



Calendar

Wednesday, 12th March

8.15pm

Seabrook Community

Public Forum

Seabrook Community

Centre

15 Truganina Avenue

Enquiries: 9395 3010

Saturday, 15th March

10.00am to 12.00pm

Friends of Williamstown

and Newport Libraries

Book Sale

Williamstown Library

104 Ferguson Street

Enquiries: 0419 573 275

Wednesday, 19th March

2.00pm to 3.30pm

Internet Training

Newport Library

13 Mason Street

Enquiries: 9932 2050

Wednesday, 19th March

6.00pm to 8.00pm

Brooklyn Odour Meeting

Maribyrnong Civic Centre

Corner of Hyde and Napier

Streets

Footscray

Enquiries: 9695 2649

Upcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday, 11th March

Wednesday, 26th March

Tuesday, 8th April

Unless otherwise noted,

Ordinary Council Meetings

are held every second

and fourth Tuesday of

the month in the Council

Chamber, 115 Civic Parade,

Altona, commencing at

7.00pm. All interested

members of the public are

welcome to attend.

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The new codes of practice will guide pet owners in how to care for their pets.

New Codes for Pet Owners

Two new codes of practice which ensure the welfare of domestic cats and dogs have been released under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986. The codes have been developed to guide pet owners in the minimum standard of care they should be providing to their pets. The codes include topics such as health, nutrition, breeding, surgical procedures, housing, transport, socialisation, training and exercise. For more information, visit the Department of Primary Industries website at www.dpi.vic.gov.au

Your Rates at Work

The following road and drainage works are happening in Hobsons Bay:

- Road rehabilitation of Haslam Street, Williamstown which is expected to be completed by the end of March.
- Installation of a pedestrian crossing in Champion Road, Newport.
- Completion of the school crossing in Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown North (at the intersection of Swanston Street).
- Realignment of Andrew Park Drive, Altona Meadows as part of the Altona Sports Centre redevelopment.
- Pedestrian operated signals in Point Cook Road, Seabrook have been switched on.
- Replacement of the existing concrete footpath in Melbourne Road, Spotswood between McLister Street and the railway overpass, has commenced.
- Replacement of the existing pipe and rail fence in Battery Road, Williamstown has commenced. The existing fence will be replaced with a bollard and chain fence.
- Construction of the Laverton Tennis Club car park has commenced.
- Works to improve traffic flow at the intersection of Point Cook Road and Dunnings Road, Seabrook have commenced.

For more information, please call the Council on 9932 1000 or visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/roadworks

Get Your News Online

As part of the Council's commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, it is launching a series of eNewsletters to keep residents informed about what is happening in Hobsons Bay.

The first eNewsletter will be launched in the coming weeks and will inform subscribers about the Volition volunteering project. This will shortly be followed by an Arts and Culture eNewsletter, which replaces the original hard copy version.

Users who subscribe to an eNewsletter will receive the latest news and information via email directly to their inbox. While most of the Council's publications are printed on recycled paper, the eNewsletters are even better for the environment, cutting down on the amount of paper the Council uses and taking an extra step towards our target of being carbon neutral by 2020. If you are interested in receiving the eNewsletters please visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au and click on the eNewsletters icon to subscribe. Look out for the first edition in your inbox within the next few weeks. More eNewsletters will be launched over the coming months. Keep an eye on future editions of Pelican Post for more details.

Employment Opportunities

The following employment opportunities are available at the Council:

- **Environmental Health Officer**
- **Libraries Branch Team Leader and Community Outreach**
- **Libraries Display and Promotions Officer** (temporary part time)
- **Training and Home Library and Community Access Officer** (temporary full time)
- **School Crossing Supervisor** (casual)

Applications for the above positions close on Friday, 14th March. To obtain a position description and more information, please contact the Council on 9932 1000 or visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/jobs

Have Your Say

The Council is seeking community feedback on its draft multicultural policy and action plan 2008-2011.

The plan acknowledges that cultural diversity is one of the municipality's greatest social, cultural and economic resources. Cultural diversity creates jobs, helps trade, provides expertise, encourages tourism, attracts overseas students and enriches our culture.

The plan demonstrates the Council's commitment to promoting social harmony among the many diverse cultural and linguistic communities in the municipality.

Your feedback on the draft plan is critical to ensure it properly reflects the needs of the diverse communities in Hobsons Bay.

A copy of the draft policy and action plan is available at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, all Hobsons Bay library branches or by visiting the Council's website at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/communityengagement Submissions are due by 5.00pm on Tuesday, 8th April.

Free Youth Leadership Program

If you're aged between 16 and 25; are of Sudanese or Burmese descent; live, work or study in Hobsons Bay and have arrived in Australia in the last five years, the Council wants you to participate in the New and Emerging Communities Youth Leadership Program.

The program involves a youth camp and a series of activities to welcome and support young people who have recently arrived in Australia.

Participants will build relationships, learn valuable skills and have access to community resources and services.

For more information or to register your interest, please call Jade Nolan on 9932 3000 by Thursday, 27th March, or visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

The program is proudly supported by the Victoria Police, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Ambulance Service and the North West Migrant Resource Centre.

Laverton Station Workshop

The Department of Infrastructure has selected Laverton Railway Station as one of three stations in Victoria to be part of its 'Train Stations as Creative Community Hubs' project.

Commuters and residents are invited to participate in a workshop to brainstorm ideas about how to improve the station.

The ideas formed at the workshop will be considered by a project steering committee in partnership with the state government, the Council and community members.

The workshop is being held this Saturday, 15th March from 1.30pm to 4.00pm at the Laverton Community Centre, corner of Railway Avenue and Crown Street. Workshop participants will each receive a 10 x 2 hour Metcard.

Please RSVP your attendance by calling 9932 3800.

Libraries Update

• Book Group

'A Short History Of Tractors In Ukranian' by Marina Lewycka will be discussed at the Hobsons Bay Libraries March book group.

The group will meet on Tuesday, 18th March from 1.30pm to 3.00pm at Altona Library, 123 Queen Street.

For more information about joining the libraries book group, please call 9932 1330.

• Term One School Holiday activities

'Stories come alive' during the school holidays at Hobsons Bay Libraries.

Look forward to seven creative activities: Web Comics, 'WAND-erful Wizards, Fairies, Princesses and Pixies', Puppets Alive, Twice Upon a Time, Bookmark the spot, Candy Can the Clown and Starry, Starry night storytime.

For more information or to book your place, visit <http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au> or call 9932 3020.

• Life is for Learning

You're never too old to learn something new and you're never too young to see what else is out there.

Have you ever considered learning something new but not being sure what?

Are you someone who is keen to learn about anything and everything but can't find a place where your interests are met?

Come along and speak to Sandra Chalonin from Victoria University. Sandra will be able to assist you to find a TAFE or university course that will get you on the path to learning.

You can meet Sandra at the Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre on Wednesday, 19th March; the Altona Library on Wednesday, 26th March; the Williamstown Library on Wednesday, 2nd April and Newport Library on Friday, 9th April. All sessions are being held from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

For more information, please call Pam Giumarra on 9932 4170.

Planning Permit Application

• Application PA0715308

Land Appraisal has lodged an application to construct five double storey dwellings at 42 Grieve Parade, Altona.

The application and supporting documentation may be inspected at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre from 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, or via Green Light, the Council's online permit management system, at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Council in writing, including the reasons for an objection and stating how the objector would be affected by Tuesday, 25th March 2008. Objectors will be advised of the decision.

For more information, please call Mark Tenner on 9932 1000.