HOBSONSBAY BAY WARD NEWS

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**PA Burns Reserve and Altona Dog Beach closed**
This winter, we are delivering some projects along the Seaholme foreshore to improve how our community moves and plays in our seaside open space. We ask for the patience of the community as we upgrade PA Burns Reserve, dredge the Altona Safe Harbour and carry out maintenance works on the Cherry Creek footbridge. PA Burns Reserve, except for the cricket oval, will be closed until October 2019. Altona Dog Beach is closed until Saturday 7 September 2019. The section of shared trail between Altona Coastal Park and the Altona Boat Harbour is closed with a detour around the works site onto Altona Rd until mid October 2019. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/foreshore

**Construction of the Bent Street Vehicle Access Ramp**
Works are continuing on the construction of a vehicle access ramp to the Altona foreshore at Bent Street, which is due for completion at the end of September. This ramp will ensure that lifesavers and emergency services personnel can access the beach during an emergency and Council maintenance staff can remove seaweed and groom the beach. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/foreshore

**Recycling update**
Council is implementing interim recyclables drop offs for Hobsons Bay residents weekly on Saturdays between 8am and 2pm at the Hobsons Bay City Council Operations Centre, Sugar Gum Drive in Altona. Most household recyclable material will be accepted at the drop offs. Residents are asked to sort and separate their recyclables into two skip bins, one for glass and another for paper / cardboard / plastic / cans. Recyclables that will be accepted in the paper / plastic bin include: soft drink bottles, milk bottles, shampoo bottles, detergent bottles; paper products such as cardboard, office paper, magazines and newspapers; and aluminium and steel cans. The interim drop offs follow the temporary closure of Council’s recycling contractors SKM, which has unfortunately resulted in Council’s collected recycling going to landfill. Council is currently working hard on long term solutions and will keep the community informed as these progress. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling

**Make the switch to e-rates**
Did you know you can register to receive your future rates notices via email? Help the environment by saving paper and save yourself time by paying your rates online. It’s quick, easy and secure. Register at hobsonsbay.enotices.com.au and have a copy of your latest rates notice handy. You will need the unique reference code on the bottom right hand side of the notice.

**Electric charging stations**
By the end of August, residents with electric cars will be able to recharge at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre carpark in Altona as part of a free trial. The 50 kW DC (direct current) charging station takes as little as 30-40 minutes to recharge DC charge compatible electric vehicles, depending on the vehicle and its battery state. The charging station will feature two connectors and will be free to use for a one-year trial period. Residents will need to download and register using the Chargefox app. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/sustainabletransport

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**Paine Reserve Landscape Master Plan – two days left to comment**
Council has been busy designing an exciting new Landscape Master Plan for Paine Reserve in Newport. The plan proposes a large open lawn area for events or lounging around with a book, a basketball hoop and key area, paved plaza seating space, a new play space and a new timber deck outside the library entrance for outdoor activities and study. To view the Master Plan and comment, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/painereserve before 16 August.

**Williamstown Botanic Gardens**
The team at the Williamstown Botanic Gardens are busy implementing the endorsed Williamstown Botanic Gardens Master Plan. As part of the plan, a new irrigation system will be installed near the pine collection. The irrigation will help future tree planting and ensure the gardens continue to be an outstanding example of one of Victoria’s much loved 19th century Botanic Gardens. For more information on the gardens, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Parks-Conservation/Williamstown-Botanic-Gardens

**Works commencing at Altona Sports Centre**
Work on the first stage of the Altona Sports Centre has commenced to upgrade to the centre’s car park, outdoor netball courts and Andrew Park Drive entrance, paving the way for the future of sport in Hobsons Bay. The first stage will focus on the area outside the centre with a complete upgrade to parking, two new outdoor netball courts, Andrew Park Drive and the Queen Street roundabout. The project is funded by Council, including $7 million in the 2019-20 Budget with contributions from the Victorian Government through the Better Indoor Stadium Fund and Altona Sports Centre Limited. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/News-Media/2019/August/Ball-rolling-on-expansion-of-Altona-Sports-Centre

**Homestead Run Reserve lighting upgrades**
Lighting upgrade works at Homestead Run Reserve and Barry Jones Reserve are now complete. The concept design for the playground is underway taking into account feedback we received from the community during onsite consultation sessions. The draft concept plan will be available for review in September at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/projects/homesteadrun

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**Dog owners reminded to do the right thing**
With our beautiful beaches, open spaces and top-notch dog off-lead facilities, Hobsons Bay is a very popular destination for dogs and their humans and we are calling on dog owners to use our public spaces responsibly for the safety and enjoyment of the entire community. Council will be increasing the number of animal management officers on patrol in areas frequented by dogs and their owners. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/News-Media/2019/August/Dog-owners-reminded-to-do-the-right-thing

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