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MESSAGE FROM

THE MAYOR

Welcome to the spring edition of Hobsons Bay Community News. Heading into the warmer months, I'm reminded how lucky we are to live here. Between our stunning natural environment and great line-up of events, Hobsons Bay really is a great place to be.

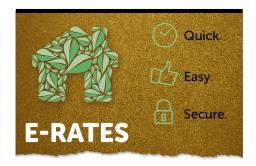
This edition focuses on maintaining a safe and clean environment. From the accelerated

installation of solar panels on Council buildings to electric vehicle fast charging stations and even signing on to use green electricity as part of the ground-breaking Local Government Power Purchase Agreement, we are on track to becoming carbon neutral next year.

Council has made the strategic decision to overhaul kerbside bin collections. Glass will now be separated from other recycling, going into a new bin that will be emptied monthly and sent off to be made into new bottles. Households will be able to add food scraps to their green bin, which will soon be picked up on a weekly basis. The general rubbish bin will move to a fortnightly collection schedule. This decisive response to the recycling crisis will keep valuable resources out of landfill and move us closer to a truly circular economy.

Back in autumn we highlighted Council's Local Area Movement Plan (LAMP) and our efforts to ensure Hobsons Bay has safe, sustainable and efficient transport systems. I am pleased to share that the West LAMP is about to be released for public consultation. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

Cr Jonathon Marsden, Mayor of Hobsons Bay



Did you know you can register to receive your future rates notices via email? We are more committed than ever to reducing our waste and helping our environment by going paperless.

All you need to do is register at hobsonsbay.enotices.com.au/#signuptab

You can also save time by paying your rates online. We have plenty of payment options on our website including BPAY, BPOINT and Post Billpay and all your details are safe and secure.

Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ Services/Rates for more information.



Take the guesswork out of finding suitable grants and increase your chance of receiving funding by exploring the Hobsons Bay Grant Finder, a free one-stop-shop website for business and community grants.

Simply use the search engine to find available grants, filtered by specifying location, industry and type of project. The built-in set-and-forget feature means you will be notified when new grants become available making sure you never miss a deadline. Start searching now at

hobsonsbay.grantguru.com.au

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LOCAL AREA MOVEMENT AN (LAMP)

Through 2019 we collected feedback from pedestrians, drivers, cyclists and public transport users about how they get around.

You've told us all about your experiences which has helped inform our draft Local Area Movement Plan (LAMP) West package.

The LAMP will deliver a clear five-year framework to guide our infrastructure planning and advocacy to state and federal governments and community programs. The framework will also contribute to a sustainable, safe, well connected, efficient and accessible transport network.

The draft LAMP West package, covering Altona Meadows, Laverton and Seabrook, will be out for consultation through summer. It will provide strategies and actions to improve transport accessibility, connectivity and safety, taking into consideration the information received from the community.

Community feedback for the LAMP North package, covering the northern area of Hobsons Bay, is due to begin in early 2020.

To find out more about LAMPs and have your say, visit

participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

YOUR KERBSIDE COLLECTION IS CHANGING

A more efficient, reliable and locally focused kerbside waste and recycling service is coming your way this summer!

By introducing a new system that will reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, Council is leading the way in reducing our environmental footprint and securing a brighter, greener future for Hobsons Bay. The program will not only improve the quality of local recycling, it will also bring a healthier financial bottom line, providing better value to our entire community.

At the core of our revamped waste and recycling program is a separated recycling system that will recycle glass independently of other products, as well as introduce a new food organics, garden organics (FOGO) system that will repurpose organic waste, reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions that negatively impact the environment.

We are particularly excited to introduce a system that will result in strong partnerships with local suppliers who, like us, are committed to a more

sustainable Hobsons Bay. It also ensures we are better positioned to manage any unforeseen issues in the future, such as the recent closure of contractor SKM Recycling.

Changes as part of the new system include: greens bins to be used for FOGO will be picked up weekly; a new bin for glass will be collected monthly: yellow lid recycling bins will continue to be collected fortnightly with some changes on items collected; and rubbish collection will change from a weekly to a fortnightly pick-up.

