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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the summer edition of Hobsons Bay Community News.

It was an honour to be elected Mayor at the 10 November Council meeting. I am so proud to represent our amazing community, and I am looking forward to working with all Councillors over the next year as we do our best to make Hobsons Bay even better.

We have a jam-packed program of free events over summer. While only a small thing, it's my hope that our program of events provide some joy and a little downtime for all, and particularly those doing it tough at the moment.

In December, Christmas cheer will be sprinkled throughout our community, including Carols by Candlelight in Altona Meadows, Newport and Williamstown, see page 12 for details.

Movies by the Bay is a favourite of mine with events taking place in Altona, Seabrook and Williamstown during January and February. Read more about the line-up on page 4 and 12.

I'm thrilled to see the Altona Meadows Library re-opened. The recently refurbished library and STEAM Centre features a dedicated children's area, technology pods, a media podcast room and more. Find out more on page 10.

In this edition, we also showcase the Better Places program. Thank you to the tremendous number of people who have contributed ideas to shape this program. You can find out more on page 6.

And, finally, we've provided resources and tips to keep you safe during the warmer months on page 3.

I hope you enjoy a little downtime with family and friends over the summer period. Take care and stay safe.

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.

The next meeting is
Tuesday 12 December

The 2024 meetings will be confirmed at the December Council meeting.

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: Check out the Library of Things - STEAM collection at the Altona Meadows Library, including the light up construction blocks and Artie 3000 Robot, details on page 10.

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

STAY COOL THIS Summer

This summer is forecast to be hot and dry with an increased risk of extreme heat, heat waves, bushfires and thunderstorm asthma.



Top tips for staying cool



When the temperature rises, beat the heat and head to our libraries and community centres to stay cool. All libraries are air-conditioned, have free Wi-Fi and cold drinking water. To view opening times, visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Libraries



Avoid going out during the hottest hours of the day



Keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day



Keep your home cool – block out the sun by closing blinds, windows and doors



Know the risks – heat waves can have a serious effect on your physical health, look out for the signs of heatstroke and heat exhaustion



Regularly check-in on friends and family during extreme weather, especially if they are living alone.

Where to get help

The Bureau of Meteorology's heatwave warning service provides alerts via its mobile app four days in advance.

Daily thunderstorm asthma forecasts are on the VicEmergency website and app.

Travelling to a fire risk area?

You can't control fire, but you can control how you prepare. When travelling, tune into the local radio station for fire alerts. Make sure you check weather forecasts and the fire danger rating daily.

For more information, visit



BEACH ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

We're so lucky to have two of the most accessible beaches in Australia right here in Hobsons Bay! Our accessible beaches program means everyone can have fun in the water.

The accessible beaches program has been running since 2015 with generous support from the Altona Life Saving Club, Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club, and local traders.

Residents and visitors can hire a beach wheelchair or walking frame for free during

lifesaving club patrol hours (12pm to 5pm on weekends and public holidays). Bookings are essential and can be made on our website.

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

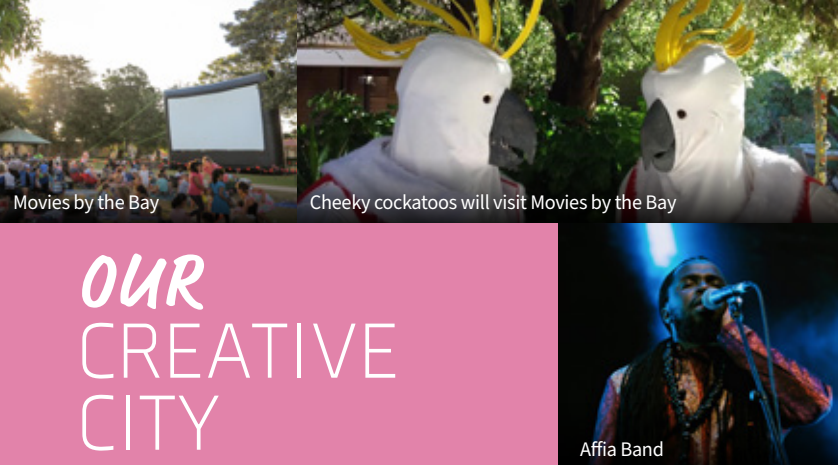
More information and bookings



DID YOU KNOW?

Why did it snow for a few weeks in Williamstown in 2006?

