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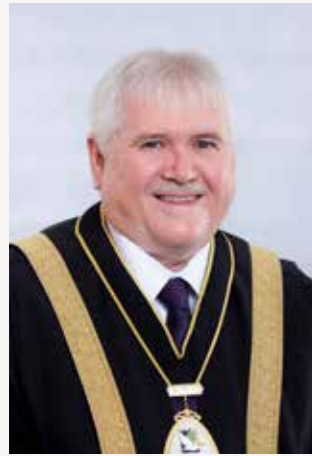
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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the spring edition of Hobsons Bay Community News. This edition is jam packed with opportunities to get involved and help shape your community. From community engagement on major projects to youth services, and reporting local issues via the Snap Send Solve app, there are many ways you can help improve where you live.

Next time you see a trip hazard, overgrown vegetation, dumped rubbish or damage from e-bikes or e-scooters, tell us about it using Snap Send Solve, use the QR codes on page three to download the app, or contact Council's customer service on 1300 179 944.

We want your thoughts on the Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre preliminary concept plan and the McCormack Park draft master plan (view page four for details). You can also help shape how Council delivers Youth Services (details on page three).

Spring is the perfect time to try your hand at gardening. Our free My Smart Garden program provides expert local advice for how to grow fruit and vegetables and habitat gardens at home. As well as getting the satisfaction of growing your own produce, you can also save money. Read Altona resident Shotaro's My Smart Garden journey on page eight.

Lastly, I was thrilled to see Mo'Ju and Didirri live in concert at Altona Theatre last month. The Live from the Altona Theatre contemporary music series continues with Emma Donovan and The Putbacks on Thursday 22 September and Vika and Linda on Thursday 27 October. Details on page 12, along with more events across Hobsons Bay.

Cr Peter Hemphill, **Mayor of Hobsons Bay**



NEW PUBLIC DASHBOARDS

You can now view how Council is tracking on a range of key projects, programs and services with the release of 10 publicly available dashboards.

The dashboards, which will be updated regularly, cover a diverse range of Council's services - everything from the types of trees going in the ground, to waste diversion and the top 10 enquiries to customer service. You can also search for the planning zone you live in, heritage and industrial overlays, your bin collection details and how to get in touch with your local Councillor. View the dashboards at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/CouncilReporting



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Have you ever wanted to register your pet in person? Talk to someone face-to-face about replacing your bin or getting a parking permit? You're not alone. Since launching Council+ in May this year, the top three enquiries at Council+ service centres are waste, bins and recycling, parking permits and animal registration. If you would like to speak in person to someone about Council services, you can visit a Council+ service desk at Williamstown Library, Altona North Community Library and Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre, as well as the Civic Centre in Altona. For more, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/CouncilPlus

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

Reporting local issues is a SNAP

Snap Send Solve



Have you spotted an issue in your community that you want fixed? The free Snap Send Solve app makes it easier to help keep your community safer and cleaner.

Use Snap Send Solve to report:

- Potholes
- Dumped rubbish
- Trip hazards
- Fallen trees
- Overgrown vegetation
- Damage from e-bikes and e-scooters in parks and reserves

For more information visit, www.snapsendsolve.com

If you witness an incident occurring, please report it to the police.

Download Snap Send Solve



IT'S EASY!

- Open the app and tap Snap in the bottom centre of the screen
- Confirm your location - you can use your current location or the location of a photo of the incident
- Choose the incident type, add a photo and any comments
- Send!



"It's important young people are given a voice in local decision-making, and the What Youth Want campaign provides that in a meaningful way."

Nolene Symons, Principal, Williamstown Campus (7-9) Bayside P-12 College

WHAT YOUTH WANT

Calling all young people, aged 10-25, who live, work, study or spend time in Hobsons Bay. We want your ideas and input to help shape future programs and services for young people in our community.

We want to know:

- What's important to you?
- What do you want or need in your community?
- How can we help you thrive to be the best you can be?

