**Around the Bay – April**

**Cherry Lake Ward**

**Good Friday collections**

Council’s garbage, recycling, green and hard waste collection services will not occur on Good Friday 19 April. Bins normally collected on a Friday will be collected on Saturday 20 April. This is a temporary change only. Normal Friday bin collections resume on Friday 26 April. Hard waste collection services resume on Monday 22 April. The affected areas includes Altona, Seaholme and a small section of Altona Meadows. Bins will be collected as normal for Easter Monday (22 April) and ANZAC Day (25 April). For information on Council’s waste and recycling service, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Waste-Recycling](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Waste-Recycling)

**Beach Trial wrap up**

Thank you to our community for taking part in the Altona Beach precinct trial over the summer. The goal of the trial was to link the beachfront with nearby reserves, the Altona Life Saving Club and the many cafes and shops on Pier Street, while improving pedestrian safety, traffic and parking conditions. The community provided plenty of feedback, including the 267 people who completed the online engagement survey, which will help inform Council’s evaluation.

**Brooklyn Reserve Upgrade**

As part of the West Gate Tunnel Project, the state government is upgrading Brooklyn Reserve, D.N. Duane Reserve, Rowan Avenue Reserve and the Federation Trail in Pipeline Reserve (trail lighting installation). Thank you to residents who attended the drop-in sessions in March and provided feedback via Participate Hobsons Bay. The concept plans will soon be available on Participate, so keep your eyes peeled on [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brooklynreservesupgrade](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brooklynreservesupgrade)

**Strand Ward**

**100 years of Williamstown**

This year marks 100 years since Williamstown was declared a city. As part of Heritage Hobsons Bay and the National Trust’s Australian Heritage Festival, a program of events supporting the celebration of the City of Williamstown will take place between 18 April to 19 May. Events include the exhibition *Memories of Williamstown Town Hall*, *Paint the Gardens* exhibition at the Williamstown Botanic Gardens and lots of new walking tours. For more information visit, [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/williamstown100](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/williamstown100)

**Fitness stations along The Strand**

Fitness stations will be installed in three locations along The Strand (spanning the Williamstown and Newport foreshore). A total of eight different pieces will be located next to existing play spaces, shade trees and drinking water facilities. Installation is expected to be completed in May. Council will also install fitness stations at Apex Park along the Altona Beach foreshore, Homestead Run Reserve in Seabrook, Epsom Street Reserve in Laverton and Craig Street Reserve in Spotswood. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fitness](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fitness)

**World Migratory Bird Day 2019**

Hobsons Bay is a significant location for one of nature’s most extraordinary annual migrations. Celebrate nature’s amazing feat and raise awareness about protecting migratory bird habitats on Saturday 11 May, 10am to 1pm at the Newport Community Hub. There will be a range of free activities including, live performances, printmaking, arts and craft. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WorldMigratoryBirdDay2019](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WorldMigratoryBirdDay2019)

**Wetlands Ward**

**Help improve Hobsons Bay’s transport network**

There’s still time to provide feedback on how we can improve Hobsons Bay’s transport network as part of our Local Area Movement Plan (LAMP) for Altona Meadows, Seabrook and Laverton. The LAMP will identify key transport challenges and constraints, as well as possible opportunities for improvement in the ways people move in this area, using all modes of transport. Visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/LAMPwestpackage](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/LAMPwestpackage) for details. Feedback closes Sunday 28 April.

**Block Party**

Laverton will come alive with the annual Block Party on Sunday 28 April, 10am to 2pm. The event includes an Indigenous led music program with performances by high profile acts and Hobsons Bay residents including Robbie Batzke of Soul4GIVE, renowned musician Bart Willoughby and Wiradjuri Soprano, Shauntai Batzke. The event coincides with the seventh birthday of Laverton’s Woods Street Arts Space. For more information on the event, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/blockparty](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/blockparty) or [www.facebook.com/woodsstreetarts](http://www.facebook.com/woodsstreetarts)

**Epsom Street Park update**

Construction of the Epsom Street park will begin in April. The park will include fitness stations, a playground with swings, climbing net, trampoline, slides and accessible spinner, improved lighting, half-court with basketball and netball goalposts, new seating, public toilets, new trees, garden beds and open grassed areas. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/epsomstreet](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/epsomstreet)

**General**

**Heritage Hobsons Bay**

Explore Hobsons Bay during the National Trust Heritage Festival. Join us for a program of over 20 local events and activities. The Heritage Hobsons Bay guide is available for collection at the Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre, Hobsons Bay Libraries, the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre and the Williamstown Town Hall or download from [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/heritagehobsonsbay](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/heritagehobsonsbay)

**Fitness stations**

Fitness stations will be installed in locations across Hobsons Bay. Read the article above in the Strand Ward or visit our website for more information at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fitness](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fitness)

**Aquatic Strategy**
A potential new aquatic centre at Bruce Comben Reserve, a possible upgrade of Bayfit or perhaps a water play park at McCormack Park...they are all ideas proposed in Council’s draft Hobsons Bay Aquatic Strategy 2019-30. Have your say on the strategy until 5 May at [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/aquatic-strategy](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/aquatic-strategy).

**Coastal Management Plan consultation**
Calling all sailors, fishers, kite surfers, swimmers, kayakers, walkers, cyclists and beach goers – we want your feedback and ideas to help inform Council’s Coastal Management Plan (CMP). Our CMP will identify how we use the foreshore, explore upgrades and investigate ways to protect the coastline for the future. For more information and to provide feedback, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/cmp](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/cmp)

**Draft Waste and Litter Management Plan**
Have your say on Council's draft Waste and Litter Management Strategy until Wednesday 24 April on Participate Hobsons Bay ([participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/draft-waste-and-litter-management-strategy](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/draft-waste-and-litter-management-strategy)). The strategy outlines new directions for waste and litter management in Hobsons Bay.

**Proposed 2019-20 Budget**

Every year Council consults with the community on their annual proposed budget. Keep an eye out on Participate Hobsons Bay ([participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/)) from mid-April, for your opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed budget. The proposed 2019-20 budget is scheduled for adoption on Tuesday 25 June 2019.