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HOBSONSBAY CITY
COUNCIL





MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A council's budget is more than just a financial spreadsheet, it's our plan for the projects and services we'll deliver for the next 12 months.

The 2025-26 budget Council adopted in June focuses on getting us back to basics. It looks to address the issues facing everyone right across our city.

We know times are tough at the moment, so we are committed to supporting our hard-working ratepayers through responsible financial management.

This budget puts us in a position to best provide services for our community now and into the future. You can read about the budget highlights on pages 6 and 7.

As the closest level of government to the community, I firmly believe Council has a responsibility to advocate for your needs to the state government.

I have recently written to the state government on several issues including the new Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund, which replaces the Fire Services Property Levy; funding cuts to the group-based sleep and settling program; and the urgent need for childcare sector reforms.

Council remains committed to working constructively with the Victorian Government to support vital community services and infrastructure for our community. We will continue to advocate to all levels of government for the funding needed to make Hobsons Bay a great place to live, work, and play.

There's lots happening in Hobsons Bay in August and September, check out the events on page 12.

Cr Daria Kellander,
Mayor of Hobsons Bay

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Council meetings are held at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre and livestreamed. If you would like to attend in person, please register online as seating is limited.

Tuesday 26 August | 7pm

Tuesday 23 September | 7pm

Tuesday 28 October | 7pm

Friday 14 November | 6pm
Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Tuesday 18 November | 6.30pm

Tuesday 9 December | 7pm

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



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Bunurong People 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.

Young musicians Daff Tria (right) and Vinh Nguyen (left) in the recording studio at Newport Community Hub during Westside Open Studio Sessions. Check out more events for young people on page 11.

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A DAY IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

**Our friendly customer service team is online
and available from 8am to 5pm.**

In a typical day, the team responds to:



300
calls



45
in-person conversations
at the Civic Centre



140
emails



3000
people come through
the doors of our libraries
and community hubs.



15
webchats

CONTACT US

Phone: **1300 179 944**

Email: **customerservice@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au**

Webchat: **webchat.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au**

In-person: **at the Civic Centre,
community hubs and libraries.**

ASK US AT THE LIBRARY

Not sure how to apply for a parking permit, pick up your food recycling bags or register your pet? We can help you at your local library.

“Everything you can do at the Civic Centre, you can do at your local library,” said Nadine from our customer service team, pictured top right.

“It’s a service I wish more residents knew about. Unless you need to pay in cash, we can help you with all your Council enquiries in person, closer to your home.”

You can also contact our customer service team by email, webchat, and phone.

To help us answer your enquiry, please provide your full name, address and if you have a reference number.



MEET SOME OF OUR STAFF



JEREMIAH

What do you love about your job?

“That each day is different, I could be in different libraries during the week and doing different things from assisting residents with their parking permits, to helping set up for our weekly library story time and baby time.”



DIANE

What do you love about your job?

“I love being able to educate and empower some of our not-so-tech-savvy residents at our libraries to help them use a computer, email, print or load an app on their phone.”

DID YOU KNOW?

When is the quietest time to call customer service?

See page 10
for the answer

UNLOCK YOUR DIGITAL LIBRARY

Free online programs, audiobooks, eBooks and films

Your Hobsons Bay library card can provide you with so much more than access to books, DVDs, magazines, computers and games. With your library card you also have access to thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks, eComics, quality movies and TV shows, online learning courses and access to online newspapers and magazines – all for free!

BORROWBOX IS ALWAYS OPEN



READING

Thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks are available on numerous platforms for you to borrow and read such as the Borrowbox app, Cloud Library app and hoopla app. Plus we've recently launched ePress in the Borrowbox app which provides access to hundreds of newspapers and magazines.



WATCHING

Subscriptions to multiple streaming services can get expensive, but with your library membership you have free access to hundreds of titles through Kanopy, Beamafilm and hoopla. Kanopy and Beamafilm also provide apps that can be downloaded directly onto your smart TV to access alongside any of your other streaming services.