"Give opportunities for young people to show their strengths and leadership."

Year 9 student, Bayside P-12 College

Complete an anonymous short online survey and enter the competition to win one of the major prizes at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/whatyouthwant



Scan to complete the online survey



BOOK A HARD WASTE COLLECTION

All Hobsons Bay properties, that are serviced by Council's waste and recycling collections, can book one free hard waste collection each financial year (1 July to 30 June). A second collection can also be booked for a fee of \$79.57.

Household items, mattresses, bed bases, whitegoods, scrap metal, bicycles and toys are all accepted!

Tip - first, consider whether items are in good working condition and whether they could be reused or repurposed.

To see a full list of accepted items, instructions and for more info, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/HardWaste



ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

In the lead up to the November state election, we're advocating for major projects in Hobsons Bay.



PROJECT HOBSONS BAY WETLANDS CENTRE

Council contribution:
\$5 million

Additional investment required:
\$11 million

Located at HD Graham Reserve in Altona Meadows, the gateway to internationally recognised wetlands, the proposed wetlands centre would be a place for people of all ages and abilities to learn to play in nature.

With a team led by Grimshaw Architects, the centre has been co-designed in consultation with Elders of the Bunurong Land Council using Australian-first biophilic and indigenous design architectural principles. The proposed site would feature visitor and research facilities; classrooms; nature and water-based play; indoor/outdoor public

spaces; a café and office space; accessible walking trails and boardwalks; landscaping and an ephemeral (constructed) wetland.

The centre will showcase the Hobsons Bay foreshore that provides habitat to an impressive range of flora and fauna, including, being home to many thousands of migratory birds that journey along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway each summer.

The centre would activate one of the largest open spaces in Melbourne's west, serving either as a standalone destination or as a convenient stop-off point for those enjoying a stroll or bike ride along the nearby Bay Trail and Laverton Creek Trail.

To find out more, visit www.hobsonsbaywetlandscentre.org.au or attend the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Open Day on 8 October (information available on website).



PROJECT VIRTUAL POWER NETWORK

In early March 2022, the Australian Labor Party made an election commitment to install a community battery to enable the benefits of Hobsons Bay's industry-leading Virtual Power project (VPP) to be shared with the community. Planning is under way for the second phase of the project and Council will be looking to the state government to also come onboard as a partner.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON TWO PROJECTS THAT WILL HELP MEET OUR CITY'S GROWING HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEEDS!

Consultation is now open for the preliminary concept plan for the **Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre** at Bruce Comben Reserve in Altona Meadows.

This state-of-the-art aquatic and early years centre will provide a much-needed recreation space for the Hobsons Bay community and surrounding suburbs.

The preliminary concept plan has a strong focus on providing for people living with a disability, particularly those on the autism spectrum, and will include an eight-lane 25m pool; learn to swim pool; aqua play splash pad, leisure water, and toddler pool; wellness centre with warm water pool, spa and sauna; gymnasium; change facilities; café with indoor and outdoor seating; offices; and carparking. The early years zone will accommodate three- and four-year-old kindergarten, and maternal and child health services.

McCormack Park is a beloved community park on Jennings Street in Laverton. After two stages of community consultation, Council has created a draft master plan taking into consideration what residents already love about the park, and what their needs and wants are for the park in the future.

The draft master plan includes a story telling river, water play workshop, viewing and climbing tower, bush trail, bridge improvements, socialising hubs, picnic facility expansion, multi-sport court, exercise hub, amphitheatre, redesigned carpark, and pathway improvements.

We are seeking your feedback on the overall draft master plan, as well as the:

- Potential removal of the Williams Street bridge, and the construction of a new bridge at Thomas Street; and
- Design of the water play park.



HELP FLOAT OUR POOL!

The construction of the Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre is dependent on a three-way funding agreement between Council, state and federal governments.

We're calling on the state and federal governments to help fund the Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre. Hobsons Bay City Council has already committed \$20 million, contingent upon \$40 million more from other tiers of government.

