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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we make our way through a chilly winter, there's been no shortage of action right here in Hobsons Bay. Winter in Williamstown has brought so much joy and plenty of visitors, we've hosted our first Pathways to Work Expo, and we've come together for so many events that Council has supported connecting over music, literature, tree planting and sport.

In June, Council adopted its 2024-25 budget. It is a budget that delivers significant investment in the infrastructure and services our community needs and expects. Read the highlights on pages 6 and 7.

The 2024-25 budget is the final budget for this Council's term. During this time, Council has made significant investments in our city, including improvements to our parks, beautiful open spaces and upgrades to our libraries, sporting and community facilities. We continue to roll-out our solar program and deliver on the basics including roads, footpaths, and drainage.

Council elections are being held by postal vote in October. In the lead up to the elections, Council enters what is called an 'election period' from 17 September to 26 October. To ensure material produced by Council doesn't affect voting and that all candidates are treated equally, Council's communication channels will only publish operational content during the election period. This will be the last magazine edition before the elections. The next edition will be published in early December.

Go well and take care,

Cr Matt Tyler
Mayor of Hobsons Bay

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

All Council meetings are held at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre and livestreamed starting at 7pm. If you would like to attend in person, please register online as seating is limited.

Tuesday 13 August

Tuesday 10 September

Tuesday 8 October

Friday 8 November

Tuesday 19 November

Friday 22 November

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

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Your Council in your language

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.

Cover image:
Council's 2024-25 budget funds over 100 community services including occasional care.

This newsletter is printed on 100% recycled stock using environmentally friendly inks.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

for a better future



RECYCLING 2.0 HOUSEHOLD HELP PROGRAM

To help our community recycle right, we're doing visual bin checks across the municipality. If we see something in your yellow recycling bin that shouldn't be there, we'll put a sticker on your bin to let you know.

This program shows us which households need information on how to recycle, and it helps keep our drivers and recycling workers safe from dangerous materials entering the truck and recycling facilities.

Learn more



NEW REUSABLES REBATE ROUND

Back by popular demand is the Reusables Rebate initiative. Have you considered trying reusable nappies, menstrual underwear or washable incontinence products but been put off by the price? It's time to give them a go with our Reusables Rebate, where you can get up to \$65 back on your purchase cost.

Switching from disposable sanitary, incontinence or nappy products to reusables is a fantastic way to save money and reduce your environmental footprint.

Over the past two years, 100 per cent of our surveyed rebate participants say they've continued to use their reusable products. Join them and switch to reusables today.

Learn more



CAN I RECYCLE MY TAKEAWAY CONTAINERS?

Food takeaway containers can be made of all sorts of different materials; including polystyrene, cardboard, plastic and sugarcane; making it hard to work out which are recyclable.

As a general rule, you can only recycle plain cardboard and hard plastic containers through your yellow recycling bin at home. All other takeaway containers, including those made with polystyrene, sugarcane and waterproof (waxed) cardboard should go in your general rubbish bin.

How do you tell if it's waterproof cardboard? If you pour liquid onto waterproof cardboard it stays intact because it's waxed and/or layered with materials like soft plastic, which is why it can't be recycled.

Learn more with our Recycling 2.0 app



Hobsons Bay
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS
2025

NOMINATE A HOBSONS BAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our community? Show them you value their work and nominate them for the 2025 Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the Year.

Their achievements or contribution could be in community service, sport, arts and culture,

environment, health and wellbeing, business, and other areas that contribute to improving and celebrating our city.

Nominations close Sunday 10 November at 5pm.

Scan to nominate someone who deserves recognition



DID YOU KNOW?

True or false – Our waste and recycling trucks drive around our streets anti-clockwise.

See page 11 for the answer

OUR CREATIVE CITY

WOODS STREET YOUTH ART PRIZE

ENTRIES FOR THE 2024 WOODS STREET YOUTH ART PRIZE ARE NOW OPEN!

