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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Hobsons Bay Community News. So far 2020 has been a year of turmoil as our community and the rest of Australia grapples with the Coronavirus pandemic and tries to recover from a devastating bushfire season.

Our Council has been following federal and state government guidance in order to protect community and staff, and minimise the spread of

the Coronavirus. This has meant we have needed to close our council libraries, the Civic Centre and other community buildings. While face to face services have been impacted, we have been able to adapt some of our services to deliver them in alternative formats. For example residents can borrow books from our libraries' e-book collections or through our new 'book a book' service for those who still prefer to flick through real pages! More info can be found on pages 3 and 4.

In other news not COVID-19 related, our new waste and recycling service has been in place across Hobsons Bay for two months now. Some residents have asked what really happens to their food waste and recyclables once it is picked up by the truck. On pages 5 and 6, we provide more information about what happens to your waste and recycling after it has been collected.

I would also like to introduce our inspiring Citizen of the Year Myly Nguyen and Young Citizen of the Year Augustin Kadende on page 8. Both Myly and Augustin reached Australian shores as refugees and are now community leaders.

Lastly, on behalf of Council, thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to take every call and assist every person who reaches out to us during this difficult time. Please stay safe and be kind to each other.

Cr Colleen Gates
Mayor of Hobsons Bay



Find your new feline friend through Hobsons Bay's cat and kitten adoption program. The program reunites cats or kittens searching for their lost owners or places them in their new forever home. For anyone who is unable to commit to a furry friend for life, we are also recruiting foster carers to provide the comforts of home.

Council encourages responsible pet ownership.

For more information, head to
www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Pets



Did you know there's a website designed specifically to support businesses in Hobsons Bay? The Hobsons Bay Business website (hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au) is a free resource for local business owners and those investing in Hobsons Bay.

It contains handy information on professional development opportunities, networking events and workshops, business grants, a local business directory and more.

It also features a range of local businesses who have modified their services during the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic.

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CORONAVIRUS

(COVID-19)

HOW OUR ESSENTIAL SERVICES ARE ADAPTING

A range of our services will continue as normal and some with various changes. We are committed to providing these services as long as possible, based on requirements from the federal and state governments.

- **Our face to face customer service** at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre in Altona is closed until further notice. However, you may still contact customer service by phone on **03 9932 1000** or by emailing customerservice@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au Alternatively, you can live chat with one of our officers from our website
- **Kerbside rubbish and recycling collections** to households and businesses receiving Council's service will continue. However, please note potential disruptions due to staffing issues. Please keep your bin out if it hasn't been collected (see below for more information)
- **Immunisations** will continue and also increase but bookings will need to be made online

- **Meals on Wheels Food Services** will continue to deliver 'meals on wheels' to registered residents, combined with wellbeing checks and the provision of toilet paper for each client. Eligible new clients wanting to apply for meal delivery services will be fast tracked
- **Pre-school field officers** will continue to provide support to kindergartens (provided kindergartens remain open)
- **Maternal and Child Health Services** (MCH) will be delivered via phone, Skype or video. If parents have specific concerns, then a 15 minute face to face appointment can be arranged (subject to further state or federal government restrictions)
- **Hobsons Bay UP** (Youth Services) will continue its youth counselling by Skype or phone but will not proceed with face to face support services until further notice
- **Aged Care and Disability Assessment Services** in-home assessments will continue as phone assessments

- **Libraries** are altering services to provide 'Book a book' library home delivery service, access to electronic books from libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/collections and online storytime presented LIVE on the Hobsons Bay Libraries Facebook page
- **All face to face community consultations** have been suspended however, there will be ample opportunity to have your say online via Participate Hobsons Bay (participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) and where possible we will conduct online consultation events
- **Planned Activity Group** (PAG), Community Transport and Overnight Respite for older residents have been suspended until further notice, however the team will continue to closely monitor and support our clients, or any vulnerable resident, with regular phone contact

Services that are being suspended

- **All face to face Council-led events** and programs including our library, arts and community development events and activities have been cancelled
- **Early years playgroups** and Occasional Care provision have been suspended until further notice

POTENTIAL DELAYS AND SERVICE CHANGES

Council is working hard to minimise potential disruptions to any of our essential services. For example, our waste collection contractors are in the same position as many businesses and may need to manage staffing challenges, which may delay collecting some of your bins. If your bins are not collected

as scheduled and you notice that bins in your street or neighbourhood were also not collected, please leave them out and we will be back as soon as possible. If just your bin was missed please contact us on 9932 1000.