LEARNING

Your library membership also provides you with free access to thousands of video tutorials on LinkedIn Learning. Learn from expert instructors and industry leaders on a huge range of topics from job interview skills/career advice to coding skills, building websites and learning instruments or photography. You can also learn a new language through the Mango Languages app, access kids books in languages through Lote4Kids, or free school tutoring through Studiosity.

Find out more at your local library, or access links to all these resources and more at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/eCollections



Sign up
online here

SCIENCE WEEK ART COMPETITION

It's National Science Week! Practice your citizen scientist skills by drawing, sculpting or painting the wildlife you notice around Hobsons Bay for your chance to win.

There are three age categories: under 12, 12 to 18, and open. The winner of each category wins a \$50 voucher.

To learn more about local wildlife in Hobsons Bay, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/animalsandplants

During National Science Week, 9 to 17 August, our libraries will be running a series of science-based events.

To find out more, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/events

View the terms and conditions and enter the art competition by Sunday 7 September at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/magazine or scan the QR code.



Scan
here

WIN 1 OF 3
\$50
VOUCHERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WINNER!



Antonija Mell won our photography competition snapping her favourite art in Hobsons Bay.

"Whenever I walk along the beautiful lower Kororoit Creek trail in Altona North, I always stop to admire the giant Skygazer statue. Always looking up, never down. It is my favourite piece of art in Hobsons Bay because it's forever optimistic and a sign of positivity."

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

for a better future



HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT WASTE AND RECYCLING

We're updating our Waste and Recycling Strategy and want to hear from you.

What's working?

What could be better?



Complete the survey for a chance to **win a \$75 Visa gift card** – there are 10 up for grabs!



STAY SAFE AROUND WASTE AND RECYCLING TRUCKS

Waste and recycling trucks are large vehicles with several moving parts and limited visibility. For your safety, please stay clear during collections, avoid walking near bins while they're being emptied, and don't run after the truck.

If you ever want to discuss your service, please contact Council directly rather than trying to speak with the driver on their run.



CONGRATULATIONS, WE'RE RECYCLING BETTER THAN EVER!

Households are sorting their recycling better than ever, with contamination in the mixed recycling bin at its lowest in six years.

This improvement is a credit to our community, supported by Council initiatives like waste education at schools, recycling drop-off days, local events, and regular waste education campaigns.

Let's keep it up!



HOBSONS BAY PRIDE INITIATIVES

For the past couple of years, the Hobsons Bay Pride Community Liaison Group (CLG) helped shape Council programs, services, resources, and new ways for the local LGBTIQ+ community to connect and feel supported.

One of the group's big wins was setting up and running a community Facebook group.

Inan Uzunoglu, who was part of the community liaison group, said the Hobsons Bay Pride Facebook group is all about joy, connection, and showing up exactly as you are.

"We started it because our local LGBTIQ+ community and allies deserved a space to feel safe, celebrated, and truly seen. It's more than just a group - it's where friendships spark, events come to life, and support flows freely," said Inan.

The Hobsons Bay Pride Facebook group is managed by community members and is all about offering a safe and welcoming space where LGBTIQ+ locals can celebrate who they are, meet new people, share what's happening, and join events.

"Whilst other groups exist with a similar purpose, having a Hobsons Bay page gives us a local view, rather than larger pages that are for all of Melbourne, Victoria or beyond," said Inan.

The goal of the Facebook group is to continue to grow with the community and prioritise meaningful social connections for members.

You can join the private group by searching Hobsons Bay Pride on Facebook.

YOUR BUDGET 2025-26

Council's budget for 2025-26 is our plan for the projects and services we'll be delivering over the next 12 months.

This budget focuses on prioritising our existing services and assets, including improving our roads, maintaining and upgrading existing assets, and delivering programs and initiatives for a healthy and connected community.

Our services

We'll continue to deliver a huge range of services for our community, from keeping our city clean, maintaining our beautiful open spaces, supporting our local economy, and providing programs and support for all stages of life from babies to older residents.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND VOLUNTEERS FUND

The Victorian Government's new Emergency Services Volunteer Fund is listed on rates notices. Council is legislated to collect this new levy on behalf of the state government. We are advocating to the Victorian Government to voice the concerns of our community.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Rates notices are due on 30 September 2025, 30 November 2025, 28 February 2026 and 31 May 2026.

