MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the winter edition of your Hobsons Bay Community News. First off, I’d like to warmly welcome our Council’s new CEO Aaron van Egmond. Aaron comes to us with a wealth of leadership experience in the local government sector and has a strong understanding and interest in our Council’s strategic direction outlined in our Hobsons Bay 2030 blueprint.

Aaron arrives at an exciting time at our Council. On 26 June Council adopted its annual budget with many great projects planned for the 12 months ahead (see details on pages 6,7). Thanks to the many of you who took part in the budget process. We received a record 130 pre-budget online submissions and heard from five presenters at a Council meeting in June. I am proud our comprehensive community consultation has shaped the projects, services and programs in the budget. Working together, we are able to deliver a financially responsible and sustainable budget that meets the expectations set down in the Hobsons Bay 2030 Community Vision.

We were also delighted with the interest shown in the Council’s new Portfolio Advisory Committees. We received close to 150 applications, with 8 out of 10 applicants expressing interest in serving on a Council committee for the first time. The successful nominees will be announced soon with meetings starting in a month or two.

After an enjoyable Kororoit Creek Trail Walk in April, I’m pleased to announce another Mayoral Walk around Newport Lakes on Saturday 11 August; more details on the back page. I hope you can join me and the Friends of Newport Lakes on the walk.

Cr Angela Altair, Mayor of Hobsons Bay

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2019 APPLY NOW

Does your community group, youth group, senior citizens group, arts association or sporting club need funding for a project? Each year Council gives financial assistance to local community organisations and groups for activities and projects that meet a local need. Last year over 100 community grant projects were funded, including $10,000 over two years for the Western Women and Family Safety Network and $2,000 for the Sew in Public with Hobsons Bay Boomerang Bags project.

Applications are open until 4pm, 1 August. To view grant guidelines and apply visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

WE’RE READY TO CHAT

Do you have a question about litter or graffiti removal? Do you want to draw our attention to a footpath that is hazardous? You can contact us on our Live Chat feature on our website www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au - just look for the two speech bubbles in the top right hand corner. Live chat is available Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm.

You can also phone us on 9932 1000 or visit the Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona or one of our mobile customer service locations (details on the back page).

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Cover image: Sand, sand and more sand! Altona beach has received 27,000 tones of sand.

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Investing in the NEW & Planning for the FUTURE

ALTONA MEADOWS AND LAVERTON PARK UPGRADES

Three parks in Altona Meadows and Laverton - Tatman, R.K. Richards and Woods St Reserves - will reopen by the end of winter, following strong community interest during the design phase. Tatman Reserve (pictured) in Altona Meadows will have new footpath connections around the play space, a new shelter and barbecue area. R.K. Richards Reserve in Altona Meadows will have new play equipment, a pedestrian path, landscaping and furniture. In Laverton, Woods Street Reserve also scores a new playground area and picnic tables. The three reserves were included in Council’s 2017–18 Open Space Upgrades.

Thank you for your patience while these spaces are being revamped.

ALTONA EARLY YEARS HUB CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work is progressing well on the construction of the Altona Early Years Hub with the foundation and steel frame now built. The construction of the timber framing is due for completion by the end of winter. Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS) has been awarded the contract for the management of the hub. An information session for families interested in the hub will be held on Thursday 2 August 2018 at the Altona P-9 College between 4pm and 6pm. The session will describe the programs that will be available when the hub opens in January 2019. ECMS staff will be available to take enrolments. Tours of the new hub will be on Monday 6 August 2018, 10am to 3pm. Places are limited, bookings essential. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonaearyearshub or contact Council’s Early Years Team on 9932 1000.

ALTONA LIBRARY RENEWAL - REUSE, REVIEW, RENEW!