Likewise, there may be delays in delivering capital work projects, maintenance works and administration tasks such as completing planning permits. Please be patient with our hardworking staff who are delivering essential services to keep our community safe and our city clean.



Please see page 6 for details about interim rubbish drop offs.

*At the time of print in late March, state and federal information was correct but may have changed by the time residents receive this newsletter. Please check www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus for the latest advice.



SHOP LOCAL

Hobsons Bay has a range of diverse shops and delicious eateries. The local economy, and especially the hospitality, retail and tourism sectors, are feeling the impact of the global pandemic. In these tough times, it is now more important than ever before to support our local economy and our businesses.

- Find your favourite local shops online and buy a voucher for future use
- Source essential items from your local butcher, greengrocer or independent supermarket
- Treat yourself to a delicious meal or coffee by ordering over the phone, via Uber, Menu Log or the HeyYou app. Your meal or coffee will be delivered to your car or door!

Local businesses who are responding to the needs of the community by altering or extending their services are highlighted on the Hobsons Bay Business website

www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/Do-Business/Amended-Services-Directory



BUSINESS CRISIS SUPPORT NETWORK

Hobsons Bay has a strong history of volunteering and during tough times it is even more important to lend a hand. Council is calling on all active or retired entrepreneurs, experienced business owners, financial planners, financial advisors and IT experts to provide support and mentorship to our local businesses to get through this difficult time. The Business Crisis Support Network aims to link a skilled volunteer with a business operator who needs support navigating through current challenges. Confidential one-on-one mentoring sessions will occur via the phone, Skype or video.

For more information, email business@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Hobsons Bay residents and businesses are invited to share messages of positivity, resilience, community spirit and acts of kindness.

The ability to connect with other people has become more difficult. Council wants to support the Hobsons Bay community to keep connected by shining a light on community groups, individuals or businesses offering support or goodwill to their fellow community members. This could be through random acts of kindness, the provision of online learning or activities, or offers to volunteer or assist others.

Community members and businesses can post their messages, words, photos, videos or artwork directly to the Hobsons Bay has Heart Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hobsonsbayhasheart or use the hashtag **#hobsonsbayhasheart** as a public post on Facebook or Instagram.

Instagram users are invited to share their image of beautiful things in Hobsons Bay by simply using the tag **#HobsonsBayhasHeart**. Tagged images may be shown on the digital sign at the Williamstown Town Hall. We'd love to see images of your playful pet, a garden full of produce or a handwritten letter in the mail from a neighbour.

**HOBSONS
BAY HAS
HEART**

[#hobsonsbayhasheart](https://www.facebook.com/hobsonsbayhasheart)



COMMUNITY SUPPORT PACKAGES

Council has released two community support packages to help the people of Hobsons Bay during the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. These packages focus on alleviating financial pressure on businesses, community groups and sporting clubs, as well as helping some of our most vulnerable residents. Just some of the highlights include:

Local businesses

- Full rental rebate until 30 June 2020 for eligible small business tenants paying rent in a Council-owned building
- Refund of food premises registration fees and outdoor trading permit fees already paid in 2019-20
- Interest free deferral of the next two quarterly rates payments for eligible local business
- Waived planning application fees for next six months for new start-ups
- Establishment of a business roundtable and crisis support mentoring network.

Sporting clubs and community groups

- Full rental rebate until at least 30 June 2020 for eligible groups paying rent in a Council-owned building
- Waiver of winter ground allocation fees
- Financial assistance towards sporting club utility fees, eligibility applies.

Ongoing support for our vulnerable communities

- Identifying more vulnerable households to support, while conducting wellbeing checks with existing clients via phone
- Combined 'meals on wheels' delivery with wellbeing checks and toilet paper
- Eligible new clients applying for meal delivery services will be fast tracked
- Ongoing access to immunisation services via online bookings
- Syringe disposal kits distributed to planned activity group (PAG) clients
- Online youth counselling, new parent groups and playgroups.

