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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As your Mayor for the coming year, and on behalf of the whole Council team, I welcome you to the summer edition of Hobsons Bay Community News.

Get inspired with stories about our great outdoors, read about some of

the worthy recipients of our Community Grants program and learn about our astute business community powering our city's prosperity.

There will be something to see and enjoy all summer long in Hobsons Bay. Cheer home the elite swimmers in the iconic Jalna Big Bay Swim on 25 February, then stay to enjoy the free family festival at Commonwealth Reserve.

Our beautiful parks will be bursting with music and sunshine throughout January and February as part of our renowned Summer Sounds program (see page 10) before two special community celebrations take place when the Queen's Baton Relay comes to Hobsons Bay (see page 7).

On page nine, you'll find news about our Second Ave upgrade, our extension design for the Altona Sports Centre and an update on our Williamstown Town Hall forecourt works.

Your rates also help pay for over 100 different services, including everything from children's immunisations to tree-planting to footpath repairs.

I'm proud to be leading a hard-working team of Councillors and officers who constantly strive to provide and improve these services.

On behalf of the whole Council team, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. Our city is home to people from all corners of the world and this is the season when our sense of belonging really shines. Enjoy the spirit of this special time of year.

Cr Angela Altair, Mayor of Hobsons Bay



BE SNAKE SAFE

The warm weather is here – be snake safe this summer! Snakes are more active around some of our city's parks, reserves and dog off-lead areas in summer so please be vigilant when you are out and about. It is illegal to harm or kill snakes in Victoria. If you see a snake, please call Council on **9932 1000** and we will have it safely removed.

SNAP SEND SOLVE



Snap Send Solve is an Australia-wide app that makes it quicker and easier for you to report a problem to Council. Download the app on your mobile phone, take a photo of the issue - whether it's a broken water fountain, dumped rubbish or a fallen tree branch - and press send. A Council officer will then investigate it. The app is proving so popular in Hobsons Bay that our Snap Send Solve requests have more than doubled in the last 12 months. And the best thing about the app? It's 24/7 so you can report a problem any time.

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Cover image: Laverton Summer Sounds performers, the Newport Gypsy Djangos

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Get out and about

in Hobsons Bay



KOROROIT CREEK TRAIL OPENING UNLOCKS HIDDEN GEM OF THE WEST



If you haven't visited the new 2.5km section of the Kororoit Creek shared trail since it opened on National Tree Day (30 July), go see the magnificent flora and fauna and explore the walking and cycling paths on both sides of the Creek.

The first major section of the trail in Hobsons Bay, known as 'Toyota Way', runs from Grieve Parade to Barnes Road in Altona North. This section of the trail features a series of three metre high sculptures entitled 'Spirits of Time and Place' created by Brooklyn artist Geoffrey Ricardo.

'Toyota Way' and the 'Spirits of Time and Place' sculptures were part of the legacy of Toyota Australia to the City of Hobsons Bay, in partnership with Council, the Victorian Government and Melbourne Water. Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek have played a significant role in the development and beautification of the trail area by hosting regular volunteer tree planting and clean up days.

More information, visit
www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/KororoitCreekTrail



NEW AND IMPROVED BROOKLYN RESERVE

The new Brooklyn play space was officially welcomed on 3 September at a community celebration with the Brooklyn community.

The upgraded play space features a nature play trail, animal sculptures, a flower pod spinner, a six-metre high climber, outdoor gym stations, soft-matting and a multi-court surface upgrade. The reserve's redevelopment also included improved parking facilities, fencing, upgraded path connections and tree plantings.

ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

Williamstown and Altona beaches will again be equipped with both accessible beach matting and beach wheelchairs this summer. The blue beach matting enables people with wheelchairs and mobility aids to get to the hard sand and the beach wheelchairs help people dip their feet in the water. Beach wheelchairs are available to hire for free at Altona and Williamstown beaches on weekends



during patrol hours. New this summer - children's beach wheelchairs and a fully accessible changing facility at Altona Beach. Bookings socialplanning@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or 9932 1000.

