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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the autumn edition of the Hobsons Bay Community News. It has been a fantastic start to the year in Hobsons Bay. Our parks have been full of live music with Summer Sounds held in four locations, including Homestead Reserve Run in Seabrook for the first time.

Of course the fun doesn't stop in autumn, we have a huge line up of events including, the

Hobsons Bay Heritage Festival, a car free pop-up zone in Harrington Square, Neighbour Day, World Migratory Bird Day and as always there are dozens of free activities at our libraries.

In January, I had the pleasure of announcing Dr Marilyn Olliff as the 2019 Hobsons Bay Citizen of the Year and Layla West as the Young Citizen of the Year. You can read about the two deserving individuals on page 3 and how they have contributed to making outstanding contributions to the community.

Our centrespread this edition focuses on Council's Local Area Movement Plan and our efforts to ensure Hobsons Bay has safe, sustainable and efficient transport systems. As the Integrated Transport Portfolio Advisory Committee Co-Chair, I encourage everyone to provide feedback and make your voice heard (more details on pages 4 and 5).

Every year we consult with the community on Council's annual draft budget. Keep an eye out on Participate Hobsons Bay **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au** from mid-April, for your opportunity to provide feedback prior to the draft budget being adopted in June.

Cr Jonathon Marsden, Mayor of Hobsons Bay

#EXPERIENCE HOBSONS BAY

Whether you are a resident, student or business, be a tourist in your own backyard! Rediscover Hobsons Bay through our new 'experience' website **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/visit** If you're a regular Instagram user, tag #experiencehobsonsbay so we can share your pics. Check out our Insta page (hobsonsbaycc) for inspiration.

Are you running a business in Hobsons Bay? Council now has a website dedicated to doing business and investing in Hobsons Bay, full of upcoming business events, articles and a business directory. Visit **www.hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au**

QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS NOW OPEN

Applications for the 2019 Quick Response Grants are now open and close on 3 April 2019. Groups and organisations with ideas for projects that meet a local need and support an inclusive and healthy community in Hobsons Bay can apply for funding of up to \$10,000. There are four categories: Small expenses (up to \$500), Equipment and Resources (up to \$1,000), Vibrant Community Project (up to \$5,000) and Invested Together Project (up to \$10,000 over two years). Visit **www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/quickresponsegrants**

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TWO DISTINGUISHED WOMEN HONoured

AS HOBSONS BAY AMBASSADORS

Introducing environmental scientist Dr Marilyn Olliff and junior sports mentor and Altona teenager Layla West as the 2019 Hobsons Bay Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

Dr Marilyn Olliff is a chemical scientist by profession who has used her knowledge and experience to initiate and manage a range of short-term and long-term environmental projects that benefit the Hobsons Bay community.

Dr Olliff is the founder of the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre, coordinator of the Friends of Williamstown Wetlands' Wader Beach Project and cofounder of Hobsons Bay Boomerang Bags to help reduce single use plastic bags. Dr Olliff is motivated by a lifelong love of nature and her sadness at seeing people become more and more disconnected from the natural environment.

Dr Olliff's vision is for a purpose built wetlands centre that provides facilities for nature walks, talks, creative workshops, birdwatching, citizen science programs, nature play

and school programs. Currently, the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre is based at the Under Keeper's Quarters in Truganina Explosives Reserve, Altona.

Year 12 student, Layla West, coaches the Altona Auskick 'SuperStars', a group of five to 12 year old girls who are new to football. Layla aims to challenge the girls but also makes everything achievable, even if it means moderating the activities so everyone has a chance for success.

Layla first became involved with Auskick acting as the carer for her younger brother Reid who has Down syndrome. Layla is a passionate champion for Down syndrome awareness, organising activities for World Down Syndrome Day at her school every year. Layla believes it's important that we see the person before the disability – as Layla says "just because a person may have a disability it doesn't take away from their competence and ability to live within the community".



ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

You are invited to have your say on how Council can work with residents to prepare for the effects of climate change, such as increases in hot days, extreme weather events, rising sea levels and decreased rainfall expected to take place over the next 30 years.

Decisions about climate change are often made at a national or international level but we can take action to protect ourselves at a local or individual level.

Have your say on the Participate Hobsons Bay website participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au Your ideas will help inform Council's draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan Refresh 2030 and ensure Hobsons Bay is a clean, green, and healthy community. Feedback closes Sunday 31 March at 5pm.

