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FRA mission: to promote, protect and enhance residential amenity

NEXT FRA MEETING, Monday, 11 September at 6.30 pm at the Union Club Hotel, 164 Gore Street

Join us at the Union Club Hotel (upstairs) for our monthly catch-up to help us plan and discuss local issues and initiatives.



Don't overlook signing up for 2017-18 membership. Thank you to those who have already done so.



Oh oBikes!!

According to the Dockland News, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle is at the 'end of his tether'! Speaking to a group of local small business people, Cr Doyle accused oBike of avoiding meaningful discussions to arrive at an acceptable solution and not caring where their

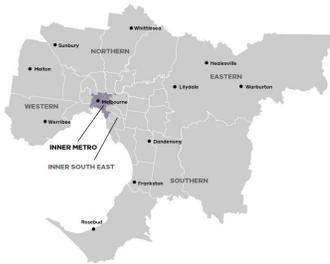
bicycles ended up.

In response, oBikes acknowledged that they had been challenged by 'some places where the bikes were left' and that they were using bike use data to locate their bikes in high use areas and to remove bikes from public parking hoops and unsafe places. They have reported 5000 downloads of their app and 1000 bikes circulating across 17 suburbs. It is a good news story to have cycling increase across our city and it is to be hoped that oBikes can address the issues following the completion of the pilot phase.



The graffiti story continues to unfold!

The City of Melbourne's Graffiti Management Plan requires the Council to remove graffiti on behalf of municipal businesses as a ratepayer service. The Graffiti Removal Services Contract specifies that graffiti be removed within 24 hours of it being seen in the retail core and within five days in other parts of the City, provided it is able to secure written permission from the owner or occupier. FRA will continue to investigate examples of Council action on graffiti over the coming weeks. We welcome any examples or suggestions as to how we can maintain the viability and amenity of our strip shopping centres.



Inner Metropolitan Partnership Assembly – Register now!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to influence government decision-making in the Inner Metro Region over the next four years. The Victorian Government has established six Metropolitan Partnerships as a new and coordinated way for communities to advise government on what matters in their region.

The [Inner Metro Partnership](#) will be holding its first Annual Assembly for community and businesses members, and regional stakeholders on Wednesday, 13 September 2017 from 5.30 to 8.00 pm at Lakeside Events and Functions Level 1, 31-33 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park.

At the Annual Assembly, participants will discuss the Inner Metro Region's unique challenges and opportunities and what the top priorities are for the Inner Metro Region over the next 20 years. This feedback will inform the development of priorities for the Inner Metro Region, which will be shared with the Victorian Government for consideration.

Dob in a Bin!

In response to a complaint that bins in a nearby street were always overflowing and left on the footpath for pedestrians to negotiate around a Council officer replied

- “Please be advised that I have investigated the matter and observed the bins located on the footpath which is indeed a breach of Council’s General Local Law. I will be issuing a direction notice to the owner of the bins to ensure the bins are only placed out as soon as practicable prior to and after the scheduled collection which is a Wednesday. This direction notice also includes that the bins must have the lid closed at all times”.

Check out [local laws](#) in Yarra relating to residential bins and other topics.



26 January

At the monthly meeting of the FRA held on Monday 21 August the following resolution was passed: ‘The Fitzroy Residents’ Association commends the Yarra City Council on its decision to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents on the 26 January and cease referring to this day as Australia Day.

The heritage of our city derives from the ancient Wurundjeri people who were the first owners of the land now known as the City of Yarra Council and FRA supports the acknowledgement that 26 January commemorates the British invasion and dispossession of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands and is therefore not an appropriate date for an inclusive national celebration’.

Update on the Rose Street project

The Rose Street Feet First Pedestrian Improvement project was unanimously approved by Council on 5 September, allowing partial funding from the Council budget in 2018-19, and the rest through external grants.

Some key features are:

- A 10 km/h speed limit to reduce traffic speed
- The replacement of six parking spaces with pedestrian pause points containing planter boxes, trees and shrubs, bike racks, public seating and street litter bins
- Two dedicated loading zones or similar outside Rose Street Market and near the intersection of Fitzroy Street
- Reinstatement of a redundant driveway crossover outside 88 Rose Street to formalise one additional paid parking space and repair the footpath
- Painted treatments on the roadway
- Opportunities for art installations, including those above the street level at the Brunswick Street entrance

- Pram ramps and street painting at the intersection of Rose Street and Fitzroy Street to address the immediate accessibility issues.

Project updates at www.yoursayyarra.com.au/rosetstreet.

Inquiry into the Public Housing Renewal Program

[Public submissions](#) can now be made for the parliamentary inquiry into the Victorian Government's Public Housing Renewal Program (PHRP).

The inquiry by the Legal and Social Issues Committee will examine the program, which plans to use private sector investment in new social housing, proposing to sell a majority of the public land on existing public housing estates for private development

FRA, as part of the Yarra Residents' Coalition, is continuing to lobby for affordable housing, public housing protection and increase in accordance with residents' resolutions passed at the November 2016 Town Hall meeting, resolutions which were supported by Council at its subsequent meeting.

Partnering with the Fitzroy Learning Network



Martin Brennan, FRA Chair, met with Jemal Ahmet, CEO FLN, last month to discuss opportunities for sharing projects and programs and to build our respective networks. The FRA Committee last month endorsed FRA's participation in the FLN Bridges to Harmony Day in March next year and will soon meet with the FLN to discuss other opportunities for sharing ideas and resources. Check out FLN website for information: www.fln.org.au/

Fitzroy Oral History Project

Good to see that the Fitzroy History Society's Oral History Project, under the title *The Life and Times of Fitzroy* from the 1950s, was launched recently. There are 23 audio files, with transcripts, for the Local History Collection of the City of Yarra Library.

The interviews are now available [online](#)
Congratulations to all involved.

We look forward to seeing you on 11 September, or hearing from you.

[Martin Brennan, Chair](#)

[Margaret Portelli, Secretary](#)

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