ALTONA BEACH HIRE LOCKERS

As you head off for a swim or a stroll at Altona beach, you can enjoy peace of mind that your valuables are safely tucked away. Available seven days a week from 8am to 7.30pm for a five dollar fee, the Altona beach lockers are available for hire from Norfolk Café on The Esplanade. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/beachlockers

ALTONA/ SEAHOLME FORESHORE WORKS

Commencing autumn 2018

To keep the Altona and Seaholme foreshore protected for years to come, Council is investing \$2.3 million in works this financial year. This important work will safeguard the foreshore from the expected effects of climate change.

These works will offer some valuable recreational features, as well as the highest possible standard in community safety in our public and private foreshore areas.

After significant investigation and mapping in recent years, Council has developed a ten year plan for

these works that will meet State Government requirements, best practice standards and approvals.

A number of the projects along the foreshore have already been delivered in the current and previous financial year or are planned for 2018.



The **McBain Street vehicle access point** will be constructed in autumn 2018. It will offer a raised resting platform with seating and potentially a shade structure with a picnic table. By incorporating a vehicle ramp, vehicle access for routine beach maintenance and emergency services will be enabled. Some aspects of the design for these projects will be open for community feedback this summer – so tell us what you think! More info at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au



The **Correa Street pedestrian access point** is now complete and the community is enjoying the viewing platform, new seating and the peaceful setting that this unique landmark offers.

The **Cresser Street pedestrian access point** is now complete. Along with the Correa Street access point, this structure provides an example of the way our projects complement the iconic foreshore area.



PA Burns Reserve is a popular location for dog owners, cyclists, nature lovers and sports enthusiasts. Following thorough community feedback, we have developed a draft concept plan design for the park in order to create a safe and usable recreation space for all. For more info and to have your say visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

MAP KEY

- Planned vehicle access point with ramp
- Planned seawall reinstatement
- Reinstated seawall
- Planned pedestrian access point with ramp
- Upgraded pedestrian access point with ramp
- Upgraded stormwater drainage outfalls
- Beach access stairs to remain
- Planned beach renourishment

PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICLE BEACH ACCESS POINTS

Our foreshore seawall has many gaps (access points) and fragile spots in it that compromise its function and can result in localised flooding during storm events.

After assessing the condition of 22 of these access points, we will close many of these gaps and provide new and improved access points – including seven accessible pedestrian ramps and two vehicle ramps.

The pedestrian access points will include a pedestrian ramp, a viewing platform with seating, bluestone seawall and tiered steps. The vehicle access points will include bluestone seawall, tiered steps, possibly a shade structure with picnic tables, a vehicle ramp and a truck resting platform.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT

Our Altona sand is a very fine grain, and through natural tidal patterns, it slowly moves along the foreshore, changing our beaches over time.

Council's beach renourishment projects preserve and increase our city's well-loved beaches by building up the volume and width of our beaches with sand, creating a stronger barrier against natural impacts.

DRAINAGE OUTFALLS

Drainage outfall extensions and improvements enable stormwater to be carried out to the bay more efficiently by preventing build-up of sand that blocks drainage and creates localised flooding.

Drainage outfalls have been updated to provide improved drainage and to anchor the sand to the beach as part of our beach renourishment.

RAISING OF THE SEAWALL

We will raise the level of the seawall, section by section over the next ten years. New requirements from the State Government mean that all seawalls along foreshore areas need to accommodate for predicted sea level rise and effects of climate change.

Our iconic seawall will have the same look and design but will be slightly higher.

TIMING OF WORKS

The Altona and Seaholme beaches can be fully enjoyed while the weather is warm as there will be no major works during summer. These project works are scheduled to commence in autumn 2018.

More information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonaforeshore

GET INVOLVED!

There are opportunities to learn more and get involved in these projects – so save the dates! We are hosting community engagement sessions on **Saturday 10 February and Saturday 24 February 2018, 9.30am to 12.30pm.**

More details will be available in January 2018. For more information on the Altona and Seaholme Foreshore works, visit us at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonaforeshore

To have your say on our project designs for McBain and Bent Street vehicle access points and PA Burns Reserve, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

HOBSONS BAY COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Coastal Management Plan (CMP), to be completed within two years, will be Council's strategic and long term management plan for the entire Hobsons Bay coastline. The current and future Altona and Seaholme foreshore works will be integrated in to the CMP.

A Community Liaison Group will be formed to help contribute to the CMP. Expressions of Interest will be sought for this group in 2018.

