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Join the 'Twitch Hunt' at PA Burns

Our conservation team has hidden 20 replica steel birds in PA Burns Reserve. These birds represent species that can be found on the Hobsons Bay foreshore. To find out more pick up your guided flyer from one of the entrances to the reserve. Can you find them all?

W.L.J Crofts Reserve playground update

Draft designs for the new play space at W.L.J. Crofts Reserve in Altona North have been released. The design features a range of swinging and climbing play equipment for different ages, as well as timber and natural play elements. A new path network will connect the play area to G.J. Hosken Reserve for easy access to the new play space and half-court there. View the plans and have your say at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WLJcrofts before 19 December.

Weed control at Laverton Creek Spit

Over the past 15 years, a large sand spit that has formed along Laverton Creek, opposite Doug Grant Reserve and Apex Park, has become a good habitat for shorebirds and local wildlife. Birdlife Australia has recognised this area as an important space for migratory shorebirds and it is currently under consideration for Ramsar listing. While the habitat is establishing well, Council has been working hard to stop noxious weed species including African Boxthorn, Boneseed, Sea Spurge and the insidious Sea Wheat-Grass. To find out more about Council's conservation work and areas, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/conservation



Visitor Information Centre now open!

The friendly staff and volunteers at our Visitor Information Centre are so excited to welcome guests back. Drop in to see them at Commonwealth Reserve from Thursday to Monday from 11am to 3pm for some fabulous ideas to explore your own backyard or for more information on local events, accommodation and things to do. For details on what's happening around town, check out www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/visit

Digman Reserve play space

The final concept plans for Digman Reserve's new play space are now available for review. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback through Participate or through an online drop-in session. Check the plans out at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/digman-reserve throughout December.

The Substation is back!

The Substation has reopened after its closures due to COVID with two programs launching this month. Hyphenated Biennial is a multi-venue arts program curated with 10 new commissions by First Nations and Asian artists. Pieces is an artist development program for choreographers presenting work commissioned by noted dance company Lucy Guerin Inc. with four shows on sale. Visit thesubstation.org.au to find out what's on at the Substation.



Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre

Council, Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc and project partners are advocating to the state government for \$16 million to build an innovative, sustainable, interactive wetlands centre at HD Graham Reserve in Altona Meadows. The centre will offer something for all ages and abilities, including a premier destination for teaching and learning from Prep to PhD, leading environmental research facilities, a destination for ecotourism and the perfect place for the community to learn and get involved in nature. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/wetlandscentre

Making Merton Street safer for all

Council is improving safety along one of Altona Meadows' busiest roads. Merton Street averages between 8,000 and 18,000 vehicles a day and has a high crash rate for a road of similar carrying capacity. Council has identified a number of traffic treatments to slow traffic and improve safety along this busy street. Get involved in how Council manages traffic in Altona Meadows at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/mertonstreet until 23 December.

Frank Gibson Reserve now open for play!

The new play space at Frank Gibson Reserve in Laverton is now open for all to enjoy! The space includes activities for children of all ages including an accessible whirl, rope climbing frame, caterpillar slide, toddler rockers, swing set, basketball hoop and a junior bike circuit. The upgrades were part of the Love Laverton Parks Program. Visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/lovelavertonparks

Shop local this Christmas

Need some Christmas gift inspiration? We've put together a Christmas Gift and Event guide to help you shop local this festive season. By choosing to shop local rather than heading to a big online retailer you'll be supporting small business and keeping jobs in the community. As a bonus, gifts from local businesses won't leave you at the mercy of couriers or the post! Check it out at www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/Christmas

While you're there – enter in the draw to win one of five \$100 gift vouchers to spend at any of the featured local businesses and keep an eye out for the little elves that will be popping up around town.

Live & Local

We're amping up the music across the city on Fridays between 5pm and 7pm and Saturdays between 11am and 4pm as part of our Live & Local program. Look out for decals that indicate a performance site and enjoy pop-up performances from local musicians and creatives. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/LiveandLocal

More ways to recycle food waste

To support Hobsons Bay residents to recycle their food and garden waste, Council is making additional services and products available.

A free drive-through drop-off for food and garden organics will be trialled at Council's Operations Centre on Saturday 11 and 18 December and 8 and 15 January, between 10am and 12pm at the Operations Centre in Sugar Gum Drive, Altona. All Hobsons Bay residents can access the service and more dates may be added depending on demand. Garden organics under 1.5m long that are bundled or contained will be accepted, as well as food scraps contained in a returnable bucket or kitchen caddy.

Council is also working on other options to support households to recycle food and garden organics, including supplying free paper bags for food scraps to all households who register for the trial, from February 2022. Council is also expanding its Compost Revolution program with residents now able to choose from six composting products and claim a discount of up to 50 per cent with free delivery until 28 February 2022.

For more information, and to claim your discount, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/compost. For details on Council's waste and recycling services, go to www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling

Festive food and toy drive

The Festive Food and Toy Drive is your chance to end 2021 on a positive note by donating unopened, non-perishable food (clearly labeled and packed) and new toys to local families needing extra support this festive season. Donated food will go to local emergency relief providers and donated toys will go to West Welcome Wagon. Donations will be accepted at Hobsons Bay library branches, community centres and other locations before 16 December. Visit libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au for locations and times.

Community Pitch - deadline extended!

Do you have a great 'people-focused' idea for a once-off community program, project or initiative that can be included in Council's 2022-23 budget? Submit your idea at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/community-pitch-202223 by 20 February 2022.