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HOBSONS BAY CITY COUNCIL





## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the December/January edition of the Hobsons Bay Community News. I am delighted to represent you as Mayor after being elected by my fellow Councillors on Friday 22 November.

You can meet the Deputy Mayor and my fellow Councillors on page 5. Each Councillor represents one ward and will work together to ensure Hobsons Bay is the best possible place to work, study, visit and live over the next four years.

You can help us frame Council's strategic direction and objectives for this Council's term through providing feedback on the Council Plan 2025-29 which will be released for community consultation early next year.

We're embracing the Christmas spirit in Hobsons Bay and have a huge range of fun, free activities for the whole family. Snap a photo with Santa, pose at one of our fun Christmas-themed character photo boards and come along to one of the Carols by Candlelight. View page 7 and page 12 for Christmas events and activities.

During summer, we have a diverse range of events and programs happening in our wonderful open spaces for all ages. Try the Wayapa Wuurrk practice at Williamstown Botanic Gardens, bring the kids or grandkids to animal-themed story time at Logan Reserve in Altona, and our youth services team will be hanging out near Altona and Williamstown beaches. Check out more events on page 12.

Have a safe and merry Christmas.

**Cr Daria Kellander,**  
**Mayor of Hobsons Bay**

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**Scan QR code for details**

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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.

Cover image: Our friendly staff will be visiting sites across Hobsons Bay in our new mobile library. You can borrow library books and items from our 'Library of Things' including acoustic guitars and ozobots. Staff can also help answer any Council enquiries.

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

# SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

## for a better future



### WASTE AND RECYCLING OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

Over the holiday period, there will be some adjustments to waste and recycling bin collections. Bins will not be collected on Christmas Day (Wednesday 25 December 2024) or New Year's Day (Wednesday 1 January 2025). In those weeks, collections will occur one day later for parts of the municipality that normally have their collections Wednesday to Friday.

If you need to order a new bin, or report a lost, missed or damaged bin during the holiday period, please log your request through our website.

Log your request online



### START RECYCLING YOUR LONG-LIFE MILK CARTONS AND JUICE BOXES!

We're thrilled to announce you can now put your long-life beverage cartons, such as juice boxes, milk cartons and stock boxes, in your yellow lidded mixed recycling bin at home.

Because these items are made with layers of plastic, paper and aluminum, they require special equipment and processing to separate the different materials for recycling. That's why we haven't previously been able to put them in our yellow lidded bins. But thanks to new technology, it's now possible for us to transform your long-life cartons into products such as egg cartons, paper towels, cardboard, tiles, roofs, crates and furniture.

Learn more



### STREETLIGHTS NOW POWERED BY RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY

All Council operated streetlights in Hobsons Bay have been running off renewable electricity since 1 September 2024.

This means we'll emit 11,600 fewer tonnes of greenhouse gases by 2030, contributing to a cleaner and greener Hobsons Bay.

To achieve this milestone, we've joined other Victorian councils and leveraged our collective buying power to purchase 100 per cent renewable electricity at a competitive rate.

This initiative has significant environmental benefits, so as a Hobsons Bay resident you can take pride in knowing more of your amenities are being powered by green electricity.

Learn more



### CAN YOU RECYCLE WRAPPING PAPER?

As the Christmas season approaches, more boxes get delivered and our recycling bins are fuller than usual. When it comes to wrapping paper, not all of it can be recycled.

It can be recycled if it is plain paper without any plastic or shiny coating. But if it's shiny, feels laminated or includes details like sparkles and foil – it should go in your general rubbish bin. And if it has lots of leftover tape or ribbons attached, put it in your general rubbish. Thank you for recycling right.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

How many tonnes did Hobsons Bay recycle through our four-bin system last financial year?

See page 11 for the answer

# OUR CREATIVE CITY



Artist: Hayden Dewar



Artist: Stephanie Cartledge



Artist: Damien Arena



Artists: Lynn Bremner and Jess Wilson



Artist: Sarah Allen

As you drive, walk or cycle around Hobsons Bay, you might come across artworks that highlight our natural environment, heritage or culture.

This year, a number of murals were commissioned as part of Council's Street Art Program, including in some cases from community ideas as part of the Better Places plans.