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY COMES TO HOBSON'S BAY



Hobsons Bay will proudly host the Queen's Baton Relay on Saturday 10 February 2018 as it travels through Williamstown and Altona. Cheer on the 32 baton-bearers at our two free community celebrations as they carry the Queen's Baton on its way to the Gold Coast for the XXI Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018.

Beginning at Williamstown's Gem Pier and ending at The Esplanade in Altona, the baton route takes in Hobsons Bay's beautiful coastal and heritage landscapes with plenty of viewing points.

Commonwealth Reserve in Williamstown will come alive from 11.30am with a family friendly program featuring Westside Circus, Hoodoo Mayhem Brass Band, performance group Born in a Taxi and singers from Willin Wimmin. Be there to see the baton arrive at Gem Pier on board the Tall Ship Enterprize.

From Commonwealth Reserve, the baton will follow the coastline, along Point Gellibrand to end the first stage of its route at Williamstown Beach. From there, the baton will travel by vehicle convoy to Kim Reserve in Altona, where the baton-bearers will then travel south on Millers Road, before heading west along The Esplanade to Logan Reserve, before continuing to Maidstone Street.

From 12.30pm, Altona's Logan Reserve and the entire beach area will be filled with activities including netball, nippers,

beach volleyball, as well as a program of cultural performances celebrating the diversity of the Hobsons Bay community.

Motorists are advised there will be changed conditions related to parking and there will be some road closures on the day. Information on the route, baton-bearers, our community celebration programs and road impacts will be available on www.gc2018.com/qbr and www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/queensbatonrelay

COMMUNITY GRANTS FUND 101 PROJECTS

101 local community groups across Hobsons Bay will now be able to deliver much needed projects, thanks to Council's \$190,628 funding as part of its 2018 Community Grants Program. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/communitygrants for the list of successful recipients.

QUICK GRANTS

The 2018 Quick Response Grants, Council's second grants round, will open on 12 February 2018 for two months. More info available in late January at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/quickresponsegrants



The Laverton Community Integrated Services (LCIS): Western Women and Family Safety Network

LCIS will engage local services and agencies to improve referral pathways and local service access through the creation of a network and a set of resources for women and children experiencing domestic violence. **More info:** 9369 2726 education@lcis.org.au wangalunited@gmail.com



Wangal United Aboriginal Corporation: Language Workshops

The project will deliver a number of cultural language songs and stories workshops in the local Wurundjeri language for local Indigenous children and young people in Hobsons Bay. **More info:** 0412 120 240 wangalunited@gmail.com www.facebook.com/wangalunited



The Newport Youth Film Group: Newport Youth Short Films Competition

The project will deliver a competition for young filmmakers and a screening of selected films for young people to showcase their talent. **More info:** 0418 274 310 heylicielle@gmail.com



Truganina Explosives Reserve Preservation Society Inc: Volunteer Seniors Worthwhile Work for the Community

This partnership between the Truganina Explosives Reserve and the Men's Shed will deliver improvements to the historic buildings and gardens at the Truganina Explosives Reserve. **More info:** 9397 0217 ranger@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

2017 HOBSONS BAY BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Business Excellence Awards, announced at the gala dinner on 20 October at Williamstown Town Hall. The quality of the entries across all 13 categories was outstanding, and was a great representation of the diverse and innovative businesses that operate across Hobsons Bay.



WINNERS

Business of the Year

Modscape

Home-Based Business

Get Farmed

Hospitality

Bezirk Altona Cafe

Manufacturing and Industrial (small-medium)

East Coast Generators

Manufacturing and Industrial (large)

Downer

New Business

The Reading Mountain

Not for Profit

Altona Village Traders Association

Professional Services

Lavanya Spa Retreat

Retail

Quazi Design

Tourism

Captains Retreat B&B,
Cottages and Apartments

Trades and Construction

Modscape

Transport and Warehousing

IFC Global Logistics Pty Ltd

Mayor's Award

Mamma Knows West



ALTONA EARLY YEARS HUB

Works have begun on the new Altona Early Years Hub at Altona P-9 College. The Hub will be an integrated early years community facility offering a range of children and family services, including three and four year old kindergarten, long day care, maternal and child health, early intervention, playgroups, allied health services and community rooms for hire. Construction is set for completion in October 2018,

ahead of opening for service in early January 2019. To register your child for long day care or kindergarten, contact Council on **9932 1000** or **earlyyears@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**. Visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/AltonaEarlyYearsHub** for more info. For more early years and family services available at locations across Hobsons Bay visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Families-and-children**

