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HOBSONS BAY WARD NEWS

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Cherry Lake Ward

Altona, Altona North, Brooklyn, Seaholme



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Harrington Square makeover

Shop and play at Harrington Square in March for a series of free events and creative programs. In addition to a fresh new look, don't miss the gala opening night on 2 March, presented by the Birdcage, featuring live music, wine tasting and canapes (contact the Birdcage for tickets) or Borg's retro 50th birthday bash complete with rockabilly dancing, vintage cars and a jumping castle on 23 March. The March makeover will finish with Australia's first Powerslide competition (28 to 30 March) on a giant inflatable artwork by renowned Australian artist David Cross. Residents are invited to register teams of six and navigate through the inflatable structure while the opposing team creates hurdles along the way. You must be over 12 to participate but children are welcome to play on the inflatable during intervals. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/harringtonsquare

Landscape upgrade at The Circle

The Circle in Altona North will receive a landscape makeover featuring purple flowering Jacaranda trees, succulents, low colourful planting, new bicycle hoops and new street furniture. The landscape upgrade work is scheduled for March until June 2019. Traffic management will be in place during the works. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/TheCircle

Launch of street libraries

Last month, 20 Altona North and Brooklyn residents were selected to host their very own street libraries and share the joys of reading with their neighbours. Street libraries are small enclosed boxes designed as homes for books, located in front yards or attached to property fences that provide free book exchanges. The street libraries are now under construction with help from the good folks at the Hobsons Bay Men's Shed. They will be officially launched on Neighbour Day on Sunday 31 March with a free community celebration and a walking tour of the street libraries. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/streetlibraries

Eat Drink Westside

From 8 to 24 March, the culinary delights of the west will be on show Eat Drink Westside presented by Hobsons Bay, Brimbank, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, and Wyndham City Councils as part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival. Some highlights in Hobsons Bay include a wine and cheese festival (complete with grape stomping), foodie masterclasses for aficionados of beer, wine, cheese, chocolate and coffee and a celebration of veal. Tickets are available via www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au/

Strand Ward

Newport, Spotswood, South Kingsville, Williamstown



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Edwards Reserve toilet installation

The popular play space in Edwards Reserve, South Kingsville is getting two new unisex accessible toilets, each with a baby change table. The location of the facility will be visible from both the play space and the street. In addition, a new tree and a new garden bed will be planted along Greene Street. Construction is scheduled to commence in May and will take approximately three weeks. Public access to the play space, barbecue and picnic facilities will be maintained at all times during the construction period. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/edwardsreserve

PJ Lynch Reserve Pavilion upgrade

Works have commenced to redevelop the PJ Lynch Pavilion in Paisley Park. Upgrade works include cubicle showers, new toilets, accessible bathroom facilities and painting/flooring. The revamped pavilion will also feature unisex umpire change rooms. The works are scheduled to be completed in April, in time for the beginning of the winter lacrosse season.

Williamstown 100 years – share your stories

Williamstown was proclaimed a city in May 1919 and the Town Hall has been at the centre of social life since it opened in 1927. Were you married there, attended a deb ball or concert, cultural festival, citizenship ceremony, graduation or other gathering? Council is on the search to borrow memorabilia and collect stories about the social history of the town hall in celebration of *Williamstown's 100th birthday*. Memorabilia and stories will form the Memories of Williamstown: 100 years - a city exhibition, which will be featured at the Williamstown Library as part of the Heritage Hobsons Bay Festival. The festival will run from Thursday 18 April to Sunday 19 May and includes more than 20 local events and activities, coinciding with the Australian National Trust Heritage Festival. For details, visit libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Protect our community from climate change

Council is seeking community feedback on how it can work in partnership with residents to prepare for the effects of climate change, such as increases in hot days, extreme weather events, rising sea levels and decreased rainfall expected to take place over the next 30 years. Visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/climatechangeadaptation to learn more about the effects of climate change, provide your feedback and find details on our pop-up community information events.

Wetlands Ward

Altona Meadows, Laverton, Seabrook



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Upcoming events in Laverton

Live it up at the 2019 Laverton Festival on Epsom Street this Sunday 24 February! Come down and enjoy a fun-filled family friendly event. There'll be food, drinks, children's entertainment, market stalls, animal farm, tractor rides, giant slides and more! Enjoy the free activities or pay \$10 for an all-day unlimited ride pass. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LavertonFestival

Old Laverton School

The Old Laverton School is being restored to its former glory with a fresh coat of paint similar to its original colour from 1910. Built in 1888, this beautiful single room school house is the last of its kind in Melbourne. With its unique heritage, it is the perfect backdrop for the Charlie Chaplin silent movie screening taking place later this year as part of the Arts at Your Doorstep program. The building should be available for public use by the end of March 2019.

Homestead Run and Barry Jones Reserves

In addition to new half basketball and netball courts installed this month, construction has just completed on two new fitness stations featuring exercise equipment suitable for all fitness levels. Council is also upgrading the lights at both Homestead Run and Barry Jones Reserves, installing additional furniture, a new barbecue and two veggie planter boxes. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/homesteadrun

Skeleton Creek shared trail upgrade

The final stages of the Skeleton Creek shared trail upgrade will kick off in April with completion due for August. Council is upgrading the existing path between Ravenswood Court through to St Anthony Court to make the trail accessible. Seating, drinking fountains, a bike maintenance station, dog waste dispensers and tree plantings will also be installed. Flooding and access issues at the Lan Ave bridge will also be resolved. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/SkeletonCreekTrail

Cultural Diversity Week

Hobsons Bay will celebrate Cultural Diversity Week from 16 to 24 March with a range of free activities designed to help you meet your neighbours, share your cultures, celebrate the community's many languages and learn about each other's faiths. Highlights include a tour of different places of worship in Hobsons Bay, cultural performances, live music, games from across the globe and, of course, food! Pick up a program from your local library or community centre or visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Cultural-Diversity-Week