We are focusing on proactive, longterm solutions that consider the effects on climate change - and we encourage our community to do the same. Think about your own environmental impact in your daily life to ensure you make positive choices that reduce your footprint.

The proactive changes to waste and recycling management are guided by Council's commitments in its Waste and Litter Management Strategy 2025. More details about the program will be announced shortly to prepare for implementation over summer so watch this space!

Food organics, garden organics (FOGO)

The FOGO system to be green waste bins will be expanded to all households. Food waste including fruits and vegetables, eggshells and bones, rice and pasta, seafood, and even food spoiled paper will be composted by processors to create fertiliser and soil improver. Recycled organic waste is great for the garden and it reduces waste to landfill, meaning fewer greenhouse gas emissions.

Glass

The new system will require glass to be separated into a new bin for all households that will be collected monthly. The simple act of separating glass from other materials drastically improves the quality of all recyclable material.

For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ Services/Waste-Recycling



A GREENER HOBSONS BAY



Electric vehicle fleet and recharging station

Residents with electric cars are now able to recharge their cars for free. Council is currently trialling a 50 kW DC (direct current) charging station at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre carpark in Altona. The charging station is the quickest between Essendon and Jan Juc, taking as little as 30–40 minutes to recharge DC charge compatible electric vehicles, depending on the vehicle and its battery state.

The installation of vehicle charging stations will also support the transition of Council's fleet to electric vehicles.

Council's electric vehicle fleet includes a Renault Kangoo Z.E. van and a number of Nissan Leafs. These vehicles will be used in day to day Council operations, reducing Council's greenhouse gas emissions while saving running costs and refuelling costs compared to traditional internal combustion engine vehicles.

To make use of the charging station, residents will need to download and register using the Chargefox app. For more information about the trial, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/sustainabletransport

Renewable energy

Council has signed on to the largest renewable energy power purchase agreement in Australia, bringing it a step closer to achieving zero net emissions by 2020.

Council recently committed to the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), the largest renewable energy power purchase agreement in Australia. 30 per cent of Council's current energy needs will be purchased through the long term PPA with a target of reducing overall energy consumption by 70 per cent.

Council is also fast tracking infrastructure projects to reduce emissions through actions such as the installation of solar panels on Council buildings, retrofitting existing buildings, installing LED street lighting and ensuring all future infrastructure is carbon neutral.

To find out more about Council's commitment to a sustainable future, head to www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/RenewableEnergy

Corporate Greenhouse Strategy

Council is continuing its commitment to zero net emissions through its Target 2265 - A Four Year Emissions Reduction Plan.

To help reduce Council's greenhouse gas emissions, solar panels have been installed at Seabrook Community Centre, Lorraine Bedella Seniors Centre and Walker Close Community Centre. These systems are expected to reduce emissions by 117 tonnes and save Council around \$13,000 per annum. To date, more than 500kW of solar has been installed on Council-owned buildings.

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Solar

	Solar generation capacity (or system size)	Greenhouse gas savings (tonnes per annum)
Seabrook Community Centre	23 kW	25
Lorraine Bedella Seniors Centre	39 kW	60
Walker Close Community Centre	16 kW	25

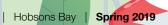
Save money on your energy bills

If you can keep the sun from hitting your north and west facing windows, you could greatly reduce the heat levels inside your home. Once glass gets hot, it radiates heat back into the house, so simple measures to shade your windows can make a huge difference.

Council has partnered with the Australian Energy Foundation to help you work out exactly what you need to do to make your home more energy efficient. They can also connect you with reliable suppliers to implement changes and guide you along the way.

Visit the Australian Energy Foundation website at **aef.com.au** to learn about all the things you can do in your home and get a quote.

Contact one of their energy advisors on 1300 23 68 55 or email advice@aef.com.au



Environment Grants

Do you want to make a real difference to your local environment? Do you have an idea to make your community more environmentally friendly?

The 2020 Hobsons Bay Environment Grants Program provides funding to community groups or schools for activities and initiatives that build environmental sustainability in the community.

