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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the summer edition of the Hobsons Bay Community News. While many are winding down at the end of the year, Council is ramping up with improved services, events and new open spaces to look forward to as the weather heats up.

One of the most significant changes to Council's service delivery in recent times will come online in early 2020 – Hobsons Bay's new waste and

recycling system. See pages four and five for plenty of information on how we will manage food waste, glass, recycling and household rubbish into the future.

Council has also been busy on the works front. Our 2019–20 budget includes a record \$59.77 million in capital works. Head to pages six and seven for a tiny taste of how we are rolling out this massive program of infrastructure.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a good, well-earned break as we head into 2020.

Cr Colleen Gates
Mayor of Hobsons Bay



Did you know you could win a wireless smart speaker just by registering to receive your rates notices via email?

Register for eRates and you will automatically go into the running to win a wireless hands-free smart speaker. There's one speaker to be won each month. A winner will be randomly selected on the last business day of each month with the winner contacted by email. Have a copy of your latest rates notice at hand as you will need your unique reference code located in the bottom right corner of the notice. Staff at our Language Link phone line are available to translate your emailed rates notices for you. Please call 9932 1212.

To register, go to
hobsonsbay.enotices.com.au/#signuptab



As temperatures begin to rise, it is important to take a moment to think about how you, your family and those in your care can stay safe in the inevitable upcoming heat. During extreme heat it is easy to become dehydrated or overheat. Extreme heat can also make existing medical conditions worse.

Be sure to stay hydrated and seek somewhere cool – either at home or a public space, such as a swimming pool, beach or library. Never ever leave children or pets in a parked car and be sure to help others by checking on neighbours. If you or your child are feeling unwell, call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24 or 000 in an emergency. For more tips on beating the heat, visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/how-to-cope-and-stay-safe-in-extreme-heat

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Cover image: Get ready for Hobsons Bay's new waste and recycling service rolling out this summer.

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VISIT THE CREATIVE TECH HUB @ SEAWORKS



THE CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY HUB AT SEAWORKS MARITIME PRECINCT (82 NELSON PLACE WILLIAMSTOWN) IS NOW OPEN FOR A SERIES OF TASTER SESSIONS BEFORE ITS FORMAL OPENING IN 2020.

Featuring a 3D printer, laser cutter, green screen and the latest in creative technologies, this new makerspace provides visitors and program participants, aged 13 and above, with opportunities to play and learn with new technologies which could open doors to new employment and further education opportunities.

The hub features a range of programs and activities which focus on STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics – essential 21st century skills.

The hub is a partnership project between Seaworks and Council and is grant funded by Gandel Philanthropy and the state government's Living

Libraries Fund, with additional sponsorship from Toyota, Raeco, AVJennings and Here Studio.

The Creative Tech Hub will formally open in early 2020 but is currently open for drop-in sessions for people aged 13+ on Thursdays and Fridays between 2pm and 6pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. There are also several workshops to try, including using a laser cutter to make Christmas decorations and festive jewellery.

For bookings, and further information, visit libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au call 9932 1515 or follow the fun on Instagram [@creativetechhub3016](https://www.instagram.com/creativetechhub3016)



STUDENTS TAKE MENTAL HEALTH TO SPRING STREET

The Hobsons Bay Youth Parliament Team have presented a Bill on mental health leave for VCE students and had it passed through State Legislative Council. Team member and year 11 student Olivia Vlahakis writes about why this initiative is so important.

Mental illness is one of the biggest public health challenges affecting young Australians with more than a quarter of people aged 15-19 at risk of serious mental illness. While awareness of youth mental health has increased dramatically over the past decade, our school system has not. Currently, if a VCE student's attendance falls below 90 per cent, they receive an automatic fail. For a student on the brink, this strict attendance ratio can be a huge source of stress.

If all Year 11 and 12 students were allowed up to four mental health days per year, it would relieve a great deal of stress and perhaps save a young person from going over the edge. They say prevention is better than cure and this is one simple thing which the state government can do to support our young people through an incredibly stressful time.

Council is a strong advocate for youth mental health, pushing for state and federal funding for an inner west headspace to expand Council's youth counselling services. For details, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/advocacy

QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS 2020

Can a Council grant assist your group to meet a local need?

Applications for the 2020 Quick Response Grants will open on 10 February 2020. Local community organisations, clubs and groups can apply for grants across a range of categories including small expenses (up to \$500), equipment (up to \$1000), vibrant community projects (up to \$5000) and invested together projects (up to \$10,000 over two years).

