COMMUNITY NEWS

SUCCESSFUL PITCH
YOUR IDEA PROJECTS

BABY MAKES 3

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2019–20
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HOBSONS BAY
COMMUNITY NEWS
WINTER 2019 / EDITION 17
MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A warm welcome to the winter edition of the Hobsons Bay Community News. This edition focuses on the 2019-20 budget and highlights a selection of key infrastructure projects that are on the horizon and vital community services (details on pages 5, 6 and 7).

Our annual budget is developed following extensive community consultation. On page 4 read about how nine-year-old Beau Kisvarda sent a video of his idea to set up a reward system for recycling cans through our Pitch Your Idea budget process, which has resulted in a trial of a container deposit system. You can also read about the successful budget pitch to build an inclusive playground in Hobsons Bay from Melbourne’s West ASD Network by Melanie Dmytrenko and Jennifer Derham.

As the form of government closest to the community, Council is well placed to advocate for the needs of the community at a state and federal level. Read about Council’s 2019 advocacy priorities on page 4.

We have lots of great events happening in winter including, our Arts at Your Doorstep program, Open House Melbourne in Hobsons Bay and a diverse range of library events. I’m particularly looking forward to hearing firsthand about the cave rescue in Thailand from ABC South East Asia correspondent Liam Cochrane at the Newport Community Hub on Wednesday 14 August from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Finally, if you have a great idea or project that meets a community need and promotes health and wellbeing, don’t forget to apply for Council’s Community Grants program by 31 July (details below).

Cr Jonathon Marsden, Mayor of Hobsons Bay

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SHOP LOCAL THIS WINTER

Can a Council Community Grant help your organisation? Council is looking to support projects delivered by local clubs, community groups and organisations that meet a community need, promote health and wellbeing and address grant priorities.

Applications close 31 July and must be submitted using the SmartyGrants online application process. For further information, and to view guidelines and eligibility, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

With an endless supply of shopping precincts, Hobsons Bay boasts the feel of village shopping without the hustle and bustle of the city. All the services you’d expect from retail hot spots are here, from specialty and destination stores to supermarkets and local finds - and of course lots of interesting places to eat, drink and relax. Use our detailed maps on experiencehobsonsbay.com to find every hidden gem Hobsons Bay has on offer. Shop local and help your local community thrive!

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TAKE YOUR E-WASTE TO A BETTER PLACE!

To protect our environment and recover precious resources, the Victorian Government is banning all electronic waste (e-waste) from landfill from 1 July 2019.

E-waste includes appliances that are powered by batteries or plug into electric outlets such as TVs, computers, laptops, cables, printers, mobile phones, cameras, electronic toys, toastes, microwaves and heaters.

E-waste can contain hazardous materials ranging from heavy metals such as lead, mercury and cadmium to ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and flame retardants. These substances can leach into soil and groundwater, or release into the air, creating long term environmental contamination issues.

Recycling your e-waste is important and necessary, but an even better solution is to try and avoid creating e-waste in the first place. When buying electronic goods, carefully select the right product for your needs and choose a brand that’s environmentally responsible.

Where can I take my unwanted e-waste?
Come to Council’s annual e-waste recycling event on Saturday 16 November from 8am to 3pm at the Hobsons Bay City Council Operations Centre, Sugar Gum Drive, Altona.

Book a hard waste collection.
All e-waste collected through Council’s hard waste service is recycled. To book a collection, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Hard-waste or call 9932 1000.

Go to a drop-off centre.
To find your nearest drop-off centre, visit Council’s website www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ewaste or Planet Arks ‘Recycling near you’ website.

What happens to your e-waste?
Once recycled, e-waste is repurposed into new materials including, plastic fence posts, new batteries, new TV and computer screens and cabling, to name a few.

According to Sustainability Victoria, up to 90 per cent of e-waste can be recycled.

For more information about the state government’s e-waste landfill ban and the process of recycling e-waste, visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/Campaigns/eWaste/Why-recycle-ewaste
The 2019 Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards recognise local businesses that contribute to making Hobsons Bay a great place to do business. Winners will be announced at a gala presentation at the Williamstown Town Hall on Friday 25 October 2019.