Rate relief and payment plans are available for those who need financial support. If you are experiencing financial hardship and need rate relief, you can apply for financial assistance at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/FinancialAssistance

If you are an eligible pension card holder, you will receive \$100 off your rates notice, in addition to the state government pensioner concession.

More information

You can read about what's in the budget at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/budget

Capital works budget

\$63M



Highlights

\$22M

Roads

\$3M

Drains

\$2M

Recreation and open space including parks, leisure and community facilities and other infrastructure

\$4M

Building renewal program

\$7M

Sporting and recreational buildings

\$2M

Footpaths and cycleways

Major projects

Altona Beach entry and Esplanade, Altona

McCormack Park upgrade, Laverton (*multi-year project*)

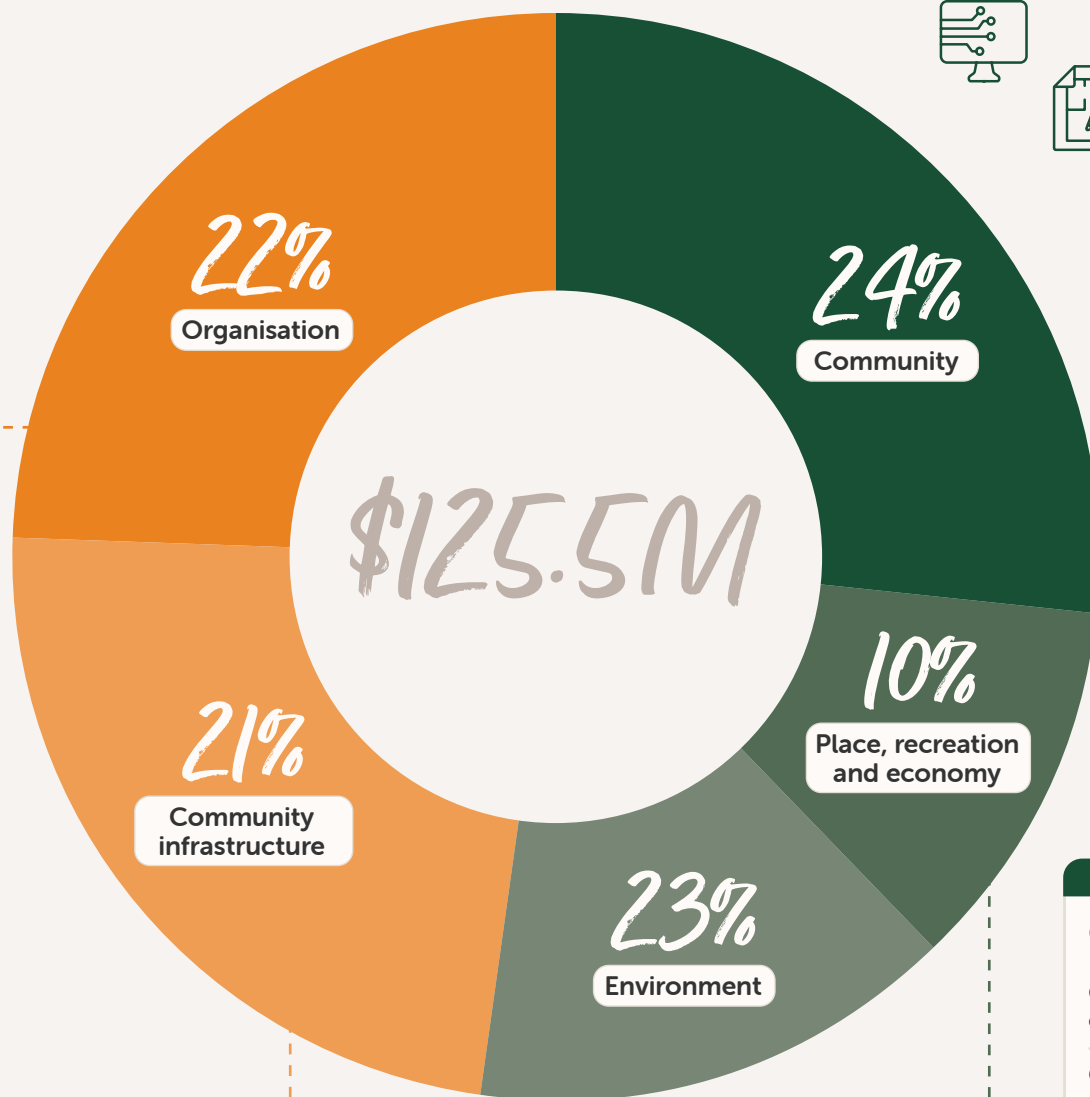
Detailed design of Hudsons Road rehabilitation and streetscape, Spotswood (*multi-year project*)