Locations include Blyth Street in Altona, Second Avenue in Altona North, two sites in South Kingsville (at the gateway to the Vernon Street shops and at the South Kingsville Community Centre), and sites in Newport. There's also one coming soon to Rosebery Street, Altona Meadows.



**All images by Matto Lucas.**

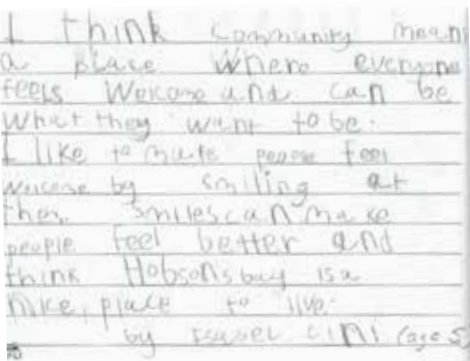
**To read more about the artworks and artists, scan QR code below.**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS!



Theme: the importance of community.

**Under 18 winner - Isabel Cini**



**Open winner - Huda Moutaz**

*In Hobsons Bay, where sun meets sea,  
Community thrives, wild and free.*

*Neighbours greet with smiles so bright,  
In every corner, warmth and light.*

*Shared stories under evening skies,  
Laughter echoing, bonds that rise.  
From bustling markets to quiet parks,  
Unity's flame ignites our sparks.*

*Each gesture, small, a thread of grace,  
Weaving together this cherished place.  
In every heart, a common beat,  
Hobsons Bay, where souls meet.*

*Here, we grow, support, and care,  
A vibrant spirit, beyond compare.  
Together, we flourish, hand in hand,  
In Hobsons Bay, our shared land.*



## SUNNY SUMMER SNAPS

Calling all photographers! Take a photo of a memorable summer in Hobsons Bay for the chance to win a \$100 voucher to support a local business of your choice, and have your photo published in the next edition of Hobsons Bay Community News.

View the terms and conditions and submit your photo by Sunday 12 January.



Scan QR Code



# YOUR NEW COUNCIL

Following the election in October 2024, seven Hobsons Bay Councillors will represent your community for a four-year term.

## LAVERTON WARD CR PADDY KEYS-MACPHERSON



**Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson** has extensive experience advocating for people in unions and non-government organisations. He has

also worked in government, delivering transport and utilities projects, and undertaking community engagement. He is passionate about Laverton and Altona Meadows and making government more accessible. He is dedicated to improving open spaces, conservation, and maintaining roads and footpaths.

## SPOTSWOOD WARD CR KRISTIN BISHOP



**Cr Kristin Bishop** has senior corporate experience and is a business owner, managing a successful financial planning business. She is

passionate about retaining Hobsons Bay's character while transitioning from industrial heritage to a thriving livable city. Cr Bishop is focused on active community engagement, accountability and improving safety and local infrastructure.

## WILLIAMSTOWN WARD CR LISA BENTLEY



**Cr Lisa Bentley** has a bachelor's degree in applied social science and a postgraduate degree in positive education. She is a lifelong Hobsons Bay

resident and a family therapist. Cr Bentley is passionate about helping residents and businesses affected by the cost-of-living crisis, enhancing basic services, maintaining roads and open spaces, and supporting the community to feel connected.

## WILLIAMSTOWN NORTH WARD CR MICHAEL DISBURY



**Cr Michael Disbury** is an independent who is committed to an open, honest, transparent and accountable Council. He is a business owner and

has experience working for corporations. Cr Disbury is community-focused and is passionate about ensuring Council's services meet community expectations effectively and efficiently.

## ALTONA WARD MAYOR, CR DARIA KELLANDER



**Mayor, Cr Daria Kellander** is dedicated to making Hobsons Bay a great place to live, work and play. She is a chartered accountant, holding a bachelor's

degree in business. She is committed to prioritising transparency, honesty and accountability, while ensuring that all community voices are heard. Cr Kellander has been elected mayor for the first time. This is her second term on Council, having served as deputy mayor in 2020-21.

