

AROUND THE BAY

HOBSONS BAY WARD NEWS

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BAY CITY
COUNCIL



Congratulations to Hobsons Bay's newly elected Councillors

The community has spoken and the Hobsons Bay Councillor group for the 2020-24 Council Term has been declared and sworn in.

Detailed profiles of the group will be available soon on Council's website. To view the election results, visit www.vec.vic.gov.au



As restrictions ease around the state, Council has reopened several venues and resumed some face-to-face services. While we look forward to welcoming everyone back, it's critical that we remain vigilant as we settle into a 'COVID safe' lifestyle. Please maintain a 1.5m distance from others, wear a mask, practice good hygiene and stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms. While many venues and services have reopened, Council's services can still be accessed from home.

- **Libraries** reopened on Monday 9 November with amended hours from 1pm to 6pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturday. Each branch will have a 10 person customer limit and masks will be required upon entry, as too will be the scanning of library membership cards.
- **Our face to face customer service** at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre also reopened on Monday 9 November. Staff will be available during business hours

Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm at the Civic Centre, however, the community can continue to contact customer service on 1300 179 944 or at customerservice@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au.

- **Council managed community centres** at Newport, Laverton and Seabrook will remain closed to the public, except for essential public support services. The library within the Newport Community Hub will be open.
- **Immunisations** will continue to be provided through two sessions per week at Williamstown Town Hall and the Laverton Community Hub until March 2021. Bookings must be made online at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/immunisation.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services** (MCH) will return to full length centre consultations, with minimal home visits to be conducted (excluding vulnerable families). Enhanced MCH and 3.5-year-old visits will be conducted via telehealth with additional centre appointments offered as required. Parent groups will remain online until 2021.

- **Meals on Wheels Food Services** will continue to be delivered via a contactless method. Home maintenance services for urgent jobs will gradually increase.
- The **Altona Sports Centre** is now open for indoor training only. Activity is restricted to players and one coach, spectators are not permitted. **Bayfit Leisure Centre** and **Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre** have reopened with COVID Safe Plans and will be subject to attendance restrictions.
- **Hobsons Bay UP** (Youth Services) will continue to offer youth services online, including youth engagement and leadership programs, as well as the counselling service.
- In addition to the reopening of playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment and skate parks, **public barbecues** have now been switched back on and will be cleaned daily. **Drinking fountains** have also been reactivated.

For full details on all changes to services, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



As local businesses reopen we are working closely with local traders to create larger trading spaces through plaza style outdoor areas.

As part of the Hobsons Bay Business has Heart Outdoor program, we have identified Nelson Place, Harrington Square, Pier Street, Borrack Square and Aviation Road as locations for plaza style areas, with road space provided to pedestrians and trading areas with outdoor tables, chairs, shade, planter boxes and signage.

Precincts across Hobsons Bay are also being transformed with extended outdoor trading.

You can visit participating outdoor trading locations across Hobsons Bay until the end of March 2021.

For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/HBBHOutdoor or view regular updates on our social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).



RECYCLING 2.0

Looking for a fun way to entertain your school-aged kids at home? Get your kids thinking about resources, waste and recycling choices that help your household to reduce waste in **Recycling 2.0's Pollution Solution** competition!

Meanwhile, have you started your spring clean and have household chemicals you need to get rid of? Recycle them safely at the **Detox Your Home** event at the Operations Centre in Altona on Saturday 14 November from 9am to 2pm.

Finally, are you clearing out your house and have household items you'd like to sell? Council has partnered with **Garage Sale Trail** to

help Hobsons Bay residents hold a virtual or at-home garage sale.

All of the details for these three great events are at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling

BETTER PLACES

Do you have a vision for Spotswood or South Kingsville? Are there ideas that you would like to see in the area that will celebrate and enhance the look and feel of the neighbourhood? Until Sunday 13 December, Council is inviting Spotswood and South Kingsville residents, businesses and visitors to have a say on the future direction of their suburbs as part of the Better Places project.

Residents and businesses are being asked to identify what they love about Spotswood and South Kingsville, what they would change, and any big ideas they see for their neighbourhood.

The feedback will be used to define a shared vision for the future and a place guide that will identify and prioritise projects.

Have your say at **participate**. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/better-places-spotswood-and-south-kingsville

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLANS

Calling on all cyclists, drivers,

pedestrians and public transport users. Council is developing Local Area Movement Plans (LAMPs) for Brooklyn, Altona North, Newport, South Kingsville, Spotswood and Williamstown North.

These LAMPs aim to improve the way our community travels through our city on roads, public transport, the cycling network and footpaths.

Tell us about your experiences so we can ensure the LAMPs address local challenges and constraints. This feedback will add to previous community input and will guide Council's planning over the next five years.

We're going live soon at **participate**. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