For more information, visit www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/awards.

The 2019 Advocacy Priorities

Local businesses, both large and small, are invited to nominate for the 2019 Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards, before entries close at 5pm on Friday 19 July. The biennial awards recognise local businesses that contribute to making Hobsons Bay a great place to do business. Winners will be announced at a gala presentation at the Williamstown Town Hall on Friday 25 October 2019.

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2019 Advocacy Priorities

Council works in partnership with national, state, regional and local sectors to help them meet the needs of the community that are outside local government legislative ability, such as, public transport, major roads, schools, infrastructure demands and health services.

In 2019, our top three asks include:

- the federal government to support the Melbourne Metro 2 (MM2) rail project and for the state government to bring forward the planning for MM2, which includes the duplication of the Altona Loop and a link from Newport to Sunshine
- funding to support the establishment of a satellite Headspace at the Newport Community Hub to provide an integration of resources and expand Council’s youth counselling services
- Grieve Parade to be upgraded to a preferred truck route, the extension of Grieve Parade north to Market Road, the provision of freeway access ramps at Dohertys Road and Grieve Parade, and the development of a regional freight management plan

For more information about Council’s advocacy priorities, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/advocacy

Your Ideas in the Budget

Outstanding community submissions were received as part of Council’s Pitch Your Idea 2019-20 budget engagement process. Hear from two successful submitters about their projects and the submission process.

Beau Kisvarda is nine-years-old and is passionate about the environment and recycling. Beau’s idea is inspired by reverse vending machines from his family holiday in NSW. His idea - a trial of the container deposit scheme - has been included as an action item for 2020 in Council’s Waste and Litter Management Strategy 2025, pending approval by Council.

Q: Why did you decide to take part in Pitch Your Idea?
A: I thought this was a good way for Hobsons Bay City Council to see how we could improve our area by recycling bottles and cans.

Q: How easy was the process and sending the video?
A: Very easy, as I had everything on my Dad’s computer and was able to attach it.

Q: How will your project benefit the community?
A: My Dad always told me about Cash for Cans and there is nothing really like this in Hobsons Bay. I went to Coffs Harbour with my family and there are automatic recycling stations which pay the person 10 cents for putting the bottles or cans into the machine. This voucher can then be redeemed at the supermarket for cash or money off the shopping bill. I did not see any bottles or cans lying in the ocean or on the street in the Coffs Harbour area.

Mums Melanie Dmytrenko and Jennifer Derham from Melbourne’s West ASD Network pitched an idea to build an inclusive playground in Hobsons Bay. The network envisions a modern playground that includes fencing, water play and nature play that will be accessible to all children. Planning for an inclusive playground, which is in line with Council’s endorsed Open Space Strategy, has been included in the 2019–20 budget with construction taking place in 2020–21, pending Council’s budget approval of the 2020–21 budget.

Q: Why did you decide to submit an idea?
A: Melbourne’s West ASD Network is a group of more than 800 parents of autistic children. We noticed on our Facebook page, parents were often asking for recommendations for safe playgrounds. Our members were driving to the east as they could not find anything locally. We identified the need for an inclusive playground that is safe for all children, including those living with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in Hobsons Bay.

Q: How easy was the process?
A: Very easy. It was simply a short submission online about our project. As busy parents of children with disabilities it was the ease that made it possible.

Q: As part of Pitch Your Idea, you presented your idea to Councillors at the Speed Dialogue Session. How valuable was this opportunity?
A: It was great to be able to express our idea and add the emotion to our project that you can’t get from simply reading the submission. It allowed us to hear from other applicants with similar ideas to ourselves.

Q: How will your project benefit Hobsons Bay?
A: An inclusive playground would benefit the Hobsons Bay community by increasing opportunities for outdoor play for all children, including those with disabilities. Research has consistently shown that all children benefit from outdoor play.
Council’s 2019–20 budget involved extensive community consultation and includes:

- **$59.77M** capital works program
  *The highest spend Council has ever committed to for capital works projects.*

- **$1.9M** community budget submissions
  *100+ funded services*

YOUR RATES EXPLAINED

*$2.47%*
Rates will increase, by 2.47 per cent, in line with the state government’s rate capping policy and Council’s commitment to reducing its rate increase in 2019–20 by 0.03 per cent below the rate cap.

