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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the autumn edition of Hobsons Bay Community News. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our entire community on our resilience during 2020 and the more recent circuit breaker lockdown. Once restrictions were lifted, it was magic to see so many people supporting our business community, enjoying staycations and discovering the many attractions in Hobsons Bay.

The past year has taught us the value of our coastline and open spaces and how much they contribute to our health and wellbeing. The Coastal Marine and Management Plan is an important step in enhancing and protecting our spectacular foreshore and is part of my Mayoral Program (details on page 4).

Another aspect of my Mayoral Program and a project I am very keen on is the implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy, which aims to increase the tree canopy in Hobsons Bay to 30 per cent by 2040. For this ambitious target to be achieved we need the support of all Hobsons Bay residents and businesses to plant more trees on private land. To kick off the 2021 tree planting season and the free tree giveaways, 3,000 trees will be up for grabs in Brooklyn. Read all the details on page 5.

On page 6, we highlight the Community Engagement Policy and Council Plan 2021–25 consultation. Thank you for being engaged members of the community and helping to shape Hobsons Bay. It is a privilege to serve as your Mayor.

Stay safe and stay well.

Cr Jonathon Marsden
Mayor of Hobsons Bay



FREE KINDER

In great news for young families, three-year-old kindergarten will be funded by the state government in Hobsons Bay from 2022. Families can now register through Council's kindergarten central registration portal for the 2022 intake. Children can be registered for three-year-old kindergarten from the age of one and four-year-old kindergarten from the age of two through the portal. To find out more and to view a 'How to register for Kindergarten' video translated into five community languages, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/kindergartens or call 1300 179 944 to talk to a Council officer about eligibility.

SUPPORT HUB READY TO HELP

The Hobsons Bay Community has Heart Virtual Hub (an online support resource) and Roving Hub (a van that will visit people in locations across Hobsons Bay) are here to help you access Council's COVID-19 support services.

Visit our Virtual Hub at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/HBCommunityhasHeart for COVID-Safe information, details about local providers that can offer practical assistance, volunteering opportunities and other ways to help out.

Our Roving Hub will be cruising the streets of Hobsons Bay between now and June, inviting residents to have a cuppa and a chat to help reduce social isolation.

For details, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/HBCommunityhasHeart or contact our Community Connector on 1300 179 944.

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Make it Happen

Hobsons Bay Recovery & Reconnection GRANTS OPEN NOW

Do you have ideas and initiatives that can help contribute to recovery or reconnection in our community? Is your group or club looking at innovative ways to recover and reconnect?

The Hobsons Bay Recovery and Reconnection grants program provides funding to support our community to 'make things happen' as we learn about, work through and adapt to the impacts experienced in our city as a result of COVID-19.

The new grants program can provide support to enable activities, projects, programs, events and resources across all sectors including environment, sustainability, projects by and for young people, sport and recreation, arts and culture,

health and wellbeing, multicultural, technology, community and neighbourhood development.

Applications are assessed monthly and are open until 26 May 2021 (or until funds are exhausted). Funding of between \$500 and \$25,000 is available for activities, programs and events that take place until 30 June 2022.

Grant round closing dates for assessment:

April round

Wednesday 28 April 2021

May round

Wednesday 26 May 2021

Grant information and writing sessions are available online via zoom each month.

For more details, or to apply, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/grants or contact the Community Grants Officer on 1300 179 944.

HONOURED AS HOBSONS BAY *ambassadors*

An esteemed doctor in the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic and a budding conservationist hold the title of the 2021 Hobsons Bay Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

Dr Mukesh Haikerwal, local general practitioner, former President of the Australian Medical Association, and recipient of both the Companion and Officer of the Order of Australia, described the award as being a high honour.

"To be recognised by my own home community is a very deep and tear-watering experience as this is where I have lived with my family for 30 years and where we have been nurtured and supported through our working lives and raised our beautiful family," he said.



"2020 is the year most people would like to forget. My most poignant memory is that my practice team held fast against the tidal wave of concern, worry and anxiety and, rallied together to form a whole new team that was able to increase quality care for the community."

Dr Haikerwal was recognised for his invaluable contribution to the health and wellbeing of the Hobsons Bay community and his outstanding leadership and role in establishing the first drive through respiratory clinic in Victoria.



Young Citizen of the Year Melissa Sheedy is a dedicated volunteer with the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre and was honoured to receive the award. She is passionate about educating young adults and children on the importance of conservation and preservation and igniting a love for the environment.