LOOKING AFTER OUR COAST

Hobsons Bay has 24 kilometres of foreshore, extending from the Stony Creek Backwash in Spotswood to Skeleton Creek in Altona Meadows. The enviable coastline supports a diverse range of wildlife, recreation activities and open space. We love our coastline and are working hard to protect it. Council is developing a Coastal Management Plan which aims to best manage our coastline and foreshore infrastructure, and protect our foreshore from climate impacts. You can have your say on the Coastal Management Plan at drop-in sessions or on Participate Hobsons Bay.

For more information on the drop-in sessions and how you can provide feedback, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/coastalmanagementplan

CHARGE YOUR ELECTRIC CAR

From June, residents with electric cars will be able to recharge their cars in the Civic Centre carpark in Altona. There will be a charging station with two connectors available for the community which will be free to use for a trial period.

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



TRAVELLING IN AND OUT OF HOBSONS BAY

Calling all cyclists, drivers, pedestrians and public transport users – tell us how we can improve Hobsons Bay's roads, pathways, cycling lanes, buses and trains.

Council is developing a Local Area Movement Plan (LAMP) to guide future investment in transport for the next five years. Council will use the LAMP to prioritise key challenges and constraints in the transport network and advocate for solutions.

Council's first LAMP will focus on the west of the municipality, namely Laverton, Altona Meadows and Seabrook. We've already started identifying the major issues residents experience when moving in and around the area. Now we want to hear from you on whether we have understood the local transport issues, as well as opportunities for improvement. Have we identified the specific issues in your street, as well as challenges across the broader region? Have we captured the issues you have on your way to work, school and shops? Together we can improve Hobsons Bay's transport accessibility, connectivity and safety.



How we identified key challenges:

- the last decade of customer enquiries to do with traffic issues, road safety and parking
- feedback collected during the development of Council's Integrated Transport Plan 2017–30
- site inspections
- traffic counts
- reviewing existing planning reports

What we have heard:

After collating all of this information, here are the top issues:

- limited connectivity to the Princes Freeway and increasing congestion
- pedestrian routes can be indirect and discontinuous
- crossings don't always align with where pedestrians want to go
- there are limited connections for cycling
- bus services are indirect and infrequent and can be caught in congestion during peak periods
- inconsistent parking restrictions
- peak period congestion on roads that are the main links into and out of the area

Some of these challenges are within Council's control and we can directly support improvements in these areas. Yet others, including public transport and main roads, are outside Council control as they are managed by the state government; Council's role is to advocate for improvements.



**THE GOAL -
*safe, sustainable
and efficient
transport systems***

Have your say

Step 1

Read the **Local Area Movement Plan** - West Package Background Report on Participate Hobsons Bay participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au and find out about the identified challenges and constraints for our transport networks and future opportunities.

Step 2

Using the interactive map on Participate Hobsons Bay tell us where you think there are opportunities for improvements!

- is there something we have missed?
- what has stopped you from moving efficiently and safely in Altona Meadows, Seabrook and Laverton?
- what are your expectations?
- where should improvements be made?

Or contact 9932 1000 and ask to speak with a member of the Local Area Movement Plan (LAMP) project team.

Feedback closes Monday 15 April.

Drop-in session

Attend one of our drop-in sessions:

Monday 25 March 5pm to 7pm

Seabrook Community Centre,
15 Truganina Avenue, Seabrook

Saturday 30 March 2pm to 4pm

Altona Meadows Library
and Learning Centre,
Central Square Shopping Centre,
2 Newham Way, Altona Meadows

Thank you to everyone who attended the drop-in session and provided feedback at the Laverton Community Hub on Saturday 16 March.

Walking

Council wants to ensure walking is a safe and viable transport mode. We need your help to ensure continuous, safe and unobstructed pathways.



You can use the map on Participate Hobsons Bay to suggest:

- pedestrian crossings
- locations for people to pause and rest
- clear pedestrian signage
- pedestrian links that would shorten the distance people need to walk to reach their destination

Public transport

Public transport, including trains and buses, is managed by the Victorian Government. Tell us how we can advocate for you to improve public transport:



- what areas are not being covered by buses? When do we need more buses?
- where do we need bus and train connections?
- ideas to ensure bus stops are safe, comfortable and accessible
- where do we need priority bus lanes?