The rate cap applies to the average rateable property, not individual rates notices – so some ratepayers will pay less than 2.47 per cent of an increase from last year’s rates and others will pay more, but overall, general rates won’t exceed the (reduced) rate cap. Rates are based on 2019 property valuations.
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Services snapshot

Every month, Council delivers more than 100 important services for the community to make Hobsons Bay the best place to live, work, study and visit.

LIBRARIES

$4.13M

+$1.31M

d for library collections, technology updates and furniture

ARTS AND CULTURE

$1.3M

including, visual arts, public art, heritage, cultural development, Indigenous culture and festivals

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

$2.1M

including, gender equity, community health, volunteering, multicultural programs, LGBTIQA+ and grants

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

$7M

including, community centres and hubs, public toilets, kindergartens, sports clubs and corporate buildings

FAMILY YOUTH AND CHILDREN’S SERVICES

$3.7M

including, counselling, mentoring and immunisation program

AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES

$1M

including, home assessments, Meals on Wheels and planned activity groups
**CAPITAL WORKS**

Key projects scheduled for 2019–20

**OPEN SPACES**

$17.902M including:

- $15.054M parks, open space and streetscapes including:
  - Donald McLean Reserve*
  - Crofts Reserve Master Plan*
  - Brooklyn Open Space Enhancement and Access project*
  - Foreshore Renewal Program for PA Burns Reserve, Seaholme
  - Epsom Street Open Space project
  - HD Graham Reserve Sport Facility Development
- $2.143M recreational, leisure and community facilities
- $420K car park renewal program
- $5.53M civic and community facilities
- $1.24M family friendly sporting facility upgrades
- $515K Greenhouse Strategy
- $535K building renewal program including, sewer renewals, painting, electrical works, storm water drains
- $443K public toilet program
- $150K Homestead Run playground upgrade
- $75K bike maintenance stations across all three wards; at The Strand in Williamstown, The Esplanade next to Altona Beach and Skeleton Creek in Seabrook/Altona Meadows near the Lan Avenue bridge
- $50K Wetland Centre feasibility study

**FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE WAYS**

$3.537M including:

- $500K footpath renewal program in road reserves and parks
- $1.5M Skeleton Creek shared trail upgrade

**ROADS**

$4.675M including:

- $2.7M road rehabilitation
  - $1.45M Merton Street road rehabilitation (from the railway line to Harcourt Rd)
- $1M road resurfacing program

**BUILDINGS**

$27.716M including:

- $19.052M sporting and recreational facilities, including:
  - Altona Sports Centre extension
  - JT Gray Reserve new pavilion
  - Digman Reserve Master Plan implementation
  - Bayside College Paisley Campus sports redevelopment
- $5.53M civic and community facilities
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**COMMUNITY BUDGET SUBMISSIONS THROUGH PITCH YOUR IDEA**

$1.935M including:

- $150K Homestead Run playground upgrade
- $75K bike maintenance stations across all three wards; at The Strand in Williamstown, The Esplanade next to Altona Beach and Skeleton Creek in Seabrook/Altona Meadows near the Lan Avenue bridge
- $50K Wetland Centre feasibility study

*Funding for this projects is from the West Gate Tunnel Project

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Get your hands dirty and plant a tree, grass or shrub to help create habitat for local wildlife on National Tree Day, Sunday 28 July.

**Planting at Kororoit Creek**
Plant some trees then enjoy entertainment, face painting and a free barbecue lunch. Meet at Kororoit Creek, off Dohertys Road, east of Grieve Parade, Altona North, between 10am and 2pm. The event is a collaboration between Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek, the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, Melbourne Water, Toyota and Hobsons Bay City Council.

**Planting at Williamstown**
The Friends of Williamstown Wetlands is also celebrating National Tree Day on Sunday 28 July with a planting event in collaboration with Parks Victoria at the Jawbone Flora and Fauna Reserve between 10am and 12pm. Meet at the Causeway, parking in Crofton Drive, Williamstown.