Altona Library is undergoing a refurbishment from late July until the end of September with a focus on all things green! The environmentally themed new look for the library will enhance customer experiences, create spaces for expanded community use, learning, and improve access to resources. From 23 July to 5 August there will be no library service in Altona as the entry area and meeting room space is upgraded. A smaller, temporary library will operate from the Altona Library community meeting room from Monday 6 August until work is complete. During this time, check out nearby libraries in Altona North, Williamstown and Altona Meadows. Your patience will be rewarded when you help celebrate the library reopening on Saturday 6 October with a family-friendly hoora! More information: libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

NEW CREATIVE TECH HUB ANNOUNCED

A hands-on, tech-savvy and interactive hub, made from shipping containers, will be created on the old Williamstown docks at Seaworks Maritime Precinct. The Creative Technology Hub is an exciting collaboration between Hobsons Bay Libraries and the Seaworks Foundation. Funded by Gandel Philanthropy and the State Government’s Living Libraries Fund, with founding project partner contributions from Toyota, Raeco, AVJennings, Tribus and Here Studio, the hub will provide new and engaging learning opportunities in creative technologies, foster experimentation, innovation, and exploration through design thinking and project-based learning.

Swinburne University’s new Engineering Practice Academy has been developing fun and engaging project possibilities to kick start activities on site including, projects such as ‘Get your Ship Together’ - a remote controlled ship building project and race competition; a ‘Ship in a Bottle’ program for recreating old replica ships (and new designs) and a large scale community designed 3D sculpture. Activities and projects will focus on STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics).

The hub will be open to community members, young people, school children and visitors to Hobsons Bay and the Maritime Museum. All ages are welcome with particular opportunities for cross generational projects. Building will commence off site as the containers are refurbished during July and August. It is expected that the hub will be operating early September 2018 onwards with an official Big Bang launch being planned for early 2019. libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

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IT’S BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR RECYCLING IN HOBSONS BAY

Council remains committed to providing a recycling service to the community following recent changes in the recycling industry. In March, China banned the import of low quality mixed paper and unprocessed plastics. Council has adapted to the required changes to ensure recycling is part of Hobsons Bay’s service delivery in the short and long term, while working towards keeping costs to a minimum. The Hobsons Bay 2018–19 budget reflects an increase to waste service charges. Extra costs will cover SKM Recycling’s (Council’s recycling contractor) additional fees relating to the purchase of upgraded machinery that can better clean, refine and process paper and plastics to the required higher standard, as well as fees associated with sourcing better markets, both internationally and locally.

For more information on these changes in recycling and what Council, the recycling industry and other levels of government are doing to respond, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling

GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY FOR NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day is Australia’s largest tree-planting and nature event. Each year, Hobsons Bay celebrates National Tree Day with live music and a barbecue – and this year is no exception!

Join the fun on Sunday 29 July from 10am to 1pm to create a wildlife corridor at Altona Coastal Park by planting 2,650 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses. The wildlife corridor is part of an ongoing project and over 5,000 plants have been planted over the last three years.

Bring the whole family down to get their hands dirty, enjoy a free barbecue and do something great for the local environment and wildlife. The Connies, dressed endearingly in tram conductor uniforms, will provide roving entertainment.

Meet at Altona Coastal Park, Altona Road, Seaholme. Gloves, tools, equipment, watering cans and drinking water will be provided.
Do you know what goes in your recycling bin?

- **Check:**
  - Hard plastic containers
  - Newspapers, magazines and telephone books
  - Plastics labelled 1-7
  - Cardboard boxes
  - Aluminium, aerosol and steel cans
  - Metal pots and pans
  - Hard plastic toys
  - Milk, juice cartons, tetrapaks, plastic bottles and containers
  - Glass bottles and jars
  - Plastic plant pots
  - CD and DVD cases

- **No:**
  - Polystyrene
  - Food waste
  - Garbage
  - Silver lined packaging such as chip, chocolate and ice cream wrappers
  - Other glass or ceramics
  - Syringes
  - Electronic waste and batteries
  - Nappies
  - Green waste
  - Textiles such as clothing, bedding or towels
  - Bagged recyclable containers, paper, cardboard, jars and cans

Flexible plastic items including plastic bags, postal bags, bubble wrap, inner cereal or biscuit wraps, clean cling wrap and grocery packaging such as bread, rice, pasta and frozen food products. Place all flexible plastic items into a plastic bag and tie before placing in the recycling bin.

