



## MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

*Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969*

# June Bulletin

### Update News from the Committee

#### 1. Concerns about traffic

A Marne Street member recently raised concerns about vehicle speeds and through traffic on Marne Street since the reopening of Domain Road. They noted there has been a significant rise in cars using Marne Street as a shortcut between Toorak Road West and Domain Road. This issue has been compounded by the tram-only lane along Toorak Road West, which has made that route slower and pushed more east-west traffic onto local residential streets. In peak times, traffic along Domain Road is frequently backed up to Walsh Street—and not infrequently as far back as Marne Street. In the mornings and afternoons. MSYRG contacted CoM and received the following reply.

*With regards to inquiry/concerns to vehicle speeds and through traffic on Marne Street the City of Melbourne will now collect traffic data on Marne Street to better understand the situation. The data collection process will take some time. Once we have analyzed the data, we will provide you with potential traffic management solutions. In the meantime, if you need any additional information regards Marne Street, please contact Sanket Kargathra, Team Leader Transport Engineering, via email [Sanket.kargathra@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:Sanket.kargathra@melbourne.vic.gov.au). Sanket is Team Leader for South Yarra Traffic and Transport matters.*

Another member has raised the issue of speeding and hooning along Domain Road now that it has re-opened into St Kilda Road. When contacted by MSYRG the CoM stated it is planning to undertake a traffic count survey in Domain Road near the Senior School Gate of MGS. They plan to advise MSYRG the outcome once results are received in the next few weeks. MSYRG is following this issue.

CoM also emailed the following information -

The CoM has a commitment to creating safer, more liveable streets for everyone--whether they walk, ride, drive or catch public transport. Under our Transport Strategy 2030 [1], we're working closely with the Department of Transport and Planning to implement consistent 40km/h speed limits across all local roads in inner Melbourne and neighbouring suburbs.

The strategy was shaped through community consultation [2] in 2018 and

2019 and formally endorsed by Council [3] in October 2019.

Since then, we've been progressively rolling out 40 km/h limits [4] across the municipality:

- \* Carlton (2025 - underway)
- \* Northern Parkville and Princes Hill (2025 - underway)
- \* Pasley Street and Pasley Street South (2025 - this month)
- \* North and West Melbourne (2023)
- \* East Melbourne and Jolimont (2022)

The following neighbourhoods already had 40km/h speed limits on local roads prior to the Transport Strategy 2030:

- \* Domain Parklands (2017)
- \* South Yarra (2017)
- \* Hoddle Grid (2014)
- \* Parkville (2013)

2. **St Martins Youth Theatre.** MSYRG become a Community Partner with St Martins Youth Arts Centre with a gift that will be \$1000 in June in each of the years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029. MSYRG Committee made this decision as a way of supporting an important local community organization. Benefits for MSYRG are website acknowledgement, Annual Report Acknowledgment, opportunity for a special feature in their e-newsletters and on their website, group invitation to tour their venues, and to attend their annual Supporters Celebration, 20% discount to St Martins major productions, 20% discount for MSYRG to hire their venue

St Martins has also recently launched a campaign to raise \$50,000 for their Access Scholarship program. Go to their website to check it out- <https://smartinsyouth.com.au>3.

### 3. **MSYRG continues to follow**

The State Government plan to facilitate intense residential development across Victoria.

The CoM 2025-2026 Budget plans - a Bulletin was sent to members with details how to accept an invitation from the Lord Mayor to attend in person or via Zoom a meeting in May where he explained the budget.

The CoM Master Plan 2050. MSYRG President, James Syme, attended the 20<sup>th</sup> May all-day meeting at the Town Hall with 700 others. The meeting was addressed by the Victorian Governor, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Chair of the Productivity Commission. It called for ambitious ideas and bold thinking. Delegates were broken into groups to discuss specific ideas, which were then voted on by all delegates.

4. <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au>; The City of Melbourne is currently seeking community consultation on a number of projects. Feedback can be provided through the Participate Melbourne website <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/projects>.

Current projects include

#### **Flood Mapping**

City of Melbourne is working with Melbourne Water to ensure all areas of our city have the most up-to-date flood maps. The maps support the planning scheme and flood design for new developments. The consultation which is open until the 25<sup>th</sup> July invites residents to complete a survey and provide information about local flooding.

#### **CBD Parking Review**

City of Melbourne has an ongoing survey about on street parking throughout the municipality including South Yarra. To provide

feedback <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-parking-reviews>.

#### **Gardens for Wildlife**

Gardens for Wildlife has operated for many years, providing information and resources to local councils, businesses, schools and residents to conserve native plants and animals, provide habitat and promote biodiversity for our communities. City of Melbourne is inviting feedback on the 2025 program. Check out the conversation board or complete the survey. <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/gardens-wildlife-melbourne>

**Melbourne Award**

Nominations for 8 categories of the Melbourne Award are open until the 20<sup>th</sup> June. Find out more details at <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoods/melbourne-awards-2025-applications-are-now-open>

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