We want to show the state and federal government that this facility will be well-loved and valued by our community.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

This is the first opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the Western Aquatic and Early Years Centre. Your feedback will inform future design processes which will include further opportunities to provide feedback.



Scan to complete the online survey

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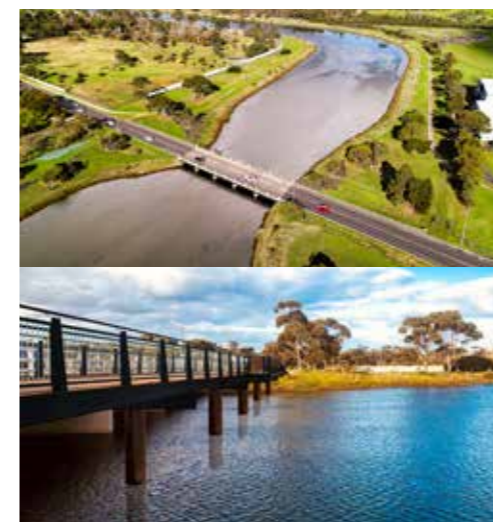
Consultation for these two projects closes Friday 23 September 2022

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

You can help by showing your support and spreading the word to others in your community. Find out more, westernaquaticcentre.good.do/floatourpool/



Scan to help float our pool



PROJECT QUEEN STREET BRIDGE

Council has been working closely with the Department of Transport to progress their design work for the Queen Street pedestrian and cycling bridge. Their detailed design work has now been completed and Council continues to advocate to the state government for funds to construct the bridge.



PROJECT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Council, in partnership with the Hobsons Bay Affordable Housing Trust, is seeking funding for an innovative, environmentally-friendly community housing project in Laverton. The project will see residential development at the northern and southern ends of 7-45 Epsom Street that provides an opportunity for people with a connection to Hobsons Bay on lower incomes to access housing rent-capped at a proportion of their income.

Council has endorsed design guidelines that will inform the look and feel of the development. The guidelines incorporate

community input, including requirements relating to building height (three to four storeys maximum), dwelling density, car parking, vehicle access, and connections with the much-loved Curlew Community Park.

If the project is funded and progresses, further consultation will be undertaken with the local community. The project will be managed and maintained by Housing Choices Australia, one of the largest community housing providers in Australia.

For more information, including the endorsed design guidelines, please visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/epsomstreetaffordablehousing

We've teamed up with Mandy and Sammi from Mamma Knows West to create a photography tour for locals and visitors to uncover and discover what's so great about Hobsons Bay – be it our historical buildings, native flora and fauna, beaches, street art or city views.

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Photography Tour

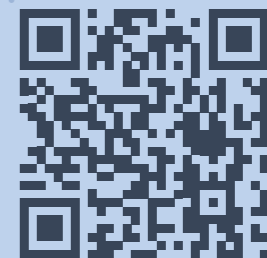


Mandy & Sammi

Grab your camera and spend the day capturing the beauty of the west



Visit hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/phototour for links to each stop



experience hobsons bay



LOCAL EXPERTS CAN SHOW YOU HOW TO GROW FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AT HOME

CREATE A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN AND CUT YOUR FOOD BILLS

Want to harvest homegrown tomatoes this summer, or bring more native birds into your garden? My Smart Garden is a free Council-run sustainable gardening program that can help you transform your outdoor space into a beautiful food or habitat garden. Whether you have a rented balcony, or a larger space, we have free workshops and resources to help you get started.

Local experts can show you how to grow fruit and vegetables at home, make compost to fertilise your plants, create habitat for indigenous flora and fauna, and even reduce the need to heat or cool your home with clever landscaping design.

The My Smart Garden program even helps cut food bills, in a recent survey 89 per cent of participants agreed the program saves money.

MEET SHOTARO

Shotaro is a My Smart Garden participant reaping the benefits of a food garden in his small Altona unit. His family harvests between 4kg and 15kg per month of fresh herbs, vegetables, and fruit.