"I hope that with this award, our wetlands down in Altona can be recognised for their timeless beauty and that the critical role they play in our ecosystem can be appreciated," she said.

"I love engaging the community with our local environment, the wildlife that calls Hobsons Bay home and sharing with them our elusive wetlands, a place that not many residents know about!"

For more details, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/citizenawardwinners

connecting with **NATURE**



MANAGING AND PROTECTING **OUR COASTLINE**

Hobsons Bay's iconic foreshore from Stony Creek Backwash near the West Gate Bridge in Spotswood to Skeleton Creek in Altona Meadows is one of our city's premier assets and, like all-natural environments in urban areas, it needs protecting.

Council's draft Hobsons Bay Coastal and Marine Management Plan (CMMP) will provide strategic direction to protect Hobsons Bay's coastline from

erosion, storm surge and population growth, while enhancing it as a local asset.

It aims to respect natural processes, strengthen resilience to climate change and encourage sustainable use and development across everything from mangroves, coastal swamps, saltmarsh, seagrass meadows, parklands, wetlands, waterways, beaches, flora, fauna and cultural sites.

The draft plan was developed in consultation with the community, Traditional Owners and stakeholders.

Have your say at **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/cmmp**



CARING FOR **NEWPORT LAKES**

It's hard to find a place with a more fascinating history than Newport Lakes Reserve in Newport. Once a bluestone quarry, the park has been transformed over several years into an urban bushland oasis, a great example of landscape restoration rich in biodiversity.

Visitors enjoy walking along the nature trails that encircle the numerous lakes, browsing the arboretum, enjoying the two play spaces with picnic facilities, and watching dogs run around the dog off-lead area.

As the local population grows and visitation to the park increases, Council is keeping up with demand by developing an Open Space Development and Conservation Plan for Newport Lakes Reserve.

This plan aims to improve accessibility and connection to not only help people get to the reserve but also help them move around freely within it. The plan will also look at the current infrastructure at the reserve and recommend replacements or new installations, as well as a suite of wayfinding signage and an upgraded play space at Pavey's Park.

Keep an eye out for details on **participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au**



SHINING A LIGHT ON **OUR WETLANDS**

A state-of-the-art sustainability-focussed wetlands centre in Hobsons Bay is one step closer with a memorandum of understanding signed by Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc and Council, Deakin University, Ecolinc, Melbourne Water, City West Water, Cirqit Health and Birdlife Australia.

Driven by the volunteer-run organisation Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Inc, the purpose-built facility would provide opportunities for the community to engage in nature-based activities, where people of all ages can learn about the natural values of the area and ways to care for it.

The community organisation is driven by the knowledge that spending time in nature is vital for health and happiness and promotes environmentally responsible behaviour. Their vision is for a place where everyone can

connect with nature to improve health and wellbeing and be inspired to care for our precious natural environment.

Council, together with the memorandum of understanding signatories, will advocate to the state government to support funding for the facility which is envisioned to be a regional drawcard and a valuable community asset where individuals, children and families can enjoy and protect our internationally recognised wetlands.

For details, visit **hobsonsbaywetlandscentre.org.au**



TREE GIVEAWAYS!

The 2021 tree planting season will officially launch on Saturday 24 April with free trees for residents. The trees have been specifically chosen for residential backyards in Hobsons Bay and can be collected from Brooklyn Reserve from 10am to 12pm. Check our website and social media pages for tree giveaways in other suburbs.

This year, Council will plant 8,500 semi-advanced trees. That's 6,000 more trees planted than before the Urban Forest Strategy was adopted in 2020. The Urban Forest Strategy aims to plant 40,000 trees over the next five years across Hobsons Bay, helping Council achieve the target of 30 per cent tree canopy by 2040. Prior to adopting the strategy, canopy cover across the city was approximately 7.5 per cent.

The majority of trees planted by Council are native. Native plants provide habitat, shelter and food for local wildlife and improve biodiversity.

The strategy also encourages residents to plant trees in private front and backyards. We asked Council's arboriculturists experts to list great native

and exotic tree species for front and backyards which are available from local nurseries.

TOP TREES TO PLANT IN YOUR FRONT OR BACKYARD

NATIVE

- Acacia implexa Lightwood
- Agonis flexuosa 'burgundy'
- Tristaniopsis laurina 'Luscious'
- Banksia integrifolia
- Banksia marginate
- Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Scarlet'
- Corymbia citriodora 'sentuous'

EXOTIC

- Acer negundo 'Sensation'
- Jacaranda mimocifolia
- Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea
- Lagerstroemia indica Crepe Myrtle
- Magnolia soulangiana
- Pyrus Calleryana 'Chanticleer'
- Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'

For more information on the Urban Forest Strategy or the tree giveaways, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/urbanforeststrategy



Pollution Solution

COMPETITION WINNERS

'Pollution Solution' challenged Hobsons Bay's school children to devise creative ways to recycle, reuse or reduce household rubbish.