Projects need to meet a community need, promote health, wellbeing and connection, build community capacity and be consistent with grant priorities.

Applications close 23 March, 2020. For further information, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/quickresponsegrants

Hobsons Bay's new waste and recycling program is coming



REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE

RECYCLING

The traditional **yellow recycling bins** will still be collected fortnightly, however we need to take greater care than ever with what is placed in them. A simple rule of thumb is if you can drink from a plastic item or it has contained laundry products, it is good for the yellow bin (alternatively, plastics marked 1-2 are fine). These items are made of high grade plastic

that can be easily recycled. All lids must now be removed. Plastic trays and punnets from food produce are generally made from mixed plastic, making them more difficult to reuse. These will not be able to be collected and will need to go in the general rubbish, as too will the plastic lids and caps from all bottles and containers.



PETE ✓



HDPE ✓



PVC ✗



LDPE ✗



PP ✗



PS ✗



OTHER ✗



FOGO



Perhaps the most exciting change to our waste system will be the introduction of the food and organic collection (FOGO).

Food waste, including fruit and vegetables, eggshells and bones, rice and pasta, seafood, and even food spoiled paper will all be collected in existing **green waste bins**.

Our contractor will compost the material and create fertiliser and soil improver – a great emissions saving for a resource that was traditionally sent to landfill. The FOGO/green waste bin will now be collected weekly.

Look to the right for what you can and can't place in these bins below.

FOOD & GARDEN WASTE



✓ What can go in?



FRUIT & VEGGIES
(COOKED & RAW)



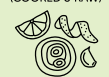
MEAT & BONES
(COOKED & RAW)



DAIRY &
EGG SHELLS



BREAD, PASTA,
CEREAL & RICE



CITRUS, ONIONS
& GARLIC



COFFEE GROUNDS
& LOOSE TEA



BRANCHES, TWIGS &
GARDEN PRUNINGS



WEEDS, GRASS,
LEAVES & FLOWERS

✗ What can't go in?



PLASTIC BAGS
(COMPOSTABLE &
BIODEGRADABLE)



FOOD
CONTAINERS
& PACKAGING



COFFEE
PODS &
TEABAGS



METAL, GLASS,
PLASTIC &
CARDBOARD



LARGE LOGS & TREATED
WOOD



PET
DROPPINGS,
LITTER & SOIL



NAPPIES
& BABY
WIPES

Hobsons Bay's redesigned waste and recycling program is rolling out this summer! The changes will result in a more sustainable, reliable and local system that will be better for our residents and the environment. The new system will result in more collections for each household, increasing from the current 104 collections per year to 116. As the old saying goes, change starts at home, and we need our entire community to jump on board!

WASTE CHAMPIONS START AT HOME

Council is proud to welcome more than 300 waste champions (and counting) from across our community who are excited by Hobsons Bay's waste overhaul and are keen to get the word out to ensure it runs smoothly. If you would like to help us and work with your community, register your interest at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recyclingchampion

GLASS RECYCLING

Another big change is the introduction of a fourth bin – solely for glass. Glass was long the enemy for recycling collectors as it ended up getting crushed into other comingled recyclables such as plastics, paper and cardboard – rendering a high percentage of recycled material as contaminated. By separating glass into its own waste stream, it will significantly reduce contamination and allow more materials to have a second, third or even

fourth reuse. Council's glass contractor will collect the **purple bins** monthly with acceptable material including clear, green and brown glass, glass jars (without lids) and glass bottles (without lids). Residents will not be able to dispose of drinking glasses, storage and baking ware, broken crockery, perfume bottles, window glass, mirrors, corks, bottle and jar lids. All of these items will need to be disposed of through the general rubbish bin.



CHANGES IN SERVICES

The last component of the service is the **dark green general rubbish bin**, which will move to a fortnightly collection.

We understand that some households will need additional rubbish bins for periods of time according to their circumstances. Our new model will respond to that and we will continue to make any additional bins available at an affordable cost that covers the bin, the collection and disposal.

If you are experiencing difficulties with your waste or recycling volumes, please contact us and we will provide you with immediate assistance to develop the right solution for you.



WATCH THIS SPACE!

To make sure everyone is on the right page, Council will be hosting several community parties across Hobsons Bay to launch the changes to services. These events will be a great way to get to know your neighbours, participate in workshops and find out more ways you can harness your waste for good.