## ALTONA NORTH WARD DEPUTY MAYOR, CR RAYANE HAWLI



**Deputy Mayor, Cr Rayane Hawli** is focused on community engagement and a community-led plan for safer streets, more green spaces and clean

air. She holds a law degree and works as a solicitor. She has experience managing small businesses and expertise in policy and legal settings. Cr Hawli's vision is a transparent and accountable Council with real representation for our diverse community.

## ALTONA MEADOWS WARD CR DIANA GRIMA



**Cr Diana Grima** is passionate about improving community services and local infrastructure. She is a second-generation volunteer at Laverton

Community Integrated Services helping with food relief around Laverton. She has also volunteered and played for Laverton Magpies Football Club. Cr Grima is in her second term, having served as deputy mayor in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Who was Hobsons Bay named after?

See page 11  
for the answer



# CELEBRATING OUR *10th Summer* OF ACCESSIBLE BEACHES

Williamstown and Altona Beach

Altona and Williamstown beaches are two of the most accessible beaches in Australia, featuring beach matting, free hire of beach wheelchairs, and accessible change facilities.

After we trialed the accessible beaches program in the summer of 2015–16, Altona and Williamstown beaches became the first beaches in Australia to have 24-hour access for people with a disability.

The blue matting from the car park to the foreshore allows people using wheelchairs, prams and mobility aids to pass over the soft sand onto the firmer sand on the shoreline.

Residents and visitors can hire a beach wheelchair for free during lifesaving club patrol hours (12pm to 5pm on weekends and public holidays). The program runs from December to March. Bookings are essential and can be made on our website or at the beach using the QR code on display.

There are also accessible changing facilities at Williamstown and Altona beaches, including an adult-sized change table and hoist at Weaver Reserve in Altona.

The accessible beaches program wouldn't be possible without the support of Altona Life Saving Club, Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club and local traders.

## CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS NEW YEAR'S EVE

Nelson Place and Commonwealth Reserve in Williamstown are popular locations to view the City of Melbourne's firework display across the water.

We're working with Victoria Police to ensure the area is safe for residents and visitors.

Changed traffic conditions, including temporary road closures, will be in place along The Strand, Nelson Place and surrounding streets in Williamstown on New Year's Eve (31 December 2024).

This will ensure emergency vehicles can access the area if needed and support the number of people who will be gathering along the foreshore in Williamstown and Newport.

Impacted roads will be closed from 5.30pm on Tuesday 31 December until 1.30am on Wednesday 1 January 2025.

Open fires, fireworks and barbecues along the foreshore and in reserves are prohibited.

Nelson Place, Commonwealth Reserve and the foreshore are alcohol-free zones.

**For details, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/roads](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/roads) or contact customer service on 1300 179 944.**

## CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Christmas is a special time of year and is part of a wonderfully diverse community we have in Hobsons Bay.

We celebrate more than 80 faiths, and this year we've joined our community in celebrating significant cultural and religious days, including Ramadan, Holi, Easter, Lunar New Year, Eid al-Fitr and Diwali, just to name a few.



Scan here for more details on all Christmas events and activities or see page 12.

# CHRISTMAS Cheer

Celebrate the festive season in Hobsons Bay with a range of fun, free activities for the whole family.



## MEET SANTA

Santa will be visiting locations around Hobsons Bay, for festive photo sessions. Check our website for details and bring your family along to capture the holiday spirit.



## COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

We're unveiling eight festive window decals in retail precincts across Hobsons Bay. Each design celebrates some of our unique local assets and has been created by illustrator Rachel Gyan, celebrated for

her talent capturing native wildlife with vibrant and quirky personalities.

Come and see these beautiful new designs and pop inside the shops to find the perfect gifts. Shopping locally is a wonderful way to support our business community!

## EXPLORE TO WIN

Get ready to strike a pose—our Christmas character boards have arrived across Hobsons Bay's business precincts, perfect for capturing some holiday cheer!

Visit all business precincts, snap a photo with three Christmas character boards, and upload them to our website for a chance to win one of five \$100 vouchers to a local business.

For locations and to enter, please visit our website.

While you're out exploring our festive city, keep an eye out for the new Christmas decorations including the six-metre Christmas tree in Commonwealth Reserve in Williamstown and at the Pier Street feature site in Altona. Over the next two years, we'll be adding more large decorations around Hobsons Bay for you to enjoy.