The winning entries are:

Winner:

St Martin de Porres School Laverton

Created reusable calico bags and upcycled birdfeeders, terrariums and flowerpots from waste materials.

Runner-up:

Newport Lakes Primary School

Collaborated to produce an animated music video to promote new habits like composting, using bamboo straws and making the switch to green energy.

Prep to Grade 3: Zoe, Grade 1,

Williamstown North Primary School

Created 'Animalids', animals made from the lids of recycled containers.

Grade 4 to 6: Lila Boyd,

Grade 6, St Mary's Altona

Presented an idea to reduce cigarette butt waste using 'Vote with your butt' boxes which would encourage smokers to 'vote' on a question by putting their butts in a special bin. Lila also showcased ways her family reduces waste and re-uses resources including turning empty tins into flowerpots and making wood-block paintings from building off-cuts.

Grade 7 to 10: Malaika Boyall, Year 8,

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College

Created a range of sustainable bathroom products, eliminating packaging and plastic waste.

Grade 11 to 12: Sara Coladonato,

Year 11, Williamstown High school

Submitted a plan for an eco-friendly kitchen designed to reduce energy consumption and waste.

To view the winning entries, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/pollutionsolution

KERBSIDE SERVICE REVIEW

Join the conversation about Hobsons Bay's kerbside waste and recycling service. Council wants to hear how the current service, is meeting your household's recycling and waste needs. Tell us how our system can be the best possible four-bin service that reduces waste and increases recycling.

Your feedback will inform the review of our kerbside service which has now been in operation for a year.

Complete the online survey by logging on with your unique code sent to all households in late March, or give feedback to a Council officer who will be visiting shopping centres and busy

sites across Hobsons Bay and inviting feedback. For more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Kerbsideservicesurvey

BIN COLLECTIONS START AT 6AM

Residential bins will now be collected from 6am. Thank you for making the change to 5am last year, while we all adjusted to government requirements during the height of the pandemic. It helped workspaces maintain social distancing requirements. Collection of public bins alters seasonally, with some early morning collections needed to ensure public bins in our busiest parks or beaches can be emptied at multiple times throughout the day.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

Following last year's local government election, Council is developing a new four-year Council Plan and reviewing the 2030 Community Vision to ensure it continues to reflect our community's aspirations for the future of Hobsons Bay.

The 2030 Community Vision and its six priorities were developed by the community for the community in 2017 and provides a long-term strategic direction for the city.

The Council Plan guides Council's work and is the roadmap to achieving the 2030 Community Vision.

In February and March this year, we asked the community what their priorities for the city over the next four years are. Thank you to everyone who filled in the 'A Shared Future for Hobsons Bay' postcard, completed the survey on Participate Hobsons

Bay or attended a community workshop. Your feedback has helped shape the draft Council Plan which will be available for the community to comment on in June. Keep an eye out on Participate Hobsons Bay to have your say participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/refreshing-community-vision-hobsons-bay

Council is committed to involving those who live, work, study and play in Hobsons Bay in decisions that affect them as outlined in the new Community Engagement Policy which was adopted at the February Ordinary Council Meeting. Strong community engagement and consultation is essential to ensuring Council's projects, programs and services meet the needs of the community. To view the policy, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/help-shape-how-we-engage



Every school holidays, Hobsons Bay UP, Council's youth engagement team, puts together a suite of free activities and events for young people in Hobsons Bay aged 12 to 25.

Selina McPherson, mother of Cooper, shares how her son had an absolute ball in the Survivor Challenge as part of the January school holiday program. Selina heard about the Survivor Challenge through word of mouth and it was the first time her son had participated in an UP program.

"The Survivor Challenge was a wonderful experience for Cooper to discover an activity away from organised sport and online games with friends. It was a chance to rediscover the local beach, meet others from the community, fresh air (after COVID) and

have some fun in the sun!" said Selina.

"The kids were spoken to at their level in a fun and exciting way. He enjoyed socialising with kids his own age and gained confidence with being successful at the activities and applying skills he learnt from Nippers. I would certainly recommend the Hobsons Bay UP Holiday Program, it was awesome."

