**June 2018 Around the Bay**

**General**

**Hobsons Bay World Environment Day event 3 June**

Over 400 people visited the Williamstown Town Hall on Sunday 3 June to join in the fun of the Hobsons Bay World Environment Day Community Festival. Speakers and experts spoke about tips and tricks to beat plastic pollution and reduce household waste. Over 20 local environmental community groups hosted stalls showcasing environmental initiatives and programs around Hobsons Bay that inspire people to live more sustainably. Community members participated in workshops and demonstrations while younger participants created their own recyclable ‘Trash Puppets’. Thanks to the Hobsons Bay community for attending! Be an environmental and recycling champion all through the year. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling)

**Compost Revolution program**

Are you keen to start composting your garden waste and food scraps? Hobsons Bay residents can now receive 50 per cent discount and free delivery on the cost of a compost bin, bokashi bin or worm farm, thanks to Council’s partnership with Compost Revolution, an award winning program aimed at reducing waste going to landfill. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Environment-Waste/Waste-Recycling/Waste-amp-Recycling-Initiatives/Compost-and-Worm-Farms](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Environment-Waste/Waste-Recycling/Waste-amp-Recycling-Initiatives/Compost-and-Worm-Farms) (Please note we will make a short custom URL for this web address on Tuesday.)

Council will also be holding a series of food waste avoidance community workshops and cooking demonstrations during July – so watch this space for confirmed dates!

**Cherry Lake Ward**

**Brooklyn Dog Park construction update**

Brooklyn dogs will soon have their day! After extensive consultation with the local community, the construction of the dog park at Brooklyn Reserve has begun. The works are expected to be completed in mid-2018 with an additional six weeks of the site being fenced off to enable the grass to establish. For more information, visit <http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/BrooklynDogPark>

**Second Avenue shopping strip upgrade**

People visiting the Second Avenue shops in Altona North will soon be able to enjoy wider footpaths with new pavement and new pram ramps for better [accessibility](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/accessibility?source=feed_text). The streetscape upgrade project, due for completion at the end of June, also includes kerb extensions, improved on-street parking, car park and road resurfacing, as well as a vehicle speed limit reduction. All shops and businesses have remained open throughout the works. Please support the precinct and enjoy the new social gathering space and landscaping that will soon be part of the local landscape. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/secondave](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/secondave)

**Tree planting in Altona and Seaholme**

The 2018 tree planting season has kicked off with over 300 trees having been planted in Altona and Seaholme. *Lophostemon confertus* trees have been planted along Grieve Parade to provide summer shade while Australian natives, *Banksia integrafolia* trees have been planted along Queen Street to provide colour, shade and a food source for birds. Native tree species *Tristaniopsis laurina* has also been planted along Ransom Avenue, which will significantly improve the streetscape.

**Wetlands Ward**

**Woods Street Arts Precinct Laverton – new artist residencies**

Laverton’s Woods Street Arts Space and Mesh Mash print design studio have partnered with Deakin University’s Institute of Koorie Education to offer two new artist in residency programs for Hobsons Bay. The arts precinct will welcome Wiradjuri artist Brandi Salmon and Gundjitmara artist Paula Reeves for a two-week residency, which will include an artist’s talk and creative workshop on Saturday 16 June. Bookings are recommended at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aboriginal-artists-residency-program-talk-and-workshop-tickets-46552856848>

**Planting at the GROW site and Laverton Creek**

Council is undertaking plantings at the ‘GROW’ site, located at the corner of Merton and Queen Sts in Altona Meadows this winter following vandalism that occurred last summer. Several species of plants are proposed and the community is welcome to provide feedback on the plan. ‘GROW’, the corten steel artwork by artist Jonathan Leahy was commissioned in 2010 and the public art and surrounding plantings site has provided a gateway, beautifying the high traffic space.

Provide your feedback on the plan and the proposed species for the planting by 25 June 2018 at <https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/>

On the tree planting front, people are invited to a community planting day to acknowledge Refugee Week at the Laverton Creek with Melbourne Water on Saturday 23 June, 10am to 1pm. Meet at Bladin Street, Laverton on the south west side of the bridge. Tools and gloves will be supplied and a free barbecue lunch will be provided.

Council’s tree planting crews have planted 111 street trees in Laverton and Seabrook so far this tree planting season, with more plantings to come for open space in the Wetlands Ward.

**New solar lighting for Pipeline Reserve, Seabrook**

New solar lighting will be installed at Pipeline Reserve, Seabrook between Point Cook Road and Shane Avenue over the coming weeks. The improved and more environmentally sustainable form of lighting will be beneficial for local playground users, as well as pedestrians and cyclists using path through the reserve. Local residents will be notified with a letter containing further detail sent to homes prior to the works commencing.

**Strand Ward**

**Willy Lit Fest**

The Williamstown Literary Festival, known as the Willy Lit Fest, will turn 15 this year and the 2018 festival promises to be one of the biggest and best! The festival runs from 16 to 17 June at the Williamstown Library and Town Hall. The theme this year is ‘from little things’, a belief that extraordinary things can come from humble beginnings. The Willy Lit Fest forms part of Council’s winter arts calendar that includes collaborations between The Substation and Melbourne International Jazz Festival in June, the Newport Folk Festival in July and *Source*, a multicultural arts presentation involving our Indian community at the Louis Joel Gallery in Altona in August. For more information on the Willy Lit Fest program visit [www.willylitfest.org.au](http://www.willylitfest.org.au)

**Neon Dog Park**

Neon Dog Park, a lighting art installation featuring dogs and puppies of all breeds and sizes, will illuminate the Williamstown waterfront nightly from Friday 29 June to Sunday 8 July, from 4pm to 10pm. Created by Melbourne artist Carla O’Brien, and first seen at Melbourne’s White Night event, Neon Dog Park comprises eight individual neon artworks. Everyone is invited to post their photos on social media and hashtag #WaterfrontWilliamstown. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsBay.vic.gov.au/neondogpark](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Arts-amp-Leisure/Festivals-amp-Events/Upcoming-events/Neon-Dog-Park)

**Williamstown Botanic Gardens Master Plan update**

In collaboration with the Williamstown Botanic Gardens Advisory Group, the Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens and Heritage Victoria, Council has developed a Master Plan for the Williamstown Botanic Gardens to direct future development in the gardens and to ensure it reaches its full potential as one of the best examples of a 19th Century Botanic Garden in Victoria. Community feedback was sought on Participate Hobsons Bay between 19 March and 11 May and the project received 58 formal submissions. Thank you to the community for this great contribution. For more information, visit <https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/>