For further recycling information please contact Council on 9932 1000 or visit Council’s website [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling)

For more information visit: participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

### AT A GLANCE
2018–19 BUDGET

Also in the budget is vital funding for community services. While these services may not be as visible as new buildings and works, they are equally important. These include Meals on Wheels, five libraries, aged care services, waste collections, disability services, cultural events, children and youth services, immunisation services and local business development, to list only a few.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

**Services snapshot**

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Hobsons Bay has enviable green open spaces, coastal and wetland areas. Our open spaces provide a home to a diverse range of ecosystems that provide habitat to an impressive range of flora and fauna, including many rare and threatened species. To help look after the environment, Council is committed to tackling climate change and implementing sustainable practices.

### GREENHOUSE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION
$430,000

### TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
$310,000

### BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION
$150,000

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The 2018–19 budget includes a $43.53 million capital works program, the highest spend in capital works projects Council has ever committed. You will see major works taking place to improve community centres, open space, local roads, footpaths and sporting grounds.

### Key projects scheduled for 2018–19

#### ROADS ($7.89M) AND FOOTPATHS ($3.27M) Including:
- $2.39M Road resurfacing program
- $4.7M Road rehabilitation program
- $3.27M Footpaths and cycle ways
- $1.3M Footpath renewal program
- $200,000 Shared trails renewal program
- $500,000 Skeleton Creek Trail
- $300,000 Reserve pathway program

#### BUILDINGS ($9.82M) Including:
- $4M Building renewal program
- $2.89M Altona Early Years Hub
- $1.6M Williamstown Mechanics Institute

#### PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ($12.23M) Including:
- $1.08M Epsom Street Neighbourhood Park
- $375,000 Armstrong Reserve stage 1
- $170,000 Langshaw Reserve open space upgrade

#### TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
- $310,000

#### BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION
- $150,000

#### CAPITAL WORKS
- $430,000

#### SPORTING FACILITIES
- $1.87M JT Gray Reserve new pavilion
- $1.12M Bryan Martin Oval redevelopment and netball court works
- $835,000 Altona Sports Centre extension, Altona Meadows
- $400,000 PJ Lynch Reserve Pavilion
- $200,000 BF Jackson Pavilion female change rooms
- $400,000 Floodlighting at JK Grant Reserve

#### FORESHORE WORKS ($1.6M) Including:
- $600,000 Bent Street vehicle and pedestrian access ramp
- $500,000 Millers Road pedestrian access point redevelopment to service Flemings Pool
- $400,000 Seaholme Foreshore upgrade
- $100,000 Design for future foreshore project
Spring into Life

Escape the lull of winter with Council's annual Spring into Life program! Running from 17 to 30 September, Spring into Life offers a range of free and low cost health and wellbeing activities across the city. With a range of opportunities to get out and get active, it's a great opportunity to try something new. There's something for everyone, with activities ranging from Zumba classes, swing dancing, healthy kids’ cooking class, Pilates and men’s active classes. More information: www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/springintolife

Get creative at Woods Street Arts Space

Woods Street Arts Space’s forthcoming spring program, includes children’s creative workshops and an exciting Melbourne Fringe Festival collaboration in September just for kids. Programs are either low cost or free. Check the Facebook page for the latest events www.facebook.com/woodsstreetarts or pick up a brochure from the Civic Centre, available in August.