For more information on Council's community support packages, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus

BEHIND THE SCENES

What happens after collection?

We're working with more partners to recycle more products to ensure we are diverting waste from landfill and taking less from the earth. Read what happens to your recycling after your bins are collected.

YELLOW BIN

PLASTICS, PAPER, CARDBOARD, METALS



Paper and cardboard

Recycled paper and cardboard can be broken down to pulp. The pulp from our paper is re-manufactured into moulded products, such as egg cartons. Our cardboard is converted into packaging paper, such as new cardboard.

According to Sustainability Victoria, products made from recycled paper and cardboard conserve trees, and their production uses

50 per cent less energy and **90 per cent** less water than making them from new, raw resources.

Plastics

Reclaimed plastic (code 1, 2 and *5) is sorted, then shredded into chips or flakes, and washed. The plastic is then dried, melted and formed into pellets, which can be used to manufacture new products such as new bottles, furniture and piping.

Producing plastics from recycled materials **saves around 88 per cent** of the energy required to make plastic using raw materials, such as oil and gas.

***code 5 plastic can now be recycled. ie yogurt, ice-cream and margarine tubs. Fruit punnets or meat trays even if 1, 2 or 5 are still unsuitable for recycling.**

Metals

Metals are picked up with the metal detector and sorted into scrap metal and aluminium. Aluminium is crushed, melted and recast into new aluminium drink cans. Scrap metal is crushed, shredded and sorted. It's then melted and further purified before being recast into new metal products.

Making new products from recycled steel cans helps **save up to 75 per cent of the energy** and **40 per cent of the water needed** to make steel from the raw materials.

PURPLE BIN

GLASS



Glass

All collected glass is sorted and washed. It's then used in the production of roads, rail and footpath projects and possibly bottles and jars in future.

GREEN BIN

FOOD & GARDEN WASTE



Food and garden waste

All collected green waste is sent to a composting facility where it is recycled into compost and mulch. Composting decomposes the food and garden waste using oxygen, which prevents the release of harmful gases and creates useful material, like compost and soil conditioner, to put back into the earth.

HARD WASTE

RUBBISH

Hard waste

All Hobsons Bay properties are able to book one free hard waste collection each financial year (1 July to 30 June). Wood, metal, electronic waste components and green waste collected through the hard waste service are recycled. When picking up hard rubbish, two collection vehicles are used, one for recyclable materials and the other for landfilled non-recyclable items. You can contact Council on 9932 1000 to book your collection.

WORRIED ABOUT BAD SMELLS?

Keep the lid on your caddy and green bin shut.

Sprinkle bicarbonate soda on top of food scraps in your kitchen caddy.

Some people like to **freeze food waste** (particularly any meat or fish scraps) before placing in the green bin the day before it's collected, especially in warmer months.

Where possible, **layer food waste** between garden waste in your green bin.

Try to store your **green bin in the shade.**

Flush your pet poo - pet waste is not accepted in your food and garden waste bin but it is safe to flush your dog and cat waste down the toilet.

WHEN DOES MY BIN GO OUT?



Use our interactive map and simply put in your address to find out when each bin will get collected

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling

We are launching an app

We are also soon launching a Recycling 2.0 App which tells you which bins to put out, as well as useful information on recyclable items and how to dispose of them. Stay tuned for our app go live date!



TOP 10 RECYCLING TIPS

1 Check the item you are placing in your yellow bin is made from recyclable 'rigid' plastic (codes 1,2 and 5 except fruit punnets and meat trays) is unwaxed paper or cardboard, or aluminium or steel cans.

2 Remove lids from all bottles, including plastics (codes 1,2 and 5) and glass.

3 Rinse or scrape out any obvious solids or liquids from containers – they must be empty.

4 Recyclables must be loose in your yellow bin, not bagged.

5 Line your kitchen caddy in one or two sheets of newspaper or paper towel, or wrap up your food waste for transporting it into your food and garden waste green bin (*note, newspaper or paper towels on their own CANNOT go in the green bin*). Bagged food waste cannot go in the green bin as plastic bags don't decompose and can't be made into compost. Even **compostable bags do not decompose at the same rate as organic material** and leave traces of plastic in the processed products.