The festive season kicked off with Christmas picnics thanks to a community idea through Pitch Your Project.

The final one in the series is the **Season's Greetings, Love Seabrook** picnic at Homestead Run in Seabrook on Saturday 14 December, 5pm to 8pm.

As well as Santa, there will be bouncing elves, live music, craft activities and lots of family fun. Pack your picnic, grab a rug and head down to the Season's Greetings, Love Seabrook event.





Altona Beach entry - Stage 2 artist's impression



Altona Beach entry works



New pop-up space in Spotswood - artist's impression



Altona Beach entry works



Pipeline Reserve, Seabrook

# BUILDING A BETTER CITY

## NEW LOOK FOR ALTONA BEACH

Altona Beach entry has been revamped to improve the lighting, raise the seawall to mitigate the effects of climate change and create a more vibrant and spacious footpath. The works are included in stage 1 of the project and scheduled to be complete by mid-December this year.

As part of stage 2, beachgoers and families will be able to picnic off the sand at Altona Beach with new wavy decking, tiered seating and grassed areas.

During summer, construction will pause for beachgoers and residents to enjoy the sun and beach.

Stage 2 works are expected to start in March 2025 and be completed by late 2025.

Stage 2 works will also include misting features for water play, tree planting, seats and picnic areas.

Following community consultation, the section of the Esplanade directly behind the Altona Life Saving Club has been permanently closed to vehicles.

The area, between the foreshore and Weaver Reserve, will be turned into a pedestrian promenade, making it safer to access the public toilets and shops.

This project is supported by the Victorian Government as part of the Suburb Revitalisation Program and Coastal Protection Program.

## SEABROOK'S NEWEST PLAYGROUND

There's a brand-new fenced playground in Pipeline Reserve, Seabrook. The popular reserve is close to Seabrook Primary School and a thoroughfare to the local shops.

The upgraded play area features a triple swing set, beach cubby, musical fence and sensory paving.

For older kids, there's an acrylic half court and lots of space to run around and kick a ball.

There is also a network of new paths; landscaping, including a wildflower meadow; and a picnic area with a shelter and barbecues.

It's a great spot for your next get-together or picnic.

## VISIT SPOTSWOOD'S POP-UP SPACE

Forrest Street in Spotswood will be transformed into a pop-up space thanks to the Better Places Spotswood and South Kingsville program.

The pop-up space will include outdoor dining and has been designed to be a place where the Spotswood community and visitors can sit, socialise, and enjoy the Spotswood village.

The trial, which will run for three months, will start soon and will include a full road closure of Forrest Street (Hudsons Road end).

During the three months, there will be activities to engage, spark interest and connect with neighbours.

The pop-up park design and features are based on feedback from community consultation in 2023. The trial is also complemented by the wider Streets for People campaign, which has reduced the speed in Spotswood Village to 40km/h.



Scan for more details on upcoming events



# Online planning permits just got easier

It's now easier and quicker to submit applications for planning permits through our Greenlight system.

Thanks to Victorian Government funding, we've upgraded our system to integrate with the state government's planning systems and developed a new user-friendly digital customer portal.

You can use Greenlight to view planning permits and plans, lodge a new planning permit application, object to a planning permit or ask a general enquiry.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR RESIDENTS?

- More efficient processes means faster outcomes when you submit a planning application
- The process for you as a customer is easier with simplified navigation, smart forms and fee guidance
- You can upload necessary documents directly into the portal
- You get immediate notifications about application status changes
- You can track how Council is performing on planning permit applications, making the whole system more transparent.

## WHEN DO YOU NEED A PLANNING PERMIT?

In most instances, a planning permit is needed for building changes or works on your property or land in Hobsons Bay.

## A PLANNING PERMIT MAYBE REQUIRED TO:

- build more than one dwelling on a single lot
- build a new house
- alter or extend your house
- display or alter a business sign
- construct a fence
- construct a vehicle crossover or driveway
- subdivide land
- start, expand or move a business.

Our planners assess each application against the *Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme, the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and*, relevant state government legislation and policies.

We're working hard to improve the planning process but it's not always straightforward. Our statutory planning team is ready to answer any questions. You can call our customer service team Monday to Friday on 1300 179 944 or submit a general enquiry in Greenlight.

