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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the summer edition of Hobsons Bay Community News. This summer, we're excited to be helping present lots of fun events and programs across Hobsons Bay – from the arts to our beautiful outdoor spaces.

Don't miss Altona North's own Born in a Taxi with their fabulous installations at Logan Reserve, Altona in early December. Movies by the Bay returns in January, along with Summer by the Sea events and more. Check out the back page for dates and locations.

The works to upgrade Pier Street in Altona are nearing completion (details on page 8), so I invite the community to visit the area, enjoy the foreshore and support local traders. Our colourful beach shelters and picnic tables will also return this summer along the Esplanade, with the road closed to traffic from Pier to Bent Streets. In the future, I'm looking forward to Parks Victoria's work progressing on the redevelopment of the Altona Pier.

The Shops on Show competition is also back for 2022, make sure you vote for your favourite shop window display by 14 December to go into the draw to win a prize, details on page 7.

To make it even easier to shop locally during the festive season, we've created a Christmas Gift and Event Guide which showcases our city's locally made goods, gifts, and festive dining experiences. Use the QR code on page 7 to access our easy-to-read digital magazine.

If you have a project idea that will spark joy and inspire our community let us know through Pitch Your Project! If you have a great idea that will make Hobsons Bay an even more vibrant and welcoming place, find out how you can apply on page 5.

Have a safe and happy festive season,

Cr Antoinette (Tony) Briffa JP,  
**Mayor of Hobsons Bay**

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### Acknowledgement of Country

We wish to acknowledge the Bunurong Peoples of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of the lands, rivers and coastal areas in Hobsons Bay. We recognise the First Peoples' relationship to this land and offer our respect to their Elders, past and present.

Cover image: Primary school students having fun at the new temporary public artwork in GH Ransom Reserve, Altona

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Your Council in your language

Meet  
Taupule →



A SMALL ACT –  
LIKE KEEPING GENERAL  
RUBBISH OUT OF YOUR  
RECYCLING BINS –  
MAKES A BIG IMPACT

## BEYOND THE BIN: MEET THE WORKERS SORTING OUT OUR WASTE AND RECYCLING

Did you know that what you put in your yellow recycling bin is sorted by real people?

Meet Taupule, she works Monday to Friday at a recycling facility in Truganina, where many of our Hobsons Bay recycling trucks take the contents of our yellow-lid bins.

“My job’s busy – there’s always something to do and it’s a great team to work with. But I don’t like the smell when rubbish is mixed in with the recycling,” she says.

“We’ve had nappies, dead animals and gas bottles come through. As well as being an awful smell, it can also be dangerous.

“I want our community to remember that only some things can be recycled. Please put rubbish in the general waste bin and stop putting it in the recycling bins.”

Next time you’re about to put rubbish into one of your recycling bins – stop and think of workers like Taupule manually sorting the recycling. Her job is to sort items that can be recycled - not to deal with rubbish that smells and puts her safety at risk.

A small act – like keeping general rubbish out of your recycling bins – has a big impact on the environment and importantly, for people like Taupule and all of our recycling workers.

Find out more about what goes in each bin, and when your bin collections are scheduled, by downloading the Hobsons Bay Recycling 2.0 App.

### Bin collections will continue throughout the festive season

Waste and recycling truck drivers will continue to collect your residential bins as per the usual schedule, everyday including public holidays. Please leave your bin out before 6am on the day of collection or the evening before to ensure it’s emptied. Download the app or visit our website for details.

Which bin tonight?  
Scan the QR code to download the app.



## SAVE WITH SUSTAINABILITY REBATES

As the warmer weather hits, you may be thinking about how to stay cool and comfortable in your home.



There are many programs, offers and rebates you can use to save on utility bills and energy and water upgrades in your home.

Whether you want to see if there’s a cheaper electricity deal you can switch to, or you’re looking to install solar panels, you can check out a list of energy and water saving programs on our website.

Visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/sustainability-savings](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/sustainability-savings) or scan the QR code.



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### When there is extreme heat, make sure you:

- Drink plenty of water
- Never leave anyone in a car
- Stay somewhere cool
- Plan ahead
- Check in on others.



# OUR CREATIVE CITY

## BRINGING VIBRANT CHROMATIC RHYTHMS TO HOBSONS BAY

A footpath in a popular park in Altona has been transformed into optical illusions by local artist Carlos Almenar Diaz.

The temporary public artwork, titled "A visual journey in chromatic rhythms" is located at GH Ransom Reserve (playground adjacent to Altona beach with the rope swing) and is inspired by native flora in Hobsons Bay, the wildflowers of the Western Volcanic Plains, and the wetlands' saltmarshes.

