Around the Bay – January edition

**Strand Ward**

**UooUoo arrives in Williamstown**

Hobsons Bay is taking part in the Royal Melbourne Hospital’s Art Trail with the installation of the two 1.5m tall UooUoo sculptures at Commonwealth Reserve and Williamstown Beach. The art trail includes 100 unique sculptures dotted around Melbourne’s laneways, parks and public spaces. For information on Me and UooUoo visit **uoouoo.org.au**

**Have your say on the Maclean Reserve upgrade**

We’re inviting your feedback on the proposed designs for Williamstown’s Maclean Reserve upgrade. Key features of the detailed concept plans, based on community feedback, include new playground equipment for children 2 to 12 years, improved seating and landscaping, a drinking fountain and bike hoops. Provide your feedback by 7 February at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/macleanreserve**

**Williamstown Cricket Oval Redevelopment**

Works to redevelop the existing oval at the Williamstown Cricket Ground are progressing well, with drainage and irrigation installation works now complete. The new turf surface is scheduled to be laid late January 2021, and the oval will be fenced off from public use for a number of months thereafter to allow for successful grass establishment.

**Caring for our oldest gardens**

The Williamstown Botanic Gardens are 161 years old, one of the oldest in the country! To make sure we care for it, please follow the rules - furry friends on leads, walk your bikes, no barbecues, fires or shelters of any kind and no ball games. For other local attractions, visit [**hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Parks-Conservation**](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Parks-Conservation)

**Cherry Lake Ward**

**Cricket at WLJ Crofts Reserve**

The construction of the four lane cricket practice nets at WLJ Crofts Reserve in Altona North is now complete and they will be progressively open to the general public in the coming months when the surrounding works are complete. [**hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/wljcrofts**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/wljcrofts)

**Altona Life Saving Club Pavilion and Tower**

The Altona Life Saving Club’s pavilion has a new look! Thanks to the Working for Victoria facilities and maintenance team, the pavilion is now yellow and black; the club’s colours. The tower across the road, is also due for a facelift. [**hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria)

**Brooklyn Community Hall Redevelopment**

A Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) has been formed to provide input to the design and future operational model of future Brooklyn Community Hall. The group consists of representatives from the community and community groups. Works are expected to commence mid-2021.

**Altona Beach market returns**

With the easing of restrictions, the popular local Altona Beach market has returned for summer! Showcasing fresh food stalls and local art and craft, the market will run every Tuesday, from 9am to 3pm at Pier Street, Logan and Weaver Reserves. [**hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/markets**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/markets)

**Wetlands Ward**

**Skeleton Creek Mural**

A new artwork has been created in the Skeleton Creek underpass in Seabrook by Melbourne based artist Rich Keville, featuring themes of biodiversity and conservation. Rich worked closely with Council’s conservation team, Dean Stewart (Wemba Wemba Wergaia), founder of Lost Lands Found in Altona, and students from Seabrook Primary School to create ideas to be incorporated in the mural design. [**hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/publicart**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/publicart)

**Altona Sports Centre Extension**

Work on the Altona Sports Centre is coming along nicely. The project is currently in stage 2, which entails the construction of four indoor courts and their facilities. Two of the outdoor courts have already been finished and the remaining are proposed to be done in June 2021. [**hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/AltonaSportsCentre**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/AltonaSportsCentre)

**Love Laverton Parks**

Following community consultation, detailed designs are being created for park upgrades in Frank Gibson Reserve, Dick Murdock Reserve and Whittaker Avenue Reserve. Across the three sites, new features include a 40m flying fox, toddler scrambling area, junior bike circuit, soccer goals and a basketball hoop. Construction on Frank Gibson Reserve will kick off in May 2021, with Dick Murdoch and Whittaker Avenue to start in July 2021. **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/lovelavertonparks**

**Improving pedestrian safety in Queen Street**

Work is underway constructing footpath connections and pedestrian refuge islands in Queen Street between Orville St and Powlett St and, Rosebery St and Shirley St, as part of the Western LAMP/Altona Meadows Traffic Treatment works. Works are expected to be completed by the end of January.

**General:**

**Community Solar Program**

Help shape the future of renewable energy in Hobsons Bay and be part of the Community Solar Reference Group. From early February, the group will provide input to community access model options. Registrations of interest close 24 January at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/community-solar-program**

**Do the right thing, put litter in the bin**

As we enjoy quality time at our beaches and open spaces, please remember to keep these areas beautiful and clean for everyone. That means remembering to take your rubbish with you or putting it in one of the public bins provided. To support the higher seasonal volume, we have added extra bins in and around the foreshore areas and scheduled extra public rubbish bin collections between 5am and 9am and between 3pm and 7pm. Thanks to our community members who report issues to Council via the Snap Send Solve app – keep them coming Hobsons Bay!

**Apply for a Make it Happen grant**

Grants from $500 to $25,000 are available to community groups and festival/event organisers to get up and running again as COVID-19 restrictions ease. **hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/grants**

**Kerbside rubbish collection calendars**

Did you know Council’s Recycling 2.0 app has an interactive feature that allows you to search what bins go out and when on your street, and get a reminder to put the bins out? It’s a handy tool to have. You can also look up bin collection schedules on Council’s website. And if you’d prefer a hard copy on your fridge, don’t worry, calendars are being delivered to all households this month. [**hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/AltonaSportsCentre)**Recycling**

**Kids local passport**

Explore Hobsons Bay this summer with the Kids Local Passport, while helping support local businesses and securing your chance to win prizes! Collect stickers, fill your passport and take some pics, all while enjoying Hobsons Bay in the sunshine. [**hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/kidslovehobsonsbay**](http://www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/Do-Business/Hobsons-Bay-Business-has-Heart/Kids-Local-Passport-for-Businesses)

**Feedback wanted on outdoor trading**

Have you got out and about and enjoyed outdoor trading spaces in Hobsons Bay yet this summer? If you’ve had a coffee, panini or burger, or chosen that perfect gift for a friend in the Hobsons Bay Business has Heart outdoor trading spaces, we want to hear from you! Provide feedback at [**hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/outdoorsfeedback**](http://www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/Do-Business/Hobsons-Bay-Business-has-Heart/Outdoor-trading/Have-your-say-about-HBBHH-Outdoor-Trading)

**Lions Club of Altona Australia Day breakfast**

The Lions Club of Altona has revamped its annual Australia Day Breakfast and will showcase a line-up of Indigenous and local musicians at Seaworks, Williamstown on Tuesday 26 January at 8am to 1pm. The event recognises and celebrates the importance of the history, traditions and cultures of Indigenous Australians, as well as acknowledging active citizenship and achievements of some of our outstanding residents. [**events.humanitix.com/hobsons-bay-australia-day-breakfast-and-festival/**](https://events.humanitix.com/hobsons-bay-australia-day-breakfast-and-festival/)