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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the Spring edition of your Hobsons Bay Community News. As the weather gets warmer, we spend more time outdoors and get the urge to spruce up our homes and gardens. In the spirit of the new season, we have a number of events and services on offer. On page 6 you'll find details on how to clear the house of any unwanted hard waste or ewaste. Gardeners will find plenty to inspire at our Edible Gardens Open Day (see more information on page 8).

Also this Spring, the Council is doing more to embrace digital technology. We have released our first Digital Strategy and are working hard on a new and improved website. Keep an eye out for the new website in coming months.

The new website will feature new sections called Visit Hobsons Bay and Invest Hobsons Bay to attract new visitors and businesses to the area. If you are operating or thinking about setting up a business in Hobsons Bay, check out our services and events that support businesses on page 3.

As the closest level of government to the community, the Council is in a prime position to lobby for residents' needs. In the lead up to the Victorian State election, the Council is calling on the new State Government to invest in Hobsons Bay including funding for vital infrastructure, public transport and environmental initiatives.

Finally and following the success of my second Mayoral Walk at Newport Lakes, I'm pleased to be hosting the next Mayoral Walk at Truganina Park on Sunday 7 October. I look forward to seeing you there while we take in our local flora and fauna and the marvellous views of the bay. Check the Council website for more details.

Cr Angela Altair, Mayor of Hobsons Bay

PITCH YOUR Idea

PLANNING

BUDGET 2019-20

Get involved in planning for Council's 2019-20 Budget.

BUSINESS

Council is again providing an opportunity for community members to pitch an idea to be included in Council's 2019-20 Budget. To find out what sort of ideas we are looking for, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Need help with your pitch? Or checking if your idea meets the terms and conditions, and guidelines? Come along to a community information session and have chat with Council officers.

Wednesday 10 October, 6pm to 8pm

Newport Community Hub, Newport

Wednesday 17 October, 4pm to 6.30pm

Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

If you can't make a session but would like to speak with a Council officer about your idea, contact the Community Engagement Team on **9932 1000** or communityengagement@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Ideas will be accepted until midnight Sunday 28 October 2018. For further information, visit participate.hobsons.vic.gov.au

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Cover image: Industrial Fashion featured in the Art & Industry Festival 2016.
Photographer Lindy Allen. See page 3 for details on the upcoming 2018 Festival.

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ART & INDUSTRY TRIY FESTIVAL

Celebrating our past

Designing our future



Council is Principal Partner in the Art & Industry Festival, presented by Hubcap Productions and taking place around the city from 16 to 25 November.

With the tagline “celebrating our past, designing our future”, the Festival is an opportunity to celebrate and investigate the ever changing industrial landscape through the arts. The 2018 program was developed with the assistance of Creative Victoria and the Australia Council for the Arts, who have supported the reworking of Vicki Reynold’s verbatim play *The Bridge*, complete with a professional and local cast, to be held at The Substation. The Festival will also include music, outdoor events including illuminated

photographic installations in Logan Reserve Altona, the launch of the Outdoor Gallery in Paine Reserve Newport, film screenings in containers, industrial heritage and Explosives Reserve tours, networking events, business open days, the return of Industrial Fashion, a design focus at Woods Street Arts Space Laverton and lots more.

For more information, visit artandindustryfestival.com.au or www.facebook.com/artandindustryfestival

BOOSTING BUSINESS IN HOBSONS BAY

Are you operating, or thinking about setting up a business in Hobsons Bay? Did you know Council can help you start, run and grow your business?

Council’s Economic Development Team works with business owners, stakeholders and investors, to support and grow the local business community and ensure that Hobsons Bay is a great place to do business. Each year, business support programs are delivered to connect local businesses and help them become more innovative, competitive and sustainable.

If you would like to discuss your business idea, or to register for any of the workshops or events listed, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/business or email business@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Creating Effective Digital Content \$20

Thursday 11 October

9am to 11am
Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona

Starting a New Business: For Migrants and Asylum Seekers Free

Wednesday 24 October

9am to 12.30pm
Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona

Discover Your Own Backyard Coffee Connect Free

Wednesday 7 November

7.30am to 8.30am
Rockabye Candy, 38 Pier Street, Altona

Art & Industry Speed Networking Free

Wednesday 21 November

8.30am to 10am
Woods Street Arts Space, Laverton

Free Small Business Consultations Free

Tuesday 27 November

Various times available
bookings are essential
Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona

VOLUNTEER MENTOR DRIVERS NEEDED

L2P

Are you interested in volunteering to help a young person achieve their driver’s licence? The Wynbay L2P Program is currently recruiting people to volunteer as mentor drivers.