Council is also working hard to develop an app that will help you with your bin schedule along with other helpful tips to get it right on bin night. Be sure to tune into Council's Facebook page and website for all the latest news.

For more information on Council's waste collection, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/recycling

Council encourages everyone to think about their own environmental impact through the four R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Simple actions can make a world of difference. Check out the great tips from Planet Ark at recyclingnearyou.com.au/nationalrecyclingweek



CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

CHERRY LAKE

ALTONA AND SEAHOLME FORESHORE - **COMPLETE**

We are building better coastal infrastructure, including new pedestrian access to the well-loved Flemings Pool in Altona. These works have included a new ramp, reconstruction of the seawall, removal of rock and fresh sand added to the beach. For details, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/Flemings

Meanwhile the Bent Street vehicle access ramp is complete. A picnic area and shade has been incorporated into the design, as well as a pedestrian ramp enabling an easy way to get to the accessible beach matting.

Heading east along the Hobsons Bay Coastal Trail, the first stage of the PA Burns Reserve project has also wrapped up. The upgrades include: separating the shared trail and dog beach access path (see above, right); formalising pedestrian access to the dog beach; new dog wash down area; and constructing two viewing areas overlooking the bay. To ensure equity between all users, there are changes to the dog areas. Be sure to familiarise yourself with the changes at www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/paburnsreserve or via the onsite signs.



AW LANGSHAW RESERVE - **COMPLETE**

Children and their families have been busy exploring the upgraded play space at AW Langshaw Reserve in Altona North, which was formally opened in September. The project has included new play equipment, including a unique expression swing (pictured below), new concrete paths, fresh garden beds, nature play opportunities and seating.



COMMUNITY SPORTS AND OPEN SPACE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM - **IN PROGRESS**

As part of the West Gate Tunnel Project, the Victorian Government is partnering with Council to improve sporting facilities and recreational spaces. The community has already shared a lot of great ideas about improving open spaces in Brooklyn. Based on this feedback, Council has developed plans for Brooklyn Reserve, DN Duane Reserve and Rowan Avenue Reserve. The projects are under procurement with works scheduled to start in early 2020. To view the plans, visit participate.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/brooklynreservesupgrade

Donald McLean Reserve, Spotswood and WLJ Crofts Reserve, Altona North will also receive upgrades as part of the West Gate Tunnel Project package.

DEN DULK RESERVE - **IN PROGRESS**

Work is well and truly under way on Altona's G Den Dulk Reserve upgrade. The project includes the replacement of the playground, creation of a new quarter basketball court and activities area, landscaping, new park furniture and pathways and a community garden. The project is expected to be complete later this month.

STRAND



ESPLANADE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – **COMPLETE**

Council has installed three wombat pedestrian crossings, speed cushions, median islands and additional pram crossings between Victoria and Giffard Street (pictured above). The measures will increase safety in the area and will be a permanent solution to the previous bollard installations each summer. The area is extremely busy in the warmer months, being adjacent to Williamstown Beach and near the botanic gardens. It is hoped these changes, together with street lighting improvements, will reduce speed in the area and minimise the risk of conflict between motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

PAISLEY PARK CAR PARK – **COMPLETE**

Car parking around Paisley Park just got a whole lot easier with 25 spaces formalised to the east of the lacrosse pavilion and 70 spaces to the west, including sealing with asphalt and line marking. The works also feature a path linking the golf club to the western car park, as well as a sealed court, perfect for box lacrosse – a smaller version of the on-field, traditional lacrosse. The works are all part of the Paisley Park Master Plan, which has improved access to the popular Mason Street sporting precinct.

DIGMAN RESERVE – **IN PROGRESS**

Work has begun on the redevelopment of the eastern oval and the installation of floodlights at Newport's Digman Reserve (pictured right). The project is part of the Digman Reserve Master Plan which will be delivered over the next three years, including the redevelopment of the western oval, increased car parking, floodlighting and a new pavilion. The eastern oval and floodlighting are scheduled to be completed by March 2020. The pavilion is currently under design and a new car park along Douglas Parade should be wrapped up by June 2020.