For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Planning-Building](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Services/Planning-Building)

## DID YOU KNOW?

What are the best trees to plant in Hobsons Bay properties?

See page 11 for the answer

# COUNCIL+ LIBRARY NEWS



## ALTONA NORTH COMMUNITY LIBRARY UPDATE

The Altona North Community Library is currently undergoing refurbishment. We are thrilled to announce our enhanced library space will open in the new year. The new facility will feature a dedicated Centre of Excellence for video games and board games, providing an engaging space for community members of all ages. We look forward to welcoming you to your new library soon! Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for all the latest updates.

## LIBRARY ON WHEELS

Our new mobile library is hitting the road. Keep an eye out for our Council+ library van as we visit various Hobsons Bay summer events, schools, and shopping precincts. This is a great opportunity to connect with our friendly staff and ask any Council enquiries or to join our library.

## LIBRARY OF THINGS

Have you explored our Library of Things yet? It's a fantastic resource where you can borrow a variety of items for free!

Enhance your summer break by borrowing ozobots, acoustic guitars, binoculars, audio recording kits and more.

You can view our entire catalogue online. To make it easy you can request items to be sent to your nearest branch.



**Browse  
online**

## BIG SUMMER READ

**1 DECEMBER TO  
31 JANUARY**

State-wide reading program for kids. Don't ditch the books during the summer school holidays, keep reading and enter a competition to win great prizes.

All children up to the age of 18 can sign up for BIG Summer Read.

Independent and non-independent readers can log any book they read, that is read to them, or listened to as an audio.

The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Parents and caregivers - don't forget to log the books you read to your kids, it all counts.

For details, visit

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

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Volunteers are the backbone of our community. In this edition, we meet Steven Cordina, who recently became the first Life Member of Altona Life Saving Club in 30 years.

Steven has been an active committee member since 2010. His volunteer role at the club began with the Nippers program, which saw him thrust into the role of membership, leadership and development.

Since then, Steven has become an integral part of the club's fabric. From Nippers and youth programs to pool competitions and patrolling, he has contributed to every aspect of the club.

Currently, as chief instructor, he oversees the training of hundreds of people each season, imparting vital skills that have ensured the club's ability to continue to save lives.

Steven first joined the Altona Life Saving Club in 2007 when his then eight-year-old son was interested in joining Nippers.

"This proved to be a good way for my family to connect with and support the local community," said Steven.

"My son was able to make friends with other Nippers, be active, learn how to enjoy the beach safely and develop skills such as wading, running, ocean swimming, board paddling and lifesaving skills, as well as learning the basics of resuscitation and first aid."

Steven enjoys having fun at Altona Beach with family and friends while providing a much-needed community service for beachgoers.

**"I like connecting with people in the community and teaching lifesaving skills," said Steven.**

A highlight was carrying the Queen's Baton along the Esplanade in Altona in 2018 for the Commonwealth Games and introducing a successful youth program, including youth and family camps.

The Altona Life Saving Club is run entirely by volunteers, and anyone can volunteer; you don't need experience in surf lifesaving. Volunteer roles include beach patrols, education and training, delivering programs, surf and beach sports, and lots of behind-the-scenes activities.

For more information, visit [www.altonalsc.com.au](http://www.altonalsc.com.au)

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN STUDENT DELEGATION TO JAPAN

Applications are open for the Hobsons Bay 2025 student delegation to Japan.

All Hobsons Bay secondary students aged between 14 and 17 can apply to take part in the annual program and travel to our sister city Anjo in Japan. The position of chaperone is also available.

The Hobsons Bay and Anjo sister city relationship stretches back to 1988 and more than 200 students have participated in the program.



The exchange involves a family hosting a Japanese student for 10 days during the 2025 term two school holidays and then visiting Anjo for two weeks July/August 2025.



**Applications close  
28 February 2025  
For information  
visit [hbifa.org.au](http://hbifa.org.au)**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Scan to discover the answers



# WHAT'S ON

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### POP-UP BLOOD DONOR CENTRE

**16 December to 3 January**  
*Williamstown Town Hall*

A newborn. Returning the favour. Giving back to my community. A free snack. These are all real reasons for donating blood as told to Australian Red Cross Lifeblood. To book your next (or first) donation, visit [www.lifeblood.com.au](http://www.lifeblood.com.au)

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Grab a picnic rug and get together for Christmas carols, supported by Council's Make it Happen grants.