See page 11 for the answer




OUR CREATIVE CITY


HELLO SUMMER! LIVE MUSIC, OUTDOOR FILMS AND ROVING PERFORMERS


Summer in Hobsons Bay is going to be big!
With free events nearly every weekend,
you'll love the vibe and activity across our city.

FREE MOVIE EVENTS

Get your calendar out and save the date for Movies by the Bay. Pack a picnic and enjoy family-friendly movies with your tribe.

 Animated action-comedy film **Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken** at Homestead Run, Seabrook on Friday 12 January.


 Disney's **Elemental** at Logan Reserve, Altona on Friday 19 January.


 2023's hit movie **Barbie** at Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown on Friday 2 February.


Arrive early for entertainment and activities kicking off at 6pm. Find a spot on the grass and enjoy a picnic, or grab a bite to eat from one of our local eateries – then settle in for the movie which starts from sundown.

LIVE MUSIC – SUMMER SOUNDS

Sweet tunes and dancing grooves are coming to our parks and reserves this summer.

 High-energy **Sugar Fed Leopards** and singer-songwriter **Sello Molefi** Saturday 20 January, 2pm to 5pm Curlew Park, Laverton.

 Melbourne's swing and jazz band, **The Pearly Shells**, and **James Henry (Yuwaalaraay, Gamilaraay, Yorta Yorta and Yuin singer-songwriter)** Saturday 27 January, 2pm to 5pm Logan Reserve, Altona.

 **TEK TEK Ensemble** headlining and **Yusupha Ngum** and the **Affia Band** Saturday 24 February, 2pm to 5pm, Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown.

AT THE ROTUNDA, IT'S ALL LIVE AND LOCAL!

From swing to gypsy jazz, music will be a backdrop at beautiful waterfront sites this summer. Newport Fiddle and Folk Club has curated a program of live music coming to the Commonwealth Reserve Rotunda every Saturday in January, as well as shows at Logan Reserve in Altona.

There's also Carols by Candlelight, Midsumma Westside and events for young people, check out the back page for more information.



HOBSONS BAY BEST SUMMER PIC

Calling all photographers! Take a photo of what summer in Hobsons Bay means to you 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 14 January hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/magazine



CONGRATULATIONS to our writing competition winner!

Larisa Feliciano won our writing competition on migratory birds in the October/November 2023 edition of Hobsons Bay Community News.

OCT/NOV
COMPETITION
WINNER

Homecoming
Soar.
Follow the flyway.
Embrace the wind
as it shifts from
shivering to warmth.
Glide.
See the frost bid its farewell.
Glimpse soft rays of light
piercing through the
dark horizon.
Sail.
See the vibrant shore
shimmering in the midday sun.
Inviting. Beckoning.
Just within reach.
Breathe.
Savour the summer breeze
as it soothes the weary heart
gently guiding ruffled wings
to familiar ground.
Welcome home.

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

for a better future



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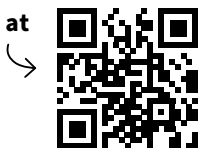
Reusable nappy, sanitary and incontinence products

Have you ever thought about trying reusable nappies, menstrual underwear or washable incontinence products? Now is the time to give them a go with our Reusables Rebate – a program that offers a one-off rebate of up to \$65 on the purchase price of eligible items.

Switching from disposables to reusables is a fantastic way to save money and reduce your environmental footprint.

This initiative is a proud result of Council's Pitch Your Project community program.

Learn more at

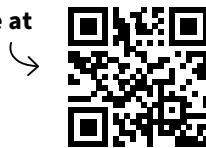


2024 BIN COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Your 2024 printed waste collection calendar will be delivered to Hobsons Bay letterboxes in January 2024. In the meantime, your current printed calendar has the January-February 2024 schedule already included.

Want to go digital? Download Council's Recycling 2.0 mobile phone app for weekly 'which bin tonight' reminders, tailored to your individual address. The free app also includes family-friendly quizzes, tips and a handy tool to check which bin items belong in.

Learn more at

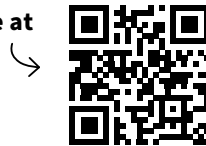


ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING

From 1 January 2024, gas connections in new homes will be banned in Victoria. The Victorian Government is phasing gas out of new homes because of the rising cost of gas bills, health concerns, and to help communities reduce emissions for a cleaner, brighter future.