The biennial prize and exhibition showcases artwork by young people aged 14 to 25 from Melbourne's west.

Entries are accepted for mediums ranging from painting, drawing

and collage to video work, installation, sculpture and more.

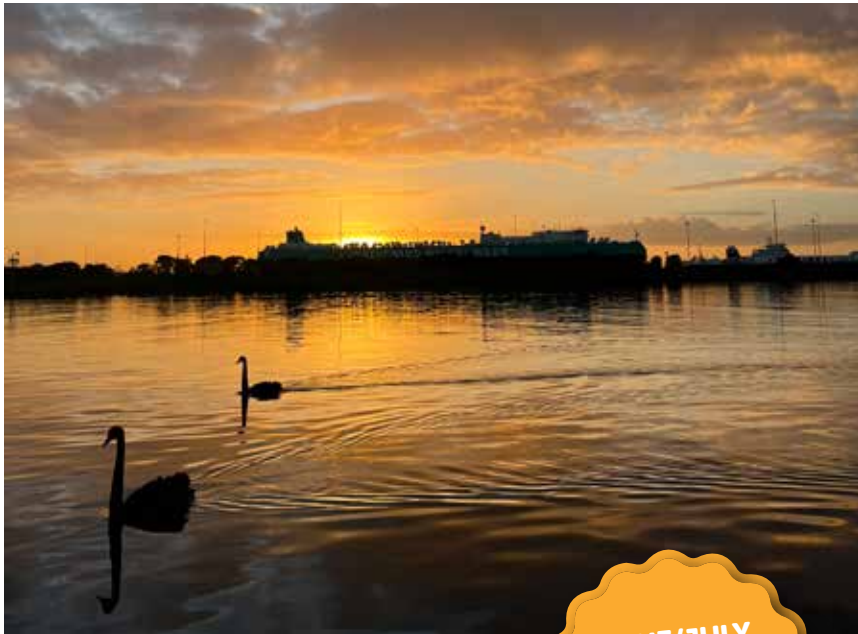
The exhibition celebrates the special place Woods Street Arts Space holds in our community, as well as the creativity and spirit of the young people who live, work and study in Hobsons Bay.

It is also an opportunity for young artists to showcase their creative

talents, build confidence in exhibiting their work, and begin to forge professional creative networks.

**Entries close
Thursday 29 August.**

**Find out
more**



CONGRATULATIONS
to our winter fun photography
competition winner!
KATE FARRUGIA



Write 100 words about the importance of community in Hobsons Bay for the chance to win a \$100 voucher for a local business of your choice. The winning entry will be published in the next edition of Hobsons Bay Community News.

View the terms and conditions and submit your written piece by Sunday 15 September at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/magazine



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DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? True or false – The city of Hobsons Bay is 30 years old.



COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024

Council elections are coming up this October.