Mentors provide supervised driving experience to learner drivers under 21 years of age who find it difficult to meet the mandated 120 hours of driving practice due to family, economic or other circumstances. Mentors must be fully licensed and are provided with a car, petrol, insurance, training and support.

Council is proud to be a part of this great initiative to help young people become safe drivers and increase their ability to seek employment and greater opportunities.

To register your interest in volunteering, contact the WynBay L2P Project Officer on **0487 465 687** or email l2p@lcis.org.au



#StartWest meetups

Be part of the #StartWest movement. Attend free masterclasses, mentoring programs and networking events across Melbourne’s west on the last Wednesday of each month. For more information, visit www.startwest.org

Are you interested in new development or planning in your area? The planning rules are changing and this will impact on the type of developments that might occur in your street and neighbourhood.

Help us plan for **NOW** and the **FUTURE**

Like other metropolitan areas in Melbourne, Hobsons Bay is under pressure to accommodate new medium and higher density development. Currently, Hobsons Bay is home to 95,395 residents and this number is expected to increase to around 112,462 by 2036.

While Council cannot prevent growth from occurring, it is how we respond to managing change that is important.

Council is required to implement the New Residential Zones introduced by the Victorian Government as a tool to manage residential growth and change. We've been busy preparing a suite of important strategies to help guide and determine how we can plan for the changing needs of our community now and in the future over the next 20 years.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The community and stakeholders are encouraged to have a say on these important planning policy documents including the draft New Residential Zones map.

*Provide feedback on Participate Hobsons Bay or send hard copy feedback to the Manger Strategy and Advocacy, Hobsons Bay City Council, PO Box 21, Altona, VIC 3018. **Feedback closes:** Friday 9 November.*

VISIT US AT A POP-UP STALL

Altona Train Station
Tuesday 9 October
7am to 9am

Laverton Train Station
Wednesday 10 October
7am to 9am

Newport Train Station
Tuesday 16 October
7am to 9am

Spotswood Train Station
Wednesday 17 October
7am to 9am

ATTEND A DROP-IN SESSION

Altona Gate Shopping Centre
Saturday 20 October
10am to 1pm

Altona Meadows Library
Monday 22 October
4pm to 7pm

Williamstown Town Hall
Thursday 25 October
4pm to 7pm

Newport Community Hub
Saturday 27 October
10am to 1pm

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

(registrations close Friday 12 October)

Hobsons Bay Civic Centre
Monday 15 October
6pm to 8pm

Language interpreter available on request when registering.

PROVIDE FEEDBACK ONLINE

Visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/newzones

If you don't have internet access then you can visit your local library or call Council on **9932 1089**.

WHY HAVE NEW RESIDENTIAL ZONES BEEN INTRODUCED?

1 The Victorian Government has introduced the New Residential Zones in order to manage growth and change in our neighbourhoods.

2 Measured growth is a positive because it supports increased services, public transport, our businesses, shops, health facilities and open space.

3 Hobsons Bay is experiencing a growing and changing population with increasing pressure to accommodate new medium and higher density development, while preserving neighbourhood character.

4 The New Residential Zones provides more certainty to the community and developers by putting the right zone in the right places.

HOW HAVE THE NEW ZONES BEEN APPLIED

We have drafted three important strategies to inform our decisions on where the New Residential Zones should go.

HOUSING STRATEGY

Our draft Housing Strategy provides a framework for how we can manage housing growth and change.

Find out how we propose to address housing needs and issues for Hobsons Bay at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/housing

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARACTER STUDY

Neighbourhood character is about the look and feel of a place due to built form and landscaping. Council wants to ensure that new residential development does not negatively impact the city's existing streetscapes. Find out what neighbourhood character type your home is in and new design guidelines that are proposed at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodcharacter

ACTIVITY CENTRE STRATEGY

Activity centres are the main hubs in which people shop, work and socialise. The draft strategy guides the commercial and residential development within these centres.