Eligible community groups and organisations are invited to submit ideas for projects that meet an environmental need in the community and include an educational or capacity-building component. Projects that focus on the following environmental priorities are encouraged:

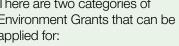
- address climate change
- · increase water security and sustainable water management
- active transport
- reduce waste, promote composting, increase recycling or reduce litter
- value protect and enhance biodiversity

There are two categories of Environment Grants that can be applied for:

General Environmental Grants of up to \$2,000, or

Environmental Innovation Grants of up to \$5,000

To find out more or to apply for a grant, visit hobsonsbay.smartygrants.com.au/ EnvironmentGrants2020



My Smart Garden

Submissions are open until 5pm on Friday

13 December.

Did you know 1 in 2 households in the west already grow some food at home?

My Smart Garden is a gardening program that helps you get started growing food and transforming your outdoor space yards, balconies or pots - into a beautiful, functional garden. We can help you become more resilient and lower your bills by producing food, shading your home from summer heat, turning waste into valuable resources and planting a garden that encourages native birdlife, such as the blue fairy-wren, red-browed finch, new holland honeyeater and musk lorikeets.

Participants receive a monthly eNewsletter with seasonal tips and events, online resources, access to free sustainable gardening workshops and the opportunity to swap and share with local gardeners.

To find out more head to www.mysmartgarden.org.au



Become an Energy\$mart business and save

Council's Energy\$mart program can help you identify energy saving opportunities by upgrading your lights, installing solar power generation and obtaining subsidies and finance.

We are excited to be working with local businesses and community organisations to upgrade lights and install solar power to help you save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Hobsons Bay businesses are eligible for a subsidy of up to \$5,000* to reduce the payback period of your project!

The process involves assessing your energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and financial savings and providing a quote.

There are also opportunities to save with an energy assessment or low-interest finance to help fund environmental upgrade projects.

For more information, contact Council's Sustainability Team on 9932 1000 or email sustainability@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

*Funding is available for 10% of project costs (lighting and solar) up to \$5,000 per business. The subsidy is calculated after all other discounts (e.g. VEET & STCs) have been applied. A minimum subsidy of \$500 per business is available. Funding is limited and only available until fully allocated.



its mission to get kids walking, riding and scooting to school as part of the health promotion foundation's annual Walk to School program.

Every October, Walk to School encourages families to get active on the trip to and from school to help kids build healthy habits for life.

the community, including:

Helping children to develop road safety and travel skills

Reducing traffic around school pick up/drop off times

Helping children (and parents) to achieve their recommended 60 minutes of daily activity

Environmentally friendly

To find out more about the great range of services on offer from the Hobsons Bay Up team, head to www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Up



As we head into the warmer months it is important to keep our city safe from fire hazards. A fire hazard is anything that has the potential to burn including long grass, stored materials and flammable items such as paint cans and expired gas bottles.

Keep lawn no longer than 10cm (including vacant blocks of land).

Store materials neatly, away from your home and fence line.

Remove dead plants and undergrowth.

Dispose of flammable or unwanted goods.

Head to www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ Services/Waste-Recycling

to find out where to safely dispose of items.



The Hobsons Bay cat and kitten shelter is giving hope to Hobsons Bay's feline population!

After the successful trial of the Cat Diversion and Adoption program, Council is opening the shelter with the aim of rehoming healthy stray cats and kittens found in the municipality.

Located at the Council Operations Centre, the shelter will help the Hobsons Bay community give otherwise unwanted cats and kittens a second chance at a happy life. Residents will be able to view cats in the shelter by appointment in the hopes of returning lost pets home. Those that remain unclaimed will be placed for adoption. Adoption fees will include microchip, vaccination, desexing and registration.

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 to a cat waiting to be adopted.

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Pets



Congratulations to the 2019 Hobsons Bay Business Excellence Awards Finalists.

FINALISTS

This year's entries have raised the bar across all categories. From small homebased businesses to some of our city's biggest employers, the diversity of our business community is certainly evident.

