**May 2018 Around the Bay**

***General***

**Facebook LIVE Q&A**

Are you interested in Council’s 2018-19 draft budget? Do you want to find out more about Council’s projects and services? Council is proud to present its second Facebook LIVE 2018-19 Budget Q&A on Monday 7 May, 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Council officers will be online and ready to respond to your questions. Find out more at https://www.facebook.com/events/231663684243358/

View the draft budget before the Q&A at http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or in person at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre or at Hobsons Bay Libraries.

**Get involved in Council’s Portfolio Advisory Committees**

Council is hosting an information session on Wednesday 9 May from 6pm to 8pm at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre for anyone interested in joining Council’s new and exciting Portfolio Advisory Committees. For details about the committees, and to register your interest, visit https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au. Applications close Wednesday 16 May 2018 at 5pm.

**IDAHOBIT flag raising and morning tea**

Council will raise the rainbow flag to celebrate the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT). IDAHOBIT is the annually recognised day for taking action for a prejudice-free world regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation or biological sex characteristics. The community is invited to attend the event on Thursday 17 May at 11am at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona. To RSVP, call 9932 1000 or email commdev@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

**Detox Your Home**

Hobsons Bay residents can safely dispose of their household chemicals free of charge at the Detox Your Home event in Altona on Saturday 19 May from 10am to 2pm. To register for this event call 1300 363 744 or book at http://detox.sustainability.vic.gov.au/. A list of accepted products is also available on the website. The collection site address will be provided upon registration.

**World Environment Day**

Hobsons Bay will again mark World Environment Day with a community festival featuring speakers, workshops and spaces for local sustainability and environmental groups to share information about their work. Masterchef winner Emma Dean will talk about food waste and reducing throw-away food packaging and Neil Blake from Baykeeper will share his decades of work to educate people about the impacts of plastics in our oceans. Council will also launch its Food Waste Avoidance Program and 2019 Environment Grants. The World Environment Day event is on Sunday 3 June from 1pm to 4.30pm at the Williamstown Town Hall. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

**Heritage Hobsons Bay events**

Heritage and Hobsons Bay go hand in hand - and during the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival, both are on show. There are more than 25 events in this year’s program, which is on now until 20 May. Events include heritage walks, workshops in generating family trees, ghost tours, a film screening, war stories, and presentations on Hobsons Bay’s industrial history. Most of the events are free and open to everyone. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/heritagehobsonsbay or call 9932 4310.

***Cherry Lake Ward***

**2018-19 draft budget**

Council has released its 2018-19 draft budget for public exhibition. In Cherry Lake Ward, budget highlights include: $2.89 million towards the Altona Early Years Hub; $1.6 million on foreshore upgrades, including $600,000 for a vehicle ramp at Bent Street, $500,000 for a pedestrian ramp at Millers Road and $400,000 for the Seaholme foreshore upgrade; $750,000 on refurbishing the Civic Centre; $400,000 on the lacrosse pavilion at PJ Lynch Reserve; $400,000 towards floodlighting at JK Grant Reserve; $170,000 to upgrade Langshaw Reserve; $150,000 to resurface Harcourt Road; $150,000 towards the road rehabilitation design at Merton Street from Harcourt Road to the railway line; and $130,000 on the Altona Road bridge. Have your say by 16 May at http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

**GH Ransom Reserve upgrades**

Council is undertaking improvement works to GH Ransom Reserve, Altona. Works have started and are expected to be complete by early July. The upgrade will include a new play space and gathering area, new footpath connections, new furniture and landscaping and a new public toilet. The area is an official works site and will not be accessible to the public while these works are taking place. For information, email projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or call 9932 1131.

**Playground complete at Logan Reserve**

Great news! The playground at Logan Reserve in Altona is back with new equipment, including a timber fort, double wave slide and cable climbing net. The playground had been severely vandalised earlier this year. Council thanks our youngest citizens for their patience while the playground was being repaired.

***Strand Ward***

**2018-18 draft budget**

Council has released its 2018-19 draft budget for public exhibition. In Strand Ward, budget highlights include: $1.87 million for the new pavilion at JT Gray Reserve; $1.6 million towards the restoration of the Williamstown Mechanics Institute; $1.12 million to redevelop Bryan Martin Oval and netball court; $900,000 on road works at Electra Street, Williamstown; $480,000 on the lacrosse building at Fearon Reserve; $400,000 for the car park at Altona Lakes Golf Course; $350,000 for stage one of the Armstrong Reserve upgrade; $285,000 for additional works at the Newport Community Hub; $200,000 on a new public toilet at Edwards Reserve; $180,000 to implement the Williamstown Botanic Gardens Master Plan; $180,000 for street lighting in Nelson Place; $170,000 at KC White Reserve for car park renewal; and $100,000 towards the Digman Reserve Master Plan. Have your say on the draft budget by 16 May at http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

**Local sport facilities funding**

The State Government has announced a $2.1 million funding boost to upgrade local sports facilities at Bayside College Paisley and Williamstown campuses. The upgrades will deliver new sports fields and female-friendly change rooms, providing a base for training, development programs and competition for local clubs. Bayside College students and local community groups will both have access to the new facilities.

**Lighting at Williamstown Cricket Ground**

Council is replacing the lighting towers and the flood lights at the Williamstown Cricket Ground. Find out more at an info session on Wednesday 16 May from 4.30pm to 6.30 pm near the cricket nets at Williamstown Cricket Ground. For more information, call 9932 1000.

***Wetlands Ward***

**2018-19 draft budget**

Council has released its 2018-19 draft budget for public exhibition. In Wetlands Ward, budget highlights include: $1.08 million for the Epsom Street project; $835,000 towards the Altona Sports Centre extension design; $500,000 to upgrade the Skeleton Creek Shared Trail; $200,000 on female change rooms at BF Jackson Pavilion; $200,000 on public toilets at the Altona Meadows Community Park; $200,000 allocated for dog off lead facilities in Altona Meadows; $150,000 to resurface Harcourt Road; $150,000 towards the road rehabilitation design at Merton Street from Harcourt Road to the railway line; $130,000 towards the planning phase of the HD Graham Reserve Master Plan; $100,000 to upgrade Homestead Run open space; $100,000 towards the Tatman Reserve upgrade; $95,000 on the Truganina Park footbridge; $85,000 on the Bruce Comben Reserve tennis courts car park; $60,000 on car park lighting at Laverton Park; and $15,000 for the Lan Ave bridge design. Have your say by 16 May at http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

**Playground works updates**

Upgrade works have commenced at RK Richards Reserve in Altona Meadows. The reserve will receive new playground equipment, new concrete pathways, new furniture, trees and garden bed plantings. Upgrade works to Tatman Reserve in Altona Meadows and Woods Street Reserve in Laverton will start early this month. Works are expected to be completed this winter.

**Epsom Street Reserve design**

There is still time to comment on the concept plan for the neighbourhood park on the former Epsom Street School site. For details, call 9932 1000 or visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/epsomstreet