

# AROUND THE BAY Hobsons Bay Ward News

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Altona Meadows, Laverton, Seabrook



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### PA Burns revamp

Stage 2 of the PA Burns Masterplan is complete! Dog owners are enjoying the fully fenced dog off-lead area with double gated entries, new walking paths and seating. A brand-new carpark features 116 new spaces including three accessible carparks and three horse floats carpark spaces. More than 27,000 native plant species and 380 new trees have been planted as part of the project (stage 1 and 2). For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/PABurnsReserve](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/PABurnsReserve)

### GJ Hosken Reserve upgrade

Works on upgrading GJ Hosken Reserve will kick off on 1 February. The upgrade will include new play equipment, separate fitness stations, a multicourt and more seating within the reserve. There will also be a separate fenced dog off-lead area. Hosken Reserve is in Altona North on Blackshaws Road and runs alongside the Kororoit Creek. For more information and to view the design, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/hoskenreserve](http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/hoskenreserve)

### Altona foreshore works

Along the Altona foreshore, the seawall is being raised to mitigate against the impact of the sea level rising and the increasing intensity and frequency of storms. As part of these works, more ramps, steps and viewing platforms are being installed. Beachgoers will soon have additional access ramps at the end of Mount Street and Webb Street, with works expected to be completed at the end of February.



### Williamstown Botanic Gardens

Planted just a few months ago, the new coastal plantings in the Williamstown Botanic Gardens Pinetum are settling in and flourishing. Flowering at the moment and creating patches of delightful bright yellow blooms is *Chrysocephalum apiculatum* (Common Everlasting). The plant is indigenous to Hobsons Bay and listed locally as threatened and vulnerable. *Chrysocephalum apiculatum* is a great waterwise plant for the home garden.

### Better Places Spotswood + South Kingsville

Thank you to everyone who nominated to be part of the Better Places Spotswood + South Kingsville Local Leaders Focus Group. The successful nominees have been announced and the first meeting will kick off in February 2022. The focus group will be a central think-tank, reference group and connection between Council and the community throughout the delivery of the Better Places Spotswood and South Kingsville Place Guide. For more information, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/bpssk-local-leaders](http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/bpssk-local-leaders)

### Future proofing Newport Lakes

We've received a wealth of great ideas to protect Newport Lakes' unique conservation values as part of last year's Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan consultation. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback. Keep an eye out for the 'What We Heard' report on Participate Hobsons Bay in the coming weeks. For more information, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/newport-lakes](http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/newport-lakes)



### Caravan Sounds coming to Laverton

Look out for Caravan Sounds celebrating summer with fresh beats and sweet tunes by bringing DJs to our lovely outdoor spaces. Upcoming performances include Thursday 20 January, 1pm to 4pm at Curlew Park, Laverton and Friday 21 and 28 January, 1pm to 4pm at Lohse and Woods, Laverton. For details and other locations, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Caravansounds](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Caravansounds)

### Point Cook Road footpath widening

Works to create a continuous safe path for pedestrians accessing Seabrook Primary School will kick off early next week and are scheduled to finish mid-February. The works involve widening the path by up to 2m between Pipeline Reserve and Catherine Road. As part of the project, 18 new trees will be planted.

### Better Places Laverton Leaders

The Love Laverton Leadership Group is in full swing with 14 community members attending their first meeting late last year. The Leadership Group is a component of the Better Places Program and aims to foster local energy and leadership to help deliver the projects identified in the Laverton Place Guide. For more information, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/better-places-laverton](http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/better-places-laverton)

### Upcoming consultations

Keep an eye on Participate to have your say on Better Places Altona Meadows + Seabrook and southern open space at Bruce Comben [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

## COVID-19-related staff shortages and impacts on Council services

Like many local businesses, our service delivery is being interrupted as a result of staff who are unwell or isolating due to COVID-19. We're doing our best to minimise disruptions. However, circumstances can change rapidly. Impacted services include our waste and recycling collection, libraries and community centres, maintenance requests and customer service. Keep an eye on our social media channels or visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Covidimpact](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Covidimpact) for updates. Before visiting a library, please check the library website [libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

### Rate financial assistance deadline extended

Residential and business ratepayers financially impacted by COVID-19 can apply for 25 per cent off their 2021-22 rates (maximum \$10,000) until the budget is exhausted or 30 June 2022. To view the eligibility criteria and to apply, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/financialassistance](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/financialassistance). Interest free rate repayment plans are also available.

## Live & Local

Council is continuing to program COVID-safe street performances with locations that especially support retail and hospitality. Keep an eye out for performances happening near you. At the moment the program is being released each Wednesday for the upcoming weekend at [linktr.ee/liveandlocalhobsonsbay](http://linktr.ee/liveandlocalhobsonsbay)

### Seeing green this summer – food and garden organics recycling

All households in Hobsons Bay are invited to join the large-scale trial of paper bags to help recycle food scraps. From February 2022, any household that wants to participate and has registered by completing a 30-second survey can collect a free six-month supply of compostable paper bags from local libraries and community centres. Visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/paperbagtrial](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/paperbagtrial)

Council has also expanded the Compost Revolution program, and there's another drive-through drop-off event for food and garden organics this Saturday 22 January, 10am to 12pm. For more information about Council's waste

and recycling services, go to [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling)

### New Art Expression of Interest

Expressions of Interest are open for producers, artists and arts collectives who live or work in Hobsons Bay to deliver a creative project with funding up to \$30,000 for each idea from a funding pool of \$90,000. Funded as part of the Community Support Package, projects can be events, art installations, lighting projects (season dependent), permanent art projects and or creative infrastructure projects. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/NewArt](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/NewArt)

### Midsumma Westside

Hobsons Bay is rolling out the red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet carpet for Midsumma Westside from 23 January to 13 February. Hobsons Bay will host eleven free COVID-safe events to celebrate the spirit of Midsumma, Australia's premier queer arts and cultural festival. For more information on Midsumma Westside events in Hobsons Bay and to register, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/midsumma](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/midsumma).