"Last summer, I co-planted pumpkins and edamame, letting the pumpkin grow over the roof and the fence to use the vertical space," Shotaro said.

"It's been a wonderful learning journey connecting the kids with nature and seeing their delight helping me in the garden and observing the compost worms"

My Smart Garden is an initiative of Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Wyndham, Stonnington, Yarra, Merribek/Moreland and Hobsons Bay City Councils.

There are currently more than 6,500 participants across metro Melbourne.

Check out the program and join one of our upcoming free events at www.mysmartgarden.org.au



FUTURE LEADERS IN SUSTAINABILITY



LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS EMBRACE STEM AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

Local secondary school students have the opportunity to solve real-life environmental issues through Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) thanks to an innovative Council-led program engaging the leaders of tomorrow.

The Future Leaders in Sustainability program – a collaboration between Hobsons Bay City Council and CSIRO – is a curriculum-based program delivered to participating local schools.

Through the program, students are supported in using STEM to address environmental sustainability challenge scenarios relevant to our community. Through the program, Council is engaging more young people in STEM, sustainability, and the solving of community problems – working towards a greener and more prosperous future for all of us.

To register your school's interest in being involved in future sustainability education programs, email sustainability@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au



OVER 36,000 TREES AND 30,000 PLANTS WILL BE PLANTED IN 2022



BUILDING OUR URBAN FOREST

Winter and spring are the busiest times of the year for tree planting. We've certainly been busy planting trees to help reach our tree canopy target of 30 per cent by 2040.

Through the various programs and teams throughout Council, not to mention the hard work of quite a few volunteer groups, over 36,000 trees and 30,000 plants will be planted in 2022! This is an amazing result and will contribute enormously towards achieving our target of 30 per cent canopy cover.

2022 advanced tree planting

- 5,500 new trees in streets
- 3,000 trees throughout our parks and reserves

By the end of October, 8,500 new advanced trees will be planted this year.

GREEN STREETS

Grace Street in Laverton, Hancock Street in Altona and Bayview Street in Williamstown have taken part in the 2022 Green Streets program. It was great to see residents work collaboratively with Council to select the planting and species style for their street tree renewal. More than 150 trees will be planted across the three streets to achieve a better tree canopy and keep the streets cool.

GREEN SCHOOLS

The annual Green Schools program kicked off this year with nine schools and kindergartens taking part. The free program provides up to 10 schools with indigenous trees and plants to plant within their school grounds and the option of a conservation ranger's talk or visit.

TREE GIVEAWAYS

Keep an eye out for the free tree giveaways at Council events. So far, 1,500 trees have been up for grabs at festivals, Coffee with a Councillor sessions and community consultations. The small to medium sized trees are perfect for residents to take home and plant on their property.

Conservation planting in reserves and open spaces

- 30,000 indigenous tube stock plants
- 5,500 indigenous tube stock trees

The indigenous plants and trees contribute to increasing our canopy cover and enhance our biodiversity and support our local wildlife.

AND THERE'S MORE TREE LOVE

The Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning (DELWP) have funded the plantings of 20,000 tube stock trees, through the More Trees for a Cooler, Greener West program. The program aims to plant trees in urban areas with low tree canopy cover to help mitigate the urban heat island effect.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Hobsons Bay, over 50 per cent of the street and park trees are in the Myrtaceae family. This includes a range of native Genus, including Corymbia, Eucalyptus, Agonis, Callistemon and Lophostemon.

WHY IS THIS SIGNIFICANT?

This dominance of a single family or genus can leave the overall tree population at risk of mass decline if a pest or disease is introduced.

The discovery of Myrtle Rust (*Puccinia psidii*), an invasive fungal disease that affects Myrtaceae species, in the greater Melbourne area presents a significant potential threat to our trees.

HOW DO WE ENSURE THE HEALTH OF OUR URBAN FOREST?