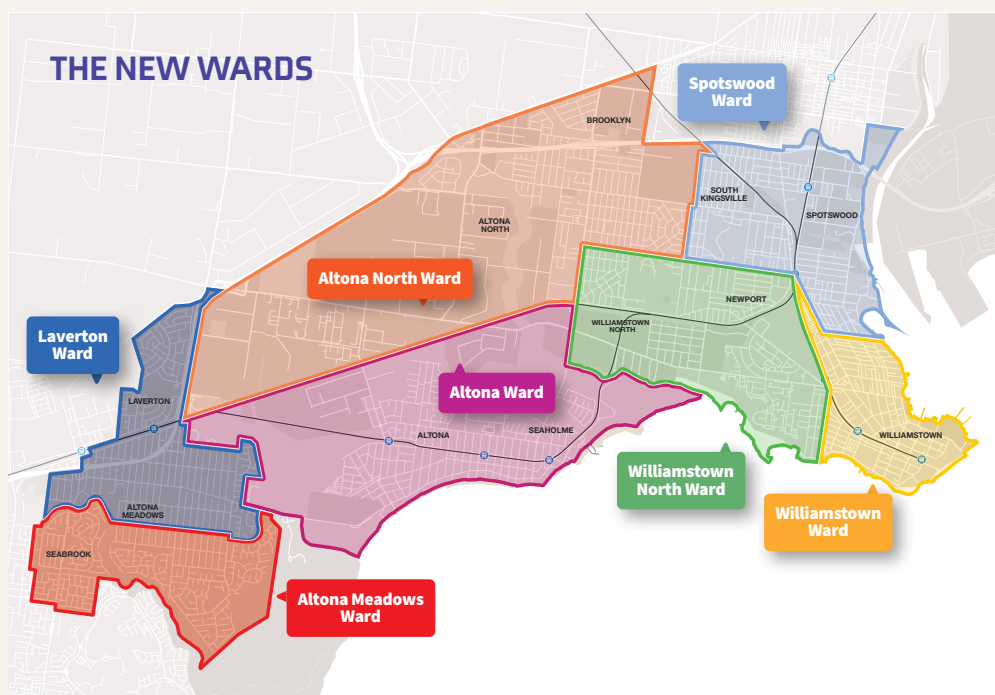
Held every four years, elections are your opportunity to elect a councillor that represents your community – or to run for Council yourself.

Earlier in the year, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) changed the ward structure and boundary map.

From this year's elections, Hobsons Bay will have seven wards represented by one councillor each. You will need to vote for a councillor in your ward.

This change helps the VEC's efforts to even up the number of votes for each ward.

After all the councillors have been elected, they decide who will be the mayor and the deputy mayor.



ENROL TO VOTE

You must enrol to vote if you:

- **are an Australian citizen**
- **are 18 or older on election day (Saturday 26 October) and**
- **have lived in Victoria for longer than a month.**

It is compulsory to vote.

For more information and to check or update your enrolment details on the VEC website visit, www.vec.vic.gov.au

VOTING

All voting in council elections is by post. The Victorian Electoral Commission sends ballot packs in early October to all enrolled voters to complete and send back.

You must vote and post your ballot paper before 6pm on Friday 25 October.

If you own more than one property in a council area, you get one vote.

BECOME A CANDIDATE

Diversity is key. Represent your community. Stand for council.

Running for Council is a great way to contribute to your local community and help shape the future of Hobsons Bay.

It's an incredible opportunity to use your leadership and ideas to represent the diverse needs and aspirations of our amazing community.

For more information about standing for council and eligibility, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/2024elections

YOUR

Budget

24-25

Council's Annual Budget 2024-25 continues to invest in projects and services that benefit our community.

The budget will deliver more than \$66 million in capital works projects and fund more than 100 vital services.

To view the budget, please visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Budget

Financial hardship support

In developing the budget, Council was mindful of the increasing cost-of-living pressures affecting our community and will continue to offer rate relief.

If you are experiencing financial hardship and need rate relief, you can apply for financial assistance at hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/FinancialAssistance

WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Our community has an important role in helping us develop the budget. Over the six months it takes to put the budget together, we consulted directly with residents, sports clubs, community groups and businesses.

The policies, strategies and master plans Council develops throughout the year also influence budget development, as well as other existing strategic documents, including the Financial Plan and Asset Management Plan.

Thirty-seven submissions were received for the proposed budget during public consultation. Of the submissions received, the following projects were included:

\$1.9M Racecourse Road Ford Crossing upgrade, Altona

\$1.8M Douglas Parade road renewal works, Williamstown

\$365,000 Leo Hoffman Reserve upgrade, Newport (total cost of the multi-year project is \$1.46 million)

\$110,000 Pier Street streetscape improvements design work, Altona

\$10,000 Aviation Road roundabout landscaping and cleaning blitz, Laverton

Through the Pitch Your Project program, \$600,000 will fund 22 community-generated ideas. Ten pitches were already included in the budget.

A big thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the budget or submitted an idea.