Cycling

Cycling is a healthy, affordable, equitable and sustainable transport mode. We are working towards making Hobsons Bay a cycling city. You can use the interactive map to tell us how we can improve:



- locations for bicycle parking
- locations for way finding signage for cyclists (this could include street signs, pavement markings and directional signs)
- gaps in on or off road cycle pathways

Driving

Roads and streets are an important part of the transport network. The management, maintenance and development of Hobsons Bay's roads are shared between Council, VicRoads, bordering councils (Brimbank, Maribyrnong and Wyndham), the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and other government departments.



Major roads, called arterial roads, are managed by VicRoads. For example, Civic Parade, Kororoit Creek Road, Melbourne Road (Williamstown Road) and Point Cook Road are all arterial roads that are managed by VicRoads. As a local government, Council can advocate to VicRoads to improve these major arterial roads.

Council directly manages a network of 433 kilometres of roads and pathways.

We want your ideas on how we can improve our roads in the Seabrook, Laverton and Altona Meadows area.

Use the map on Participate Hobsons Bay to tell us:

- where to introduce lower speed zones
- road safety issues you have identified
- how we can redesign key streets in order to reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian and cyclist safety

What happens with the information?

Your feedback will inform the future Local Area Movement Plan which guides capital works in your area for the next five to 10 years. Data will also be used to advocate for local issues at the state level. The Local Area Movement Plan is supported by the Hobsons Bay Integrated Transport Plan.





HD GRAHAM RESERVE MASTER PLAN

Council is preparing a master plan to guide the management and development of the 19 hectare reserve which is home to the Altona Sports Centre stadium (netball and basketball courts) and the Altona Meadows BMX and Skate Park.

HD Graham is also of environmental significance, including Laverton Creek on the eastern boundary, and Truganina Park wetland to the south.

A draft master plan has been prepared that aims to improve the environmental assets, maximise recreation benefits and integrate Environmentally Sustainable Design into site planning.

Key features of the draft master plan include:

- new pedestrian paths
- habitat areas and viewing platforms with informative signs
- a place of nature
- two soccer pitches and a cricket oval in the existing grassed area
- new children's play space
- extension to the existing skate park
- upgrade to the surface of the BMX jumps track

In a separate project, the existing stadium will be extended from six to 10 courts.

Have your say

Provide feedback at one of our drop-in sessions at HD Graham Reserve, in front of the Altona Sports Centre:

- Wednesday 20 March, 4pm to 6pm
- Saturday 23 March, 10am to 12pm

You can also provide feedback on the draft master plan on Participate Hobsons Bay **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**

**Feedback closes
29 March 2019.**

STREET LIBRARIES

Meet your neighbours and share your love of books at the Brooklyn and Altona North Street Libraries launch for Neighbour Day on Sunday 31 March.

Street libraries are small enclosed boxes designed as homes for books, located in front yards or attached to property fences that provide free book exchanges.

This year, 20 Hobsons Bay residents built and designed their own street library with full support from Council and other community groups.

As part of the community celebration, there will be a walking tour and map of the street libraries so you can borrow, swap and give books to your neighbours.

The pilot program is a partnership between Council, Hobsons Bay Libraries, Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Network, Walker Close Community Centre and local artists.

For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/streetlibraries



HOBSONS BAY IN LIGHTS

Hobsons Bay has starred in many TV shows and films over the last 12 months.

Keep an eye out for the iconic views of the West Gate Bridge in the third season of Australian Ninja Warrior which was filmed in Spotswood. Ninja Warrior is the highest rating non-news/sports show in the nation, with an average of 1.6 million viewers per episode.

The ABC comedy Get Krack!n Season Two, which aired on Wednesday 6 February, was also filmed in Hobsons Bay with Newport Lakes posing as 'The Mighty Murray'. Also on the ABC, The Cry with Jenna Coleman and Asher Keddie features Williamstown.

If you're a fan of Bad Mothers on Channel 9, keep an eye out for scenes from Newport and Williamstown Primary School.

Hobsons Bay also features in the Australian drama series Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries with scenes from Spotswood and ABC satire Mad As Hell with Shaun Micallef has scenes from Newport.

From July to December 2018, Council issued 41 filming permits and 17 smaller scale filming permissions. Filming took place in 25 locations throughout the city including, Altona, Altona North, Newport, Spotswood and Williamstown. While we love seeing ourselves on TV and recognising local landmarks, the film industry is important to Victoria's economy and it's great Hobsons Bay has a role in supporting it.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR WARD?