FEARON RESERVE RESTORATION – **IN PROGRESS**

Restoration of the Fearon Reserve Lacrosse Pavilion has begun. The upgrade includes installing new weatherboards, doors and insulation; replacing windows and flooring; repairing the verandah; upgrading the accessible toilet; and introducing an accessible car space and access ramp. The project is expected to be completed by mid-January 2020. Attention will then turn to extending and refurbishing the Harsley Pavilion, including refurbishment of amenities, changerooms, multipurpose space and an extension including new umpires change rooms and external stores. Work on the reserve also includes lighting the sportsfield, car park works, a new toilet block and storage sheds.



WETLANDS



SKELETON CREEK SHARED TRAIL – **COMPLETE**

Stage three of the Skeleton Creek Shared Trail is now complete (pictured above). Council has upgraded the existing trail to a 3m wide concrete path between Point Cook Road to Ravenswood Court and added some new features based on community feedback, including bench seating, dog waste bag dispensers, bins and extra trees. Attention is now turning to address flooding and access issues at the Lan Avenue bridge. Design on the bridge upgrade is now complete ahead of works starting in February 2020. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/sharedtrails

CURLEW COMMUNITY PARK AT EPSOM/FITZROY STREET – **COMPLETE**

Welcome to your new park, Laverton! Built on the former Laverton school site, the new open space (pictured bottom, right) includes: a playground with swings, trampoline, slides and accessible spinner; barbecue area with seating and shelter; paths; toilets; half-court with basketball and netball goalposts; table tennis table; landscaping; and outdoor exercise equipment. Artist Ness Flett has also created a mural featuring the Curlew Sandpiper. Parking has also been upgraded and permanent restrictions in Epsom Street and Fitzroy Street are now in place. Join us for the official opening on Saturday 14 December. For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/epsom



ALTONA GREEN PARK – **IN PROGRESS**

Altona Green Park in Altona Meadows is set to receive new floodlighting to ensure the ground can be better used by sporting clubs over winter. The project will install new light poles on the eastern side of the southern ground by April 2020.

MERTON STREET ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS – **IN PROGRESS**

Works are currently under way on the rehabilitation works of Merton Street in front of the Melbourne Ballpark. These works include the realignment of the kerb and channel and road resurfacing in front of the baseball stadium. In early 2020, works will occur to reconstruct Merton Street north of the baseball stadium up to Harcourt Road.

Wave hello to Hobsons Bay's beaches

Every summer, thousands of residents and visitors head to our beaches to enjoy the sun, sand and sea. With so many people out and about, there are some things beachgoers can do to increase safety and enjoyment for everyone.

Altona and Williamstown Beaches are glass, alcohol and smoking free zones. People found smoking or drinking on the beach may receive a \$200 on-the-spot fine. Throughout summer, Victoria Police officers will be on patrol to enforce the ban on alcohol on our beaches and will also be on the lookout for antisocial behaviour.

Altona Beach (from Romawi to Mount Streets) and Williamstown Beach (between the Lifesaving Club and Sebastian Restaurant) are dog free zones from 10am to 9.30pm from 1 November to 30 April. If your pooch loves the water, consider taking them to the dog beach at PA Burns Reserve in Altona.

Make our beaches safer by securing your personal belongings. Beachgoers can hire a locker to store personal items while visiting Altona Beach. Lockers are available to hire from Norfolk Café seven days a week from 8am to 5.30pm for a \$5 fee.

Help us keep our beaches clean and tidy by disposing of rubbish in the bins provided and reporting any maintenance issues using the Snap, Send, Solve app or by calling our Customer Service team on 9932 1000. Fines can apply for anyone caught littering.

Visit www.experiencehobsonsbay.com for information on attractions and events you may wish to check out while in the area.

DID YOU KNOW?

It's now free to launch your boat at all Hobsons Bay boat ramps! We've also introduced 24-hour parking at the Warmies and Altona Boat Ramp and Safe Harbour so you can enjoy your time on the water without watching the clock. For further information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/boatingfacilities

ALTONA BEACH PRECINCT SUMMER ROAD CLOSURES

This summer, the Altona Beach Precinct will once again be transformed into a pedestrian only zone, following positive community feedback from last year's trial.

The Esplanade from Bent Street to Pier Street will be closed to cars from 1 December to 28 February to create

a safer environment for pedestrians, reduce hoon driving behaviour and support Council and police surveillance.

Similar to last year, this pedestrian-friendly space will feature a table tennis table and other large games, moveable street furniture, tree planter boxes and temporary 'beach box' shelters.

This year, Council has also added more umbrellas and a portable basketball hoop.