As part of the project, local primary school students took part in workshops to create their own pieces which were exhibited at Woods Street Arts Space and Newport Community Hub.

The project is supported through Council's creative industries Community Support Package - New Art Stream.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Carlos was born in Venezuela and is a French-Australian citizen who now lives in Altona.

He has also won multiple international awards for designing banknotes!



Nelson Place, Williamstown



Old Laverton School, Altona Meadows



Curlew Sandpiper, Red Capped Plover, Australian Pied Oyster Catcher street art on Hall and Tait Street, Newport



Cannons on the water edge, Williamstown



Time Beacon, Altona Meadows



Nelson Place, Williamstown



Timeball Tower, Williamstown

## EXPLORE HOBSONS BAY'S PUBLIC ART AND HERITAGE

Interested in heritage or public art? We have the app for you! The Experience Hobsons Bay app is a new way to discover Hobsons Bay's rich cultural heritage, and diverse collection of public art through a virtual storytelling experience.

Using the app, you can visit each of our public artworks, and also discover heritage street names and the stories behind them.

Download the app using the QR codes or visit [hobsonsbay.stqry.app](https://hobsonsbay.stqry.app)

Scan me to download app

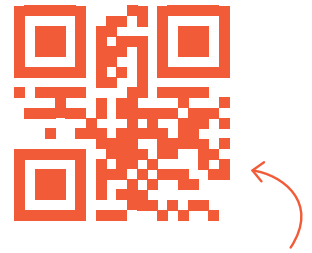


## HOBSONS BAY

# PITCH YOUR PROJECT

Do you have a great idea for a community project for Hobsons Bay? A project that will spark joy and inspire? Something that will create an even better Hobsons Bay?

**Tell us your project for our community and, if selected, we'll deliver it. Taking your project from idea to reality!**



Scan the **QR Code** to find out more

### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We're looking for projects that will make Hobsons Bay an even more vibrant, welcoming and exciting place to live, work, study and visit. Projects that deliver something special to support people in our community.

Pitch Your Project is open to all Hobsons Bay residents (of all ages!), community groups, sporting clubs, businesses and organisations.

Up to \$50,000 is available to deliver each project. The selected projects will be delivered by the team at Hobsons Bay City Council in the 2023–24 financial year.

Submit your project by 23 January 2023:  
[www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/pitch](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/pitch)

### TIPS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

- Your project should be a community focused project idea that supports our vision of creating an inclusive, empowered, sustainable and visionary community. Projects can solve a problem for your local area or be an initiative that brings people together
- Big capital works projects that focus on infrastructure such as upgrading parks, community gardens or buildings are unfortunately not supported through this program
- If you or your organisation wish to deliver your project, program or initiative yourself, keep an eye out for the Make it Happen community grants which open early next year.





Williamstown Beach



Altona Beach

# SUMMER IN HOBSONS BAY

## BEACHES FOR ALL

Did you know that Williamstown Beach and Altona Beach are two of the most accessible beaches in Australia?

### Hire a beach wheelchair or walking frame

Beach wheelchairs and beach walking frames are free to hire at both beaches during surf life saving club patrol hours (12pm to 5pm on weekends and public holidays from December 2022 to March 2023). Bookings are essential.

### Accessible changing facilities

Accessible changing facilities are also available at both locations, including an adult-sized change table and hoist at Weaver Reserve in Altona.

### Beach matting

Beach matting is provided at both locations throughout the year.

With support from Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club, Altona Life Saving Club and local traders, Council has delivered the accessible beaches program since 2015.



**For more information and bookings, scan the QR Code.**

## ALFRESCO DINING

Next time you're grabbing some takeaway from one of our many great local cafes and restaurants why not have a picnic at one of our new outdoor dining areas.



Pier Street, Altona



Nelson Place, Williamstown



Woods Street precinct, Laverton

## SUMMER SAFETY

It can get busy in Hobsons Bay during the summer, so it's important to keep your belongings safe.

Lockers are available for hire in Altona to store your personal items while you're on the beach. They're available from Norfolk Café seven days a week from 8am to 5.30pm for a \$5 fee.

And remember, if you're struggling to find a car park, you can park at the Civic Centre at 115 Civic Parade, Altona on weekends and walk down Pier Street to get to the beach.



Beach cleaning

## KEEPING OUR BEACHES CLEAN

Over the summer, Council has increased our beach cleaning schedule (kicking off at 4am), added more bins to popular parks and beaches, and increased the frequency of collections. If you notice a bin overflowing, please let us know via the Snap Send Solve app or call customer service on **1300 179 944**.