Our Urban Forest Strategy includes a diverse range of urban trees to ensure the long-term health and viability of our urban forest. With a changing urban climate including hotter and drier conditions, it is important to provide a wider range of species that can tolerate new climatic conditions.

A diverse range of tree species lowers the risk of loss from pests and diseases. It also provides an opportunity to explore a more eclectic and unique tree palette that can enhance local character and create memorable parks and streets.



CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH GRANTS

Hobsons Bay is buzzing with community events, programs, and activities thanks to **101 successful Make it Happen grants**. We're thrilled the grants have enabled the community to recover and reconnect from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Upcoming events that have received Make it Happen funding include:

- HMAS Castlemaine 80th anniversary, Williamstown – 9 October 2022
- Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Network – Custom, Classic Car and Bike Show, Altona – 20 November 2022
- Royal Yacht Club of Victoria - International Cadet Class 2022, World Championships – 19 December 2022 to 02 January 2023

With additional funding from Make it Happen, Laverton Community Integrated Services continued to provide between 150-200 frozen meals each week to community members in need, Love Seabrook have funding to develop a cultural program for Diwali and Altona Little Athletics Centre received funding to purchase a portable shade structure to provide added protection from the sun for athletes and spectators.

There are many more events and projects funded through the Make it Happen grants program, to read more, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/grants

SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS

Council's immunisation team will visit secondary schools in October to administer HPV Gardasil 9 vaccine – dose 2 to all year 7 students whose parents have previously consented to the vaccine. Catch up immunisations for students who missed their first round of vaccines will also be offered. If you have any queries, contact Council's immunisation team on **9932 1533** or email immunisation@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Council's regular immunisation sessions run from:

- Williamstown Town Hall every Tuesday
- Laverton Community Hub every Thursday

To book, visit www.trybooking.com/eventlist/hobsonsbayimmunisation

COME ON IN!

We're opening the doors to the refurbished Altona Civic Centre for two big weeks in October!

Come along for a tour of the new building, attend an event, or use the new co-lab space.

The two-week showcase from **Monday 3 October to Saturday 15 October** celebrates the launch of the renovated Civic Centre and the new community spaces.

A key feature of the refurbished civic centre is the co-lab space. Between 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, you can set up your laptop and use the docking stations and monitors and sit-stand desks. You can also book the meeting rooms, which are equipped with technology to support hybrid meetings, and a digital lounge which features a large screen.

For details, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/CivicCentreOpening



COME ALONG FOR A TOUR, OR USE THE CO-LAB SPACE



What's happening in your ward?



Cherry Lake Ward

Brooklyn Community Hall construction kicked off in August. Key features of the redevelopment include a new commercial kitchen, additional meeting room spaces, toilet facilities, and a new accessible outdoor area with decking and pathways that will connect to the Brooklyn Reserve. Construction is scheduled for completion in April 2023.

Council will soon seek expressions of interests for community representatives to be involved in the design of a new **community garden** within **Brooklyn Reserve**, adjacent to the new Community Hall. A separate group will also be formed to guide the operations and programming of the building. For more information, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brooklyn-community-hall-redevelopment

The Greening the Pipeline Zone 9 Brooklyn Master Plan aims to transform a 2.7km section of the main outfall sewer reserve, between Millers Road and Little Boundary Road, into a vibrant parkland. It is being delivered through a collaborative partnership between Melbourne Water, Hobsons Bay City Council and neighbouring councils, Department of Transport and Great Western Water. View the finalised master plan at greeningthepipeline.com.au

Outdoor dining in **Pier Street** in Altona just got better with trendy seating and a cubby house for the little ones! We've also removed unnecessary traffic signage and deep cleaned the synthetic grass. Head down to Pier Street and enjoy the sunshine in the spring weather.