\$7.9M

Community learning and customer service centres

\$3.7M

Community child health



\$8.2M

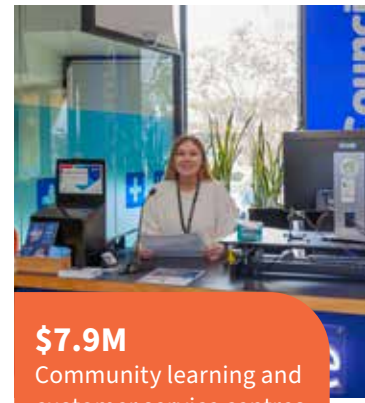
towards the construction of the Altona Beach and Esplanade project (total cost of the multi-year project is \$10.35 million).

\$5.5M

towards the design and start of construction of the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (\$7.9 million also included in 2025-26).

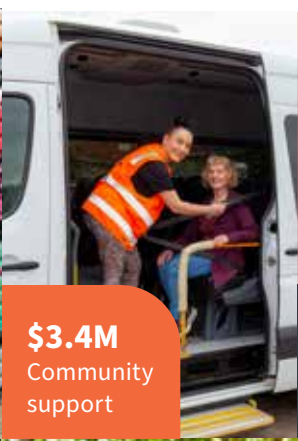
\$2.18M

toward the Altona Hockey Club sports pavilion (total cost of the multi-year project is \$5.03 million).





\$1.7M
Youth services



\$3.4M
Community support

Community SERVICES



\$1.4M
Arts and culture



\$1.4M
Early years



\$2.7M
Community development
(includes \$1.1 million in grants and direct funding including to community groups, networks and organisations that make a difference in Hobsons Bay).

Major PROJECTS

\$1.85M
to upgrade the Altona North Community Library to a Centre of Excellence.

\$1.3M
towards the Laverton Football Club pavilion and scoreboard upgrade.

\$850,000
to the Williamstown Mechanics Institute.

\$700,000
to upgrade the Alma Avenue Shopping Precinct.

\$525,000
to build the second stage of McCormack Park.



Capital WORKS



\$18.8M
Buildings, including:



\$2.8M
Drains

\$9.1M
sporting and recreational facilities

\$2.3M
environmental sustainability initiatives

\$3.5M
community centres

\$3.8M
building renewal program



\$16.6M
Roads



\$1.2M
Footpaths and cycleways

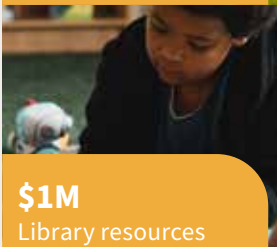
\$19.9M
Recreation and open space, including:

\$15M
Parks, open space and streetscapes

\$2.1M
Bridges

\$1M
Recreational, leisure and community facilities

\$850,000
Off-street carparks



\$1M
Library resources

Sustainability INITIATIVES

\$2.245M
Replacing all street lighting with LED lighting (total cost of the multi-year project is \$4.245 million).

\$1.5M
Urban Forest Strategy



Advocacy PROJECTS

\$1.5M
to the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre for early works over two years.

\$920,000
for the Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre and Bruce Comben Reserve design.



Dennis Reserve, Williamstown

Bruce Comben Reserve, Altona Meadows

Dennis Reserve, Williamstown



Brooklyn Community Hall

Brooklyn Community Hall

BUILDING A BETTER CITY

DENNIS RESERVE CENTRE

The last stage of the multi year Dennis Reserve Master Plan is now complete, and the brand-new multi-purpose centre is open!

The modern facility includes two large multipurpose rooms with storage, a dedicated multiple purpose room with storage for the tennis club, large kitchen, toilets, lounge and business centre.

The centre will be home to the Williamstown Central Tennis Club, Country Women's Association Williamstown, U3A Hobsons Bay-Williamstown, Conversations for the Curious, and Williamstown Senior Citizens.

