**Around the Bay - June**

**Cherry Lake Ward**

**Apex Park entry**

The entry to Apex Park looks great with 500 newly planted native coastal trees and a marine-themed design, including marine rope, cable reels, barrels and raised planting beds. Check out the great cormorant sculpture perched on a ship mast and the new seats with views of the park. For details, visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/apexparkentry**

**Altona Surf Life Saving Tower upgrade**

Altona’s iconic life saving tower will be upgraded to increase the existing first aid room’s capacity and improve storage for lifesaving vehicles. The works will commence in winter, including the removal of the public toilet. The nearest public toilets are in Weaver Reserve, approximately 20 metres across the road.

**AW Langshaw Reserve**

Residents can now enjoy the recently installed outdoor fitness station at AW Langshaw Reserve in Altona North. Work is almost finished on the barbecue shelter and the installation of the park furniture tables and bench seats and one electric barbecue with integrated sink is almost complete. Once restrictions ease, it will be a great spot for picnics!

**Strand Ward**

**Dennis Reserve upgrade**

The landscape and open space work is progressing well at Dennis Reserve in Williamstown. As part of Phase 2 of the landscape works, the new play area, landscaping, and footpaths at the southern end of the reserve are scheduled to be completed at the end of the month. Phase 1 of the project in the northern end is complete and open to the public, check out the new open lawn area and the refurbished heritage path. For more information, please visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/dennisreserve**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/dennisreserve)**.**

**Truman Street road works**

Road rehabilitation works for Truman Street in South Kingsville, between Aloha and Brunel Street kicked off on Monday 7 June. The works will also include new underground drainage, new kerb and channel, new footpath and asphalt resurfacing. The project will take approximately three months to complete.

**Digman Reserve revamp**

Implementation of the Digman Reserve master plan in Newport is in full swing with the construction of the pavilion and the central carpark scheduled to be completed at the end of this month. The west oval floodlighting works have also commenced. The west oval redevelopment works will kick off in July 2021. For more information, please visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Digman**](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Digman)

**Wetlands Ward**

**Bladin Street streetscape improvements**

Over 100 semi mature *Lophostemon confertus* trees will soon be planted in Bladin Street, Laverton as part of Better Places Laverton Cleaner and Green initiative and the Urban Forest Strategy. Once fully grown, the main road will have an attractive tree canopy which will help reduce the urban heat island, provide shelter for native wildlife, improve air quality and create shade. Over in Seabrook, the tree love continues with 51 new trees planted in Pipeline Reserve. For more information, visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/UrbanForestStrategy**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/UrbanForestStrategy)

**Creative opportunities**

Do you have a creative project you would like to run at Woods Street Art Space in Laverton? Expressions of Interest are open for programs between August and December 2021. To apply, visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/woodsstreetarts.** Artists and art groups/collectives are invited to submit artwork and creative designs for the Laneway Gallery exhibition space. For details, visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/LanewayGallery**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/LanewayGallery). Expressions of Interest for both opportunities close 14 June 2021. Speaking of being creative, check out the temporary public art project Airtime by Laverton’s 500 Cans program on the flags at Altona Meadows Skate Park.

**Frank Gibson Reserve upgrade**

Construction on the Frank Gibson Reserve revamp will start in July. The new-look reserve, which will include a refurbished playspace for the little ones and a separate basketball hoop and junior bike circuit for older children, is expected to be complete in late September/early October 2021. The concept plans were designed based on input from the community through the Better Places Laverton project. For details, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/lovelavertonparks**

**New toilet at Tatman Reserve**

A 100 per cent solar powered, single unisex accessible toilet is scheduled to open at Tatman Reserve, Altona Meadows at the end of this month. The new toilet includes a baby change table and disposal bin. For more information, please visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/TatmanReserve**

**General**

**Council’s services during lockdown**

During state government COVID-19 restrictions, the following Council services are impacted:

**Customer service -** Our face-to-face Customer Service function at the Altona Civic Centre is closed for the lockdown period. You can contact Council via phone on 1300 179 944, email at customerservice@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or the live chat function at **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**.

**Libraries and community centres -** All Hobsons Bay Library branches, community centres and hubs are closed. From Monday 7 June, Hobsons Bay Libraries will offer a 'click and collect' service. Customers will be able to reserve books online or over the phone and will be advised via SMS when the items are ready for collection. To reserve your books, search the library catalogue at **https://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/** or have a chat with a librarian on 1300 462 542.

**Events and consultation sessions -** Council-delivered face-to-face events or consultation sessions are postponed or delivered online.

**Sporting services -** Indoor and outdoor sports clubs, sporting and recreation venues, gyms, pools and public facilities are closed.

**Playgrounds -** outdoor playgrounds are open. Touch point cleaning of playgrounds occurs regularly. Skate parks are also open.

Some Maternal and Child Health services will continue face-to-face, but other family services will be delivered online. Our city’s public amenity will be maintained (street sweeping, litter collection, shared trail/open space maintenance, etc.)

For full details, please visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus**

**Hobsons Bay Community has Heart Virtual Hub**

Are you looking for practical help, self-help welfare or support services? Visit the Hobsons Bay Community has Heart Virtual Hub at **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/HBCommunityhasHeart** for COVID-Safe information, details about local providers that can offer practical assistance, volunteering opportunities and other ways to help out.

**Improving how we travel**

Don’t miss your chance to have your say on the draft Northern Local Area Movement Plans (LAMP), feedback closes Friday 11 June. Following extensive community consultation, the draft LAMP is a five-year framework to guide Council’s infrastructure planning and implementation to improve the way our community travels through our city on roads, public transport, the cycling network and footpaths. For more information and to provide feedback, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/northernlamps**

**Free Baby Sleep Settling Program**

Is your little one having trouble sleeping? Sleep and settling concerns are common issues affecting young families. Hobsons Bay’s Maternal and Child Health Nurses are now running free baby and toddler sleep settling programs, where you will learn more about baby and infant sleep, including tips and strategies to promote positive sleep patterns. To book, email sleepsettling@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au, complete the online form at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/sleepsettling](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/sleepsettling) or contact MCH Central Bookings 9932 1300.

**Hobsons Bay Youth Awards**

Do you know a local young person aged 12 to 25 who has done something inspiring in the last year? The Victorian Youth Week Inspiring Young Person Awards are a chance to showcase the achievements and contributions young people make to our community every day. Nominations are now open, for details visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/YouthWeek](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/YouthWeek)

**Refugee Week**

Running from Sunday 20 June to Saturday 26 June, Refugee Week celebrates the contributions people of Refugee and Asylum Seeker background make to this strong, resilient and thriving community. In 2021, the theme is **Unity – the way forward.** Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to welcoming and supporting people of refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds. Find out more and get involved in activities during Refugee Week visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/refugeeweek2021**