Altona Beach Film Festival

Meow, woof, quack – it’s all about pets at the Altona Beach Film Festival. The popular Altona Beach Film Festival Gala Award Presentation and Film Screening event is on Saturday 18 August 7pm at Altona Theatre. The film festival is an annual non-profit community run short film competition, open to professional and amateur filmmakers to encourage creativity and community building in Melbourne’s inner west. This year’s theme is all about pets! Your pet, teacher’s pet, angry pet, happy pet, hungry pet, clever pet and silly pet. There will be awards for the best films at the gala awards presentation and public viewing of the selected films. altonabeachfilmfestival.com.au

Head to The Substation, Newport

Season Two of The Substation’s 2018 calendar has been announced, with programs that bring Open House Melbourne, Melbourne Fringe Festival and Melbourne Festival to the west, providing lots of opportunities for people to experience this stunning arts space. More information: www.thesubstation.org.au

Break up your workout with new exercise equipment

New fitness equipment designed for all abilities is being installed at three fitness stations around Cherry Lake. Strategically located at three different access points around the shared trail, the fitness stations are a great meeting place to start your workout or take a break from your run, walk or cycle. The new equipment will be available in August and is suitable for a range of exercise levels from beginners to fitness fanatics.

During August to December, Council will collect feedback to help guide decisions about future fitness stations. There are two existing fitness stations in Hobsons Bay - one at Brooklyn Reserve and another one at Altona Meadows Community Park, which have both been very well received by local residents. The Cherry Lake fitness stations installation is in response to community requests during the 2017-18 budget process.

Everyone is encouraged to use the fitness stations at Cherry Lake and provide feedback on Participate Hobsons Bay participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au. For more information on the project and exact locations of the fitness stations, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/fitness
WHAT’S HAPPENING
IN YOUR WARD?

STRAINED WARD

Major restoration works to the Williamstown Town Hall have been completed almost 100 years to the day when the first foundation stone was laid. The project also included refurbishment of the western carpark, the forecourt and of Lenore Crescent road reconstruction.

Thank you to the community for feedback on the Williamstown Botanic Gardens Master Plan. The master plan was developed in collaboration with the Williamstown Botanic Gardens Advisory Group, the Friends of Williamstown Botanic Gardens and Heritage Victoria. Community feedback is being used to guide the design and management of the gardens. More information: participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

The 2018 Tree Planting Program will see 627 trees planted in Strand Ward with several streets in Spotswood and Newport receiving new trees. Key sites also include Woods Street, Newport and Osborne Street, Williamstown.

CHERRY LAKE WARD

An extra 27,000 tonnes of quarried sand has been delivered to Altona Beach along the Esplanade, between Maidstone and Sarros Streets to make the beach more accessible, attractive and enjoyable. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonaforeshore

Works on the Second Avenue shopping strip in Altona North are now complete. The makeover improved accessibility, traffic movements, parking and landscaping www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/secondave

Residents are enjoying GH Ransom Reserve’s upgrade in Altona with a new play space and gathering area, landscaping, new furniture and a new public toilet.

Construction of the Brooklyn Reserve Dog Park has begun and is expected to be complete by 2018. For details visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/BrooklynDogPark

More than 700 trees will be planted in Cherry Lake Ward for the 2018 Tree Planting Program with 591 being planted in residential streets. Key sites include Queen Street, Altona and Sixth Avenue, Altona North.

WETLANDS WARD

New solar lighting will be installed at Pipeline Reserve, Seabrook between Point Cook Road and Shane Avenue. The improved and more environmentally sustainable form of lighting will make the shared path safer for pedestrians, cyclists and families using the playground.

Council will be conducting a Local Area Traffic Management Plan for Altona Meadows, Laverton and Seabrook this winter. Council will ask for community feedback on traffic flow in local streets to help guide sustainable transport planning, road safety, walking, cycling and parking management. Keep an eye on Participate Hobsons Bay to get involved participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Works joining Carinza Reserve to the Skeleton Creek shared trail network are complete.