To encourage and support our community to electrify, we've put together an action plan outlining the steps you can take to gradually switch to renewable energy in your own home.

Learn more at



TREE GIVEAWAYS

We're giving away trees to plant on your property.

Claim a free tree



DID YOU KNOW?

Where can you recycle batteries in Hobsons Bay?

See page 11 for the answer

MAKING BETTER PLACES FOR COMMUNITY BY COMMUNITY

SEVEN SUBURBS • FOUR PLACE GUIDE PLANS • 43 PROJECTS

WHAT IS BETTER PLACES?

Better Places is a new model for the way we design our precincts and deliver projects, involving the community from the get-go.

Feedback and ideas gathered during multiple stages of community consultation has shaped our place guides for each precinct and includes practical on-the-ground projects and initiatives to make our suburbs more fun and accessible.

All projects in each place guide have been suggested by the community and given the thumbs up during community consultation.

Projects will be rolled out continuously over the coming years. Some projects are shorter-term projects that can be implemented quickly, and some are longer-term projects that will require extensive planning, design and construction.

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

PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Our Better Places projects are made possible thanks to the collaborative partnership between community, local businesses and Council.

The energy and leadership our local community brings helps deliver the Better Places vision for their suburb.



“It has been really rewarding working with a group of people from diverse backgrounds and points of view who share the common goal of making Spotswood and South Kingsville a better place to live and work,” said Gwyn, who joined the Spotswood and South Kingsville Local Leaders Group in 2022.

“For Laverton, it’s been really imperative to ensure the suburb has a voice. Many in the suburb speak English as a second language, commute fulltime and are from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, which can be a barrier to request and use council services,” said Victoria, who has been part of the Love Laverton Focus Group since its inception in 2021.



Julie got involved in the Love Laverton Focus Group to improve the look and feel of Laverton – the entry and exits, nature strips, front yards, rubbish dumping and graffiti. Her vision and hope is for residents to be proud to call Laverton home.

“Being part of this program has provided an interesting insight into the workings of council.

It’s an opportunity to highlight changes that are needed and an input into projects,” said Julie.

“A lot of great projects have been welcomed, like the much-needed upgrades of many of the local playgrounds/parks and other works still in the pipeline to improve outdoor areas and encourage residents into the community.”



Dick Murdoch Reserve, Laverton



W.J Irwin Reserve, Altona North



Frank Gibson Reserve, Laverton

BETTER PLACES LAVERTON

Place guide endorsed 2020
12 new projects

Green the Streets

- There are now more trees in Jamison Street Reserve, Tyquin Street Reserve, Williams Road Reserve and Alma Avenue Reserve as part of the Green Streets program.
- We have replanted and mulched roundabouts, shopping precincts and reserves.

Love Laverton Parks

- Six of the eight local community parks have been upgraded.
- Bruce Street Reserve and Cropley Reserve will begin in December.

Safer Places

- There's now a reduced 50km/h speed limit along Bladin Street, and nine new footpath crossing upgrades in Laverton's school precinct to improve safety and accessibility.

Missing Links

- The Maher Road shared user path now connects Bladin Street to Aircraft Train Station and the pedestrian path.



Williams Road Reserve, Laverton



Brooklyn Community Hall landscaping



Brooklyn Community Hall



W.J Irwin Reserve, Altona North

BETTER PLACES SPOTSWOOD AND SOUTH KINGSVILLE

Place guide endorsed 2021
16 new projects

Hidden Histories

- Documentary created featuring residents of South Kingsville and Spotswood.

Love our Parks

- Mary Street Reserve master plan adopted by Council in September 2023, construction commencing 2024.

Streets for People

- New 40km/h zones in Spotwood's village and surrounding streets.

Pop-up Community Spaces

- Keep an eye out for Forrest Street pop-up park in 2024.

BETTER PLACES BROOKLYN AND ALTONA NORTH

Place guide endorsed 2022
9 new projects

Brooklyn Community Hall

- The Brooklyn Community Hall has been transformed into a modern and vibrant space with new meeting rooms, a central foyer, updated hall, improved kitchen and toilet facilities, landscaping, and an outdoor deck area.