STORIES IN THE SUNSHINE

There is always something happening at Hobsons Bay Libraries, from school holiday programs, to competitions, the Twilight Rainbow Celebration, Summer Reading Quest and Lunar New Year, our libraries are more than just books (although we 'do' books rather well too!). With the weather warming up, it's time to take our libraries out into the sunshine with a series of story time

sessions in our local parks. For the first time, an outdoor story time session will take place in AB Shaw Reserve in Laverton on Thursday 11 January at 10.30am. Story time introduces books, rhymes and songs and encourages imagination, socialisation and love of books and libraries. Sessions are suitable for pre-school children over two years of age and run weekly at all Hobsons Bay library branches. Visit **libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au** for outdoor session times running in December and January.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR WARD?



STRAND WARD

Hatt Reserve beach shelter

This historically significant structure was the last remaining feature of the original Williamstown Esplanade, dating back 120 years. The shelter suffered significant damage during the October 2016 storms. With guidance from heritage planners, Council carefully dismantled and rebuilt the shelter to its original form.

Williamstown Town Hall forecourt and Lenore Crescent works

The final instalments of the Town Hall Restoration Works are almost complete! Works on the forecourt, raised lawn beds, car park, vehicle crossings and the Ferguson St footpath are nearing completion. The Ferguson St carpark will remain temporarily closed for general access until the end of the year. Lenore Crescent works for stormwater drainage rehabilitation works are still underway and all works are scheduled for completion in January 2018.

Newport Lakes car park renewal

The Newport Lakes Reserve car park is getting an upgrade! The road surface is being asphalted and additional works include drainage installation of stormwater pits and kerb and channel upgrades. Council has taken a staged approach to minimise disruption. Works are scheduled for completion in December.

Digman Reserve Master Plan

In 2017, Council released the Digman Reserve Draft Master Plan for public exhibition and a final master plan will be presented in 2018. Improvements on the 4.2 hectare Newport site include upgraded sports field surfaces, a renewed play space area, a new pavilion, additional car parking, and walking connections. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/digmanreserve



CHERRY LAKE WARD

Second Ave shopping strip gets an upgrade

Council is delivering a \$530,000 upgrade to the Second Ave shopping strip in Altona North, scheduled to start late January 2018. Improvements include footpath widening, new pram ramps, kerb extensions and car park resurfacing. A social gathering space with seating, landscaping, bins, bike hoops, and new tree plantings are also part of the works.

Weaver Reserve toilets upgraded in time for summer

The refurbishment of the toilets at Altona's Weaver Reserve are complete! The new and improved facilities include upgraded toilets, better air flow and lighting and a fully accessible toilet with change table and hoist rail.

Brooklyn Dog Park

In July 2017, Council endorsed the establishment of a dog off-leash park at Brooklyn Reserve. After seeking community feedback on two possible locations in the reserve, the draft concept plan is being developed and will be available to view in early February 2018. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brooklyndogpark

Ransom Reserve improvements

Council is busy working on detailed designs for an upgrade to Altona's G.H. Ransom Reserve. Improvements include the relocation of the public toilet and play space and a gathering area, pedestrian footpath connections and landscaping. Works are planned to commence in March 2018.

www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ransom



WETLANDS WARD

Altona Sports Centre expansion

Work will now commence on the design for a four court extension of the Altona Sports Centre. A feasibility study found that the centre is in need of four additional courts to cater for current and future demand. Extension ideas include: four new indoor courts with a 'show court' with retractable seating for up to 1000 spectators; additional amenities for users; increased public circulation areas with a variety of seating; a new entrance and foyer with a café; and additional car parking with drop off zones and improved access for pedestrians and cyclists. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonasportscentre

Reserve upgrades are coming

Three local reserves will be getting upgrades – and we want to hear from the community. Come to our sessions to comment on the proposed park upgrade designs for Tatman Reserve in Altona Meadows (Sat 16 Dec, 10am to 12pm), Woods Street Reserve in Laverton (Sun 17 Dec, 10am to 12pm) and RK Richards Reserve in Altona Meadows (Sat 16, Dec 2 to 4pm). Lodge your feedback on **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au** until the end of January 2018.