More than 800 trees will be planted in the Wetlands Ward for the 2018 Tree Planting Program. Key sites include Alma Avenue, Altona Meadows and Central Avenue, Altona Meadows.

CLEARER FUTURE
FOR OPEN SPACE
AND SPORT

Open space and parks, as well as sporting facilities, have been identified as valuable community assets in Council’s new Open Space Strategy, Sports Facilities Needs Analysis and Tennis Needs Assessment. The three strategies will guide the future development of open space and sporting activities in Hobsons Bay over the next 10 years.

About 20,000 people participate in formal sport in Hobsons Bay venues each week. The top six sports are netball, basketball, AFL, soccer, tennis, and cricket.

Meanwhile, the majority of Hobsons Bay residents (87 per cent) are within a five minute walk of a local park or reserve. The new Open Space Strategy ensures these important public spaces are protected and suitably enhanced.

Each strategy involved extensive community consultation with residents, local organisations and sporting clubs. www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
WHAT’S ON?

SOURCE (INDIAN ARTS) EXHIBITION
11 to 23 August
The Joel Gallery, Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre
Presented by Council as part of a biennial winter multicultural arts focus with Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre, Source is a celebration of our local Indian community. Through a series of workshops, artist and curator Anuradha Patel has worked with community members to create artworks showcasing cultural heritage.

TEA, MUSIC AND AUTHOR TALKS AT THE LIBRARIES
Resume writing and job searching
Tuesday 24 July, 10am to 11.30am
Altona Meadows Library
Friday 31 August 10am to 11.30am,
Altona North Community Library
Looking for a new job? Assistance is available to help with resumes and general all round job hunting skills.

Novel Saturdays
Saturday 28 July and 25 August
1.30pm to 3.30pm, Altona North Community Library
For all unpublished writers of fiction, non-fiction and memoir, join us at Novel Saturdays for some focused writing time in a friendly environment.

Aboriginal Children’s Day Kinder dreaming: Art and storytelling
Saturday 4 August, 10.30am to 11.30am, Williamstown Library
Children will be immersed in beautiful stories through Indigenous art and symbols.

Live at the Library: Newport Strings and Tues Blues
Saturday 4 August, 11am to 12pm, Newport Community Hub
Enjoy a free gig by the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club groups Newport Strings and Tues Blues. Bookings not required.

Tea and mindfulness
Tuesday 14 August, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Altona North Community Library
Sarah Cowell of Teasense will take you on a sensory tea and mindfulness journey like no other. Please don’t wear perfume to this event.

Melbourne Writers Festival event
24 August to 2 September
Melbourne Writers Festival comes to Newport - Check the library website on 17 July for details of our very special guest author coming to Newport Community Hub in late August.

Growing food the Italian way
Tuesday 4 September, 6.30pm to 8pm, Altona North Community Library
Author Fabian Capomolla shares his background and passion for good food and gardening.

Indigenous Literacy Project book sale
Saturday 8 September, 10am to 12.45pm, Williamstown Library
All proceeds from the Friends of Williamstown and Newport Libraries September book sale go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, supporting literacy projects in remote Indigenous communities.

Visit us at pop-up centres
We’re also out and about in winter, Council’s mobile customer service program is hitting shopping centres. Drop by and ask us questions about our services and programs or report an issue.

Thank you for being part of Council’s community. We are always on the lookout for your feedback and ideas on how we can work together to make Hobsons Bay an even better place. Look for our mobile customer service teams at the following dates and locations.

Newport Lakes Trail Walk
Saturday 11 August, 10am to 12pm
As part of Cr Angela Altair’s Mayoral Program, Council invites the community on a walking tour through Newport Lakes. Meet at the Newport Lakes Reserve carpark at 10am for an enjoyable walk with the Mayor and Council’s rangers around the lake - and take a detour to duck diving. Intrigued? Indulge your curiosity and don’t miss out. Register your interest at ranger@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

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