The Business Excellence Awards provide the opportunity for businesses of all sizes, across all sectors, to be recognised for their achievements, innovation and leading workplace practices. It's also a great chance to acknowledge the contribution of staff.

There are 12 separate, hotly contested award categories. Finalists will also be competing for the Excellence in Sustainability Award. Category award winners will be able to vie for the Business of the Year Award.

Winners will be announced at the Gala Night on Friday 25 October at Williamstown Town Hall. For details, visit www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au

BETTER BOATING

It is now free to launch your boat at all Hobsons Bay boat ramps! We've also introduced free 24 hour parking just in time for the busy boating season!

To get the most out of your next boating adventure, make sure your boat is in good working order, you have the correct safety equipment on board and someone knows where you are going. When you're out in the bay don't forget to obey speed restrictions and avoid the use of alcohol and drugs.

What's happening in your ward?



Strand Ward

Pedestrian improvement works, including a crossing with flashing lights, is under way to improve access around the **Douglas Parade/ Bunbury Street** area in Newport. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ DouglasParadeCrossing

The installation of a new irrigation system at the Williamstown Botanic Gardens Pinetum is under way. This was one of the priorities identified in the 2018 Master Plan. participate. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/williamstownbotanic-gardens-draft-masterplan

The community engagement report for W.L.J. Crofts Reserve is now available on the Participate portal. Safe and accessible open space was the priority as well as sufficient storage for tenant clubs, weather protection, functional pavilion facilities and an upgraded play area. Construction of the new pavilion is due to commence

over the summer period. participate. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WLJcrofts

Feedback for **Donald McLean** Reserve supported the need for optimal space for the social room and change rooms. Feedback has now closed, construction of the pavilion is due to begin in coming months. participate. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/don-mcleanreserve-improvement-plan

Thanks for telling us how you use Blenheim Road Reserve and how you would like to see it developed in the future. Your input has fed into a draft concept plan that is currently available for consultation. You can provide feedback on the draft concept plan until 31 October 2019. participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ blenheimupgrade

A new electronic sign in the Williamstown Town Hall and Library forecourt has been installed.

Cherry Lake Ward

Stage 1 of the PA Burns Reserve upgrade is on track to be completed early November. Works include separation of the shared trail and the dog beach access path, improved pedestrian access to the dog beach and the development of two lookout points. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ **PABurnsReserve**

This year's dredging program at the Altona Safe Boat Harbour is now complete. Dredging is needed to ensure the safe passage of boats into the sea as well as protecting and restoring the natural environment.

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ AltonaSafeHarbour

The playspace upgrade works at Langshaw Reserve are now complete. The new playspace includes a gecko and wombat sculpture for kids to play on as well as swings, a climbing web, seating and lots of other play equipment.

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ LangshawReserve

Thanks to the community for feedback on the proposed Norah McIntyre Reserve upgrade. The proposed upgrade includes a new play space, new park furniture and a basketball half court. The final concept plan is currently being developed and will be released for public consultation in coming months. participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ norahmcintvre

Construction of the **Bent Street** vehicle access ramp is now complete. The ramp will allow trucks to access the beach twice weekly to remove seaweed from the foreshore early in the morning. The ramp will also provide access for the Altona Lifesaving Club, emergency services and beach grooming vehicles. www. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/BentStreet

Wetlands Ward

The lighting upgrade at **Homestead** Run Reserve and Barry Jones Reserve is now complete. The new lighting features low energy use LED lamp fittings that provide improved lighting along the reserve footpath and car park. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov. au/HomesteadRun

Stage 3 of the Skeleton Creek works are now complete. The works included upgrading the existing asphalt path to a three-metre wide, fully accessible, concrete shared trail. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ SkeletonCreek

Work on the first stage of the **Altona** Sports Centre has begun with an upgrade to the centre's car park and outdoor netball courts. The extension will take place in two stages – the first focusing on the area outside the centre with a complete upgrade to parking, relocation of two outdoor netball courts and an upgraded entrance with the second stage including an additional four courts. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov. au/AltonaSportsCentreUpgrade

Works are now well under way for a new neighbourhood park located between **Epsom Street** and **Fitzroy** Street, Laverton. The park will include a pump track, half basketball court, outdoor circuit gym, public toilets and picnic shelters. Stage 1 works are scheduled for completion at the end of October 2019.

participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ namingnewpark

A great planting season was had over the past winter with thousands of trees being planted across Hobsons Bay with help from community members and groups. A variety of species were planted providing habitat for our local fauna.