STRAND WARD

The popular play space in **Edwards Reserve**, South Kingsville is getting two new unisex accessible toilets, each with a baby change table. Construction is scheduled to commence in May and will take approximately three weeks. For more information, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/EdwardsStreetReserveToilet

Following community feedback, the concept plan for **Craig Street Park** in Spotswood is now available on Participate Hobsons Bay. The upgrade includes new footpaths, playground equipment and deciduous trees. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/projects/craigstreetreserve

A new hands-on, tech-savvy and interactive facility called **Creative Technology Hub** is scheduled to open in August. The hub will be located at Seaworks in Williamstown.

The **Bryan Martyn Oval redevelopment** works are complete. New instant turf has been laid and a new boundary fence has been installed. The oval will remain closed until May to protect the new grassed surface.

Works to help slow traffic along **Williamstown Beach** will begin in April. The works include speed humps, median strips, raised zebra pedestrian crossings, kerb ramps and line marking, supported by improved street lighting. The works will replace the need for the existing bollards. For more information, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/willbeachtraffic

Works have commenced redeveloping **PJ Lynch Pavilion** in Paisley Park, Altona North. Upgrade works include cubicle showers, new toilets, accessible bathroom facilities and fresh painting and flooring. The works are scheduled to be completed in April for the winter lacrosse season.



CHERRY LAKE WARD

Harrington Square in Altona has a new look with additional garden beds and new furniture. To celebrate, Harrington Square is hosting free events in March. For more information, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/harringtonsquare

The Circle in Altona North will soon receive a landscape makeover. For more information, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/thecircle

Works upgrading the **A.W. Langshaw Reserve play space** in Altona North will commence in April. The upgrade will provide a broader range of play experiences and improve safety. View the final concept plan on participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/langshawreserve

Following community consultation, the most popular new playground equipment for **A.H. Ford Reserve** in Altona was a large climbing net, music play, logs + steppers and a multi-user spinner.

Upgrade works to **P.A. Burns** will commence in May. Key elements include realignment of a 350 metre long section of the shared trail, relocation of parking for dog beach users, and grade separation of the shared trail and the main access way for the dog beach. For more information, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/paburnsreserve

Thank you to residents who participated in the **Altona Beach Precinct Trial**. We received an overwhelmingly positive response on Participate Hobsons Bay.

As part of the West Gate Tunnel Project, the state government is upgrading **Brooklyn Reserve, D.N Duane Reserve** and **Rowan Avenue Reserve**. Feedback closes 1 April at participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/brooklynreservesupgrade



WETLANDS WARD

The **Old Laverton School** has been restored to its former glory with a fresh coat of paint similar to its original colour from 1910. Built in 1888, the single room school house is the last of its kind in the Melbourne metropolitan area. The building is scheduled to be available for public use by the end of April.

Two fitness stations have been installed at **Homestead Reserve Run**. In addition, there will be upgraded lighting, new furniture, a new twin plate barbecue and two veggie planter boxes. The line marking, basketball and netball goal posts are now installed for the half-court trial that will finish at the end of April. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/homesteadrun

A new all-abilities quad swing has been installed at **McCormack Park** including rubber tiles, soft fall mulch and concrete edging.

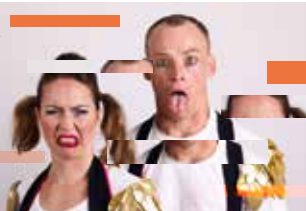
Thank you for your feedback on the new proposed off-lead Dog Park at **Altona Meadows Community Park**. Keep an eye on Participate Hobsons Bay for further updates at participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/amdogpark

The final stages of the **Skeleton Creek shared trail upgrade** will kick off in April with completion due for August 2019. The existing trail between Ravenswood Court through to St Anthony Court will be extended to a three metre wide concrete path.

Additional features include, bench seating, drinking fountains, a bike maintenance station, dog waste dispensers and tree plantings. Flooding and access issues at the Lan Ave bridge on the west side of the creek will also be resolved. For more information, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/SkeletonCreekTrail

WHAT'S ON?