Maddox Road traffic improvements, Newport

The Zone Community Park development, Altona North

5,000 trees planted as part of the Urban Forest Strategy

Community services budget



Organisation

Including governance, IT, finance, HR, strategic communications, advocacy, engagement, business transformation.

Community infrastructure

Making sure our buildings are maintained; our streets, beaches and public toilets are clean; and our roads, drains and pathways are safe.

Environment

Waste and recycling services and sustainability initiatives **13%**

Maintenance & management for our parks, gardens, conservation areas, reserves and sporting fields **10%**

Place, recreation and economy

Arts and culture* **1%**

Economic development **1%**

Events and visitor services **1%**

Sport and recreation* **1%**

Statutory planning **3%**

Strategic planning **2%**

Venues* **1%**

Community

Community child health **3%**

Community development **2%**

Community safety and compliance **4%**

Community support **2%**

Early years* **1%**

Libraries, community hubs and centres* **7%**

Municipal building surveyor **1%**

Planning investigation, social planning and planning operations **2%**

Public health **1%**

Youth services* **1%**



Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre



Altona Green courts, Altona Meadows



Fearon Reserve, Williamstown

BUILDING A BETTER CITY

LAVERTON POOL REOPENS

After 12 months of upgrades and redevelopment, the Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre reopened in late May.

Improvements included:

- new pool shell and lane lines
- new gym setup
- modernised toilets and change rooms
- modernised cafe area and reception
- repainted pool area
- durable Monotek flooring
- updated pool plant equipment
- updated fire safety equipment.

The Council-owned building is operated by BlueFit Group, which also operates the BayFit Leisure Centre in Altona North.

The \$2.5 million redevelopment was thanks to a partnership between Council and the BlueFit Group.

For information on swimming lessons, casual entry and membership, visit lavertonaquatic.com.au

LACROSSE UPGRADES

We've upgraded the box lacrosse training court at Fearon Reserve in Williamstown.

The court, tucked between PG Sadler Reserve and Fearon Reserve oval, is the home of Williamstown Lacrosse Club and Williamstown Women's Lacrosse Club.

The project included improving the fence, drainage infrastructure, playing surface and flood lighting.

There are four lacrosse clubs in Hobsons Bay. We're proud to have the largest box lacrosse facility in the southern hemisphere at PJ Lynch Reserve in Altona North.

PICKLE, PADDLE AND PLAY

Pickleball is gaining popularity in Australia with courts popping up everywhere, including Hobsons Bay.

The game is a mix of tennis, table tennis and badminton played on a badminton-size court with a paddle and a small, perforated plastic ball.

The newest pickleball courts are at the Altona Green tennis courts in Altona Meadows.

The multi-purpose tennis and pickleball courts were upgraded in May with acrylic resurfacing and pickleball line marking.

The tennis nets and court line markings are a permanent fixture, but please BYO all other equipment including pickleball net and paddles.

As part of the upgrade, court access gates have been fitted with an electronic Book A Court keypad.

You can access the court for free during the day. To book, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Tennis

EAT, DRINK, SHOP WILLIAMSTOWN

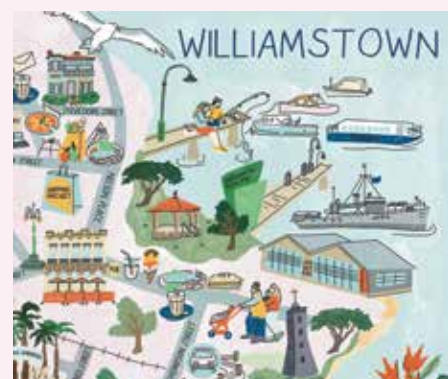
We have a new Williamstown precinct guide, thanks to a Pitch Your Project idea.