Find out more about the potential opportunities and future vision for the commercial centres in Hobsons Bay at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/activitycentres

WHAT ARE THE NEW RESIDENTIAL ZONES

There are three New Residential Zones - each have different rules and requirements regarding maximum height limits, minimum garden requirements and neighbourhood character objectives. This means that the amount and type of housing that is allowed will vary across the suburbs.

View the interactive draft New Residential Zones map at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/newzones to find out which of the three zones your home is proposed to be in.



NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Single and double storey homes

Maximum height limit of 9 metres (2 storeys)

Mandatory minimum garden area requirements



GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Diverse housing types and growth

Maximum height limit of 11 metres (3 storeys)

Mandatory minimum garden area requirements

In areas with easy access to services and transport



RESIDENTIAL GROWTH ZONE

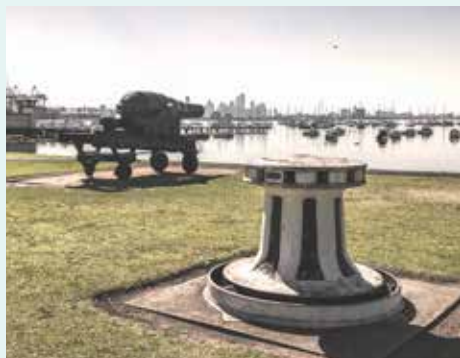
A mixture of townhouses and apartments

Discretionary height limit of 13.5 metres (4 storeys)

In areas with good access to services and transport

Existing neighbourhood character is likely to change

HERITAGE



for future generations

Hobsons Bay is rich in historical artefacts. On public display are cannons, anchors, heritage fountains, unique sculptures, artworks and honour boards commemorating those enlisted in service. Council undertakes extensive research and works with specialist conservators who use science-based techniques to conserve, restore and preserve buildings and objects to ensure architecturally and historically significant objects and buildings have an expanded life span and don't disappear from our streets.

Many residents may remember having wedding photos taken in front of the Williamstown Botanic Garden gates when they were painted white. After a comprehensive investigation including

microscopic analysis of paint scraping, the gates were restored to their original black with gold trimmings. Similarly, the cast-iron Wilkinson Fountain that is located next to the Williamstown Visitor Information Centre was also white at one point in its history and has been repainted to its original maroon colour following paint scraping analysis. The drinking fountain, which includes a sculpted heron, was originally made in Glasgow, Scotland. When it was first installed in the 1880s, cups hung off the heron that were used to drink from.

Council works closely with Altona, Laverton and Williamstown Historical Societies. The societies are often a first point of call for information on the historical context. A fundamental principle of heritage conservation is maintaining the integrity and authenticity of an item, and preserving as much original fabric as possible.

Future projects involve cleaning of the War Memorial in Newport, conserving the Ian Bow Fountain in Altona and preserving the Capstan and Cannons in Williamstown.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

As the weather warms up, spring is a great time to clear out any unwanted goods in the house and backyard. Each property is entitled to one free hard waste collection per financial year. To book call Council on 9932 1000. For more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Do you have electronic waste - such as old computers, mobiles and TV- you want to part with? You can drop it off for free at the Council's Operations Centre (Sugar Gum Drive, Altona) on Saturday 17 November, 8am to 3pm. Please note: white goods and hazardous waste will not be accepted. No bookings are required. Visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ewaste

Spring is also the perfect time to get out the mower and clean up your yard, including vacant blocks. Mowing and clearing debris from vacant blocks reduces fire risk and is required throughout the year. Council's next vacant block inspections will be undertaken in October and November.

REDUCING GAMBLING HARM IN HOBSONS BAY

During 2017-18, Hobsons Bay recorded its biggest increase in pokies losses in five years, jumping more than half a million dollars to \$47.4 million. That's \$130,000 lost every day.

Research tells us that approximately two-thirds of these losses are from people experiencing harm from gambling. Gambling harm isn't just about losing money. It also affects self-esteem, relationships, physical and mental health, work performance and social life.