# CHRISTMAS GUIDE

Shop, eat and drink locally this Christmas with the Hobsons Bay Christmas gift and event guide.

The guide showcases our city's locally made goods, gifts and festive dining experiences in an easy-to-read digital magazine.

The guide also profiles some of Hobsons Bay's exciting restaurants and entertainment venues. For more information and to view the gift and event guide, visit [hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/Christmas](http://hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/Christmas)



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more info



## SHOPS ON SHOW

1-14 December 2022

**Vote for your favourite  
Christmas window display  
in Hobsons Bay and go into  
the draw to win a prize.**

Full details and terms and conditions are available at [hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/shopsonshow](http://hobsonsbaybusiness.com.au/shopsonshow)

Scan and vote for  
your favourite display





# BUILDING A BETTER CITY



## NEW MODERN FACILITIES AT DONALD MCLEAN AND CROFTS RESERVE

Donald McLean Reserve in Spotswood and Crofts Reserve in Altona North have been revamped!

### The McLean Reserve upgrade included:

- ✓ W & M Couch pavilion redevelopment
- ✓ Two multipurpose netball/tennis courts and new turf/synthetic cricket practice nets
- ✓ Full redevelopment of oval 1 and irrigation upgrade of oval 2
- ✓ New play space and outdoor gym equipment
- ✓ Upgraded car park

### The Crofts Reserve revamp included:

- ✓ New pavilion
- ✓ Redevelopment of ovals 2 and 3
- ✓ Four synthetic cricket practice nets
- ✓ New car park

The multi-year improvement plans were a partnership between Council and the Victorian Government through the West Gate Tunnel Project.

## LOVE LAVERTON PARKS

Six of the eight community park upgrades in Laverton are complete! The upgrades are part of the Better Places Love Laverton Parks project. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the site-specific designs and took part in helping make Better Places happen.

### UPGRADED PARKS



#### Frank Gibson Reserve

1 Allen Street, Laverton  
(6min walk from Laverton train station)

#### Dick Murdoch Reserve

26 Cole Street, Laverton

#### Henderson Street Reserve

18 Henderson Street, Laverton

#### Bladin Street Reserve

3 Bladin Street, Laverton

#### Whittaker Avenue Reserve

48 Bladin Street, Laverton

#### Beverly Anton Reserve

22-26 Whittaker Avenue, Laverton

### IN PROGRESS



#### Bruce Street Reserve

#### Cropley Crescent Reserve

## ALTONA BEACH PRECINCT

Stage 4 of the redevelopment works in Pier Street are nearly finished!

### The works include:

Widening the footpaths to improve pedestrian safety and outdoor dining

Safe pedestrian access across Queen Street and the Esplanade

Increasing shade and canopy cover in the lower end of Pier Street

Revamping Weaver Reserve

Extending Weaver Reserve car park

*This project is being delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government.*

Check out our capital works program in your area:



Scan the QR code for more info





## Applications Open

### HOBSONS BAY 2023 STUDENT DELEGATION TO JAPAN

Hobsons Bay secondary students aged 14 to 17 have the opportunity to take part in the annual student exchange with Hobsons Bay sister city Anjo in Japan.

Our sister city relationship with Anjo stretches back to 1988, and more than 200 students have participated in the exchange.

The exchange involves hosting a Japanese student for 10 days during the 2023 term two school holidays, and then visiting Anjo for two weeks in July/August.



For information visit [hbifa.org.au](http://hbifa.org.au)

Applications close 28 February 2023.



#### The Hobsons Bay International Friendship Association would like to thank the 2020 delegation;

Sibella Paksoy, Naomi Charter, Benjamin Risk, Daniel Whitfort, Shanae Blizzard and chaperone Paula Morgan for being part of the program despite not being able to travel to Japan due to the COVID pandemic.



### IMMUNISATION SESSIONS NOW AVAILABLE ON WEEKENDS

You asked and we listened!

Following community feedback from the immunisation review survey in July and August, the 2023 Immunisation Program will include a new weekend session at the Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona on the fourth Saturday of the month, 9am to 11.30am.



To book an immunisation for you or your child, scan QR code:



## HELP SHAPE HOBSONS BAY

There are many opportunities to help shape where you live and what services and projects Council delivers. This year, we asked for feedback on more than 50 projects, services and initiatives across Hobsons Bay.

Your feedback was used to refine designs, modify services, and ensure Council's projects and services align with what the community needs and wants.