Works realigning and raising the **seawall** from **Sargood Street to Webb Street** are nearly complete! The project, delivered in partnership with the state government, also widened the shared trail from Sargood Street to Webb Street. Thank you for your patience while the shared trail was closed during construction. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Altonaforeshore

Strand Ward

The **Blenheim Road Community Park** in Newport is taking shape. The custom shelters and play equipment have been installed and the drainage and irrigation are complete. Key features of the reserve include a new path network, barbecue, public toilet, water feature, play equipment, art and landscaping. The park is scheduled to open in November.

The **Newport Lakes Conservation and Improvement Plan** was endorsed by Council in July this year. The 10-year-plan is Council's blueprint for future conservation and development works at Newport Lakes Reserve. Throughout the consultation period, we received over 300 surveys and three priorities were identified: improving water quality, park improvements and additional vegetation and biodiversity. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback! For more information, visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/newport-lakes

The **Altona North Childcare Centre** on Fifth Avenue will be expanded to cater for 36 additional children. The expansion is a partnership between Council and the state government and will extend one of the existing children's rooms and add an additional room, upgrade the play area and kitchen, and create a permanent staff room. Construction will kick off in September with completion by June 2023. Childcare and kindergarten services will continue throughout construction.

Implementation of the **Digman Reserve Master Plan** is nearly complete! The final touches include improvement to the play space and walking path along the north end of the reserve, which will be finished by the end of this year. Completed works include the new pavilion, redevelopment of east and west ovals and a new carpark at Douglas Parade. For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/digman

Wetlands Ward

The draft vision and principles for **Better Places Seabrook and Altona Meadows** is open for community feedback. The draft vision and principles have been developed from a whopping 3,600 pieces of community feedback received from stage 1 consultation – Love, Change and Ideas. Come along to a free **Better Places Out and About Festival** on **Saturday 17 September, 2pm to 7pm** at **Bruce Comben Reserve** in Altona Meadows to provide your feedback and project ideas that will help make Better Places happen. There will be live music, kids' entertainment, activities and giveaways! For more, or participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/bpsam

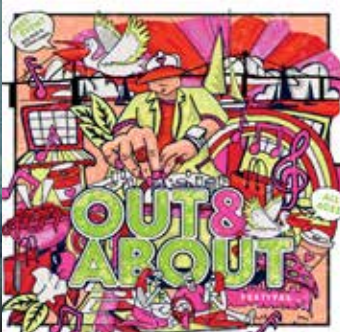
320 native trees are being planted along the **Skeleton Creek** and the **Bay Trail West** shared trail as part of our Urban Forest Strategy. The new trees will provide much needed shade to the shared path for cyclists and pedestrians. The trees will be planted with 10 metre spacings and regularly pruned so the community can still admire the creek and bay views. For more, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/OurUrbanForest

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the southern open space at **Bruce Comben Reserve** in Altona Meadows in May and June. The concept plans are being refined based on community feedback and will be available to view on Participate Hobsons Bay. The upgrade features a new all-ability and all-ages play space, dog off-leash area and open space infrastructure improvements. Works are expected to commence in autumn 2023. Visit participate.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/brucecomben/BCRSouthern

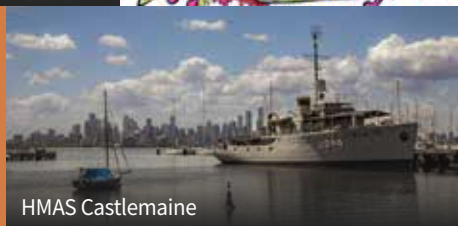
Congratulations to the 15 women from Altona Meadows, Laverton and Seabrook who took part in the 12-week **Multicultural Women's Leadership program**, run by Council, in partnership with the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health (MCWH). The program was an opportunity for interested women to build their capacity as local leaders.



Emma Donovan and The Putbacks



WHAT'S ON



HMAS Castlemaine

OUT AND ABOUT FESTIVAL – SEABROOK AND ALTONA MEADOWS **Saturday 17 September, 2pm to 7pm** *Bruce Comben Reserve, Altona Meadows*

Live music, kids' entertainers, activities and giveaways are on offer. Bring a picnic rug and settle in. For details, www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/OutAndAboutSeabrookAndAltonaMeadows

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW! **ON THE ROAD AGAIN PRESENTS** **LIVE FROM THE ALTONA THEATRE**

An impressive all-Australian line-up at the Altona Theatre over three big Thursday nights as part of a new program of contemporary music – Live from the Altona Theatre, presented by On The Road Again.