ARTS AT YOUR DOORSTEP



Council presents Arts at Your Doorstep. From circus, comedy, drama, music, cinema and telling Indigenous stories, this season's program has something for the whole family. View the full program and book tickets at www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au

CHILDREN ARE STINKY

Wednesday 12 April, 11am and 2pm

Williamstown Town Hall,
104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown
Circus, acrobatics, daredevil stunts all set to a rocking 90s soundtrack, for children and their adults.

WINE BUFFS

Saturday 11 May, 7.30pm

Williamstown Town Hall,
104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown
Award winning comedians Damian Callinan and Paul Calleja take you through a hilarious wine masterclass, to discover the best wine match for fairy bread!

VICTORIAN YOUTH WEEK



5 to 14 April - Various locations

Victorian Youth Week is a week-long celebration of young people aged 12 to 25 and their contributions to our community. Various events and activities will be happening around Hobsons Bay, for more details visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/youthweek or Hobsons Bay Up Facebook page www.facebook.com/HobsonsBayUP

Also keep an eye on www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram for information on the school holiday program (8 to 19 April).

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2019



Saturday 11 May, 10am to 1pm
**Newport Community Hub,
13-15 Mason Street, Newport**

Hobsons Bay is a significant location for one of nature's most extraordinary annual migrations. Celebrate nature's amazing feat and raise awareness about protecting migratory bird habitats. There will be a range of free activities including, live performances, printmaking, arts and craft. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WorldMigratoryBirdDay2019

#STARTWEST FESTIVAL

Wednesday 1 May, 12pm to 8pm

The Substation, 1 Market Street, Newport
A place for entrepreneurs and aspiring entrepreneurs from Melbourne's west to gather and connect, hear from inspiring people, and learn new tips and tricks to add to your toolkit. To book, visit www.startwest.org

MY SMART GARDEN

My Smart Garden is a program that will help you grow food, shelter your home from the sun and wind, create homes for local wildlife, use water wisely and recycle wastes. All events are free, bookings essential at www.mysmartgarden.org.au/events.

DESIGN YOUR EDIBLE OASIS

Saturday 23 March, 10am to 1pm

Altona (address provided on booking)
Join us as we explore the process of permaculture design in a typical suburban garden.

PERMABLITZ ALTONA!

(EDIBLE GARDEN WORKING BEE)

Saturday 11 May, 10am to 1pm

Altona (address provided on booking)
This hands-on event will include mini-workshops, a delicious lunch and activities.

SHIP WRECKS, ROBOTS, STORYTELLING AND MORE AT OUR LIBRARIES

From celebrating World Storytelling Day on Monday 25 March at Altona Library, to delving into the challenges and hopes of motherhood at an author talk on Tuesday 2 April at Altona North Community Library, and getting creative with robotics on Monday 15 April at Newport Community Hub and 3D design on Thursday 18 April at Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre, Hobsons Bay Libraries have lots of exciting programs on offer!

Find out the true story of the Sydney Cove ship wreck at Williamstown Library on Thursday 2 May and meet Stan 'Yarra' Yarramunua, a highly successful Indigenous artist, musician, businessman and charity worker on Monday 27 May at Newport Community Hub as part of Reconciliation Week.

The full program for March to May is available at libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or pick up a copy of 'Off the shelf' from any of our five libraries. All events are free but bookings are required. The libraries also have their autumn school holiday program from Monday 8 April to Saturday 20 April.

HERITAGE

HOBSONS BAY

18 April to 19 May
Various locations

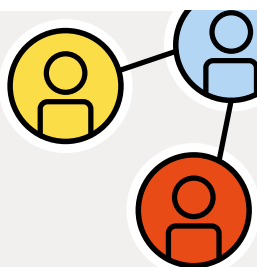
www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/heritagehobsonsbay

Explore Hobsons Bay during the National Trust Heritage Festival. Join us for a program of over 20 local events and activities. Discover the history and heritage from waterfront Williamstown, the original port of Melbourne, to Altona Homestead built by the Langhorne family - early settlers in Melbourne's west. As part of the festival, the exhibition *Memories of Williamstown*: 100 years a city which celebrates the centenary of Williamstown being proclaimed a city, on 17 May 1919, will be on display at the Williamstown Library.

Hobsons Bay Business Breakfast

Friday 29 March, 7am to 9am
The Substation,
1 Market Street, Newport

Hear Avalon Airport CEO Justin Giddings speak at the first major business networking event for 2019. The breakfast is a great opportunity to meet with other business leaders and influencers from across Hobsons Bay and beyond. Ticketed event, contact business@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au



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