



## MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

*Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969*

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# Bulletin

## Updates from the June MSYRG committee meeting.

### STATE GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

The MSYRG committee continues to try and find out more about the State Governments plans to facilitate residential development across Victoria, and in particular how South Yarra is impacted.

When we sort clarity from the City of Melbourne we received an email from Nina Marshallsea, Senior Planner, CoM.

- *None of the new planned activity precincts are in the City of Melbourne.*
- *The new legislation does not override heritage planning laws.*
- *The floor area ratio controls already apply in the CoM when relevant.*
- *Any public discussion of the new legislation should come from government.*

We are now seeking a representative from the State Government to speak at the AGM on October 26<sup>th</sup> on this issue as well as other issues such as transport and policing

### PARKING IN THE CITY OF MELBOURNE

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>

### THEFTS FROM CARS AND SAFETY CONCERNS.

MSYRG is very aware these are ongoing concerns in South Yarra. At this stage the committee is unable to find speakers to address this issue to members. One idea has been to contact CRIMESTOPPERS but

due to time constraints this idea will not be followed up. If you are interested and want to follow it up more please volunteer to [secretary@msyrg.com.au](mailto:secretary@msyrg.com.au)

## SOUTH YARRA HERITAGE REVIEW:

Amendment C425 & Amendment C426.

The process of approval by the State Government is at a snails pace which is a concern. MSYRG recently contacted the City of Melbourne about this issue and received the following reply from Klover Apostola/CoM Principal Strategic Planner *‘CoM is in regular contact with their state counterparts and continue to advocate for a timely decision. I suggest you contact the State planning Services to formally enquire about the status of the amendment:[stateplanning.services@transport.vic.gov.au](mailto:stateplanning.services@transport.vic.gov.au)*

The committee is following up on this, but any member could also follow up on it to reinforce community concern.

## METRORAIL AND TRAM UPDATE

As was widely reported in the press the deadline of the line being fully operational by the end of the year may not be achieved. The hold-up will be the two city stations, Town Hall and State Library, both huge projects that are slowly falling behind schedule.

It was also interesting to note that in mid June, Domain Road and St Kilda Road were closed while they replaced the tram power line up a section of Domain Road, a tram line that may or may not ever be used.

The committee continues to be vigilant following this issue.

## CITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS

Updates can always be found on the [South Yarra Neighbourhood Portal | Neighbourhoods | Participate Melbourne](#).

### Works and disruptions

- [Metro Tunnel works](#) continue throughout the year at Town Hall and State Library stationsites. This includes a closure of Franklin Street between Swanston and Elizabeth until early-August and a Swanston Street (east) footpath closure at City Square until late-August.
- As part of Metro Tunnel works, a long-term [road lane closure of Flinders Street](#) westbound between Swanston and Degraeves streets is in effect until the end of the year.
- [Anzac Station - Victoria's Big Build](#) – you can do a 3D tour online or tour during Open House festival
- [Princes Bridge restoration](#) works continue throughout the year.
- Major works on the [Greenline Project](#) at Birrarung Marr continue throughout the year.
- Find out more about city disruptions on the [Getting around the city](#) page.

### Events and programs

- [Winter Night Market](#) 4 June - 27 August at the Queen Vic.
- Kids programs at City Library ([Stompers](#) and [Preschool Storytime](#)).
- [Intermediate Tai Chi](#) at South Yarra Senior Citizens centre
- [Monthly Lunch](#), Last Sunday of the month at South Yarra Senior Citizens centre.
- [Run Melbourne](#) Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July

- [The Tan Run Club](#) – every Saturday
- [Walking Tour](#) – Robin Boyd’s Neighbourhood
- [Australian Music Vault](#) – free exhibition at the Arts Centre
- [Tradeblock Café](#) – A café run by students of the Victorian College of the Deaf
- [The Commons Collective](#) on Moubray street has been reimagined into a variety of spaces connecting people, hosting events and offering food, drinks and entertainment
- [Forest Therapy](#) at the Royal Botanical Gardens
- [Firelight Festival](#) (Docklands) 4-6 July.
- [NAIDOC Week](#) 6-13 July.
- [Minus 18 Queer Formal](#) 5 July.
- [Lightscape](#) near the Observatory at the Royal Botanical Gardens until 10 August
- [Melbourne Tartan Day Parade](#) 6 July.
- [NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony](#) 7 July.
- [Library cinema at narm ngarrgu](#) 10 July.
- [NAIDOC In The City](#) at Fed Square 11 July
- [Open House Melbourne](#) 26-27 July.
- Free [women’s only swimming lessons](#) on Saturdays throughout the year at City Baths.
- Find out what’s on at the [QVM Purpose Precinct](#).
- Find out what’s on at the [State Library of Victoria](#).
- Find out what’s on at [ACMI](#).
- [Laneway Learning](#)’s program of affordable casual classes continues throughout July.
- See what’s on at [U3A Melbourne City](#).
- Healthy Ageing [2025 Out and About guide](#).

## Participate

- [Future Melbourne Committee meetings](#) on 1 and 15 July.
- [Boyd Community Hub and Southbank Library](#) are getting upgraded. South Yarra residents can have their say on how these spaces can meet community needs in the future
- Complete the [University of Melbourne study on respiratory diseases](#) by 6 July.
- Apply to join the [Disability Advisory Committee](#) by 18 July.
- Get involved in [Flood mapping in the City of Melbourne](#) by 25 July.
- Tell us about your experience using the [new protected bike lanes](#).
- Have your say on [parking in the CBD](#).
- Suggest a [new place or road name](#).
- Visit the [Greenline Project Hub](#).
- Did you know that from 1 October all cats in the City of Melbourne must be desexed [Desexing your cat or dog | City of Melbourne](#). We want to support cat owners during this period and that’s why we are offering a low cost de-sexing program , where registered owners will pay only\$50 for the procedure. Find out more about the Domestic Animal Management Plan [here](#).

## Resources, grants and other opportunities

- Access various tools and services online using [Pay, report, request](#).
- Apply for a [Connected Neighbourhood Small Grant](#).
- [Search for grant opportunities](#) using our new grant search tool.
- Apply for the [Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund](#).
- Community bookings at [Melbourne Town Hall](#). Free venue hire for approved community groups and Non-profits where open to local community
- Book in a [Metro Tunnel information presentation](#).

- Join State Library of Victoria's business support service, [Start Space](#).

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