The building celebrates Williamstown's history with images of the HMAS Castlemaine, Nelson Place and historic cannons on the outside windows.

The second stage of the project included the open space upgrades to the southern end of the reserve. Highlights included the extensive climbing frame, landscaped areas, and spring rockers.

Stage 1 of the master plan included the demolition of existing tennis courts, tennis club pavilion, former ladies bowling green and pavilion, and the construction of four new tennis courts.

ACTION AT BROOKLYN COMMUNITY HALL

The Brooklyn Community Hall at Cypress Avenue is in full swing, with a diverse range of offerings catering to the whole community.

The hall reopened in September last year, following a comprehensive refresh and expansion of the footprint, with a hard floor hall, kitchen and carpeted workshop rooms for meetings or training.

To help re-activate the space following the works, a committee was established to curate programs and activities, and to help identify what the community needs.

So far, Brooklyn Community Hall has hosted:

- Brooklyn Leadership Program
- Maternal and Child Health appointments, playgroups, immunisations
- Events such as Brooklyn Day, Hall-o-ween and a family movie night
- Sons of the West and Daughters of the West programs, in partnership with the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation
- Activities such as zumba, karate and taster days in yoga, pilates, breathwork and meditation
- Chat café

The next (and very exciting) stage of the development is the community garden.

If you live in or around Brooklyn, sign up to the enews www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/BCHenews

RUN DOG RUN

There's a new dog off-lead area in Altona Meadows for dogs to stretch their legs and run! The purpose-built enclosed space is the last feature of the upgrade to the southern section of the Bruce Comben Reserve open space.

The fenced area allows dogs the space to roam freely and socialise with other dogs away from the fragile ecosystem of Skeleton Creek. There are rocks strategically placed around the space for informal seating and trees to provide shade once fully grown.

In the nearby open space, there is formal seating with a network of walking and cycling paths to connect the areas. The play space for all ages and abilities includes two picnic shelters, BBQ facilities and toilets. The multi-use courts are also completed with new line marking and nets.

We're pleased that the grass has established, and the newly planted shrubs are thriving.

It's been exciting seeing the new community park being used even on cold rainy days!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the backbone of our community. In this edition, we meet Michelle Galea, who founded the Australian Solo Mothers By Choice group in 2013.

The volunteer-run group supports all women who are thinking about being a solo mum, are going through IVF treatment, or are solo mums, as well as their children.

Hobsons Bay resident Michelle started the group when she embarked on the journey of solo motherhood.

“I wanted a support system for my son, so he knew he wasn’t the only one out there without a father,” Michelle said.

The group started with a handful of people based in Melbourne and grew through word of mouth.

Eleven years later, there are 3,760 members across Australia.

“We’ve grown and evolved over time, but our priority is still about connecting our children. We are a growing village where we support each other and empower women to raise children on their own,” said Michelle.

“It’s a meld of both online and in-person catch ups. We chat online and share key milestones or ask solo parent-related questions, which then makes it easier to connect in-person.”

Michelle organises the annual Christmas party for 100-plus families and an annual camping weekend away where over 50 families attend.

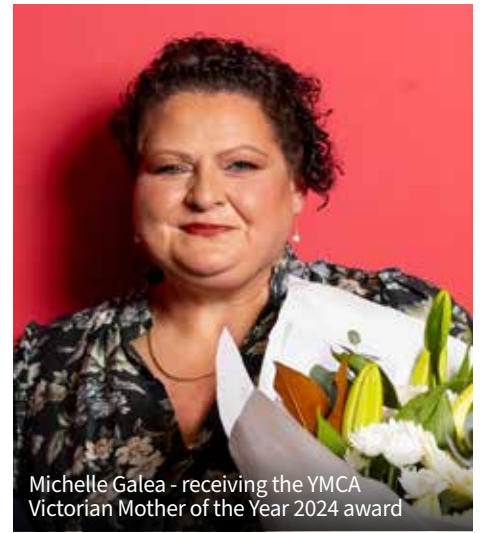
She has always been involved in volunteering and is passionate about helping people.

