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BULLETIN



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Safer travel for students

Message from Mayor, Cr Stuart James

I love seeing people making the most of the new Oakleigh Cycleway, especially students riding safely to and from school. As Monash continues to grow, and with limited space on our roads, we need to keep building safe and practical alternatives to car use. This makes our

neighbourhoods healthier, better connected and easier to move around.

Following the opening of the cycleway, we received feedback from locals that the amount of signage felt excessive in some places. We've reviewed the installation and consolidated

some signs, while retaining clear and necessary safety information for everyone using the route.

Vale Norm Gibbs

I was saddened by the passing of Norm Gibbs, a deeply respected member of the Monash community whose service over more than 70 years touched countless lives. Many will remember Norm as Zodo the Clown, bringing joy to children and families through difficult times. Norm gave so much of himself to others, always with kindness and humility. It was an honour to speak at his remembrance service on Council's behalf and pay tribute to a life of extraordinary service.

Anzac Day

On Anzac Day, I will join many in remembering those who served, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of our nation. Our local RSLs in Oakleigh, Clayton and Glen Waverley will hold dawn services. Visit [monash.vic.gov.au/anzac-day-26](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/anzac-day-26) for details.



It was great to join ABC Melbourne's Raf Epstein for his Meet the Mayor segment last month. We discussed Council's advocacy on the legislated rollout of a fourth glass bin, planning issues and the Suburban Rail Loop. I also spoke with callers about unfinished developments on private land, local environmental concerns and support for the arts. Thanks to everyone who called in with questions or feedback. You can listen to the interview at [monash.vic.gov.au/mayor-abc](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/mayor-abc)

Talbot Quarry concerns are reinforced

Council has welcomed new findings that support its long-held concerns about the proposed redevelopment of the former Talbot Quarry site in Oakleigh South.

The Victorian Government's Standing Advisory Committee report found the land could be

remediated and developed for housing. However, it concluded that the current proposal does not adequately address contamination and geotechnical risks.

These findings support Council's view that the landowner's proposal lacked certainty to

manage these risks. Council will continue to advocate to ensure any future development properly addresses contamination and safety concerns.

Find out more at [monash.vic.gov.au/talbot-report](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/talbot-report)

Library is on the move

A new chapter is underway for Glen Waverley Library, with early works beginning on Council's new \$110 million Glen Waverley Civic Precinct Project.

To ensure library services continue during construction, temporary library sites will open from mid-2026.

Over the coming weeks, parts of the collection will begin relocating. Members and visitors can continue to browse and borrow items that remain available at the library, access the full collection online through our Monash Library app, or request items to be transferred from another branch.

The project will deliver a brand new library and function centre for Glen Waverley. Updates, locations and FAQs:

monlib.vic.gov.au/library



Library officers, Megan and Carina say they are looking forward to welcoming new library facilities for the community.



New and improved Coleman Parade

Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians in Glen Waverley will soon see the benefits of major upgrades to Coleman Parade, with the final stages of works nearing completion.

The road between Blackburn Road and Myrtle Street is on track to be fully resurfaced by the end of April, delivering a

smoother, safer surface built to serve the community for years to come. The upgrade will also help manage increased traffic during the Victorian Government's Suburban Rail Loop construction.

The shared path along the Waverley Rail Trail (north side of Coleman Parade, between

Syndal and Glen Waverley stations) has also been upgraded to make walking and riding safer and easier.

Sustainability has been a key focus, with materials from the existing road and path reused instead of sent to landfill, diverting around 5,500 tonnes of waste.



Recognition means so much

Natasha Brusco and George's Gymnastics Program were among the winners at our Sir John Monash Awards in 2025, and now Natasha is encouraging others to recognise the people who quietly make a difference in their community.

"Community-driven nominations matter because they shine a light on the people whose dedication often goes unseen, yet whose

impact is deeply felt," she said.

The program provides 200 children with disabilities from seven specialist schools with free access to inclusive gymnastics classes.