#### Major community engagement consultations included:

- » Annual Budget 2022-23
- » McCormack Park Master Plan
- » Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre preliminary concept design
- » Newport Structure Plan
- » Brooklyn Community Hall
- » and so much more!



Find out more on these projects and more at [participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)



Concept design for Altona Meadows Library revamp

# LIBRARIES AND COUNCIL+ NEWS

## ALTONA MEADOWS LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTRE CLOSING FOR RENOVATIONS

As highlighted in our Council Plan 2021-25, the Altona Meadows Library, which is accessed by more than 30,000 visitors each year, needs a major refurbishment.

Modernising the building will help meet the standards our community expects from its library and will allow us to plan for some exciting new initiatives.

The current library building is over 17 years old and the redevelopment will ensure the building is future proofed for many years to come.

From 23 December 2022, the Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre will be closed to undertake this renovation. Once complete, the site will feature a new and improved children's area, environmentally sustainable aspects, acoustic treatments, technology pods, new carpet throughout the building, and landscaping to the external courtyard.

An exciting feature of the building refurbishment will be the launch of our first Centre of Excellence where visitors can deep dive into STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) technologies and programming.

While the library is closed you can still carry out your usual library and Council business at our Council+ Pop-up Library site at Central Square Shopping Centre in Altona

Meadows, opening in January 2023. Visitors will be able to collect their reserves, return items, use a public PC and have Council queries resolved.

For project updates visit [hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/library/coe](http://hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/library/coe)

*The Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre refurbishment has been made possible thanks to a \$500,000 contribution to the project from the Victorian Government through the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.*

## BIG SUMMER READ AT HOBSONS BAY LIBRARIES

Have you noticed that your child's literacy skills slide away over the summer school break? BIG Summer Read is here to help! This state-wide Libraries Victoria campaign aims to ensure all Victorian children have access to the resources they need to maintain their literacy skills over the summer school holidays.

Hobsons Bay Libraries are offering local and state-wide prizes as an incentive for children to enter the challenge:

- » 2 x \$250 Readings vouchers for kids up to 12 years
- » \$500 Reading voucher for kids 13 to 18 years
- » Three prize packs with Sun Theatre tickets, passes to Clip 'n Climb Williamstown, and a family pass to Scienceworks.

Getting involved is simple. Find out more: [libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au) or at any of our library branches.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS MADE EASY!

Council+ makes connecting with Council easier.

Located in our Williamstown, Altona North and Altona Meadows libraries, Council+ brings together our library and customer services. When you visit your local library you can now upsize your bin, organise pet registration, pay rates, organise parking permits and much more.

The same services are also provided at the Civic Centre in Altona, and you can now browse a selection of library books there too!



12/12/2023  
PAID

## DID YOU KNOW...

As a Hobsons Bay resident, you could be eligible for a parking permit? Ticket Machine Permits allow you to park free at ticket machine areas (time restrictions still apply). Applying for a permit is easy:

Online:  
[hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Payments-Permits/Parking-permits](http://hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Payments-Permits/Parking-permits)



Or visit a Council+ service centre



# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2023

## NOMINATIONS OPEN

### NOMINATE A HOBSONS BAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our community? Show them you value their input and nominate them for the 2023 Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the Year.

The awards celebrate the outstanding contributions or achievements individuals make to the Hobsons Bay community.

This could be through community service, sport, arts and culture, environment, health and wellbeing, business and economic development, and other areas that contribute to improving our city.

Nominees must be Australian citizens who live, work, volunteer, or study in Hobsons Bay. Nominees for the Young Citizen award must be 26 years or younger on 26 January 2023.



**Nominations close Sunday 11 December 2022 at 5pm.**

**Scan to nominate someone.**

Or pick up a hard copy nomination form at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre or your local library.



### OUR 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

*Kate De Marco*

Awarded for having started a community pantry in her Seaholme driveway during COVID-19.

“I was blown away when I heard I won the Citizen of the Year award for 2022 and a little taken aback. Running the pantry is my way of giving back to the community which has supported me. I’m grateful that the pantry has benefited from the award. Now it’s always full, with more donations and partnerships with local businesses.”



### OUR 2022 YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

*Tahlia Kotiau*

Spearheaded a number of initiatives at Williamstown Community and Education Centre to provide support to students experiencing disadvantage.

“I am extremely honoured to be the Young Citizen of the Year. Through the award, I’ve had great opportunities to build the profile of where I work at the Williamstown Community and Education Centre and to be reconnected with the broader community, which is especially important following COVID.”