The Williamstown guide aims to enhance the visitor experience and support the local economy by

promoting the suburb's unique dining and shopping offerings alongside major tourist attractions.

Be a tourist for the day and pick up your copy at the Hobsons Bay Visitor Information Centre at Commonwealth Reserve in Williamstown.

For more ideas and sample itineraries, visit experiencehobsonsbay.com.au



HELPING PEOPLE IN TIMES OF NEED

Have you come across someone facing homelessness in Hobsons Bay and felt unsure how to support them?

People experience homelessness for many reasons, and it often happens after years of doing it tough. Not having a safe, secure, and private place to live can have devastating impacts on people's wellbeing.

The current housing crisis has resulted in more people sleeping rough in Hobsons Bay, with little access to support. But there's a way you can help. Let us know about someone experiencing homelessness through our rough sleeping reporting tool, so we can put them in touch with a local housing service for support.

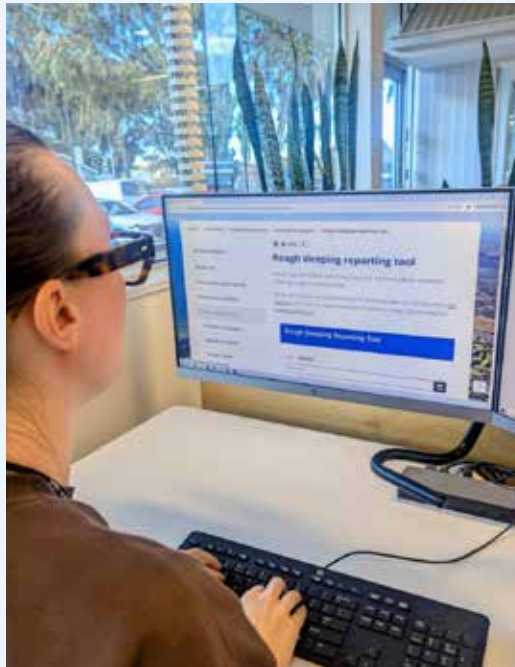
This year, 100 per cent of cases reported to us through the tool have received outreach support and follow-up support from local housing service, Latitude.

Latitude is a not-for-profit homelessness support service and is the only homelessness service in Hobsons Bay.

Latitude seeks to create a sense of belonging where a person can find a safe place to tackle the underlying reasons for homelessness.

"The longer a person doesn't have access to safe, affordable housing, the harder it is for them to participate in the community," said Rhonda from Latitude.

"It can take time to find appropriate supports for a person experiencing homelessness but this tool is an important first step in that process."



HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Complete the online rough sleeping reporting tool



2. Consider donating to local support services such as Latitude in Altona or Laverton Community Integrated Services (LCIS)

If you need homelessness support

Unison (Homelessness Access Point)

112-122 Victoria Street, Seddon
9689 2777

Open: Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm

70 Cottrell Street, Werribee
9216 0300

Open: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Statewide after-hours service

1800 825 955 (free call) or 9536 7777
5pm to 9am, Monday to Friday and 24
hours on weekends and public holidays

Latitude: Directions for Young People

2 Somers Parade, Altona
9315 0061

Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

If you need support with emergency relief, meals and financial hardship

Laverton Community Integrated Services (LCIS)

Laverton Community Hub
95-105 Railway Ave, Laverton
(close to the Laverton train station)
8368 0177

Open: Mondays, Wednesdays and
Fridays, 10am to 12.45pm

For a full list of all service providers, including mental health and legal support, please view our website: hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/communitysupport. If you need access to a computer or Wi-Fi, please visit one of our libraries or community centres.

**Always call 000 immediately
in an emergency.**

DID YOU KNOW?

What species of butterfly is
only found in Hobsons Bay?

See page 10
for the answer

OUR CREATIVE CITY



WHATEVER KNITTING TAKES ME

Peter Spring's performance-based artwork *Whatever Knitting Takes Me* is part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival in Hobsons Bay from 30 September to 19 October.