Love our Parks

- W.J Irwin Reserve open space and playground upgrade is finished. The modern colourful playground has a flying fox, swings, rope course, slides, accessible carousel, nature play areas and picnic areas.
- J.J Ginifer Reserve upgrade is underway. The project includes revamping the play space, improving the multi-court surfacing and landscaping and creating a new public gathering space.

BETTER PLACES SEABROOK AND ALTONA MEADOWS

Place guide endorsed 2022
9 new projects

Local clean-up blitz

- Refreshing roundabouts along Merton Street, the centre median strip and shops on Victoria Street and the Flower sculpture garden in Altona Meadows.

Better Places and Spaces

- Bruce Comben southern open space upgrade is scheduled to be completed in February 2024. The works include a fun new play space, multipurpose court and new car park.



Merton Street roundabout, Altona Meadows



Robina Scott kindergarden outdoor play area



Road works at Kiora Street in Altona Meadows

BUILDING A BETTER CITY

GREENING INDUSTRIAL AREAS

We've partnered with local businesses to help improve the tree canopy cover to Hobsons Bay's industrial areas.

Eleven semi-advanced trees (*Corymbia eximia* 'Nana') and 50 tubestock trees and shrubs were planted in the Aberdeen Road industrial park in Altona thanks to local business Brew Works signing up to our Green Industries program.

The Green Industries program supports private landowners and businesses in industrial areas to plant trees on their land.

Brew Works manager Lyn heard about the program and sought approval from her body corporate to apply.

"It's such a great program, I'm really pleased with the results," Lyn said.

"The trees will beautify the area and give shade to the cars once they're fully grown."

The trees will also contribute towards cooling our industrial areas by reducing the heat island effect.

Join the Green Industries program! All Hobsons Bay businesses in industrial areas are invited to apply. Applications close on 28 February 2024.

Find out more



REPAIRING ROADS AND IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW

In Hobsons Bay we have a network of 433km of roads. To keep us safely moving through our city, we're continuously monitoring and upgrading our local roads.

In Altona Meadows, minor road rehabilitation works in Kiora Street, between Central Avenue and Cameron Avenue, are complete. The works included pavement repairs, replacing the kerb and channel on both sides of the road, and resurfacing.

Over in Seabrook, we've implemented a drop-off and pick-up zone on The Robins and Glenelg Way to improve traffic flow at Seabrook Primary School. Please take note of the new signs and don't park in the 'no stopping' areas during drop-off and pick-up times on school days.

The 2022-23 road resurfacing program, which included improvements to 13 streets in Altona Meadows, eight streets in Seabrook and three in Williamstown, has wrapped up. So far three streets in Altona Meadows have been completed in the 2023-24 program. Thank you to the residents for your patience while these works take place.

ROBINA SCOTT KINDERGARTEN ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND

The outdoor area of Robina Scott kindergarten in Cecil Street, Williamstown has been refreshed to include an entrance ramp and new play areas.

The new space focuses on nature play with a water play area, large sandpit, logs to practice balancing and climbing, and a play kitchen featuring wombat stew!

There is also a large umbrella for ample shade, and landscaping.

The works are thanks to funding from the Victorian Government through a Building Blocks grant to create an accessible and inclusive space for all children.

Robina Scott kindergarten is one of 18 kindergartens that participate in Council's Kindergarten Central Registration Scheme.

There are also 22 long-daycare centres in Hobsons Bay with most also offering funded three- and four-year-old kindergarten programs.

Kindergarten is now free for all three- and four-year-old children at participating centres.

Register for three- and four-year-old kindergarten



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the backbone of our community. In this edition, we meet Barbara Hughes from the Williamstown Little Theatre.

Barbara Hughes,
director and committee member

Barbara joined the Williamstown Little Theatre in 1979 when she was cast in a production of *The Anniversary*.

Fast-forward to today and she's still actively involved in the theatre! She is currently directing the musical *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* and is a committee member.

For Barbara, volunteering at the theatre is about having a good time and putting on a good show.

"It's about being part of something worthwhile, lots of people working together to create a production and the huge satisfaction when you see it performed," she said.



"Approximately 50 volunteers are involved in the current musical from building the sets, costumes, front of house and performing.

"I'd really encourage young people to get involved at their local community theatre. It's a wonderful way to make lifetime friends, to challenge yourself and to be part of the community."

Since its inception in 1946, the Williamstown Little Theatre has put on over 200 productions.