Natasha was named Volunteer of the Year for the program before also receiving the Sir John Monash Award for Outstanding Leadership.

"Winning the 2025 award

was an incredibly meaningful recognition of everything the program stands for," Natasha said. "And it honoured the dedication of the schools, families, Monash University students and Waverley Gymnastics Centre staff who pour their time and care into the program."

Read more at monash.vic.gov.au/natasha-award

Nominate a local community legend

Behind every strong community are people who give their time, passion and care to help others.

Nominations are now open for the Sir John Monash Awards, celebrating individuals and groups who make Monash a more connected, inclusive and

compassionate place to live.

There are 10 award categories, recognising leadership including volunteering, youth, sustainability, multicultural communities, reconciliation, inclusion and advocacy for people with disabilities.

If you know someone whose efforts deserve recognition, share their story with us before 11 May:

monash.vic.gov.au/awards

A clean sweep for autumn

Keeping our streets clear of fallen leaves

As autumn leaves fall across Monash, street sweeping helps keep local roads clean, safe and clear.

Our trucks remove leaf litter, dirt and debris from residential streets, shopping strips and activity centres. Most residential streets are swept once every five weeks, with busier shopping areas and activity centres cleaned more often.

While tree-lined streets are part of what makes Monash such a great place to live, they need extra attention during autumn when leaves build up more quickly. So you might see our teams out and about more often.

Collected leaves don't go to waste. They're sent to the same recycling facility as our food and garden waste and turned into compost for local



farms and gardens. Between July 2025 and January 2026, we diverted nearly 900 tonnes of material from landfill, saving ratepayers close to \$100,000.

If you notice an area that needs extra attention, let us know at [monash.vic.gov.au/street-sweeping](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/street-sweeping)

A recycling wonderland on our doorstep



Monash's annual hard waste collection will run from July to September, with dates to be confirmed in next month's Monash Bulletin. For items that can't go out for hard waste, like batteries, paint and oil, there's an easy local alternative for safe disposal.

Monash residents can take these and many other items to the Recycling and Waste Centre in Notting Hill, where a range of materials are accepted for recycling and recovery.

"We regularly visit to dispose of clothing, cardboard, electrical goods and metals," a respondent to our recent customer survey said. "It's always easy to do and staff are always friendly and helpful."

Check what's accepted and bring ID to access free disposal on some items and reduced fees on others through the resident discount.

380 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill.

[monash.vic.gov.au/mrwc](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/mrwc)

Monash at a glance

▶ Waste calendar

Look for the 2026/27 waste collection calendar with next month's Monash Bulletin. You can also check your bin night at:

monash.vic.gov.au/bin-collection

▶ Flu vaccine

Protect yourself and your loved ones this winter with the flu vaccine. It's free for eligible groups under the National Immunisation Program, including people aged 65+, pregnant women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, children aged 6 months to 5 years, and people who are immunocompromised. Not eligible? You can purchase the vaccine for \$21. Council flu vaccination sessions run across April and May. Book at:

monash.vic.gov.au/flu

▶ Children's Day

Children's Day (Kodomo no Hi) is celebrated in Japan each May to wish for children's health and happiness. On Monday 4 May from 10.30-11.30am, Clayton Library will host a bilingual English-Japanese storytime to celebrate the occasion:

monlib.events.mylibrary.digital

▶ Email sign-up

Get our weekly email newsletter about news, engagement and events.

monash.vic.gov.au/subscribe



Bre Wilkinson (second from left) with volunteers at the Notting Hill Neighbourhood House.

A place to connect and belong

Every week in Australia, more than 400,000 people visit their local neighbourhood houses, and Neighbourhood House Week (11–17 May) celebrates the simple moments that build that belonging.

"It's all about creating spaces where people are welcomed and get to be part of something together," Notting Hill Neighbourhood House manager Bre Wilkinson said.