Old Laverton School Altona Meadows works

Design work has commenced for the Old Laverton School on Cameron Ave in Altona Meadows. The proposed works will include repairing the aged roof and gables and fixing cracks in the walls. Accessible toilets and other accessible features will be also installed. Works are scheduled for early 2018.

MOVIES BY THE BAY

FREE EVENT



Friday 12 January
Logan Reserve, Altona
Despicable Me 3 (PG)

Saturday 27 January
Commonwealth Reserve,
Williamstown
Ali's Wedding (M)

Friday 2 February
Logan Reserve, Altona
Captain Underpants (PG)

Saturday 24 February
Commonwealth Reserve,
Williamstown
Wonder Woman (PG)

Movies begin at dusk, approximately at 8.30pm
More information at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

SUMMER SOUNDS

FREE EVENT



Jana Garjana Dhol Pathak
+ **Newport Gypsy Djingos**
+ **The Mudcakes**

Saturday 13 January. 4pm
McCormack Park, Laverton

The Audreys
+ **Benny Walker**
+ **Teeny Tiny Stevies**

Saturday 20 January. 4pm
Commonwealth Reserve,
Williamstown

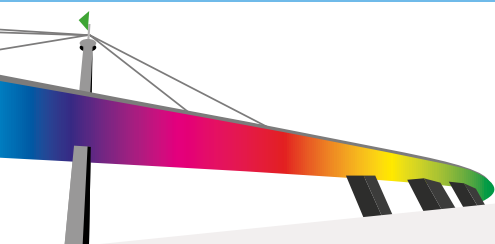
NEDA All Colour Project
+ **Johnny Rollins**
+ **The Rrrrrockets**

Saturday 10 February. 4pm
Logan Reserve, Altona

Jungle Cuffs
+ **Hollow December**
+ **Plaza-trg**

Saturday 17 February. 11.30am
Summer Sounds Skate
at Altona Meadows Skate Park

Summer Sounds is an annual favourite on the Hobsons Bay calendar, providing an afternoon of free music and entertainment in our parks and reserves. More information at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au



2017 MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL GOWEST – CELEBRATING QUEER CULTURE IN THE WEST

**14 JANUARY TO
4 FEBRUARY**

GOWEST brings together local organisations and artists supporting and representing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer communities in the western region of Melbourne. Initiated by Hobsons Bay City Council, GOWEST has developed to become a western region collaboration of councils, community organisations and businesses supporting our LGBTIQ communities.

For more information, visit
www.midsumma.org.au

Rainbow Storytime

Friday 19 January
4pm to 4.45pm
Ticketing: FREE
Newport Community Hub,
13–15 Mason St, Newport

Twilight Celebrations Hobsons Bay City Council

Friday 19 January
4pm to 7.30pm
Ticketing: FREE
Newport Community Hub,
13–15 Mason St, Newport

Music on the Deck

Friday 19 January
4.45pm to 6.15pm
Ticketing: FREE
Newport Community Hub,
13–15 Mason St, Newport

Everyone has a Story

Friday 19 January, 6.30pm
Ticketing: FREE
Newport Community Hub,
13–15 Mason St, Newport

Carols by Candlelight

Carols services are taking place across Hobsons Bay in the lead up to Christmas. Services include:

Saturday 16 December
7pm to 9.30pm at Trafalgar Reserve,
Altona Meadows

Saturday 16 December
7pm to 9pm at The Substation,
Newport

Sunday 17 December
7pm to 9.30pm at Commonwealth
Reserve, Williamstown

Jalna Big Bay Swim

Sunday 25 February 2018
Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown
bigbayswim.com.au

Australia Day in Altona

Friday 26 January 2018
Logan Reserve,
Pier Street, Altona

There will be music, markets,
food, facepainting and fireworks.
www.facebook.com/alonavillage.tradersassociation



Australia Day Breakfast

Friday 26 January 2018
Williamstown Town Hall
To purchase tickets, contact Lions
Club of Altona on 0409 413 230.