**Planting along Skeleton Creek**
Friends of Skeleton Creek are holding a community planting event on Sunday 25 August, in Altona Meadows between 1pm and 3pm. Enjoy complimentary afternoon tea following the event. Meet at Carinza Avenue, Altona Meadows.

**CALLING ALL FIRST TIME PARENTS**
Baby Makes 3 is a free three week program offered to first time parents. The program aims to provide tips and tricks for adjusting to life with a newborn as a couple and runs in the evening with a male and female facilitator. Parents and baby are welcome to attend, light refreshments are provided. Speak to your Maternal and Child Health Nurse for more information or call 9932 1300 to book.

**Upcoming sessions include:**
Newport Gardens Early Years Centre
Wednesday July 17, 24 and 31
6.30pm to 8.30pm

Altona Library
Thursday September 5, 12 and 19
6.30pm to 8.30pm

**FITNESS STATIONS IN HOBSONS BAY**
By the end of the year, Hobsons Bay will have outdoor fitness locations in six locations following positive feedback from the outdoor fitness stations at Cherry Lake. New fitness equipment has been installed at Apex Park along the Altona Beach foreshore, in three locations along The Strand (spanning the Williamstown and Newport foreshore) and Homestead Run Reserve in Seabrook. Installation is scheduled for Epsom Street Reserve in Laverton and Craig Street Reserve in Spotswood by December 2019. Outdoor fitness stations are great for walkers, runners and those just passing by to squeeze in an impromptu workout without needing to visit the gym.

**FREE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS**
Research shows attending a supported playgroup in your local community strengthens family relationships and child development outcomes. Playgroups provide parents and children a chance to meet up, learn, connect with local services and have fun. Supported playgroups are run weekly by a trained early childhood professional, during the school term, for families who hold a health care card.

For information about community and supported playgroups please contact Council’s Playgroup Team 9932 1000 or email playgroups@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
STRAND WARD

The team at the Williamstown Botanic Gardens are busy implementing projects identified in the endorsed Williamstown Botanic Gardens Master Plan. As part of the master plan, a new irrigation system will be installed in the Pinetum. The irrigation will help future tree planting and ensure the gardens continue to be an outstanding example of one of Victoria’s many 19th century botanic gardens.

Work is progressing well on Spotswood’s Craig Street Park upgrade. The upgrade features new playground equipment, fitness equipment, paths, an additional picnic setting and paved area in the playground, two community garden beds and new shade trees. For details, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/projects/craigstreetreserve

Newport’s Outside Gallery in Paine Reserve has a new exhibition titled ‘Traffic Lights’ until September 2019. The exhibition is in partnership with Hubcap Productions and the Art and Industry Festival. For details, visit artandindustryfestival.com.au/news

The southern court at Bryan Martyn oval now has new training lights, shelter and storage as part of the netball court redevelopment. The upgrade provides a suitable facility for its current participants, while catering for future growth opportunities.

The Coastal Trail along The Strand between Dowman Street and Yarra Street in Newport has been completed. The path has been widened to improve accessibility for wheelchairs and prams.

The Creative Tech Hub is scheduled to open its doors in spring. The hub will offer 3D printing, green screen film technologies and coding and robotics workshops. For more information, email ctinbox@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

CHERRY LAKE WARD

In a world-first trial, protective pods with mangroves have been planted at Altona Coastal Park in a bid to protect the foreshore from erosion, climate change and storm surges now and into the future.

The project, a partnership between Council and the University of Melbourne, received funding from the Department of Land, Water and Planning’s Climate Change Innovation Grants Program. For more information, read the University of Melbourne bulletin nccc.edu.au/community-bulletins

Thirty-eight new LED street lights will be installed in Brooklyn in July. Works involve new LED lights and brackets being installed on existing posts. The lighting upgrade is the result of an audit, which showed low light levels along a number of roads in Brooklyn.

Norah McIntyre Park in Seaholme is getting a major upgrade, featuring 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.

A new temporary flowering grassland installation is being developed at Logan Reserve, Altona. The installation, called the Lost Lands, highlights what was in the landscape prior to colonisation in a contained 3x3m plot.

