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Better Boating for Altona Safe Boat Harbour

The concept design for the Altona Safe Boat Harbour has been finalised following community feedback on two design options. The final design includes realignment of the shared trail through the boat harbour, extra car spaces, expanded harbour, extra traffic and parking signage, tree planting and a fish cleaning area. Better Boating Victoria will now develop a detailed design based on the concept plan. The concept plan is available to view at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altona-safe-boat-harbour.

Altona Tennis Club court refurbishment

Stage 2 of the Altona Tennis Club is nearing completion. All of the electrical and irrigation services have now been installed, the edge beam and light poles have also been erected on courts six and seven. The clay court has been laid and is currently being rolled. The works are scheduled to be complete mid-April.

Out and About Brooklyn and Altona North – rescheduled

Due to forecast rain, the Out & About Festival in Altona North and Brooklyn has been rescheduled to 25 and 26 March. The best news is that all of the original entertainment line-up will still be performing - Voice Australia contestant and Hobsons Bay regular Tanya George, children's entertainers The Mik Maks, face painting, food trucks, barefoot bowls and great prizes will all be part of the festival. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/outandabout



Creative Technology Hub now open

The Hobsons Bay Libraries' Creative Technology Hub (CTH) at Seaworks is officially open! The makerspace is open to the public Thursday and Friday, 2pm to 6pm, and Saturday, 10am to 2pm, with weekly programs available for people aged 13+. Learn 3D printing, laser cutting, robotics and more! For the full program, visit libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/visit-us/creative-technology-hub

Blenheim Road park project

Construction of the Blenheim Road Community Park is progressing well. Located next to the Australian Islamic Centre and Altona Miniature Railway, the park will include picnic areas, toilets, a water feature, play equipment, path network, public art and landscaping. The project is scheduled for completion in September 2022.

Blackspot projects

Work has commenced at Mason Street between Millers Road and Melbourne Road in Altona North and Newport as part of the federal government funded Blackspot Project. The works will improve on-road bicycle lanes, pedestrian crossing facilities and include safer traffic speeds. The Ferguson Street Blackspot Project will also kick off in autumn. The project, between Melbourne Road and The Strand in Williamstown, includes construction of two raised zebra crossings, installation of electronic 40 km/h signage, clearer line marking for drivers turning in and out of Bath Place and the installation of painted buffer bike lanes. There will be no changes to vehicle access or parking.



Emu-foot conservation

The Friends of Skeleton Creek celebrated the Sustainable Living Festival with a successful maintenance day at Emu-foot Grassland on Sunday 27 February. Grasslands are critically endangered ecosystems in western Melbourne and the Friends of Skelton Creek play an important role in taking care of the reserve. Their next event is on 24 April from 1pm to 3pm.

Woods Street Arts Space

Woods Street Arts Space is back offering a diverse range of in-person free and low-cost workshops, classes and events that are presented and hosted by our creative community. Highlights include Polynesian dance, children's creative art workshops, and new professional musical offerings coming soon. Check the Facebook page for the latest events www.facebook.com/woodsstreetarts or visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WoodsStreetArts

Epsom Street Affordable Housing

Council is looking to deliver a best-practice affordable housing development to the north and south of Curlew Community Park at 7-45 Epsom Street, Laverton. The proposed development would accommodate up to 80 individuals and families who have a connection to Hobsons Bay. This development would provide a home for locals who struggle to find an appropriate and affordable place to live in Hobsons Bay through the private rental market. To view the design guidelines and tell us what you think, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/epsomstreetaffordablehousing

Celebrating women frontline workers

As part of Council's International Women's Day celebrations, Council is shining the light on women in frontline and essential services for their exceptional work, including during the COVID pandemic. Twenty women, nominated by their community and peers through the Hobsons Bay Inter-Agency Network, will be featured in a roving photography exhibition titled 'COVID-19 women at the frontline - A spotlight on frontline and essential staff'.

The exhibition opened at the Altona Civic Centre foyer on International Women's Day (Tuesday 8 March) and will then travel throughout Hobsons Bay.

Make it Happen Grants

Do you have ideas and initiatives which can help contribute to recovery or reconnection in our community? Is your group or club looking at innovative ways to recover and reconnect?

The Make it Happen - Hobsons Bay Recovery and Reconnection grants program provides funding to support our community to 'make things happen' as we learn about, work through and adapt to the impacts experienced in

our city as a result of COVID-19. Community groups, non-profit organisations, clubs, producers, community centres and neighbourhood houses can apply for grants of up to \$25,000 and equipment grants of up to \$3,000.

One great example of an idea was the recent community-led Monster Mayhem event at Altona Meadows. The event was a big success that was enjoyed by many. Well done to the Altona Meadows Community Association!

To find out more, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/grants

Paper bags to improve food-waste recycling

Are you one of the thousands of residents who have joined the community trial of paper bags to help recycle food waste? If not, it's not too late to sign up for a six-month supply of free paper bags.

Unlike some other council areas, Council's food and garden organics partner, Veolia, does not accept the green bio-plastic bags. The Hobsons Bay branded paper bags help make separating food for composting easier and keep contamination in check while recycling more food – which means more mulch, and less methane. Sign up at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/paperbagtrial

Hobsons Bay Business has Heart 2.0 grants

Two new grant streams are currently open for applications. Hobsons Bay small businesses from sectors who were hardest hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for a Quick Response Grant as part of the Hobsons Bay Business has Heart 2.0 grants. Funding of up to \$1,500 per applicant is available to rebuild and recover post-COVID. Grant funding can be used on a range of services, such as website upgrades, branding, business mentoring or staff upskilling. Applications close on 30 April 2022 or until the funding pool is exhausted. A separate grant stream for business precinct reactivations is also available for groups of businesses or trader associations. For more information, or to apply, visit www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/grants

Rate waivers available

Residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19 can apply for a 25 per cent reduction of their 2021-22 rates (maximum \$10,000) until 30 June 2022 (or the budget allocation is exhausted). For eligibility criteria and to apply visit, www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/financialassistance