#### Altona Meadows carols

Hosted by Hobsons Bay Churches  
Saturday 21 December, 7pm to 9.30pm  
Trafalgar Reserve, Altona Meadows

#### Williamstown carols

Hosted by Williamstown  
Hobsons Bay Churches  
Sunday 22 December, 7pm to 9.30pm  
Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

### BIODIVERSITY BY THE BAY

**6 to 23 January**

Free school holiday activities for all ages  
Join local ecology experts, take part in fun hands-on activities, and check out wildlife displays at our libraries.  
Biodiversity by the Bay is run by Council's conservation rangers.



All activities are free, but bookings are essential, scan to book

### MOBILE COUNCIL+ LIBRARY OUTREACH AT ALTONA GATE SHOPPING CENTRE

**Monday 6 January 2025 – Sunday 23 February 2025**

*Altona Gate Shopping Centre, Millers Road, Altona North*

Visit our mobile library pop-up stand at Altona Gate shopping centre this summer and discover what a free library card membership offers you.

Come along for Story Time sessions for children, explore and play with our Library of Things collection and get help with your Council+ services.

Keep an eye on our socials and our website details.

### WAYAPA WUURRK INDIGENOUS EARTH CONNECTION PRACTICE

**Thursday 9 January and Thursday 13 February**  
**10am to 11am**

*Williamstown Botanic Gardens*

Relax and reconnect through Wayapa Wuurrk in the beautiful setting of the Pinetum at Williamstown Botanic Gardens. While it is beneficial to attend all sessions for your own practice, you can come to one or both, depending on what suits you and your schedule.

### TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

**Friday 10 January 2025,**  
**10am to 10.30am**

*Williamstown Botanic Gardens*

Bring your cuddly friend along to enjoy sunshine, stories and songs. Join Rockin' Russell for a fun morning in the beautiful surrounds of the Williamstown Botanic Gardens.

### WILDLIFE DISPLAYS

**Tuesday 14 January and Wednesday 15 January**  
**9.30am to 2.30pm**

*Newport Community Hub*

**Thursday 23 January**  
**9.30am to 2.30pm**  
*Seabrook Community Centre*

Join Andrew Wegener from Australian Wildlife Lectures and his tribe of animal friends for an up-close look and learn about some of our special locals.

### ANIMAL STORYTIME

**Friday 24 January 2025,**  
**10am to 10.30am**

*Logan Reserve, Altona*

Join us for a wild animal-themed story time in the park! Gather around as we embark on exciting adventures with our favourite furry, feathered and scaly friends through captivating stories and fun songs.

### SUMMER HANGOUTS AS PART OF SUMMER IN THE BAY

**14 and 21 January, 2pm to 5pm,**  
**Williamstown**  
**17 and 24 January, 2pm to 5pm,**  
**Altona**

Our youth services team will be hanging out near Altona and Williamstown beaches in January. There will be games, food, and freebies for anyone aged 12–25 years.

If you're looking for more fun, and free or low-cost activities for young people in Hobsons Bay across January and February, check out our Summer in the Bay booklet. **For details, scan**



### Q ART PROJECT EXHIBITION

**Thursday 16 January to Thursday 30 January**  
*Louis Joel Gallery, Altona*

Youth-led exhibition bringing the creative artworks of rainbow youth to share their voice through short story, drawing, comic, poetry, painting, photography (including fashion and make up). Presented by Wyndham Youth Services with support from Hobsons Bay Youth Services and Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre. **For details, scan**



## MOVIES BY THE BAY



FREE EVENTS

Family-friendly films in beautiful outdoor locations around Hobsons Bay

Bring a picnic rug or chairs and grab a bite from our local eateries. Events start from 6pm, movies start from dusk (8.30pm onwards).

### Runt

**Friday 17 January**  
*Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown*

### The Wild Robot

**Friday 24 January**  
*Logan Reserve, Altona*

### Inside Out 2

**Friday 31 January**  
*Homestead Run Reserve, Seabrook*