The Flemings Pool pedestrian access design has been finalised. Construction is scheduled to finish by October 2019, in time for the peak summer period. The design has been refined based on community feedback in 2018 and underground tests. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/flemingspool

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**WHAT’S ON?**

**Hobsons Voice**
Sunday 25 August, 2pm
Williamstown Town Hall, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown

A free concert by Hobsons Bay local school choirs with musical director Doug Heywood OAM.

**Stardust and the Mission**
Saturday 31 August, 7pm
Altona Theatre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona

The Space Company presents a double bill of documentary theatre: Stardust and The Mission starring multi-award winning ABC presenter and performer Joel Carnegie, and award winning actor, Tom Moloney. Enjoy two stories about love, music and war and all the things that people leave behind.

**Hear the inside story of the Thai cave rescue, learn to destress and reconnect, and celebrate Indigenous culture at our libraries**

Bookings for all library events are required unless otherwise stated, visit libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 462 542.

**NAIDOC Week exhibition**
Sunday 7 July to Sunday 14 July
Williamstown Library

Celebrate 46 years of NAIDOC Week history by exploring themes and imagery of NAIDOC Week posters from 1972 to the present day.

**Drawn by the Bay**
Entries open Monday 15 July and close Sunday 15 September
Calling young artists who live or study in Hobsons Bay or are library members! Drawn by the Bay is your opportunity to win one of the western suburbs’ biggest illustration prizes!

**Put your damn phone down: Glenn Manton**
Wednesday 17 July
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Newport Community Hub

Former AFL legend Glenn Manton shares insights and wisdom from his years on and off the field, to build connections with yourself and with those around you; to live life; to have adventures and to fulfil your dreams.

**Kinder dreaming art and storytelling**
Sunday 4 August
2.30pm to 3.10pm
Williamstown Library

Celebrate Aboriginal Children’s Day with Monica from Cultural Infusion at a storytime using Indigenous art, symbols and song (ages three to six).

**The science behind the benefits of forest therapy**
Wednesday 14 August
6.15pm to 7.45pm
EnviroCentre at Altona Library

Spending time in nature can reduce stress, increase concentration, boost your immune system and increase energy. Susan Joachim, Forest Therapy Guide, will discuss the science behind forest therapy and share techniques to help you connect deeply with nature while living in the city.

**The inside story of the amazing Thai cave rescue**
Wednesday 14 August
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Newport Community Hub

ABC South East Asia correspondent Liam Cochrane, puts us at the centre of the greatest rescue mission in living memory. Twelve young members of the Wild Boars soccer club walked into a Thai cave with their coach, and were trapped by a sudden monsoonal downpour.

**Coffee, the world drink**
Wednesday 21 August
10.30am to 12pm
Altona North Community Library

Coffee lovers are invited to take a caffeine induced journey of discovery, from its beginnings to its unique tastes and flavours around the world.

**Reading is my secret power**
Saturday 24 August
10.30am to 11.30am
Newport Community Hub


**Genetics and genealogy**
Wednesday 21 August
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Altona Library

Learn what can be revealed if you choose to take a DNA test and how it can assist you with your genealogy research with family historian Craig Smith.

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**Musical adventures jam**
Thursday 11 July, 10am and 12pm
Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street, Laverton

Joyful, lively and fun for all, our Suzuki music classes help your little one (aged one to five) tap into their musical spirit through rhythm, beat, lyrics and movement. Free, bookings essential, visit www.musicaladventures.com.au

**Art Sauce**
Saturday 20 July, from 9.15am
Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street, Laverton

Join Little Art Big Art for a free monthly family-friendly, hands on art session. Suitable for families and kids aged up to 12. For details, visit www.littleartbigart.com.au

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**OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE IN HOBSONS BAY**
27 and 28 July

Hobsons Bay is showcasing our heritage listed buildings and places of interest including Williamstown Town Hall, Williamstown Library, Hobsons Bay Council Chambers, the Australian Islamic Centre and Spotswood Pumping Station as part of Open House Melbourne. For full program and times, visit www.openhousemelbourne.org