“I believe we should all try and give something back, whether it is monetary, time with a community organisation or club, or just ringing someone to check in on them,” said Michelle.

As the founder of Australian Solo Mother’s By Choice, Michelle personally supports members who need that someone to talk to in times of need, reviews requests to join the group, and monitors and responds to social media comments.

She’s also involved in advocacy work for this growing industry, including lobbying the Victorian Government to keep the Victorian Assisted Reproductive Treatment Authority (VARTA), an industry body that regulates fertility clinics and prioritises the best interests of people receiving treatment and their future children. VARTA has positioned itself as a worldwide industry leader in donor conception as well as law reform, which is why Michelle feels it’s critical that these services continue for solo mothers.

Michelle says being a solo parent is the best thing someone can do but comes



Michelle Galea - receiving the YMCA Victorian Mother of the Year 2024 award

with its challenges. It can also be the loneliest thing someone has ever done and that is where the Australian Solo Mothers by Choice (ASMBC) group has been so beneficial to so many women.

This strong group of women helps each other to feel less alone; it helps them to connect with other women just like themselves.

“ASMBC is all-inclusive and is made up of woman from all walks of life, and the way everyone supports each other is just beautiful. It is a really special group of people and I’m so proud of everyone in it,” said Michelle.

Earlier this year, Michelle won the inaugural YMCA Victorian Mother of the Year 2024 for her volunteer work with Australian Solo Mothers By Choice.

To find out more about volunteering in Hobsons Bay, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/volunteering

RECONCILIATION IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS

We’re updating our Reconciliation Action Plan and want your input. At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

A reconciliation action plan (RAP) is a document that outlines strategies and meaningful actions that can be delivered by Council to support reconciliation initiatives and objectives.

The framework of developing a RAP, overseen by Reconciliation Australia, is based on strong, relationships, respect and opportunities.

Alongside broader community consultation, we are speaking with direct stakeholders including local Elders, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, First Nations owned or operated

businesses and creative sector, community representatives active in reconciliation, and our sister city Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council in Queensland.

To join the conversation and provide feedback, scan



DID YOU KNOW?

True or false - The main paths at Newport Lakes are purpose-built to enjoy the reserve.

See page 11 for the answer



LIBRARIES + COUNCIL NEWS

BONDING OVER BOOKS

Carmel Eccles first joined the Hobsons Bay Book Club during COVID. The club met online regularly and was an initiative of Hobsons Bay Libraries when libraries were closed. Today, the group meets regularly in-person and uses the book club list to reserve and borrow books for members.

Q. What motivated you to join the book club?

A. When I was younger, I really enjoyed reading but I stopped reading as I allowed other things to distract me in life and I didn't make time for reading books. As a nurse, work was extremely busy and long during COVID and I needed something else in my life to bring joy and restore my energy.

The Hobsons Bay Book Club was an online book club that met once a month. We were provided instructions to download a book and we would discuss the book online, led by a Hobson Bay librarian.

This reignited my love for reading books again and I looked forward to our monthly online book club meetings, discussing and dissecting the characters and plot lines, it was so enjoyable connecting with others that shared a similar love for books.

After COVID we were told that the online book club was unable to continue. As a group we decided we wanted to continue the book club but to meet in-person as we could do that now. It was amazing when we all met in-person for the first time as we didn't know each other before we joined the online book club and had not seen each other face-to-face.

Q. What do you enjoy most about the book club?

A. I enjoy the friendships that have formed through the book club. We were complete strangers, but now we share what is happening in each other's lives. Through the book club, we have attended plays of books we have read, author talks, art events and supported one of our members when her choir performed, and another by attending a play to see her costumes on stage that she created.

Q. How does the library support the book club?

A. The library support is incredible, I place my hold online and receive a notification when they are ready to collect. The process is very easy, and I love the large amount of books on offer on the book club list.