Council is working closely with the Altona Village Traders Association to

support a program of events at Weaver Reserve, market stalls, beach pop-ups and free "Waterfront Workouts" in the precinct.

Throughout the summer period, there will be road detours in place. Cyclists will be asked to either dismount at the pedestrian safe zone or alternatively follow the road detours or use the shared trail along the beachfront at low speeds.

For further information on changes to the Altona Beach Precinct, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/altonabeachprecinct

BEACHES FOR ALL

Hobsons Bay boasts two of the most accessible beaches in Australia. The following facilities are available to assist people with special needs.

Beach wheelchairs: There is a range of beach wheelchairs available for hire at Altona and Williamstown Beaches to help people of all ages with mobility limitations enjoy their time at the beach. The chairs are free to hire and available on Saturdays

and Sundays from 12pm to 5pm. For further information and booking details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/AccessibleBeaches

Accessible change facilities: There is an accessible change facility with a change table and hoist available at Weaver Reserve, across the road from Altona Beach. This facility can be accessed at any time with a universal MLAK key. Speak to Council on 9932 1000 for more information about getting your own key. BYO sling.

Beach matting: Beach matting is installed at Altona and Williamstown

beaches. It is available seven days a week, a first in Victoria. Anyone can use the matting, however it particularly helps people with wheelchairs, prams, walking and mobility aids to pass over the soft sand to get to the hard sand and the shoreline/water.



What's happening in your ward?



Strand Ward

Work has begun on the **Bayside College Paisley campus upgrade**. The works will include an upgrade to the existing sportsgrounds, new floodlighting, a synthetic cricket pitch and a new sports pavilion. The ovals will be closed from October and will reopen in early 2020.

Works are continuing within the Pinetum as part of the **Williamstown Botanic Gardens masterplan implementation**. The new irrigation system is now operational and is being monitored for any issues. Over the coming weeks, works will include pathway clean-up with gravel top up, broadleaf weed control and lawn top dressing.

Ferguson Street and Douglas Parade in Williamstown have received makeovers. Cracked footpaths have been repaired, missing bollards reinstated and 16 street trees replaced with more suitable species. A pedestrian crossing will also be installed at the Stevedore Street and Douglas Parade intersection. These works will improve safety, amenity and the aesthetic of the trading precinct for all members of the community. Visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/DouglasParade for more info.

New bluestone tree bays and new elm trees have become part of the streetscape in several streets around Williamstown as part of the **Elm Tree Renewal Program**. Each year between 10 and 15 elms are selected from independent arborist reports recommending trees to be removed and replaced due to their condition.

Cherry Lake Ward

Council is improving the safety and movement of pedestrians around **Maidstone Street and Harrington Square**. The works are a collaboration between Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, the TAC and Council and will include the construction of a pedestrian refuge in Maidstone Street and a wide, flat and raised 'wombat' crossing at the Maidstone Street and Harrington Street intersection. Works are expected to start on Monday 13 January and take approximately five days to complete.

The Major Road Projects Authority has started work to upgrade the **Kororoit Creek Road bridge** over Cherry Creek Altona near the Grieve Parade and Kororoit Creek Road roundabout. The project, which will run until mid-May 2020, will specifically include the removal of the existing fence and headwall, installation of new safety barriers, rail guards and fencing and a new maintenance access pathway for Melbourne Water. Traffic management arrangements will be in place with reduced lanes at particular times over the course of the works. For details, visit roadprojects.vic.gov.au/projects/westernroadsupgrade

Experience public art on the Coastal Trail, including the **reinstated Seaborn** by Pauline Fraser. This popular artwork at Altona Pier features five sculptural elements that reflect the rich biodiversity under the surface of the bay. This includes a Weedy Sea Dragon, Leatherjacket, Cuttlefish, Crab and Shell. For information on art in public spaces, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/publicart

Wetlands Ward

There's still time for the community to have its say on traffic movement in the west of the municipality. **Seabrook Boulevard and Shane Avenue** experiences traffic issues during the morning peak as commuters try to avoid traffic on Point Cook Road. This has caused ongoing conflict for the residents within the precinct. Council is hosting a community drop in session to discuss traffic options in the area on Thursday 12 December, anytime between 6pm and 8pm, at the Seabrook Community Centre, 15 Truganina Avenue. Feedback is open until 20 December at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**

The draft **Local Area Movement Plan Western Package** is also open for community feedback. Council wants to make sure all issues and potential actions are captured before a draft plan is presented in 2020. Go to **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au** to have your say.

