



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

BULLETIN

City of Melbourne projects particularly relevant to South Yarra residents

1. Community Engagement Policy and Practice

Late last year the City of Melbourne invited feedback on how they could make it easier for people to participate and understand how community feedback is used. City of Melbourne have shared the result of that consultation on the community consultation page on their website. Based on this feedback, as well as consultation with Councillors and learnings from an internal review, they have also updated their Community Engagement Policy. Feedback on the updated draft Community Engagement Policy is now invited *before 27th February* by visiting <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community-engagement-policy-2025>.

2. Community Infrastructure Plan

City of Melbourne is seeking feedback on a draft Community Infrastructure Plan which will guide planning, funding and delivery of community spaces over the next 10 years, including libraries, exhibition spaces, parks and recreation centres. Provide your input *before the 8th February* at <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community-infrastructure-plan>

3. Neighbourhood Parking Review

Just a reminder there is an open ended on-street parking review that is open for feedback. You can contribute anytime at <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-parking-reviews>

Here is a more detailed update from

CoM Kimberley Pierzchalski | Our CoM Neighbourhood Partner

2026 is the year of the horse and predictions say it will be a fast paced and energetic year with a lot of independence, confidence, personality and forward progress. In this regard and to note my role in South Yarra is to support you, the local community, to connect, collaborate, partner on initiatives and new ideas, address challenges, and share insights for the betterment of the local area. I am also joined by acting

Neighbourhood partner, Nick Pecipajkovski who is helping support while I work across three neighbourhoods including South Yarra, CBD and East Melbourne.

My motivations this year will seek to address the local needs and priorities in the area and to broker impactful partnerships. If you have an idea and not sure where to start you can connect with me to chat, and I also invite you to [check out our South Yarra website for information](#), my details, opportunities for funding and to find out what the local priorities are. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Stay heat-safe this summer

High temperatures are predicted

City of Melbourne has a range of resources, services and tips designed to help keep you cool during hot weather. Explore our range of heat-safe maps, where you can easily find the below services in the city and nearby neighbourhoods:

- Cool Places – where to cool down on hot days
- Cool Routes - to help you get to where to you need be
- Drinking Taps around the city

Visit our [Heatwaves](#) webpage to stay up-to-date with the latest heat health information, resources and activities to help keep you safe this summer. To receive heatwave and extreme heat warnings, [sign up](#) to the Department of Health heat alerts.

Other CoM News

[Fawkner Park Summer Series](#) running from 21 Jan and culminating in [Neighbour Day 29 March](#). There is a whole lot of free local well-being activity from walking clubs to art workshops and picnics. Please share with your friends and neighbours in South Yarra

- Fawkner Park Friends (FPF) is back this year with a calendar of social activities in South Yarra for 'all ages and all residents (local newbies, renters, students, workers who live in the area and other residents blurring the boundaries...all are welcomed)' to support neighbours to meet, connect and have fun, beginning with a [social games night](#) on the Third Thursday of the month from 6.30pm, next date is 19 February.
- Soak up Summer with a range of offerings in the city, [check out the full list](#)
- [Melbourne Heritage restoration fund](#) - If you are planning a project to conserve or restore your heritage place in the City of Melbourne there are grants available through the Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund.
- Submit an application to the [Urban Forest Fund](#) – there are two streams and one is particularly aimed at Community greening. Applications close on the 10 March for stream 2.

Make sure [the City of Melbourne's community infrastructure](#) meets the growing needs of the community in South Yarra and have your say on participate around the **community infrastructure plan**. The consultation closes on the 8 February. So, if you have thoughts around your park infrastructure and pavilions, Fawknor park community centre & Senior Citizens Centre, arts and cultural community facilities, , governance models, operations, processes, needs and venues not yet represented and more please get involved

MSYRG recommends using SNAPSENDSOLVE to report issues to the correct authority including the City of Melbourne

...the link: <https://www.snapsendsolve.com/>



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