**Around the Bay - 10 October 2018**

**Cherry Lake Ward**

**Brooklyn Dog Park redevelopment complete**

After four years in the making, the **Brooklyn Dog Park** will open with a special morning tea on Sunday 21 October, 10am to 12pm. The dog park features dog agility equipment, new pathways, seating, a drink fountain, bins with dog bag dispensers, and tree and shrub planting. The Brooklyn Dog Park is the first fenced, off leash dog park facility in Hobsons Bay.For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brooklyndogpark](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brooklyndogpark)

**Altona Library reopening celebrations continue**

If you missed the grand reopening of the **Altona Library** after its extensive refurbishment, take the opportunity to explore the new look of the library at one of the upcoming events. Tonight, author Erin Rhoads, (aka The Rogue Ginger), discusses her latest book, *Waste not: Make a difference by throwing away less*, 6.15pm to 7.45pm or pen your own memoir with the guidance of Sarah Vincent on Tuesday 30 October, 10am to 12pm, at the memoir writing workshop titled The Story of You. All library events are free. To register, visit [libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/)

**Have your say on the new Cherry Lake fitness stations**

Don’t forget to check out the newly installed **fitness stations** around Cherry Lake. Council is currently collecting feedback to help guide decisions about future fitness stations. Provide your feedback at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fitness](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fitness)

**Strand Ward**

**Bayside Secondary College sporting facilities upgrade information session**

Works on the $2.1 million project to upgrade **Bayside Secondary College** Paisley and Williamstown campuses sports facilities will commence in April 2019. The upgrade includes a new multi-purpose playing field, floodlighting, a new pavilion and inclusive unisex change rooms. The project is funded by Council, the Victorian Government and the Victorian School Building Authority. Sporting clubs and residents are invited to a community information session on Sunday 21 October, 2pm to 4pm. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/bayside

**Craig Street Park concept plan information session**

Spotswood’s **Craig Street Park** is being revamped. Spotswood residents are invited to view the concept plan at a community information session on Sunday 18 November 2pm to 4pm. The upgrade is the result of a 2017-18 budget submission from local residents and is part of Council’s ongoing commitment to its Open Space Strategy. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/craigstreetpark](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/craigstreetpark)

**Williamstown Town Hall hosts Last Night of the Proms with James Morrison**

Tickets are still available for Last Night of the Proms at the Williamstown Town Hall on Saturday 13 October. Presented by the Western Region Concert Band, the night features popular classics and the traditional British pieces you’d expect from ‘the Proms’ along with special guest jazz great James Morrison.  Tickets at [www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au](http://www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au)

**Wetlands Ward**

**Homestead Run and Barry Jones Reserve concept plan information session**

Following community feedback, a staged park improvement program for the Homestead Run and Barry Jones Reserve in Seabrook has been developed. Seabrook residents are invited to view the design at a community information session on Saturday 13 October between 2pm and 4pm. Suggestions included a new barbecue, a half court for netball and basketball, goal posts for informal play (AFL/soccer) and fencing at Homestead Reserve. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/homesteadrun](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/homesteadrun)

**Spring Bird Walks**

Cheetham Wetlands is a natural bird haven, particularly in spring. As the weather warms up, take the opportunity to explore the birds that inhabit the wetlands salt marshes and Skeleton Creek. The internationally significant wetlands provide important feeding and habitat areas for thousands of migratory birds from Japan, Siberia and New Zealand.

Council’s Conservation Rangers, together with experienced local bird lovers, are holding a series of free Spring Bird Walks in various locations across Hobsons Bay with light refreshments provided after each walk. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/RangerRamblings](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/RangerRamblings)

**Musical adventures for children at Wood Street Arts Space**

Joyful, lively and fun for all, our Suzuki music classes at the Woods Street Arts Space help your little one (0 to 5 years) tap into their musical spirit through rhythm, beat, lyrics, and movement – all taught by professional musicians with teaching accreditations. The best part- it’s FREE to residents of Laverton and Altona Meadows. Everyone else $10 per child per class. Bookings essential. Visit [musicaladventures.weteachme.com](https://musicaladventures.weteachme.com/)

**General**

**New Residential Zones – Have your say**

Council has drafted three important planning strategies that will guide future residential growth and changes in Hobsons Bay over the next 20 years. These strategies have informed the application of the New Residential Zones, which are a requirement of the state government. The community and stakeholders are invited to have a say on these documents before they are finalised. Visit us at a pop-up stall, attend a drop-in session or join our community workshop. Visit Participate Hobsons Bay for more information, times and dates. View the interactive draft New Residential Zones map and provide feedback at [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/newzones](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/newzones) by 5pm Friday 9 November 2018.

**Pitch your idea for Council’s Budget 2019-20**

You still have time to pitch your idea for Council's 2019-20 Budget. To find out what sort of ideas we're looking for, attend an information session, or to submit your idea, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/). Ideas will be accepted until midnight Sunday 28 October 2018.

**Garage Sale Trail**

Hobsons Bay is again taking part in the national annual Garage Sale Trail, from Saturday 20 October and Sunday 21 October. Be part of a national movement that sees 400,000+ Australians buying and selling pre-loved clothes and household items. Join the event as seller or be a shopper! For more information, visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)