Around the Bay – November

**Cherry Lake Ward**

**Altona North and Brooklyn residents – shape the place you live**

Altona North and Brooklyn residents, businesses, and visitors – have your say on the future direction of your local suburb. Let us know what you love about Brooklyn and Altona North and what you would change. Are there ideas or priorities that you would like to see in the area that will celebrate and enhance the look and feel of the neighbourhood? Get involved at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/betterplaces-brooklyn-and-altona-north**

**Share your tree and win!**

Calling all Brooklyn residents – share a picture of your tree from the tree giveaway earlier in the year for the chance to win one of three Newport Lakes Native Nursery vouchers. To enter, share a photo on social media in a public post, using the hashtag #BuildingOurUrbanForest or email urbanforest@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au Competition closes 30 November. For more information on the competition, visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**/**UrbanForestStrategy**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/UrbanForestStrategy)

**Altona Tennis Club refurbishment**

Stage one of the Altona Tennis Club refurbishment in Bluegum Drive is complete. The light poles and sustainable LED lights have been craned into position and the new fences and nets have been installed. The renewal of six clay courts for stage 2 along Fresno Street are under way and expected to be completed by the end of the year. The project is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government.

**Strand Ward**

**Safer streets for pedestrians and bike riders**

Plans to improve pedestrian safety and access, promote safer on-road bike riding, and reduce vehicle speeds along Victoria Street and Ferguson Street in Williamstown are open for community feedback. Both streets are vital for linking several significant destinations in Williamstown. To view the concept plans for Victoria Street, visit [**participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/victoriastreet**](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/victoriastreet). To provide feedback on the proposed plans for Ferguson Street, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fergusonstreet** The project team will be available to answer question on both projects at an online drop-in session on Wednesday 17 November, between 6.30pm and 8pm.

**Digman Reserve works**

The new pavilion and central carpark at Digman Reserve in Newport are finished. Drainage has also been installed on the west oval and the new turf is expected to be installed in late November. Construction on the new multi-age playground is expected to begin in April 2022. For more information, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/digman-reserve**

**Ready for cricket**

Both the Williamstown Cricket Club and the Spotswood Cricket Club are ready for this year’s cricket competition with upgraded facilities. Works are finished on the existing turf wickets and synthetic wickets at Don McLean Reserve. Over at Williamstown Cricket Ground, the new cricket nets are in action. Clubs are asked to stay off the natural grass until the lawn has established.

**HMAS Yarra Memorial**

The HMAS Yarra Memorial in Newport has been revamped with new paintwork and refurbished plaques. Visitors can use a QR code to learn about the HMAS Yarra history.

**Wetlands Ward**

**Altona Sports Centre extension open**

The Altona Sports Centre extension is finished and open to the public! Home to over 30 clubs, the extension adds four new indoor courts to the facility, bringing the total to 10 indoor and two outdoor courts. Minister for Community Sport the Hon. Ros Spence MP will officially open the centre today (Wednesday 10 November). For more information, visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/AltonaSportsCentre**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/AltonaSportsCentre)

**Point Cook Road footpath widening**

Great news for Seabrook Primary School parents – there are plans to widen the footpath up to two metres on the western side of Point Cook Road, Seabrook between Pipeline Reserve and Catherine Road. The works will create a continuous and safe pathway for pedestrians accessing the Seabrook Primary School. As part of the project, 18 new trees will be planted. To provide feedback by 15 November, email **ayonis@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**. Works will kick off next year, subject to feedback.

**Road Resurfacing Program**

Council’s annual Road Resurfacing Program includes 23 roads in Altona Meadows, Laverton and Seabrook such as Bruce St in Laverton, Kurrajong Dr in Altona Meadows and Berkeley Ct in Seabrook. Road resurfacing prolongs the life of the road by replacing the top layer of asphalt. Works are scheduled to take place in November and December 2021 and usually take two to three working days depending on the area of the road and weather conditions. Flyers will be sent to residents once the exact dates are confirmed. For more information visit, [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/roads**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/roads)

**Queen Street Bridge update**

Council is working with the Department of Transport as they progress design work for a new Queen Street pedestrian and cycling bridge. This work is expected to be completed in February 2022. Council also continues to advocate to the state government for funds to construct the bridge.

**General**

**Community Pitch 2022/23 – Pitch – Vote - Deliver**

Do you have a great ‘people-focused’ idea for a one-off community program, project or initiative that can benefit your local area? Here’s your chance to submit your idea for Council to deliver next financial year. Funding of up to $50,000 is available per idea and a total of $600,000 is available (subject to Council budget adoption). For more information, to register for an information session and to submit an idea, visit **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/community-pitch-202223** You’ll get the chance to vote for your favourite short-listed idea early next year!

**Outdoor trading hits the streets again**

Following the success of Hobsons Bay Business has Heart Outdoors in 2020/21, the outdoor trading program is back. We’re looking forward to supporting local businesses so that they can welcome you back to enjoy Hobsons Bay’s diverse offerings. For more information, visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/OutdoorTrading**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/OutdoorTrading)

**2021 Business Excellence Awards**

Join us for a gala online awards night from 7pm on Thursday 11 November to recognise the achievements and contributions businesses have made to the community and economy in Hobsons Bay. To register, visit **www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/business-awards**

**Tell us what you think!**

Council is reimagining the future of our industrial areas. For residents, this means more job opportunities closer to home, a strong local economy and sustainable and greener industries. Feedback closes this Sunday 14 November, have your say at [**participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/reimagining**](https://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/reimagining)

Are you passionate about greening Hobsons Bay? There are many ways you can help Council reach our target of 30 per cent canopy coverage by 2040. Get involved and find out more at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/urban-forest-strategy**

**Cashback for reusable nappies**

New parents and expectant parents can receive up to $75 off the purchase price of reusable nappies, thanks to a community budget submission via Pitch Your Idea. For more information and to apply visit [**www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/reusablenappyrebate**](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/reusablenappyrebate)

**Calling all performers**

Expressions of Interest are open for performers who live in Hobsons Bay to be part of Live & Local.

Live & Local will be a celebration of the local with our creatives, artists, musicians, and performers, playing in public outdoor spaces and retail precincts across the city. If you are an experienced or an emerging creative who has missed out on gigs and are looking for an opportunity, we want to hear from you. Live & Local is enabled through [Council’s COVID-19 Community Support Package](https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Coronavirus-community-information/Council-community-support-packages) and is presented as part of the Events and Festivals program. For more information, visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/LiveandLocal**

**Citizen of the Year nominations open**

Shine a spotlight on the everyday heroes in our community by nominating them for the Hobsons Bay Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards. Nominations closes on Friday 10 December 2021. Nominate online at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/citizenawards](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/citizenawards).

**Rates waivers reminder**

If you have been financially impacted by COVID-19, don’t forget to apply for financial assistance before 1 December. Residents who have experienced a 30 per cent drop in income (combined household income <$80,000) and businesses with a 20 per cent decrease in turnover due to COVID-19 may be eligible for a rates waiver as part of Council’s fourth Community Support Package. For more, visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/financialassistance**