The **Altona Meadows Community Park** and **Tatman Reserve** have received an upgrade. Just in time for the warmer weather, park-goers at Altona Meadows Community Park can enjoy the new picnic area, including accessible barbecue, new paths and landscaping along the boundary and around the newly constructed toilet block. Visitors to Tatman Reserve will have fun on the new flying fox.

New footpath construction works are under way in Crellin Avenue South, Gordon Avenue South, Strezlecki Grove and Mayfield Grove Altona Meadows. To allow for the new footpath several trees and plantings within the nature strip will be removed. At the end of construction street trees will be planted. Works are expected to take 10 weeks to complete.

WHAT'S ON?

FUN AT THE LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

Summer is upon us and there is nothing we love more than connecting people to great reads. Tell us what you like to read, and we will email you a list of books.

Visit libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au and fill in your profile to participate.

STORYTIME IN THE PARK

Bring your picnic rug as we take Storytime out to the beautiful parks and gardens of Hobsons Bay on 11 and 19 December, 15 and 23 January and 19 and 27 February. See library website for locations.

THE MINDFUL WARDROBE

Wednesday 22 January
from 6.15pm to 7.45pm

EnviroCentre at Altona Library

Wanting to dress with style? But also be environmentally conscious? Simone Thorpe from Style with Soul will show us how to put together a timeless capsule wardrobe with a focus on thrifting and sustainable materials.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Saturday 1 February
from 11am to 12.30pm

Altona Meadows Library

Celebrate one of the biggest festivals in many Asian cultures, Lunar New Year as it shines on Hobsons Bay. Storytime, songs, dragon puppet craft, light refreshments and more.

NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER: WHY DO I WRITE?

Thursday 13 February
6.45pm to 8pm

The Deck, Williamstown Library

Homegrown Hobsons Bay writers Trent Roberts, Alison Stuart, Tina Murray and Bev Aisbett join us for the annual Readings on the Deck. Be challenged and inspired for the 'writing year' ahead.

For more information on all library events, visit libraries.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 462 542.



Midsumma Westside

As part of the Midsumma Festival, Council will celebrate our LGBTIQ+ community with inclusive and diverse events happening in Hobsons Bay and neighbouring council areas, including: an exhibition at Williamstown Library from 8 January to 24 February; a Rainbow Family Picnic at the Newport Community Hub on 24 January; and a presentation with Dr Graham Willett on gay politics on 5 February.

For more information, go to www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/celebratesummer

Summer Sounds

Enjoy a series of free music concerts in beautiful outdoor spaces in Hobsons Bay. Bring a picnic (and shop local!) and sit back and relax with family and friends.

Saturday 4, 11, 18 and 25 January
2pm to 5pm

The Rotunda,
Commonwealth Reserve,
Williamstown

Saturday 1 and 8 February

2pm to 5pm
Weaver Reserve,
Pier Street, Altona

Saturday 15 February

2pm to 5pm
Homestead Run Reserve,
Seabrook

CHRISTMAS IN HOBSONSBAY

Get into the festive spirit with events across the city.

Altona Carols in the Park

Sunday 15 December, 7pm to 9pm,
at Logan Reserve, Pier Street

Carols at The Substation

Sunday 15 December, 7pm to 8.30pm, at 1 Market Street, Newport

Christmas Storytime

Thursday 19 December, 10.30am to 11.30am, at Newport Community Hub, 13 Mason Street, Newport

Carols by Candlelight Altona Meadows

Saturday 21 December, 7pm to 10pm, at Altona Meadows Community Park, Trafalgar Avenue

Carols by Candlelight Williamstown

Sunday 22 December, 7pm to 10pm, at Commonwealth Reserve, Nelson Place.

For details, including wet weather alternatives, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au

Movies by the Bay

Enjoy free outdoor screenings of family-friendly films. Bring your own picnic, chairs, popcorn or get something from one of the fabulous local eateries. Remember to get there early to get a good spot. Everyone welcome. Movie starts when it gets dark (about 8.45pm)

Friday 10 January:

Abominable (G)

Logan Reserve, Altona

Friday 17 January:

The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG)

A B Shaw Reserve, Altona Meadows

Friday 24 January:

Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG)

Logan Reserve, Altona Meadows

Friday 31 January: Yesterday (M)

Commonwealth Reserve,
Williamstown

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