If you missed exciting singer/songwriters, ARIA Award nominated musician, Mo'Ju and Didirri in August, you won't want to miss acclaimed singer Emma Donovan and rhythm combo The Putbacks on **Thursday 22 September**, supported by southern soul specialists, The Meltdown. Wrapping up the series are highly acclaimed and much-loved sisters Vika and Linda on **Thursday 27 October**, with James Henry opening.

Tickets are almost sold out, so book now at www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au

Live from the Altona Theatre is part of On the Road Again, a Victorian Government initiative to bring live music back across the state.

OLD LAVERTON SCHOOL **COMMUNITY OPEN DAY** **Sunday 23 October, 12pm to 3pm** *43 Kiora Street, Altona Meadows*

Join the Community Open Day to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the original honour board, unveiled on 24 October 1922. Enjoy the live music and refreshments.

WOODS STREET YOUTH ARTS PRIZE **Exhibition -** **Friday 4 November to** **Saturday 19 November 2022**

Awards Night -
Friday 18 November, 6pm
Woods Street Arts Space,
44 Woods Street Laverton

For more information, please visit, www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/WoodsStreetArtsPrize or email: arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN WILLIAMSTOWN, **EVENTS WEEKEND!** **Out on the Weekend** **Saturday 8 October**

The rhinestones and good times will be shining brightly down by the bay at Seaworks for a day of live music, line-up includes the Badloves, a celebration of Neil Young's Harvest, the Dolly Parton Experience, and more!

Castlemaine's 80th **anniversary celebrations** **Sunday 9 October**

Come to Commonwealth Reserve and Gem Pier and enjoy celebrations marking the HMAS Castlemaine 80th year.

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY **AND WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY** 'Wings to Wellness'

Saturday 8 October, 10am to 3pm
Truganina Explosives Reserve,
274 Queen Street, Altona

Help us welcome back our migratory birds from the northern hemisphere and celebrate their remarkable achievements as well as learning how nature plays a vital role in our wellbeing for World Mental Health Day. Free activities for all ages, guided walks, and refreshments.

For details, visit our website, the Hobsons Bay Wetlands Centre Facebook page, or email ranger@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

BUNKASAURUS

by Bunk Puppets, created by Tim Sneddon & Jeff Achtem

Wednesday 28 September,
1pm at the Altona Theatre

All Tickets – \$25. Bookings:
www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au
or call 9932 4074.

COFFEE CONNECT

Attend one of our upcoming Coffee Connect business networking events and enjoy a coffee while promoting your business and sharing ideas with business people from a range of different industries.

Spotswood | 4 October,
10am to 11am

Duchess of Spotswood

Williamstown | 8 November,
7.30am to 8.30am

Fifis by the Beach

Altona Meadows | 6 December,
10am to 11am

Little Rosebery Cafe

LIBRARY EVENTS

Free events at Hobsons Bay Libraries, don't forget to book at libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Let's learn about... **your smartphone and tablet**

Friday 30 September, 10am to 12pm
Altona Library

In conversation with Sundressed **author Lucianne Tonti**

Wednesday 5 October, 6.15pm to 7.45pm
Altona Library

Let's learn about... email Friday 7 October, 10am to 12pm Altona North Community Library

Browsing the internet for beginners

Friday 14 October, 10am to 11.30am
Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Let's learn about... social media and privacy

Friday 21 October, 10am to 12pm
Altona Library

Google it! Upgrading your search skills

Friday 28 October, 10am to 11.30am
Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre

Let's learn about... Camera app and taking photos

Friday 4 November, 10am to 12pm
Creative Technology Hub at Seaworks