Q. What are the benefits of being part of a book club?

A. It provides the opportunity to read other books that you may never have chosen for yourself and to learn something new. It makes me prioritise my time so I can read the book before we meet to contribute to the discussion. Most of all, the opportunity to meet others and form friendships with people you would not have met otherwise.

I am very grateful to Hobson Bay Libraries for setting up the book club during COVID when people needed to connect with others more than ever and the friendships that have been created from this.

BOOK CLUBS

If you're interested in registering your book club or coming along to the monthly "Let's Talk Books" session at Altona Library, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/BookClub

ALTONA NORTH LIBRARY POP-UP

We are excited to announce that Altona North Community Library is undergoing refurbishment.

While the library is closed for renovations, a pop-up library will be available to provide access to Council + services and for all your usual library needs.

The redeveloped library will include new flooring, acoustic treatments, the installation of a Council+ video conferencing pod, landscaping of the external courtyard, and a Video Games and Board Games Centre of Excellence.

RECONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

For many people experiencing homelessness, walking through the doors of the support service Latitude Directions for Young People in Altona happens after years of doing it tough.

“The trip to someone sleeping rough is a long road,” said Rhonda, who has worked at not-for-profit organisation Latitude for 20 years.

“They’ve probably been couch-surfing for a number of years. The longer the person doesn’t have access to safe, affordable housing, the harder it is for them to participate in community, which is their right.”

Latitude seeks to create a sense of belonging where young people can find a safe place to tackle the underlying reasons for their homelessness. They do that by building rapport and engagement with anyone who walks through their door.

Each year, the team of five outreach workers supports 150 to 160 people at risk of, or experiencing homelessness in Hobsons Bay.

“Homelessness is a symptom of other system failures such as housing affordability, domestic violence, health issues. It can happen to anyone,” said Rhonda.

“The way we talk about homelessness needs to change, the problem is not the person experiencing homelessness, a lack of housing is the problem.”

HOW YOU CAN HELP

“Outside of affordable housing, the issue of homelessness requires a community response and understanding,” said Rhonda.

“If you see someone experiencing homelessness, please respect where they are and give them space. They’ve lost their privacy; we don’t need to invade it.”

“Homelessness is an experience. The person experiencing homelessness is still a person who has autonomy, thoughts and is part of our community.”

Often, we want to help and one way we do this is by guessing what that person needs, but the best way to help is by listening (not assuming), and not buying them something they don’t need.

If you have noticed someone in our community sleeping rough and are concerned about their safety and wellbeing, you can let Council know directly via Council’s website www.hobsonsby.vic.gov.au/CommunitySupport

COUNCIL ASSISTANCE

Council resources the Hobsons Bay Crisis Intervention Service, an essential information, support and referral program, that is delivered by Laverton Community Integrated Services (LCIS), and utilises a number of local community services.

The Crisis Intervention Service is flexible and responsive and can include support such as connections

to housing agencies, financial counselling and legal information.

These services are coordinated and supported through the Hobsons Bay Inter-Agency Network and partnerships.

Neighbourhood Houses and community centres are able to provide access to responsive, appropriate and focused programs including emergency food relief, community meals, individual support, access to frozen meals and many other services.

AT THE LAST CENSUS, 297 PEOPLE IN HOBSONS BAY WERE WITHOUT A HOME.



USING SPORT TO BREAK BARRIERS

In partnership with ReLink Australia and Victoria Police, Latitude runs an inclusive all-abilities football program.

Using footy, the program provides an opportunity for those connected with Latitude and other community supports and services to get involved, come together in a safe space and build a sense of community.

The team, the Wynbay Tigers, plays games and trains fortnightly. They have support workers as on-field mentors, and a police officer as coach, which works to create positive relationships and break down stereotypes.

Participants also practise a range of skills including positive communication, and the development of respectful relationships. For some participants, this program forms a significant influence in their lives. It’s so much more than football.

