Around the Bay
Hobsons Bay Ward News

Cherry Lake Ward
Altona, Altona North, Brooklyn, Seaholme

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Altona Boat Ramp toilet completion
Construction of the new accessible public toilet facility that services users of the Altona Boat Ramp, Cresser Reserve and the Hobsons Bay Trail is complete. There are five new unisex cubicles, four toilets (two with baby change tables) and external hand wash facilities.

Foreshore works
Works to fix our city’s ageing infrastructure and protect our community from storm surges and future sea level rise are continuing along Altona and Seaholme foreshore. Keep up to date at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonaforeshore for project updates and to be kept informed of upcoming information sessions.

Langshaw Reserve Play Space upgrade
Thank you to those who attended the Langshaw Reserve upgrade information session in October. Community feedback has informed the draft concept plan that is now available for comment until 21 January at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/langshawreserve

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Summer trial of Esplanade closure
The Altona Beach precinct will be even better connected and safer for pedestrians when Council’s summer trial vehicle closure of the Esplanade, between Bent and Pier Streets, commences 17 December and runs until early March 2019. Council is working closely with the Altona Village Traders Association to support a program of events, market stalls, games, beach pop ups, outdoor dining and temporary ‘beach boxes’, made especially by the Hobsons Bay Men’s Shed Network. There will be some parking and traffic changes in the immediate area to support the temporary closure. For more, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/alleistantona

Summer sporting events
The biggest and best open water swimming event in Melbourne is in Hobsons Bay on Sunday 16 December with the Williamstown Open Water (WOW) Challenge and the Victorian Open Water Championships. Events range from 750m to 10km and support local lifesavers. For details, visit www.wowchallenge.com.au

New Year’s Eve road closures
Changed traffic conditions, including temporary road closures, will be in place along The Strand, Nelson Place and surrounding streets on New Year’s Eve 2018. Road closures will be in place from North Road at Douglas Parade along The Strand to Ferguson Street, and Nelson Place from Ferguson Street to Thompson Street, including Syme Street. Traffic management will be in place from 7pm, with full closure implemented by 8.30pm on New Year’s Eve until 1.30am. Vehicles will be able to exit the closure zone during the evening, but won’t be able to enter once the closure is in effect. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/roadclosures

Sporting facility design work
Design is currently underway for Council’s change room redevelopment at Harley Pavilion at Fearon Reserve in Williamstown and Paisley Park Soccer Complex in Newport. The redevelopment at both facilities will involve removing existing open shower halls and installing cubicle toilets and showers to make them more female friendly. The state government and Council are funding partners for these projects.

Wetlands Ward
Altona Meadows, Laverton, Seabrook

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Skeleton Creek Trail works update
The Skeleton Creek Trail from South Terrace to Ravenswood Court has been completed, including Lambassa Way to Clarendon Court in Seabrook. Shortly, work will begin on Ravenswood Court to Clarendon Court. Works on Clarendon Court to Point Cook Road is scheduled for March 2019, which also involves working closely with Melbourne Water to deliver upgrade works on both sides of the footbridge between Lan Avenue, Altona Meadows and Ravenswood Court, Seabrook to prevent flooding. Council’s upgrade of the entire trail is scheduled for completion in August 2019.

Altona Meadows Community Park
Thank you to those community members who attended the Altona Meadows Community Park drop-in session in November and provided feedback on the location of the proposed new toilet and dog-off leash area. Council is collating the feedback with a plan to release a proposed design early in the New Year.

Truganina Park footbridge
Work will commence on the picturesque Truganina Park footbridge over Laverton Creek between Truganina Park (100 Steps) and the Truganina Explosives Reserve at the end of the summer. Detours will be in place to provide alternative access to the Hobsons Bay Coastal Trail. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/roads

Summer events in Wetlands Ward
Save the date for the Movies by the Bay on 1 January as they race along Nelson Place. For more information, visit www.wowchallenge.com.au

Christmas events in Hobsons Bay
The Altona Lions Cherry Lake Christmas market is on Sunday 16 December from 8.30am to 1.30pm at Cherry Lake. Carols by Candlelight is on: Saturday 15 December from 7.30pm at Traralgar Reserve, Altona Meadows; Sunday 16 December from 7.30pm at Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown; and at Logan Reserve, Altona on the same evening from 7.30pm. Check out the free, family screening of Elf at Logan Reserve on Friday 21 December at 6pm. Follow us on www.facebook.com/creativecityhobsonsbay