Council is committed to reducing gambling harm in Hobsons Bay. Our Problem Gambling (Electronic Gaming Machines) Policy Statement 2015 articulates Council's commitment to

managing and minimising the negative impacts of pokies in Hobsons Bay. Council is also part of the Alliance for Gambling Reform who are actively campaigning for reforms to reduce harm from pokies in the lead up to the Victorian election.

With Gambling Harm Awareness Week on 8 to 14 October, Council urges community members to have an open discussion about the impact gambling may be having on their lives with friends and family. For professional assistance, Gambler's Help offers free and confidential advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please call 1800 858 858 or visit www.gamblershelp.com.au

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR WARD?



STRAND WARD

Work on upgrading the **Bryan Martyn Oval** in Newport has commenced and the oval will remain closed during the construction. The upgrade involves reconstructing the central turf cricket wicket, a new irrigation system, underground drainage, laying a new grassed surface and installing a new boundary fence.

Following the completion of the oval upgrade, works will commence redeveloping the southern netball court including: constructing a spectator viewing shelter, installing new floodlight towers and repositioning the existing netball court to allow for a second netball court in the future. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/BryanMartynOvalUpgrade

Work on the **Spotswood Structure Plan** is progressing and a background paper identifying issues and opportunities for the future of land use and development in the area will be available soon. Council will soon be seeking the community's input to set a long-term vision. Keep an eye on participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au to have your say.

Thank you to Newport residents who provided feedback on the **Newport Structure Plan**. The draft Newport Structure Plan provides a long term vision for Newport and identifies potential opportunities for improvements within the area and directs future commercial and residential growth. All feedback received will be considered by Council and used in the preparation of the final Newport Structure Plan.

Keep an eye out on Participate Hobsons Bay for the consultation on the proposed traffic calming improvements along the **Esplanade at Williamstown Beach**. Consultation will look at replacing the bollards that are installed every summer.



CHERRY LAKE WARD

The beachside **G.H. Ransom Reserve** in Altona has been upgraded! The popular local reserve has a new public toilet, picnic and BBQ facilities, and a new play space, landscaped garden beds and new trees.

The detailed concept plan for Altona's **A.H. Ford Reserve** is currently being developed following widespread community input. The plan addresses playground location, the cricket oval and goal posts, an open picnic shelter seating area, inclusion of a circuit path and access through to Belmar Avenue. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/ah-ford-reserve-park-improvement-plan

The **Altona Library** reopened on Monday 1 October after an extensive refurbishment. The new look for the library enhances customer experiences, creates spaces for expanded community use, learning, and improves access to resources. Community members are invited to join a family-friendly celebration on Saturday 6 October from 10am to 1pm.

Don't forget to check out the newly installed **fitness stations** around Cherry Lake. Council is currently calling for feedback to help guide decisions about future fitness stations. Provide feedback on participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

A.W. Langshaw Reserve in Altona North is getting a new play space. A community consultation process is open and a detailed concept plan is being developed. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Work on the **Brooklyn Reserve Dog Park** is nearing completion and is scheduled to open in late October. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brooklyndogpark



WETLANDS WARD

An 80 metre section of the upgraded **Skeleton Creek Trail** has been installed with concrete that is reinforced with 100 per cent recycled plastic fibres. The fibres, made from waste that would likely otherwise end up in landfill, replaces the steel reinforcement mesh that is traditionally used. This is ideal for salty and coastal environments, as the product will never corrode.

The concept plan for the new community park at **Epsom Street** has been finalised. Construction is expected to commence in early 2019 and will take approximately 12 months to build. The community will be invited to name the park. Keep an eye on participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au to have your say.

A staged park improvement program for the **Homestead Run and Barry Jones Reserves** in Seabrook has been developed following community input. Suggestions included a new BBQ facility, a half court for netball and basketball, goal posts for informal play (AFL/soccer) and fencing at Homestead Reserve. Stay updated at participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/homesteadrun

Altona Meadows Community Park will receive a new toilet and dog off-leash area. Community consultation on the location of the new toilet and the development of the off-leash dog park within the reserve will be announced shortly. Keep an eye on Participate Hobsons Bay to provide feedback participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Woods Street Arts Space in Laverton has a range of free or low cost activities including, family art workshops, Polynesian dancing, printmaking and ceramic workshops.