We chat to Peter about his experience creating the artwork and finding social connections through knitting.

Peter is a multi-disciplinary artist originally from Melbourne's inner-west and was a participant in last year's Woods Street Youth Art Prize.

What is your background as an artist?

My background as an artist involves incorporating performative elements into my work; sometimes I'm present, sometimes I'm not, but the act of doing remains central.

What has inspired *Whatever Knitting Takes Me*?

The work is created through the process itself. I didn't plan the outcome; instead, I followed the rhythm of knitting, letting the repetition and motion guide me.

What was your process while creating *Whatever Knitting Takes Me*?

I walked around the city and found unexpected spots to sit and knit, such as reception areas, alleyways, parks, and sidewalks. People would often stop to chat as I continued knitting, and those moments became part of the work too.

How do you want people to interact with this artwork?

Honestly, however they'd like. They can hug it, smell it, rub their face against it, or even pull it. I think that's part of the fun.



FRINGE FESTIVAL

Check the website for our full Melbourne Fringe Festival program, tickets available from 22 August.



**For more
details, scan**

DID YOU KNOW?

Scan the QR code for answers
and test your knowledge.



YOUTH FEST IS BACK

We're holding a month-long celebration, from 4 September to 3 October, to celebrate young people in Hobsons Bay.

Youth Fest champions the creativity and ideas of young people. All events are designed, created, planned and delivered by local young people, with support from Hobsons Bay Youth Services.

The epic month-long celebration includes:

- **Westside Open Studio Sessions**
Thursday 4 September, 5pm to 7pm
Newport Community Hub
Free monthly youth music night for ages 15 to 24.
- **Art After Dark II**
Thursday 18 September
Woods Street Arts Space, Laverton
Free art workshop for ages 18 to 25.



- **LGBTQIA+ Youth Soiree**

Friday 19 September
Celebrate our wonderful community and dance the night away!
Contact Youth Services for details.

- **Free youth mental health first aid course** Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 September, 9am to 5pm, Newport Community Hub, bookings essential (ages 18 to 25)

- **Spring school holiday activities**
22 September to 3 October
A huge line-up of free and low-cost activities, including rollerblading, cake competition, spa day and cricket.

For details, visit
hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/youngpeople

The festival wraps up with **Youth Con** on Friday 3 October, 3pm to 7pm, at Williamstown Town Hall.

Highlights include local live music, pop-up market, workshops, art installations, a photo booth, games and giveaways.

Youth Fest is thanks to funding from the state government and is part of the Victorian Youth Fest held annually in September.

All events are fully supervised and smoke, vape, alcohol, and drug-free.

Follow Youth Services on Instagram **@hobsonsbayyouthservices** for sneak peeks, behind-the-scenes content, and updates leading up to Youth Fest.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

After teaching her four kids to drive, Lorraine volunteered with the Wynbay TAC L2P program to help young people develop their driving skills.

The community-driven volunteer initiative pairs learners aged 16 to 21 with a fully licensed volunteer driver and practice vehicles to help them complete the 120 hours of supervised driving needed to get their probationary licence (P plates).

Lorraine has volunteered for five years and enjoys being involved in the community and feeling part of something.

"So far I've trained six drivers and each one has been different," said Lorraine.

"I let the driver dictate the pace they want to go. It's rewarding to see their confidence grow from driving on suburban streets to going on the freeway."

The TAC L2P program not only helps learners become safer drivers; it opens the doors to increased employment prospects and greater independence.

Before being matched with a dedicated volunteer mentor, participants can access up to seven free driving lessons with a qualified professional instructor. These lessons provide a strong foundation, building both confidence and vital skills behind the wheel.

Volunteer mentors are at the heart of the program. To become a mentor, individuals must hold a current Victorian driver's licence, undergo police checks, obtain a Working with Children Check, submit a good driving history report and, most importantly, demonstrate a genuine commitment to supporting young people who lack access to a supervising driver.

Delivered by Laverton Community Integrated Services, the program is funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and the Department of Transport and is supported by Hobsons Bay City Council and Wyndham City Council.

