

**NEXT FRA MEETING, Monday, 9
October at 6.30 pm at the Union Club
Hotel, 164 Gore Street**



Our regular monthly get-together is happening again at the Union Club Hotel (upstairs). We'd love to see new faces join the "regulars" to help us plan and discuss local issues and initiatives.

Remember you can help by paying your 2017-18 membership. Great to see loyal members on our membership list again, and we would welcome new ones!

Want to join the team? Committee elections coming up in December. If you are interested in joining our committee, Martin Brennan FRA chair, would be pleased to have a chat with you.



Inner-Metro Partnerships Assembly

As we reported recently, the Inner Metro Partnership (Cities of Yarra, Melbourne and Port Phillip) held its first Annual Assembly for community and businesses members, and regional stakeholders on Wednesday 13 September 2017.

The Assembly was attended by over 140 community members, business, councillors, mayors, CEOs plus five State Ministers and two Departmental Secretaries.

The Inner-Metro Assembly is part of a four-year commitment by the State Government to community, business and council input into decisions that will shape the future of the inner metro and the other five metropolitan regions across Melbourne.

The Assembly was held to obtain feedback on the priorities developed by the Inner Metro Partnership and to hear from community members on their priorities. The outcomes of the Assembly will be considered by the Inner Metro Partnership, of which FRA Chair, Martin Brennan is a member, and report back to the community and the State Government.



Madame Sou Sou to be revived!

The sale of the iconic Madame Sou Sou in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy, has heralded in its new life following months of tagging, graffiti and vandalism of the façade. The new owner is putting his own elbow behind the restoration and plans to have the premises back in business in 4-6 months.

The sorry state of vacant premises in the much renowned Brunswick Street is a blot on this neighbourhood and requires the City Council to take action against owners who are prepared to abandon their premise to the detriment of neighbouring businesses and residents.

An Urban Forest Strategy for Yarra City

The Yarra City Council at its 19 September meeting adopted an Urban Forest Strategy with a vision for 'a more liveable city supported by a healthy and growing urban forest'.

The Council report stated that the primary driver for the development of the Strategy is to reduce the impact of the Urban Heat Island effect by increasing our

tree canopy cover to help reduce the impact of heat and contribute social, economic and environmental benefits.

Currently there are 20,854 public street trees and a great many more in parks and on private properties. Together they provide a 17% canopy cover over the municipality. The metropolitan average canopy cover is 37%. So much needs to be done and it is important for Yarra to have a strategy to meet the needs of this and future generations.

So that's what they are!

The tracks are part of Yarra's Active Schools project. The City Council has worked with staff, students and parents of three schools to identify where traffic problems and barriers were for walking and cycling to school.

The Council has used this information to address poor bike parking for staff and students, as well as installing animal footprints to show locals and kids places to walk on the way to school.



What's happening around Yarra?

Legal experts from Fitzroy Legal Service will explore the rights and responsibilities that tenants have in Victoria at the Fitzroy Library on Wednesday, 25 October at 6.30 pm. [Booking required.](#)

Bike skills for women

Yarra Environment newsletter is promoting a course developed by the [Amy Gillett Foundation](#) and delivered by experienced female instructors from Wheel Women. This free course over four weeks teaches safe cycling skills, navigation skills and basic bike maintenance skills.

Course starts Tuesday, 17 October 1:00 – 3:00pm.



Anti-Poverty Week Film Night



The Brotherhood of St Laurence is holding an exclusive screening of acclaimed film, *Constance on the Edge*, which sold out at this year's Human Rights Arts and Film Festival. Filmed over 10 years, *Constance on the Edge* is an unflinchingly honest portrayal of one refugee family's resettlement story in Australia.

At the Kino, 16 October at 6.00 pm

www.bsl.org.au/events/anti-poverty-week-film-night/

Look forward to seeing you on Monday, 9 October.

Martin Brennan, Chair
Margaret Portelli, Secretary
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