Notting Hill's shared community lunches are often a first step into community life. Over the past year, they've served more than 1,500 meals, bringing

neighbours together to chat, make friends and discover what else the house offers.

Their Pride in Community events continue to grow, with support from Council's community grants program, creating safe, local spaces for LGBTIQ+ residents and allies.

"By the end of the night people were already asking how they could help organise the next one," Bre said.

There are 10 neighbourhood houses across Monash. Find out what's happening near you for Neighbourhood House Week at monash.vic.gov.au/nhw

No timber in the green bin

Treated timber, sleepers and wood packaging are often treated with chemicals or painted. This contaminates compost and means they can't go in your food and garden waste bin.

Only small pieces of natural wood from your garden like small branches and sticks can go in your green bin. Larger logs can't go in the green bin

as they don't break down in the composting process.

You can dispose of timber and larger logs at the Monash Recycling and Waste Centre (fees apply).

See how your green waste becomes compost for farms, parks and gardens in just six weeks: monash.vic.gov.au/timber-disposal

Trail link ready to roll

Cr Anjalee de Silva (Gardiners Creek Ward)

I am very pleased to be able to say that construction of an important, local active transport link will soon commence. I have advocated for the construction of the next section of the Waverley Rail Trail shared path since before my election. This important link between Jordaville railway station and Alvie Road in Mount Waverley will improve safety and connectivity between Ashwood and Mount Waverley, including new planting and landscaping works. I look forward to seeing you on your bikes soon!

Hamilton Place car park

Many Gardiners Creek Ward residents shop at Mount Waverley Village and regularly use the car park at Hamilton Place. Parking in and moving through this space can be challenging at times, and the current layout leaves a lot to be

desired. Council is proposing a suite of changes that will improve safety and pedestrian access, as well as ease traffic congestion. My hope is that this project can ensure a vibrant future for Mount Waverley, preserving it as an attractive and enjoyable place to visit.

Climate Resilience Plan

After receiving detailed feedback from the community, Council will be finalising our Climate Resilience Plan soon. This plan will guide our future work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and our response to global warming. I will continue to advocate for strong climate change mitigation measures to safeguard our community.

I am always willing to discuss what's going on around our neighbourhood. Please get in touch at any time.



Next Council Meetings

Tuesday 28 April, 7pm and Tuesday 26 May, 7pm
📍 Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley
Access meeting agendas and watch in-person or online:
🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/meetings

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🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/councillors

What's on In Monash



We're holding a traditional Smoking Ceremony at the Monash Civic Centre.

Celebrating Country and Culture

Join us for a special opening event to launch Connecting to Country and Culture, an eight-week program of cultural learning, reflection and celebration.

On Tuesday 27 May at Monash Civic Centre (10.30am–12.30pm), you can take part in a traditional Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, and engage in stories shared by Traditional Owners and Elders, along with hands-on cultural activities.

Connecting to Country and Culture invites the community

to take part in a diverse program of events, exhibitions and family-friendly activities grounded in cultural learning and truth-telling.

The program aligns with the 2026 National Reconciliation Week theme 'All In' and NAIDOC Week's '50 Years of Deadly' of First Nations peoples.

Learn more and register for a session or event at monash.vic.gov.au/first-nations

First Nations art workshop

Join Uncle Eric for this hands-on art workshop to explore the depth and beauty of Australian First Nations culture.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday 24 June (1pm) at Clayton Library. Participants will have a unique artwork to take home as a reminder of their experience.

Learn more and register at monash.vic.gov.au/first-nations

Bush tucker food tasting

Join us for bush tucker tasting that celebrates the incredible flavours of the Australian landscape.

Sample a diverse selection of foods and learn about their uses.

Adult Session (13yrs+) at Wheelers Hill Library (1 June); Children's Session (7-12 years) at Clayton Library (11 July).

Learn more and register at monash.vic.gov.au/first-nations

Contact us

Mon to Fri, 8.30am to 5pm



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Monash Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land that makes up Monash, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.