WHAT'S ON?



Spring shows

Arts At Your Doorstep is the Council's annual performing arts program bringing high quality theatre to Hobsons Bay. Enjoy a variety of shows this spring including kids musical group The Mudcakes and historical drama This is Eden.

Check the website for dates and ticket details.

www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au

Do you know an everyday hero?

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Hobsons Bay Citizen of the Year Awards. If you know someone who deserves to be recognised for their contribution to our city, then nominate them for the Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the Year at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ citizenawards



Shop local and vote for your favourite festive window display for your chance to share in over \$7,000 in prizes.

To vote for your favourite window, visit a registered shop then give their photo a "like" on Council's Facebook and Instagram pages.

Shops can register to be part of the competition by providing an image of the decorated window for us to feature on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Winners will be announced on Wednesday 18 December in the Hobsons Bay Star Weekly and on Council's Facebook and Instagram pages. www.hobsonsbay. vic.gov.au/shopsonshow

Hobsons Bay 2020 student delegation to



Entries are open until Thursday 31 October.

Hobsons Bay has a longstanding sister city relationship with Anjo, Japan. Secondary students who live or study in Hobsons Bay have the opportunity to represent our city on a cultural exchange for approximately two weeks in Anjo next winter.

Student and chaperone information is available by visiting the Hobsons Bay International Friendship Association website www.hbifa.org.au www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ anjosistercity

SPOTIFY

Saturday 26 October 10.30am to 12pm

Altona Library

Miss your old mix-tapes? Heard you can "stream" music but not sure where to start? This session will explain what Spotify is, how it works, setup playlists to share with friends, and help you discover new and old favourites.

SPOOKTACULAR

Thursday 31 October 5pm to 6.30pm

Newport Community Hub

Witches, wizards and spooky fun for children aged 5 to 12 years. Come dressed in your spookiest outfit.

NANOWRIMO

Every Wednesday and Saturday in November Wednesdays 5pm to 6.40pm, Newport Community Hub

Saturdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm, Altona North Community Library

Write your novel. November is National Novel Writing Month. Join in the weekly write-ins at the library.

STORYTIME IN THE PARK

Wednesday 6 November 10.30am

Williamstown Botanic Gardens

Kick off the season of 'Storytime in the Park'.

HERITAGE WALKING

Tuesdays and Fridays in spring, 11.45am to 12.45pm (excludes Melbourne Cup Day)

Tour departs from Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre, Syme Street, Williamstown

Explore hidden lanes, a burial ground, an abandoned morgue, historical buildings and monuments in a free guided walking tour.

Bookings required at www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au

HOME AT LAST

Wednesday 13 November 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Altona Library

This Victorian Government-funded project offers advice, support and advocacy to older people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or are wanting to plan a secure housing future.

TECH TALK: WOMEN IN TECH

Tuesday 19 November 6pm to 7.15pm

Williamstown Library

How to tackle the male-dominated technology industry and get females to the fore? Hear from a panel of inspirational and trail-blazing women in technology.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Saturday 23 November, 7pm

Williamstown Town Hall

Handel's Messiah returns to Williamstown. Local musician Douglas Heywood OAM conducts a twilight performance of Handel's Messiah at the Williamstown Town Hall.

ALTONA SCREENTIME

Tuesday 26 November. 1.30pm to 4pm

Altona Library

If you love a good flick in the company of others, join in the fun of the fourth Tuesday movie club.

Keep up to date with news and events in Hobsons Bay. Like us on Facebook, Instagram and follow us on Twitter.