6 Scrape your plates and bowls directly into your caddy.

7 Bread, pasta, cereal and rice can go in your green bin.

8 Tissue boxes can go in the yellow recycling bin **if the plastic lining is removed**.

9 Roll aluminium and foil into balls (minimum 10cm diameter) so the metal detector can pick it up.

10 Choose to buy products with less packaging (loose apples, for example, not apples in a plastic tray and with a plastic outer wrap).

INTERIM RUBBISH DROP-OFF IN ALTONA

With more people in self isolation, quarantine or working from home due to the Coronavirus pandemic, some households may produce more rubbish than usual.

To respond to this exceptional circumstance and help residents manage additional, problematic volumes of rubbish, Council has established a temporary free drop-off station for residents of Hobsons Bay to dispose of domestic quantities of household rubbish (not recycling). Strict social distancing measures will be in place and instructions will be given by staff.

Hobsons Bay Operations Centre, Sugar Gum Drive, Altona

8.30am to 2.30pm Saturdays, until further notice

(please check our website to be certain before attending).

Further interim options are also in progress and will be announced when they are confirmed.

Due to limited availability of our contractors' trucks and drivers, we are unable to change the frequency of the kerbside collection program.

TOP 5 ITEMS

X that are not accepted by our recycling partners



COFFEE PODS AND TEABAGS



PLASTICS - CODES 3 TO 7



MILK/JUICE CARTONS AND UHT/TETRA-PAKS



PERFUME BOTTLES, DRINKING GLASSES AND WINDOW GLASS

These items are made from glass with a different composition, and can't be recycled back into making new glass jars and bottles.



DARK GREEN BIN RUBBISH

COATED AND WAXED PAPER & CARDBOARD

These are coated/lined with a plastic liner to hold liquid and can't be recycled.



OTHER HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH

All electronic waste, CDs, light globes and printer cartridges cannot go in your general rubbish bin. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling to find where you can recycle these items locally.

RECYCLING CHAMPIONS



Recycling 2.0
Let's sort it out

More than 300 volunteers have been championing the new waste and recycling service. Two of our Recycling Champions give us their top tips. To get involved, and for more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recyclingchampion



Hariz Ahmad,

Seabrook, Master of Environmental Science, postgraduate student

1. Why do you care about recycling?

I want future generations not to have to worry about the state of the environment. My parents cared enough to move to Australia for us kids and I want to make sure I care enough so future generations can have a better life.

2. What has been a challenge in the new service and how did you overcome it?

For our family, the challenge has been learning the difference between the Council's composting service and our own. We have started separating what can go in the green bin (meat, bones, cereal, bread etc) and our home composting which is slower to decompose.

3. What recycling/re-use changes have you made in your household?

We're trying to stop using cling wrap and instead use containers.

4. Do you have any tips on how to reduce waste?

The easy one is to always have a reusable cup and tote bag in the car. I also try to use what's in the fridge to cook a meal instead of looking up a recipe and going out to buy the ingredients.



Tarius McArthur,

Altona, mother of two, Environmental Educator

1. Why do you care about recycling?

There are so many environmental issues we live with that we have no control over. The new recycling and waste service is a real innovative solution that we can all be part of. Recycling has always been important for my family. I remember going to recycling facilities with my mum in the 1980s before kerbside recycling was introduced! Now, my kids have recycling chores each week and help empty the caddy and recycling into the yellow bin.

2. What has been a challenge in the new service and how did you overcome it?

My family of four has gone from one bag of household rubbish a month and a full recycling bin to more household rubbish because of the plastics that are no longer accepted. My goal is to reduce my waste and go back to the one bag of rubbish a month. At the point of purchase, I try to only buy containers that are code 1 or 2 plastics (which are accepted in the yellow mixed recycling bin).

3. What recycling/re-use changes have you made in your household?

As I make a purchase, I think about where it's going to end up. If it's code 1 and 2 plastics, it can be recovered and made into something else. If it's code 3 to 7, it goes to landfill.

4. Do you have any tips on how to reduce waste?

Before throwing something out, try giving away your unwanted goods using websites such as freecycle.org, streetbank.com or post it for free on Facebook marketplace. For example, I have a slide that has a bit of wear and tear that the kids no longer use, that I'm sure someone else will want!

