Jan Armstrong-Conn who together undertake the often-time-consuming task of putting these Bulletins together.

We wish all of you a very happy and special holiday time, and look forward to building an even better neighbourhood and community in 2026.

James Syme
President MSYRG Inc.

The City of Melbourne has three items of news to share to share with MSYRG members

1. CoM asks you to help shape their plan for community spaces They write - From libraries and exhibition spaces to parks, community and recreation centres – community spaces are at the heart of happy and healthy communities. They write-

City of Melbourne has drafted a plan to ensure Melbourne's network of community spaces meet the needs of our changing population. The plan includes:

- principles to guide decision-making
- initiatives to improve our community infrastructure network
- projects we'll deliver over the next 4 years
- ideas to be considered in future planning beyond the next 4 years.

As part of the community of South Yarra and as a user of community spaces in South Yarra and other places– we want to hear from you. Community consultation on the draft plan is now open. To learn more and have your say visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community-infrastructure-plan. Consultation closes on Sunday 8 February 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the City Strategy team at citystrategysupport@melbourne.vic.gov.au or 0403 897 915. QR code attached with more information

[2025 12 A3 Poster - CIP consultation.pdf](#)

MSYRG is considering making a submission and the committee is looking for members who are able to assist and spend the time and be involved in writing the submission. Email to secretary@msyrg.com.au

2. Which local native flower do you think best represents our vibrant city? Cast your vote by Sunday 15 February 2026.

Cast your vote for one of the nine flowers our expert reference group has chosen as finalists for the emblem, based on their unique characteristics. Whether it's a floral favourite you know and love, or a new bloom to you, we want to know which resonates best with your perception of Melbourne.

Choosing a floral emblem is one of the first steps we're taking to establish Melbourne as the garden city – celebrating the natural diversity of our flora and fauna. A floral emblem is a symbol of how nature is integrated into our cityscape, which is a key part of our city's identity and something we can be proud of. It's also a reminder of the natural beauty inherent to Melbourne and the importance of caring for Country, following in the footsteps of Traditional Owners.

<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/floral-emblem>

3. Fawkner Park - free programme of community activities this summer

Activities run from January to March. QR code attached with more information and to register

[2025 12 Fawkner Park Summer Series 2026 City of Melbourne.pdf](#)

EVENTS IN OUR AREA FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

1. The Victorian Road Runners around the Tan at 7.30am on Wednesday 31st December 2025.

2.Midsumma Carnival 2026, to be held **Sunday 18 January, Alexandra Gardens**, will operate from 11am-9pm on Sunday the 18 January. The only planned road closure includes Boathouse Drive which will be closed from 6am Saturday 17 January through until 11pm Sunday 18 January. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Michael on 0468 966 575.

Websites & Emails that you may interest you

CoM PARTICIPATE [South Yarra Neighbourhood Portal](#) .

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