Thanks to a grant from the West Gate Tunnel Project, the Wynbay Tigers are able to play a community match in September.



Latitude and Council staff members

WHAT'S ON



Guest speaker
Rev. Tim Costello

Coffee with a Cop

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOW DO 'SMART THINGS' WORK?

Friday 16 August, 10am

Altona Meadows Library

Learn what makes homes, watches and fridges 'smart' and how you can use them. To book the free event, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/SmartThings

THREE SIDES OF THE COIN

Wednesday 21 August, 6pm to 7.30pm

Williamstown Town Hall

Join us for powerful performances from Three Sides of the Coin, who will share their stories of the effects of gambling. Special guest the Reverend Tim Costello AO will also discuss the barriers and opportunities for gambling reform in Australia. Finger food and refreshments provided. Free event, bookings essential.

For more details and to register, visit

www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/ThreeSidesOfTheCoin

COFFEE WITH A COP

Tuesday 27 August, 10am to 12pm

Altona Gate, 124-134 Millers Road
Altona North

Have a friendly chat with local police over a cuppa.

For more information, visit

www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/CoffeeWithACop

MY EFFICIENT ELECTRIC HOME

HANDBOOK WITH TIM FORCEY

Wednesday 28 August, 6.30pm

Altona Library

Learn how to reduce your power usage, save money and reduce your environmental impact with the author of My Efficient Electric Home.

To book this free library event, visit

www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/MyEfficientElectricHome

FREE ONLINE ENERGY WORKSHOP – SOLAR HOME BATTERY STORAGE

Tuesday 3 September, 7pm

Online

If you already have rooftop solar and are considering home battery storage, then this event is for you.

To book, visit www.hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au/OnlineEnergyWorkshops

ARTS AT YOUR DOORSTEP

LAMINE SONKO + PIRRITU

Friday 16 August, 7.30pm

Altona Theatre

Composer, director, and multi-instrumentalist Lamine Sonko joins Ngijampaa singer-songwriter Pirritu for an intimate double-bill performance.

THE SOUNDS OF SILENT

FILMS-IN-CONCERT: SHERLOCK JR

Thursday 22 August, 7.30pm

Williamstown Town Hall

Experience classic Buster Keaton and Laurel and Hardy films with a five-piece ensemble.

THE SOUNDS OF SILENT

FILMS-IN-CONCERT: SPITE MARRIAGE

Thursday 12 September, 7.30pm

Old Laverton School

42 Kiora Street, Altona Meadows

A special experience watching a silent film with a five-piece ensemble.

REBECCA BARNARD PLAYS

THE SONGS OF JONI MITCHELL

Friday 11 October, 7.30pm

Williamstown Town Hall

Rebecca Barnard and Peter Farnan team up to bring you the songs and intricate stylings of Joni Mitchell.

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street art mural workshops with artist Lukas Kasper, employment and sustainability workshops, drop-in sessions at Newport and Altona, and the biggest youth event in Hobsons Bay this year – Youth-Con 24!

YOUTH-CON 24

Saturday 7 September, 12pm to 5pm

Laverton Community Hub

Join us for a day filled with music, creativity, activities and community spirit.

This free event for young people aged 12 to 25 in Hobsons Bay is packed with live bands, performances,

Youth Makers Market and Youth Art Exhibition, second hand/vintage market, skate workshops, outdoor games, and community stalls.

Youth-Con 24 is a drug, alcohol, and vape/smoke free event, ensuring a safe and vibrant atmosphere for everyone.

For more information on Youth Fest and Youth-Con 24, scan



Youth Con is supported by the Victorian Government, through funding Youth Fest and FReeZA grants.

YOUTH FEST

1 TO 30 SEPTEMBER

An epic month-long celebration that highlights the remarkable contributions and achievements of young people in Hobsons Bay.

Activities across the month include skate, BMX and scooter competitions,