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteers are the backbone of our community. Each edition, we’ll be profiling one of our fabulous volunteers.

### DOMINIC, VOLUNTEER FOR DELIVERED MEALS

“I have been volunteering for four years. I’ve always had it in my nature to serve the community, I’m very happy to volunteer to deliver meals.”

Council’s delivered meals service provides nutritious three course meals to residents’ homes. A crucial and rewarding part of the delivered meals service is the wellbeing chat between the volunteer drivers and the clients.

To find out more about volunteering with Council, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/volunteering](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/volunteering)

To find out more about a range of support services for older residents scan





Native wildlife displays at our libraries this summer

Pick up a free tree at the Blenheim Reserve launch

Movies by the Bay coming to Logan Reserve, Altona



International Cadet Class World Championship

# WHAT'S ON

## THE CUBE

7 to 13 December

Logan Reserve, Altona

Hobsons Bay locals and award-winning performers Born in a Taxi are adding excitement to Logan Reserve in Altona with the arrival of The Cube, their portable, transparent arts space, that delivers unique arts experiences. The installation is supported through Council's creative industries Community Support Package - New Art Stream.

## INTERNATIONAL CADET CLASS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

19 December 2022 to 2 January 2023

Experience world class sailing in Melbourne's west!

Young sailors are arriving in Williamstown from around the country and around the world to compete in the International Cadet Class World Championships. The competition is hosted by one of the oldest sailing clubs in Australia, the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. To find out more, visit [cadetworlds2022.com.au](http://cadetworlds2022.com.au)

## MOVIES BY THE BAY

Friday 6 January

Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

Film: **Ticket to Paradise**

Friday 13 January

Logan Reserve, Altona

Film: **Minions The Rise of Gru**

Friday 20 January

Homestead Run Reserve, Seabrook

Film: **DC League of Superpets**

Enjoy three nights of free outdoor screenings in wonderful spaces around the city.

Bring a picnic, chairs, popcorn, or visit local eateries.

## MIDSUMMA WESTSIDE

21 January to 12 February 2023

Australia's premier queer arts and cultural festival is coming to the west!

Events include a diverse range of visual arts, film, talks, music, creative workshops, and public forums. To view the full program, visit [www.midsumma.org.au](http://www.midsumma.org.au)

Keep an eye out for The Pier Festival, 28 January at Seaworks, Williamstown - showcasing queer women in music, as artists, entrepreneurs, producers and more. Ticketing information at [www.thepierfestival.com](http://www.thepierfestival.com)

## BLENHHEIM RESERVE COMMUNITY PARK LAUNCH

Sunday 11 December, 10am to 12pm

29 Blenheim Road Reserve, Newport

Live music, face painting, coffee van, ice-cream truck and tree giveaway!

Newport's brand-new park is located next to the Australian Islamic Centre and Altona Miniature Railway.

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FUN FOR THE FAMILY

**Williamstown** - Douglas Parade and Ferguson St | 10 December, 10am-12pm

**Williamstown** - Nelson Place  
10 December, 12.30pm-2.30pm

**Laverton** - Aviation Road  
10 December, 12.30pm-2.30pm

**Altona** - Pier St  
17 December, 10am-12pm

**Altona** - Harrington Square  
17 December, 12.30pm-2.30pm

**Newport** - Hall St and top of Mason St  
17 December, 10am-12pm

**Spotswood** - Hudsons Road  
17 December, 12.30pm-2.30pm

## SUMMER BY THE SEA

Free school holiday activities for all ages.

### LIFE ON OUR SANDY SHORES

Wednesday 11 January, 11am

Thursday 12 January, 1pm

Seaholme Foreshore

Join local marine biologist Matt McArthur and check out what cool things are around.

Booking essential:

[summerbythesea.vic.gov.au](http://summerbythesea.vic.gov.au)

### LABCOAT LEARNING

Monday 23 January, 10.30am and 12.30pm

Apex Park, Altona

Hear Sam from Labcoat Learning tell stories and guide kids with fun hands-on learning activities. Bookings essential:

[summerbythesea.vic.gov.au](http://summerbythesea.vic.gov.au)

There will also be native wildlife displays in our libraries and community centres, Cheetham Wetlands guided bus tours and a sea kayaking trip. More info:

[www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/events)

Summer by the Sea is run by Council's conservation rangers and is supported by Melbourne Water and Coastcare Victoria.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

Our libraries run events all year round for people of all ages. Stay in the loop with what's on by signing up to the library newsletter or check out upcoming events on the library's website



Scan for more info