To find out more, visit lcis.org.au/about-l2p



The Tech Diet webinar

Art After Dark II

Anh Do Live

WHAT'S ON

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOVING FORWARD

**Saturday 2 August to
Sunday 28 September**

*Laneway Gallery, Woods Street
Arts Space, Laverton*

A series of artworks by local artist Sammy Martin that explores the significant changes of one's mental health over time.

NEW TO YOU MARKET

Sunday 17 August, 10am to 3pm
Williamstown Town Hall

Embrace bargains, unique styles, sustainability, and community all under one roof!

HELP WITH MY AGED CARE

Tuesday 19 August, 10am to 12pm
Newport Community Hub

Friday 19 September, 10am to 12pm
Altona Library

Wednesday 15 October, 10am to 12pm
Williamstown Library

Learn how to navigate My Aged Care and find the right aged care services. Free event, no bookings required.

MELBOURNE CHEESE WINE AND SPIRITS FESTIVAL

Saturday 23 August, 12pm to 7pm
Seaworks, Williamstown

Indulge in a celebration of regional wines, cheeses, and spirits with live music and DJ performances. The festival is supported by Council's Make it Happen grants program.

For tickets, visit seaworks.com.au

MELBOURNE FRINGE FESTIVAL

30 September to 19 October

Fringe Westside brings together artists, organisations and venues from Melbourne's west for a fantastic program of live events. Tickets on sale 22 August.

Check out page 10 for details.

YOUTH FEST

4 September to 3 October

Our youth services team has a huge line-up of events for young people in September including Youth Con '25, free and low-cost school holiday programs and Art After Dark II. Check out page 11 for more details.

WRITERS' SUCCESS SUMMIT

Saturday 6 September, 9am to 4pm
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, Altona

A full-day event focused on turning your passion for writing into a sustainable practice. Presented by Writers out West and supported by Council's Make it Happen grants program.

R U OK? DAY

**Thursday 11 September
10am to 12.30pm**
Laverton Community Hub

We're supporting R U OK? Day at Laverton Community Hub with a special morning tea and activities. While R U OK? Day is one day in a year, it's important to ask R U OK? any day because life happens every day.

ANH DO: THE HAPPIEST REFUGEE LIVE

**Thursday 11 September
7.30pm to 9pm**

Williamstown Town Hall

Anh Do's bestselling book *The Happiest Refugee* has made readers laugh and cry. His stage show takes it a step further, combining stand-up comedy with real life stories, photos and filmed pieces to retell his amazing story.

For tickets, visit
hobsonsbaytickets.com.au

TRANSCRIPTIONS

Exhibition launch

Saturday 27 September, 11.30am to 2pm
Louis Joel Gallery, Altona

Celebrate the launch of Transcriptions – a group exhibition taking place during Melbourne Fringe Festival 2025. Presented by Hobsons Bay in partnership with Wyndham City Council and Wunder Gym.

THE TECH DIET FOR YOUR CHILD AND TEEN

Thursday 2 October, 7pm to 8pm
Online

Free webinar from our youth services team featuring The Unplugged Psychologist, Brad Marshall, from the Screen and Gaming Disorder Clinic and author of *The Tech Diet for your Child & Teen*.

Parents will learn how to manage screen and gaming addiction in children and young people with an action plan and seven steps to unplug. Bookings essential at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/youngpeople

FRIDAYMORNING TECH CLASS

How does the internet work?

Friday 22 August, 10am to 11am
*Altona Meadows Library
and Learning Centre*

Walk through the journey of the internet from its humble beginnings to the crucial infrastructure it has become.

How does the cloud work?

Friday 29 August, 10am to 11am
*Altona Meadows Library
and Learning Centre*

Learn what the cloud is, how it stores your files, and how to use it safely.

Reducing scam stress

Friday 12 September, 10am to 11am
Altona Library

Take control and reduce the stress of digital scams.

Meeting people online

Friday 19 September, 10am to 11am
Altona Library

Learn about trusted platforms, privacy settings, and safe communication.

All classes are free. To book, visit
hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/events

SENIORS FESTIVAL

1 to 31 October

The festival opens with a community tea dance at the Williamstown Town Hall on Wednesday 8 October, save the date and keep an eye out on our website for details.