Around the Bay – May 2019

**Cherry Lake**

**The Overwintering Exhibition**

From 11 May to 6 June, the Joel Gallery at Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre will host *The Overwintering Exhibition*, a collection of prints created by Australian artists to shine a spotlight on our migratory shorebirds and their habitat. The exhibition is the result of a series of community printmaking workshops held at Woods Street Arts Space and Mesh Mash in Laverton with guest artists Robert Mancini, Geoffrey Ricardo, Kate Gorringe-Smith and Ellise Roberts. A launch event will take place on Saturday 11 May from 3pm to 5pm to coincide with World Migratory Bird Day. For details, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

**G. Den Dulk Reserve Park improvement**

Thank you to all the community members who provided feedback on the draft concept plan for G. Den Dulk Reserve in Altona. The draft concept plan includes a playground upgrade, creation of a new quarter basketball court and activities area, landscaping, new park furniture, connecting pathways and possible community garden. The final concept plan and opportunity to provide feedback will be available on [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/den-dulk-reserve](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/den-dulk-reserve) in June 2019.

**Nora McIntyre Park upgrade**

You’re invited to attend a drop-in session on the Nora McIntyre Park upgrade on Sunday May 26, 10am to 12pm in Noordenne Avenue, Seaholme. The upgrade will feature a new play space and landscape works including new furniture, pathways, lighting upgrade and planting. The upgrade also includes the possibility of a quarter basketball space and hoops for older children and teenagers.

**Strand**

**Williamstown Literary Festival**

The Willy Lit Fest, now in its 16th year, runs over the weekend of Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June, with lead up events during the week. The theme for the 2019 festival is *Choose your own Adventure*. This year introduces new Program Director, author and creative producer Stella Kinsella, offering festival patrons a bounty of excellent literary titles and diverse speakers. For more information, visit [www.willylitfest.org.au](http://www.willylitfest.org.au)

**Craig Street Park upgrade**

Construction will begin later this month on Spotswood’s Craig Street Park upgrade. New playground equipment will be installed including a multi-feature play train with slide and a rocking dinosaur for toddlers, spinning climbing net and in-ground trampoline for all ages, basket-seat swing and a traditional swing set. The upgrade also includes new fitness equipment, new paths, additional picnic setting and paved area in the playground, two community garden beds and new shade trees. To view the final concept plan, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/projects/craigstreetreserve](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/projects/craigstreetreserve)

**Traffic Light Exhibition at the Outside Gallery**

Don’t miss the Outside Gallery’s new exhibition ‘Traffic Lights’ in Paine Reserve, Newport. The exhibition is a series of playful and celebratory photographic works by James Henry inspired by his experience of the West Gate Bridge. The exhibition is in partnership with Hubcap Productions and Art and Industry Festival, and is open until September 2019. For details, visit artandindustryfestival.com.au/news

**Wetlands**

**National Simultaneous Storytime**

Join the Mayor in a lively telling of *Alpacas with Maracas* as part of the 19th National Simultaneous Storytime at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre on Wednesday 22 May, 10.30am to 11.30am. National Simultaneous Storytime is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that promotes the value of reading and literacy Australia-wide. For details, visit libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

**Homestead Run Park upgrade**

Do you play netball or basketball in Seabrook? Have your say on the netball and basketball half court trial in Homestead Run Park. Council will use your feedback to assess whether the half court should remain. Feedback closes at midnight 26 May 2019. Further improvement works to the reserve include a lighting upgrade at both Homestead Run and Barry Jones Reserve, additional furniture, a new twin plate barbecue and two veggie planter boxes. Save the date for a drop-in session on the play space as part of stage three of the Homestead Run improvement plan on Sunday 26 May, 2pm to 4pm. For details, visit [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/projects/homesteadrun](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/projects/homesteadrun)

**Tatman Reserve upgrade stage two**

Tatman Reserve in Altona Meadows will soon have a universally accessible flying fox, extension to the shared concrete path, a half basketball court and new trees. Works on stage two of the upgrade are scheduled to begin this month and will be completed by late June/early July, weather permitting.

Last year, the Tatman Reserve stage one upgrade works included a play space upgrade, barbeque with seating, picnic shelter, bike racks and a drinking fountain. For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/tatmanreserve](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/tatmanreserve)

**General**

**2019-20 Proposed Budget**

Council’s 2019-20 proposed budget includes a capital works program of $56.15 million, community budget submissions worth $1.9 million and funding for over 100 services – and it is out for community consultation.

There is something in the budget for everyone: $16.165 million has been dedicated to open space, parks, public toilets and streetscapes. If you’re a sports enthusiast, $18.725 million has been earmarked for sporting and recreational facilities, plus $4.205 million for roads and $3.185 million for footpaths and cycle ways.

Vital services in the proposed 2019-20 budget include: $4.134 million to run our five libraries plus $1.3 million for library collections, technology updates and furniture, $1.917 million for arts and culture, $1.052 million for aged and disability services, $3.709 million for family, youth and children’s services, $7.029 million for facility maintenance and $2.159 million for community development.

Don’t forget to have your say on Participate Hobsons Bay ([participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/2019-20-budget](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/2019-20-budget)) before Wednesday 15 May 2019. You can also post a written submission to: Director of Corporate Services, Hobsons Bay City Council, Reply Paid 21, Altona Vic 3018 (no stamp required).

**Business Awards now open**

Nominations are now open for Council’s 2019 Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards. Entry for the business awards is via an online application form through [www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/awards](http://www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/awards)

Nominations close at 5pm on Friday 19 July 2019.

**IDAHOBIT Day at the Civic Centre**

The community are invited to come along and support our LGBTIQA+ for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) at Council's Civic Centre in Altona on Friday 17 May, 11am to 12pm. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

**World Environment Day**

Save the date on Sunday 2 June for World Environment Day with a family-friendly festival starting at Logan Reserve. From tree planting to plastics reduction, this is a great way to find out how you can get involved and make Hobsons Bay a more climate resilient and sustainable community. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WED