Hobsons Bay UP's April Holiday Program, runs from April 6 to 16 and will feature a basketball skills workshop, skate games competition, skate art with Performprint at Woods Street Arts Space, jewellery making, outdoor movies, free employment-based skills training and more!

For more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram



HOBSONS BAY BUSINESS HAS HEART HELPS REINVIGORATE THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Business grants, one-on-one branding consultations, extended trading and communications campaigns were just some of the ways Council was able to support the local business community in the last six months as they adapted to 'COVID normal' trading.

With a team of skilled business support, communications and graphic design professionals funded through the state government's Working for Victoria initiative, Council provided customised support to local businesses through the Hobsons Bay Business has Heart program. Since October 2020, more than 200 local businesses have benefited from services and support programs, including tailored social media strategies, website updates, flyers, digital advertising, photography and videos. Many others took part in the extended trading area program, which allowed them to adhere to social distancing requirements during the busy summer months.

To date more than \$200,000 in grant funding has been allocated to local projects encouraging residents to return to local business precincts and build collaboration among businesses. Successful projects included live music, a pop-up market and localised marketing campaigns.

The Hobsons Bay Business has Heart program is wrapping up at the end of March.

Council encourages the community to continue its support of local traders in these uncertain times. Shop, dine, experience Hobsons Bay businesses and rediscover your own backyard. Visit experiencehobsonsbay.com.au

What's happening in your ward?



Cherry Lake Ward

Work will soon commence upgrading **HW Lee Reserve** in Altona. The park next to Altona foreshore will become an attractive picnic spot when the new shelter, barbecue and lounge chairs are constructed, and new trees are planted.

Work is well underway to construct a new carpark at **PA Burns Reserve** in Seaholme with 113 designated car parking spaces and three horse floats. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of May. During works, the carpark will be unavailable for public use.

A shade shelter and child safety fencing will soon be installed at **GH Ransom Reserve** in Altona, work is scheduled to be completed by May.

Work has begun refurbishing the courts at the **Altona Tennis Club** in Fresno Street. The works will improve training facilities and include installing new nets, fencing and light poles with sustainable LED light fittings. The project is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government and is scheduled to be completed by November.

Truganina Explosives Reserve has a new boardwalk and interpretive signs explaining the history of the reserve. Thanks to a successful Pitch Your Idea community submission, the **Underkeeper's Quarters Cottage** has been repaired and re-roofed with a heritage appropriate galvanized corrugated profile including new gutters and down pipes.

Strand Ward

The **Williamstown Activity Centre** toilet along The Strand will soon be upgraded. It's been designed to be environmentally friendly with the inclusion of a rainwater tank. The design will soon be available to view on Participate Hobsons Bay.

Tennis players and netballers can now book the multi-purpose tennis and netball courts at **Donald Mclean Reserve** in Spotswood. There is free public access to the tennis courts during the day. In the evenings and for bookings requiring lights, a small hourly rate will be charged. For more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Sport-Recreation/Book-A-Court

Construction to upgrade Williamstown's **Maclean Reserve** will begin in July. Based on community feedback, the upgrade will include new playground equipment for children two to 12 years, improved seating and landscaping, a drinking fountain and bike hoops. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/macleanreserve

Construction of the new pavilion at **Digman Reserve** in Newport is progressing well and is scheduled to be completed by June. Solar powered lights have been installed at the new Douglas Parade carpark. The eastern playing field has also been redeveloped and floodlights have been installed to increase training capacity and support winter sports. For more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/digman

Wetlands Ward

A diverse range of free and low-cost workshops and programs are on offer as part of the current **Woods Street Arts Space** program at 44 Woods Street, Laverton. The program includes creative workshops for kids, Hungarian hand embroidery, drawing and portrait classes for adults, Youth Skate Art workshop and Samoan dance classes. For more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.gov/WoodStreetsArts

Training capacity will be increased at **Bruce Comben Reserve** in Altona Meadows with the installation of floodlighting. The lighting has been designed to mitigate glare to neighbouring properties and is to Australian Standard.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late May/early June on Laverton's **Frank Gibson Reserve** upgrade. The play area closest to Allen Street will feature an accessible whirl, rope climbing frame, caterpillar slide, new toddler rockers, and a new swing set. The play area at the Sumers Street end will be relocated more centrally and will include include a basketball hoop and key, terraced timber seats and a junior bike circuit. As part of the upgrade, a new irrigation system will be installed to maintain the open lawn area.