To find out more and get involved, visit www.wlt.org.au



Photo credit: Caroline Oxley

HELP SHAPE HOBSONS BAY



A big thank you to all the residents who provided feedback on over 30 projects, programs and policies that went out for community consultation this year! Your feedback helps us continue to deliver projects aligned to our community's needs.

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

Upgrading the Williamstown Foreshore Precinct

Consultation closes 10 December

Planning for three key projects to upgrade the Williamstown Foreshore Precinct is underway:

- Williamstown Foreshore Precinct open space areas
- Rifle Range Planting Plan
- Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club

We want to hear which parks should be prioritised for future works, and your thoughts on tree planting in the Rifle Range Reserve and broader foreshore area. You can also review the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club redevelopment plans.

For more information



CHRISTMAS GIVING

Christmas and the end of the year can be a difficult time for some people and families.

If you can afford to do so, we are asking our community to donate some special treats to help bring a little cheer to local families.

Donations will be collected until December 8 at all Hobsons Bay Libraries, Bayfit Leisure Centre, Jim's Self Storage in Williamstown North, Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, Woods Street Arts Space in Laverton, Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre in Altona, and Laverton Hub.

Laverton Community Integrated Services (LCIS) and the Hobsons Bay Crisis and Emergency Relief Committee will distribute the hampers.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

What month were the most babies born in Hobsons Bay in 2022?

See page 11 for the answer

LIBRARIES + COUNCIL NEWS



OVER 3200
PEOPLE ATTENDED
THE STEAM
CENTRE LAUNCH
ON SATURDAY
21 OCTOBER!



STEAM CENTRE LAUNCHES AT ALTONA MEADOWS LIBRARY

Step into the new STEAM Centre at the Altona Meadows Library and be delighted by a huge range of technologies focusing on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

The new community space includes:

- Technology pods
- Media podcast room
- Makerspace purpose built for collaboration and creation
- New public computers with Adobe Suite access
- Dedicated children's area with an interactive tree!

Located next to Central Square Shopping Centre in Altona Meadows, the STEAM Centre is free to access and use for the entire community!

LIBRARY OF THINGS – STEAM COLLECTION

With your free library membership, you can borrow from a large collection of STEAM technologies such as robots, GoPros, vlogging kits, LEGO, and electronic musical instruments.

**To browse online and
reserve an item, scan**



Come visit us

You can also visit the STEAM Centre to check out the in-branch collection of tech, equipment and games.

Come and try out what's possible at one of our many workshops or when you next visit Altona Meadows Library, ask our friendly staff for a tour.

See what's on
hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Libraries

The \$2.5M Altona Meadows Library redevelopment project included a \$1.9M building refurbishment and \$600k for technology and AV. The project was made possible thanks to a \$500,000 contribution from the Victorian Government through the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program, and \$10k from the Friends of the Libraries.

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

MEET OUR 2023 WINNERS



RENEW HAIR Altona **EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE**

Renew Hair is a hair salon committed to providing luxurious hair experiences. It offers a wide range of hairdressing services using environmentally friendly products and specialising in colour work.

renewhair.com.au



TREEHAUS WILLIAMSTOWN Williamstown **CREATING SOCIAL CHANGE OR DIVERSITY**

TreeHaus is a holistic health clinic with 26 multidisciplinary medical and allied health practitioners providing comprehensive mental health services and holistic care for individuals of all ages.

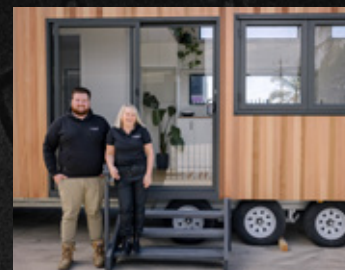
treehauswilliamstown.com.au



GEDLEC ENERGY Altona **EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

Gedlec Energy is a dedicated renewable energy business with a mission to provide access to free energy for 10,000 properties through cutting-edge solar solutions by employing ethically sourced materials, and championing near-zero waste practices.

gedlec.com.au



TREEHAB TINY HOUSES Williamstown North **EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION**

Treehab Tiny Houses builds tiny houses on wheels. It is focused on providing affordable housing solutions for living and tourism, and addressing the current housing crisis by manufacturing transportable, affordable homes, using the latest in cutting-edge materials.