How to provide feedback



Hobsons Bay staff and Recycling Champions have been speaking to residents at local events. We've also run dedicated Recycling 2.0 community drop-in sessions with our recycling partners to answer questions around how your recyclables are processed. Our customer service representatives have also been working hard to answer questions, hear concerns and find solutions for thousands of individuals.

We are continually revising information on Council's website, and sending updates to all residents. Please keep it coming. If you would like to provide suggestions or feedback, please email

recycling@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Myly Nguyen

2020 Citizen of the Year

The daughter of a high-ranking officer of the Republic of Vietnam Army, Myly fled Vietnam alone by boat in 1981 following the end of the Vietnam War, settling in Altona North in 1985 where she still lives.

Myly helped establish a number of national-level Buddhist community organisations which helped Vietnamese migrants settle into their new country and recover from the trauma of the war. On a local level, Myly founded the Vietnamese Association of Hobsons Bay, which has played an active role in local conservation and sustainability initiatives. This year, she is looking forward to continuing her sustainability work with the Zero to Hero project and fostering increased cultural understanding and collaboration through the Hobsons Bay Interfaith Network.

Augustin Kadende

2020 Young Citizen of the Year

At the age of five, Augustin fled the civil war in the Democratic Republic of Congo with his mother and younger brother. After four years in a refugee camp in Malawi the family was relocated to Melbourne speaking no English and with little possessions or money.

Augustin overcame significant language barriers and gaps in his formal education to become the School Captain of Emmanuel College in 2019. He introduced a number of initiatives aimed at fostering open discussion about mental health among his classmates and challenging negative stereotypes of masculinity.

Augustin is currently studying Arts at the University of Melbourne, majoring in politics and international relations, with the aim of becoming a Human Rights lawyer.

CITIZEN AND YOUNG CITIZEN of the year



THESE STREETS ARE JUST TOO COOL

Did you know Council plants 2,000 established trees each year?

Hobsons Bay's trees not only look beautiful but they help combat climate change by providing a cooling canopy and create more liveable spaces.

In 2019, Council delivered its first 'Cool Streets' project in Walshe Court and Pringle Place in

Altona Meadows. The Arboriculture Team partnered with local residents to determine what street trees the community would like and their size. Feedback was in support of larger canopy street tree plantings therefore 73 trees of evergreen native and exotic deciduous species were planted. Six months on, these trees are growing wonderfully, with the help of the residents in these streets who play a vital role in caring for them.

Due to the success of the program, Council will now run it annually. In 2020, the east end of Primula Avenue

in Brooklyn, Abbot Street South in South Kingsville and Bruce Street South in Altona Meadows will be the latest Cool Streets in Hobsons Bay.

Speaking of trees, Council is developing its first draft Urban Forest Strategy which will go out for public consultation in the coming months. We also have plenty of upcoming activities with a leafy theme, including tree giveaways, online landscape gardening consultations and a campaign calling on our community to nominate and vote for their favourite trees. 'Log' onto our website or Facebook page for updates.

WOODS STREET YOUTH ART PRIZE 2020

Calling all young creatives and artists! Young people aged 14 to 25 are invited to submit their artwork for the 2020 Woods Street Youth Art Prize. Accepted artworks include drawings, paintings, prints, photography, sculpture, film or even performance art pieces which respond to the theme of 'A New Power-Finding a Voice'.

Mitchell Webster, lead curator in the Emerging Curators Program explains the theme is about young people being able to influence and contribute to change.

"Young Australians are awakening to the voice they have and the impact they can create in our community.

The theme for this year's Youth Art Prize will be about discovering the influence Australian youth can have in such a crucial time in history for the planet," said Mitchell.

Selected works are tentatively scheduled to be on exhibition at the Woods Street Arts Space in Laverton from 16 to 18 October (subject to Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions), with prizes announced at the opening night on Friday 16 October.

Entries close 5pm Friday 21 August. For more information, and to submit an entry, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/youthartprize

What's happening in your ward?