Henderson Street Reserve and playground in Laverton, will also be upgraded this year as part of Love Laverton Parks, a key initiative towards making Laverton cleaner and greener. For more information, visit Participate Hobsons Bay participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/lovelavertonparks

WHAT'S ON?

EVENTS AT OUR LIBRARIES

A mixture of online and face-to-face events will keep you entertained and engaged. All events are free however, registrations are required for each event. To register and for more details visit: libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Build a Mosque
Tuesday 13 April, 10.30am to 11am

Draw Up!
Wednesday 14 April, 3pm to 4pm

Sinhalese New Year
Wednesday 14 April, 10.30am to 11.30am

Barry Jones: What is to be done
Wednesday 21 April, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Intersections of Discrimination
Thursday 22 April, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Rainbow Family Storytime
Saturday 1 May, 10.30am to 11.15am

Lost Lands Found - the Flowering Grasslands of Victoria
Wednesday 5 May, 6.15pm to 7.45pm

Waltzing Matilda: Australia's Accidental Anthem
Tuesday 18 May, 6.30pm to 7.30pm

National Simultaneous Storytime 2021
Wednesday 19 May, 11am

HERITAGE

HOBSONS BAY
FESTIVAL

18 April to 2 May 2021

Uncover the history of Hobsons Bay through the Heritage Hobsons Bay Festival, Council's local program within the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival. With most events free, there are lots of exciting ways to celebrate our unique heritage and culture. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/heritagehobsonsbay

'Archie Roach –
Tell Me Why'

8 April, 7.30pm

ARTS
AT YOUR
DOOR
STEP

Brought to you by Council's Arts at Your Doorstep program, Archie shares stories and songs from his new memoir and companion album. Not many have lived as many lives – from stolen child, teenage alcoholic, seeker, lover, father, musical and lyrical genius, to social advocate and First Nations leader – but it took almost a lifetime to find who he really was. A riveting performance not to be missed, tickets available from hobsonsbaytickets.com.au

BLOCK PARTY Saturday
1 May 2021

Join us for our annual Woods Street Art Precinct community street party! The celebration will include a fashion parade showcasing costumes and sculptures created by Laverton P-12 College students made from recycled materials, plus an exhibition of artworks by children from Seabrook Primary School and more. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/woodsstreetarts

Williamstown Literary Festival
18 to 20 June

The Williamstown Literary Festival's annual winter west festival of words returns for live and online events at the Williamstown Town Hall. For tickets, visit willylitfest.org.au

Newport Folk Festival
25 to 27 June

Join the Newport Folk Festival and listen to an amazing line up of musicians. Have a dance with family and friends while supporting locally grown and loved Newport Folk Festival – for free! newportfolkfestival.org.au

Newport Jazz Festival 2021
1 to 2 May

The inaugural Newport Jazz Festival brings bands, and some of Melbourne's finest jazz musicians playing all genres of jazz, for a day at multiple performance spaces located around Paine Reserve, Newport. newportjazzfestival.com.au

Autumn by the Sea

Join our Conservation Rangers for a number of activities over the April school holidays designed for both children and adults. Activities will include sea kayaking, an insight to minibeasts through a microscope, and virtual tours along our foreshore. To register and for more information, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Whats-On



Create by the Bay

Tuesday 6 April to
Sunday 11 July 2021

Throughout the challenges faced in 2020 we discovered new things about ourselves, our collective kindness, resilience, humour and creativity. We spent time at home, but we also found nature. We rediscovered old passions and explored new creative ideas. We found brand new ways of connecting with each other, the world, and ourselves. The saying 'every cloud has a silver lining' reminds us that we can always find a positive.

Create by the Bay 2021 invites artists, from young people to Year 12 who live, study or play in Hobsons Bay to reflect upon the past 12 months and share your silver linings through an original piece of art or writing.

To find more information, terms and conditions and to submit your entry, visit the Hobsons Bay Libraries website libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Tree planting day

Sunday 16 May, 10am to 12pm
Truganina Park, Altona Meadows

Help revegetate Truganina Park by planting indigenous plants that will provide habitat to local wildlife. Everyone is welcome and free refreshments will be provided. Due to COVID-19 requirements, we ask that all participants please bring their own gloves and water bottle.

For more information, contact ranger@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Midsumma Westside
19 April to 5 May

Midsumma Westside returns in 2021 as part of Melbourne's much-loved celebration of our LGBTQIA+ culture and community. The program will provide opportunities to connect and celebrate in Melbourne's west. Celebrate a veritable rainbow of festivities including events, exhibitions, tours, talks and much more. hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/midsummawestside