treehab.com.au



OCULUS DEXTER OPTOMETRY Spotswood **NEW/START-UP BUSINESS**

Founded in 2021, Oculus Dexter Optometry is a thriving eyecare business known for its commitment to exceptional customer experiences, a holistic approach to eyecare, community involvement and innovative use of technology.

odoptometry.com.au



A FOCUSED BIRTH Altona **HOME-BASED BUSINESS**

Founded in 2020, A Focused Birth offers an online antenatal education course with hypnobirthing techniques delivered in telehealth group classes, and self-paced options, combining the expertise of a registered midwife and psychotherapist.

afocusedbirth.com



ASSIST ABILITY AUSTRALIA VIC Williamstown **MAYORAL AWARD - SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Assist Ability Australia specialises in delivering a comprehensive range of disability support services, tailored to meet the specific requirements of its participants. It significantly contributes to the wellbeing of people with disabilities in Hobsons Bay, including a respite accommodation service in Williamstown.

assistability.org



To learn more about each of the finalists nominated

DID YOU KNOW?

Check your local knowledge
against the answers



WHAT'S ON



Roving performers will be at summer events



Affia Band

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Christmas in Williamstown

Presented by Williamstown
Chamber of Commerce

Friday 8 December, 3pm to 7pm,
various locations throughout Williamstown

Twilight Christmas Market

Friday 8 December, 4pm to 9pm,
John Morley Reserve, Williamstown

Newport Carols on the Green

Saturday 9 December, 6.30pm,
Paine Reserve, Newport

Altona Carols in the Park

Sunday 10 December, 6pm,
Logan Reserve, Altona

Carols by Candlelight

Altona Meadows
Saturday 16 December, 7pm,
Trafalgar Avenue Park, Altona Meadows

Carols by Candlelight Williamstown

Sunday 17 December, 7pm to 10.30pm,
Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

SUMMER IN THE BAY – ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

1 January to 29 February

Ages 12 to 25 years

Low-cost and free activities for young
people across Hobsons Bay to keep
boredom away!

Check out
the program →



BIODIVERSITY BY THE BAY

Free events in January run by our
conservation rangers. For details
visit, [hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/
BiodiversitybytheBay](http://hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/BiodiversitybytheBay)

DOGS IN THE PARK

Saturday 13 January

Saturday 24 February

12pm to 5pm

*Rear of the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre,
Blue Gum Drive, Altona*

Bring your pooch along to free group dog
training sessions in partnership with the
Lost Dogs Home. There'll be free coffee
and a sausage sizzle.

Spaces are limited, book your place at
hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/dogsinthepark

MOVIES BY THE BAY

**Film: Ruby Gillman,
Teenage Kraken (PG)**

Friday 12 January, 6pm
Homestead Run Reserve, Seabrook

Film: Elemental (PG)

Friday 19 January, 6pm
Logan Reserve, Altona

Film: Barbie (PG)

Friday 2 February, 6pm
Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

Enjoy three nights of free outdoor
screenings in wonderful spaces around
the city. Bring a picnic rug or chairs, and
grab a bite from our local eateries.

For further information, read pg 4.

MIDSUMMA WESTSIDE

21 January to 11 February 2024

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

With exhibitions, live music, performances,
circus, pool parties, picnics and walks, the
west is set to come alive! To view the full
program, visit www.midsumma.org.au

SUMMER SOUNDS

Saturday 20 January, 2pm to 5pm

Curlew Park, Laverton

Starring Sugar Fed Leopards
and Sello Molefi

Saturday 27 January, 2pm to 5pm

Logan Reserve, Altona

Live music from The Pearly Shells
and James Henry

Saturday 24 February, 2pm to 5pm

Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

Featuring TEK TEK Ensemble, and
Yusupha Ngum and the Affia Band

For further information, read pg 4.

LIVE AT THE ROTUNDA

**Presented by Newport Fiddle
and Folk Club and Friends**

1pm to 4pm

6, 13, 20 and 27 January 2024

3 February 2024

Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

1pm to 4pm

13 January 2024

10 February 2024

Logan Reserve, Altona,

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Saturday 17 February 2024

11am to 2pm

Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

2pm to 6pm

Homestead Run Reserve, Seabrook

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with
two fun free events.

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End of the Line
PRESENTED BY METRO TRAINS

WILLIAMSTOWN
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 2-8PM

On the waterfront at Commonwealth Reserve,
Nelson Place, Bunurong Country

**Alex Lahey
with Philly
and Meghna**



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