WHAT'S ON?

16 Days of Activism

November 25 to December 10

An international campaign dedicated to eliminating gender-based violence. Sign up for the activist challenge and keep updated on event information at 16daysactivist.whwest.org.au

Library Life – more than books

Altona Library Reopening Celebration

Saturday 6 October, 10am to 1pm, Altona Library

Everyone is invited to celebrate the reopening of Altona Library. Explore the new look library and enjoy a range of free and fun activities including face painting, craft activities and more.

Words matter

Tuesday 9 October, 10.30am to 11.30am, Altona Library

Be inspired and share amazing stories, ideas and memories in a welcoming session that explores how reading poetry aloud engages the heart and mind. Bring along a poem to share and enjoy the wonder of words.

Waste not

Wednesday 10 October, 6.15pm to 7.45pm, Altona Library

Author Erin Rhoads, (aka The Rogue Ginger), discusses her latest book, *Waste not: Make a big difference by throwing away less*.

Super brain train

Thursday 11 October, 10.30am to 11.30am, Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Boost your brain power. Join wellness and nutrition coach, Maggie Flanagan for an active learning session involving brain games, memory exercises, movement and brain nutrition.

Sleep well

Wednesday 17 October, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Altona Library

Hobsons Bay writer and litigation lawyer Paul Rodriguez shares insights from his new book, *Breathless sleep... no more*, about how he conquered severe obstructive sleep apnoea and learnt to sleep well.

The story of you

Tuesday 30 October, 10am to 12pm, Altona Library

Join Sarah Vincent as she guides you through the stages of writing your memoir - a wonderful record of your memories that can be handed down for generations to come.

Seaweed wonders

Wednesday 7 November, 6.15pm to 7.45pm, Altona Library

Join Kirsten Bradley, co-author of *Milkwood: real skills for down-to-earth living* to learn about wild foods and seaweed that can be foraged right on our doorsteps.

My Ikaria

Wednesday 14 November, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Altona North Community Library

Author Spiri Tsintziras shares how the people from a small Mediterranean island inspired her to live a happier, healthier and longer life.

Drawn by the Bay

Now open and taking submissions.

Young artists who live or study in Hobsons Bay are invited to submit an original, book-inspired artwork. Entries close 14 October. For more information, visit libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Diwali Festival of Lights Storytime

Monday 29 October, 4pm to 5pm, Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is an ancient Hindu festival that signifies the triumph of light over darkness. Storytime and craft activities for five to 12 year olds.

Newport Spooktacular

Wednesday 31 October, 5pm to 6.30pm, Newport Community Hub

A spooky Halloween-themed event for five to 12 year olds. Dress in your spookiest outfit for the chance to win the Best Dressed Award. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Edible Gardens Open Day

Sunday 18 November

Your chance to enjoy free tours and mini workshops in some of Hobsons Bays' most productive and inspiring gardens as part of Council's free My Smart Garden program. Bookings are essential at (addresses provided after booking) www.mysmartgarden.org.au

Donna's in Williamstown 9am to 10.30am

Growing in pots for apartments and renters workshop and tour of a very small garden with lots of herbs, veggies and fruit trees in pots, a micro forest garden plus edible hedges and screening plants.

Peter's in Seaholme 2.30pm to 2pm

Composting with seaweed workshop and tour of a small garden with vegies, hydroponics, a citrus orchard and chickens.

Adeline's in Altona 3.30pm to 5pm

Keeping chickens and quails workshop and tour of a larger garden with vegie patch, orchard, quails, chickens, guinea pigs and converted nature strip.

FOR THE KIDS

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

Children's Week Picnic

Wednesday 24 October, 10am to 1pm, Logan Reserve, Corner Pier and Queen Street, Altona

Featuring the Kazoos, face painting, African drumming, indigenous storytime, painting and dancing. No bookings required.

TRUGANINA RESERVE MAYORAL WALK

Sunday 7 October, 10am

Experience the city skyline as you've never seen it before and discover another Hobsons Bay hidden gem on a guided walking tour at Truganina Coastal Parklands with the Mayor of Hobsons Bay Councillor Angela Altair.

Register your interest at ranger@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au