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### Planting day at Altona Coastal Park

Celebrate National Tree Day by getting your hands dirty at Altona Coastal Park on Sunday 1 August from 10am to 1pm. Over 2,500 coastal and saltmarsh species will be planted to improve biodiversity, providing increased habitat for local wildlife. Tools, equipment and drinking water will be provided as well as refreshments and roving entertainment. Please bring your own gloves (if possible) and water bottle. Bookings are essential at [www.hobsonsbaysntd.eventbrite.com.au](https://www.hobsonsbaysntd.eventbrite.com.au). Plans may change in line with state government advice – check Council's website for updates.

### Kororoit Creek Trail platform

Visitors to the Kororoit Creek Trail will soon have a new resting space to admire the beauty of the creek with the construction of a viewing platform behind the GJ Hosken Reserve carpark. The platform will include picnic tables and seating areas and is being constructed with recycled materials. Construction is expected to finish in August 2021. Learn more about the reserve at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/KororoitCreekReserve](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/KororoitCreekReserve)

### Make it Happen grants

Local artist Gina Kennedy has created a world of wonder to explore with a series of QR podcast installations, produced in partnership with Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre. With 16 locations around Altona, as well as Laverton/Altona Meadows, discover stories about where we live. The project is one of the creative programs funded through Council's Make it Happen grants program. Applications have now closed but a list of funded projects is available at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MakeItHappen](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/MakeItHappen)



### Spotswood and South Kingsville reimagined

A 'GreenLine' enabling residents to cycle to the city in 20 minutes, a major revamp of the Spotswood industrial area and extended 40 km/h zones in activity centre streets are just some of the ideas being considered in the next phase of the Better Places Spotswood and South Kingsville program. After several months of community consultation, the Better Places initiative has developed 16 place-based projects to make Spotswood and South Kingsville even better places to live, work and visit. Visit [better-places.com.au](https://better-places.com.au) to see the plans, provide ideas and feedback, and register to get involved in the implementation. A digital drop-in session will be held via Zoom on Thursday 22 July.

### Fitness stations at Donald McLean Reserve

Fitness stations will be a feature at the new and improved Donald McLean Reserve in Spotswood thanks to a grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria. The exercise stations, and associated seating and pathways, will be located around Oval 2 and will be installed in early 2022. Works to install new cricket nets and turf practice wickets are set to commence at the end of this month.

### Open House Melbourne in Hobsons Bay

Celebrate and explore Open House Melbourne on 24 and 25 July. The program will now be offered online due to recent COVID-19 restrictions. The program features several of Hobsons Bay's landmark buildings and spaces. Open House Melbourne is all about excellence in design and architecture and is a great opportunity to digitally visit and appreciate places like the Australian Islamic Centre, The Substation and the Williamstown Town Hall through the online virtual tours. Visit [www.openhousemelbourne.org](https://www.openhousemelbourne.org)



### Orbital

Until November, the artwork of Grade 2 students from Seabrook Primary School is being exhibited at Orbital Exhibition Space, Central Square in Altona Meadows. 'Living by Skeleton Creek' features work from students inspired by virtual workshops with artist Rich Keville who has painted a mural at the Skeleton Creek underpass on Point Cook Road, Seabrook. Orbital is an exhibition space located within the exterior wall of the Aldi supermarket and showcases art from local schools and community groups. For details, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Orbital](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Orbital)

### New fencing at Truganina Park

New fencing has been installed along the 'Parrot Track' in the north-east section of Truganina Park. These ongoing works at the park aim to formalise tracks with gravel and more interpretative signage, helping guide visitors along the safest routes while protecting core areas of biodiversity significance. For details on the park, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/TruganinaPark](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/TruganinaPark)

### Laverton Park Sporting Pavilion trial

Council has implemented a six-month trial with Autism Spectrum Australia to use the Laverton Park Sporting Pavilion from Mondays to Fridays. This is part of a trial to open appropriate sporting pavilions for use by community groups outside of peak sporting activity times. If successful, the program will be expanded to other sporting facilities across the municipality towards the end of 2021. Keep an eye on Council's social media for updates, as well as Council's regular On the Ball eNewsletter at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/OntheBall](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/OntheBall) for program details.

### Kerbside waste and recycling review

Council's new waste and recycling service has been in operation since February 2020. Following a review of the service's first 12 months, Council will implement a range of changes to further improve our waste management system, including:

- introducing weekly collections for general waste
- transitioning food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collections to fortnightly
- trialling the use of compostable paper bags for FOGO

Council is currently developing an implementation plan for the changes and will keep the community updated on timeframes. Until then, it is business as usual with the current scheduled collections and calendars.

For residents who have already participated in the free COVID-19 interim upsize for garbage bins, you can continue to use the 240L bin at no charge for the time being. Council

will be in touch over the course of the year to advise of further changes to this program.

Keep an eye out for updates on the compostable paper bag trial and how to get involved.

For more information on Council's waste and recycling service, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling) or download the Recycling 2.0 app, available from the App Store or Google Play.

### Hard waste online bookings

Each financial year Hobsons Bay properties are entitled to one free hard waste collection for up to three cubic metres of hard waste. Residents now have the option to book an additional paid collection for items they are unable to rehome, repurpose or recycle. For a full list of accepted items, guidelines for collection and to book your own collections, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/hard-waste](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/hard-waste)

### Council budget 2021/22

The 2021/22 budget has been officially adopted featuring

\$62.089 million in infrastructure, a \$2 million Community Support Package and funding for more than 100 core community services. The package includes \$1.35 million in targeted rate reduction for those most affected by COVID-19. Download a copy of the budget at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Council/Publications/Budget](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Council/Publications/Budget)

### Womindjeka – gateway flags

During July, flags printed with Womindjeka are flying at the gateway flagpole sites in Melbourne Road (Spotswood), Millers Road (Brooklyn), Kororoit Creek Road (Altona) and Queen Street (Altona Meadows), helping us all promote First Australians' culture. Womindjeka is a Kulin Nation word used as a welcome, translating as 'Come, with purpose'. The flags have been designed by Aretha Brown, a proud Gumbaynggirr woman, artist (her work includes the street art 'We Are Here' at Challis Street, Newport) and former Prime Minister of the National Indigenous Youth Parliament. Womindjeka!