

# AROUND THE BAY Hobsons Bay Ward News



## Cherry Lake Ward

Altona, Altona North, Altona Meadows, Brooklyn, Seaholme



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## Strand Ward

Altona North, Newport, Spotswood, South Kingsville, Williamstown, Williamstown North



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## Wetlands Ward

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### Proposed Budget 2022-23

Council has released its Proposed Annual Budget 2022-23 for public exhibition. In Cherry Lake Ward, budget highlights include: \$4.2M over two financial years for HC Kim Reserve Pavilion and sports field upgrades; \$2.085M over two financial years for Brooklyn Hall Redevelopment; \$3.7M over two financial years for Altona Foreshore Upgrade Project (Esplanade Closure, Pier Street Stage 4; Weaver Reserve, Seawall and Shared Trail - Webb to Sargood Streets); and \$465K for upgrading J.J. Ginifer Reserve in Altona North. Have your say by 15 May at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/budget2022-23**

### Altona Tennis Club development complete!

The multi-year \$2.6M Altona Tennis Club Court redevelopment project is now complete, and the courts are accessible to the community by using the Book a Court system. Eleven courts have been redeveloped with \$1M funding support from the state government's Sport & Recreation Victoria's Stimulus program. The project included installing five new classic clay synthetic courts and six new En Tout Cas surface courts.

### Seawall realignment and widening of shared trail

Works realigning the seawall and widening the shared trail between Webb Street and Sargood Street are now under way. The works help protect the community from the increasing effects of climate change including storm surge and anticipated sea level rise. The project is scheduled to be completed in late August. During construction, the shared path will be closed. For more information on these works go to [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonaforeshore](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonaforeshore)

### Proposed Budget 2022-23

Council's Proposed Annual Budget 2022-23 features \$56.78 million in major infrastructure projects across the city. In Strand Ward, major projects include \$2.5M over two financial years for Stage 1 of the Green Line project (Hall Street, Spotswood); \$3M for the Dennis Reserve multipurpose pavilion; \$1.45M over two financial years for Newport Park District Park Upgrade; and \$1.6M over two financial years for Mary Street Reserve as part of the Spotswood Open Space Upgrade. To provide feedback by 15 May, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/budget2022-23**

### Proposed sale of 122 Woods Street

Hobsons Bay residents are invited to have their say on the proposed sale of the former Hobsons Bay Kindergarten site, located at 122 Woods Street in Newport. Funds from selling the three lots will be reinvested into the community including reserves for the Western Aquatics facility construction, the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre construction and the Hobsons Bay Property Development Fund. Feedback closes Sunday 29 May, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/122woods**

### Have your say on major projects and planning for Spotswood

The Spotswood Activity Centre Structure Plan currently out for public consultation aims to implement the Better Places Spotswood and South Kingsville community vision. Council is also seeking feedback on projects identified in the Better Places Spotswood and South Kingsville Place Guide. visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/spotswood-activity-centre-structure-plan**.

### Proposed Budget 2022-23

Community consultation for the Proposed Annual Budget is a fundamental part of its development. In Wetlands Ward, budget highlights include \$3.9M over two financial years for McCormack Park's Open Space Upgrade; \$3.1M over two financial years to implement the Bruce Comben Reserve Master Plan; \$3.8M over three financial years for road safety and streetscape improvements on Railway Avenue in Laverton; and \$750K to upgrade the Altona Meadows Library. Feedback closes 15 May, have your say at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/budget2022-23**

### Bruce Comben Aquatic Centre

Council is seeking a three-way funding partnership with state and federal governments for the \$60M investment needed to deliver a new state-of-the-art Aquatic Centre at Bruce Comben Reserve in Altona Meadows. Council has already committed \$20 million to this new facility. To help us advocate and show your support for this project, complete the online form at: **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brucecomben**

### Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre

Council is working with the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc. to advocate for an innovative nature-based attraction. Council is seeking a three-way partnership with the state and federal government for the \$16M needed to deliver this project which would bring significant social and economic benefits to the western suburbs. We have committed \$5M towards this project with this commitment to be activated dependent on receiving from the state and federal governments the remaining \$11 million. For more, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WetlandsCentre](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WetlandsCentre)

### You're invited to the Council+ celebrations

The community will soon be able to access hundreds of Council services at Hobsons Bay libraries. You're invited to celebrate at three big events on Thursday 26 May at Williamstown Library and Friday 27 May at Altona North Community Library and Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre. Featuring entertainment, free food and hot drinks, Council+ will launch with a bang. For details, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlus](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlus)

### Arts at Your Doorstep

Council's Arts at Your Doorstep returns this year with three exceptional high-quality performances at its cultural venues from May to September. The 2022 Arts at Your Doorstep program kicks off with *Participation Award* by multi-award-winning singer, songwriter and comedian Jude Perl at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 May at the Williamstown Town Hall. To view the full program and book tickets, please visit [www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au](http://www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au) or call the Box Office on 9932 4074.

### Asset Plan

As part of this year's budget consultation, Council is also inviting community feedback on the Asset Plan. The Asset Plan will be Council's roadmap for managing, maintaining, and renewing our infrastructure which contributes to Hobsons Bay being a great place to live, work and study. To provide feedback by Sunday 15 May visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/asset**

### National Simultaneous Storytime

Join the 22nd National Simultaneous Storytime on 25 May, 10.45am to 11.45am at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre. At this special storytime, we will read *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke at the same time as other libraries, kindergartens, schools and homes all over the country and around the world! Bookings are required for for everyone attending who are aged over 12 months at [libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/)

### Let's talk toilets

Council manages 41 public toilet facilities across the municipality which vary significantly in age, style and standards. We are now reviewing our Public Toilet Strategy and encourage you to get involved to ensure our toilets can meet the ongoing and growing needs for our community. For more information, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/toilets**

### Response to Climate Change

Council recognises the significant challenges arising from climate change that requires us all to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for a changing climate. Building on previous community feedback, Council has developed a "Response to Climate Change Plan" that addresses climate change impacts. We want the community's feedback to confirm the Vision, Priorities and Actions reflect community attitudes and meet community's expectations of effective and appropriate climate change action. To provide feedback, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/climate-change-plan**