Cherry Lake Ward

Work has commenced on the Brooklyn public space upgrades. **DN Duane** and **Rowan Avenue** Reserves will receive new play equipment, additional seating and shade. **Brooklyn Reserve** will receive a new public toilet, as well as solar lights at the links between **Cypress Avenue** and the Federation Trail. Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/brooklynparkupgrades

These improvements are part of a \$5 million package of upgrades to parks and sportsgrounds funded by the West Gate Tunnel Project.

A new fence will soon be installed along the south side of the shared trail along the **Laverton Creek Spit Conservation Zone** at **Doug Grant Reserve** in Altona to better protect our precious birdlife and create a dog free zone. This will prevent dogs from disturbing critically endangered migratory and local birds nesting and feeding. Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/LavertonSpitConservationZone

There will still be a dog off lead zone within the fenced area at Doug Grant Reserve. There is also a new, dedicated passage way for dogs and dog walkers to access the beach safely at **P.A. Burns** (Altona Dog Beach). Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/paburnsreserve

Works have commenced for new underground drainage in **Seves Street, Altona**, as well as minor road pavement and kerb and channel replacement. The new drainage system will alleviate flooding between the Esplanade and Railway Street South during major rain events. Works will take about eight weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Strand Ward

Construction has begun on the **Armstrong Reserve** upgrade in Newport. The upgrade will include improved access to and within the reserve, tree plantings, a picnic shelter, seating, a refurbished basketball/netball court and nature play opportunities. During construction, the entire reserve will be fenced off. While your local reserve is being improved, you can access Newport Park, Jackson Reserve and Bryan Martyn Oval (if supported by government requirements). Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/armstrongreserve

Improvement work will soon be completed at **Bayside College Williamstown** campus. New irrigation has been installed on both ovals, three new tennis courts have been constructed onsite and the existing netball courts are being resurfaced with floodlighting also installed. Remaining works include new lighting on oval 2 and an extension to the sports pavilion. Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/capitalworks

The Spit at **Riverside Reserve** in Williamstown has a new stronger fence as part of the Biodiversity Strategy implementation. In addition, **Sandy Point Nature Reserve** has a new interpretative sign featuring a map that highlights the different vegetation types and network of paths. Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/biodiversity

Improvement works are progressing well at **Donald McLean Reserve** in Spotswood. Full redevelopment works of Oval 1 started in September and will maximise the size and shape of the ground to better accommodate AFL and cricket. Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/donaldmclean

Wetlands Ward

Work is progressing well on the **Altona Sports Centre** expansion. Starting with the new car park and two outdoor netball courts, the extension of the existing centre will include four additional indoor courts, change room facilities, office space and café facilities when it is complete in May 2021, subject to change. Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/AltonaSportsCentre

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the traffic movement in the west of the municipality. As part of the **Seabrook Boulevard** and **Shane Avenue Traffic Calming Project**, we received 285 contributions from 232 people. Council is seeking feedback on proposed traffic solutions, which are based on suggestions from the community. These will be listed on participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au. Keep an eye out!

Work will soon begin revamping **Homestead Run Reserve** and **Barry Jones Park** in Seabrook. The revamp includes upgrading the playground, footpath connections and installation of community garden planter beds. Last year, both reserves received lighting upgrades. The new lighting features low-energy LED lamp fittings and have improved lighting along the footpaths and carpark. Visit hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/HomesteadRun

Laverton has been in the spotlight as the first suburb in Hobsons Bay to experience the **Better Places** model, a new approach to thinking about, designing and delivering projects that result in a more integrated and connected suburb. For more information visit, hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/BetterPlacesLaverton

Reduce your risk of Coronavirus

- ✎ **WASH** your hands often with soap and running water, for at least 20 seconds. Dry with paper towel or hand dryer.
- ✎ **TRY** not to touch your eyes, nose or mouth.
- ✎ **COVER** your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow.
- ✎ **STAY** at home if you feel sick. If you take medication make sure you have enough.
- ✎ **PHONE** your doctor or the hotline – **1800 675 398** – if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.
- ✎ **CONTINUE** healthy habits: exercise at home, drink water, get plenty of sleep.
- ✎ **WEARING** a face mask is not necessary if you are well.
- ✎ **BUY** an alcohol-based hand sanitiser with over 60 per cent alcohol.



Find out more

www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are concerned, call the Victorian Government's
Coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398 (24 hours)

Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only

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