

MONASH | APRIL 2025

# BULLETIN



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# START UP INVEST & GROW

in Monash

**S**tart Up, Invest and Grow in Monash is your launchpad to business success. This month-long program connects entrepreneurs with valuable resources, expert education and powerful networks to thrive in Monash.

Throughout May, we're hosting a series of events and workshops, including:

## Funding pathways: A guide for Victorian startups

5 May | 12pm–1pm | Online

## Women in business: Strategies for growth and success

6 May | 6.30pm–8.30pm | Eastern Innovation, Mulgrave

## Digital transformation: Enhancing customer journeys

8 May | 10am–12pm | Clayton Community Centre

## Winning government grants and tenders

12 May | 10am–12pm | Monash Civic Centre, Glen Waverley

## Future trends in AI and harnessing them for your business

26 May | 7am–9am | Monash Civic Centre, Glen Waverley



Spaces are limited, so book early. Explore [monash.vic.gov.au/start-up-invest-grow](https://monash.vic.gov.au/start-up-invest-grow)

*Businesses are welcome to attend multiple sessions. Eligibility requirements may apply.*



## SRL CONSTRUCTION update

**W**ork on the Victorian Government's Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) project is ramping up, with construction underway at three major sites in Monash: Clayton, Glen Waverley, and Monash University.

For detailed information on construction activities and disruptions, visit the Victorian Government's Big Build website ([bigbuild.vic.gov.au](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au)). The SRL team will also be distributing local updates to residents and businesses near major works.

Council continues to meet regularly with the SRL team to ensure works are planned to limit disruption as much as possible while this important transport project is delivered.

We encourage people to continue supporting local businesses near construction. In particular, businesses along Railway Parade North in Glen Waverley remain open while that street is closed to traffic – with parking available nearby in our Euneva Car Park.

## THANK YOU for your support

It was another incredible Clayton Festival thanks to the support of our community, staff, volunteers and emergency services. This year the FREE community event featured not only live entertainment, creative activities and roving performers, but a series of special live performances by Dora, brought to the community thanks to Suburban Rail Loop, which attracted an additional 1,000 attendees to Clayton Theatrette.





## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR Cr Paul Klisaris

I was delighted this month to attend the launch of the stunning Sharing Country First Nations Artwork, by Wurundjeri and Dja Dja Wurrung artist Sam Richards, at the Oakleigh South Child and Family Hub.

In creating this piece, Sam achieved something that many

artists strive for – to resonate with community and place. The artwork was created with input from local kindergarten children and the Oakleigh South Girl Guides and looks wonderful on our unique building.

The Oakleigh South hub is one of four early years hubs that we have constructed in Monash with our latest hub, Dorrington, in Mount Waverley.

These facilities are designed to provide families with access to essential services under one roof – a one stop shop for young children and their families. From maternal and child health, sleep settling services and playgroups to space for community groups such as the Girl Guides, these are facilities that really meet the needs of our community.

As a grandfather, I know how important these services are to those caring for young children and I want to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Monash team in helping secure Victorian Government funding to support these hubs that will be there for our families for many years to come.

I am pleased to represent Monash in the Municipal Association of Victoria's 'Make Good Happen' federal election campaign.

The campaign gives the local government sector a unified voice as we advocate to bring about positive change within our communities across the state.

The 'Make Good Happen' campaign has a focus on 5 key pillars:

- Make Community Infrastructure Happen
- Make Safer Roads Happen
- Make Fairer Energy Happen
- Make Resilient Communities Happen
- Make Local Democracy Happen.

Keep an eye out for more on this campaign in the months ahead.

As always, please get in touch if you would like to discuss any matter with me: ☎ 9518 3524 or ✉ [paul.klisaris@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:paul.klisaris@monash.vic.gov.au)



## THE GREAT CLOTHING Exchange returns

**D**o you or your family have good quality preloved clothing you have outgrown or no longer wear?

Sustainable Monash is hosting another FREE mega clothing exchange event for kids, teens and adults.

Get along to Monash Civic Centre on Sunday 23 March, from 10am-1pm, to donate or exchange good quality preloved clothing for the same number of good quality preloved items.

Reusing clothes is a great way to join the sharing community and means we are keeping these items in circularity rather than going to landfill, helping to create a more sustainable Monash.



This is a FREE ticketed event. Register at [monash.vic.gov.au/clothes-swap](https://monash.vic.gov.au/clothes-swap)

# CARING for our four- legged friends

**M**onash's cats and dogs are much-loved members of our community.

One way you can show you care about your pet is to register them, making it easier to find them if they go missing.

If your pet should go missing, and is picked up by a Council officer, we can contact you straight away and reunite you with your beloved canine or feline - if we have your registration details.

All dogs and cats three months and older must be registered and microchipped as a legal requirement by 10 April 2025. It's the pet owner's responsibility to ensure their pet is safely contained at home and doesn't wander.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 [monash.vic.gov.au/Animal-Registration](https://monash.vic.gov.au/Animal-Registration)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The most popular breeds of registered pets in Monash are:

### DOGS

Cavoodle

1290

### CATS

Domestic

Short Hair  
3638



## MORE LOW-COST pet vaccinations

If you are looking to get your dog or cat vaccinated and missed out on our recent low-cost vaccination events – we've got good news.

We have more sessions available in April and May.

In partnership with RSPCA Victoria, we are offering cat and dog vaccinations with a registered vet for just \$20.

There are limited spots available on a first-come, first-serve basis and these must be pre-booked.

For dates and locations:

🌐 [monash.vic.gov.au/pet-vaccination](https://monash.vic.gov.au/pet-vaccination)



## POETIC PORTRAITS: Share your story

**C**alling all writers and people with a story to tell. We are partnering with RMIT University on Poetic Portraits, an intergenerational creative project to showcase the exceptional talent and diverse life experiences of different generations in Monash.

**Open to Monash residents ages 18-35 and ages 60+, participants will:**

- Craft two poetic pieces in a guided workshop on 3 May
- Have your portrait taken to accompany your work
- Have your poems and portrait published in a custom book and exhibited to launch our Monash Seniors Festival for 2025.

Expressions of interest are open on our website until 13 April. Please contact us if you have questions or cannot apply online.

🌐 [monash.vic.gov.au/poetic-portraits](https://monash.vic.gov.au/poetic-portraits) ✉ [agewell@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:agewell@monash.vic.gov.au)

☎ 9518 3555 (ask for the Age Well team)





# WE'VE GOT THE RIGHT liner for you

Choosing the right liners for your kitchen caddy can often mean navigating a minefield of frustration, searching for the option that's best for our environment.

We're making it easier. Save time and avoid confusion by purchasing a roll of the right compostable liners from your nearest Monash library branch or selected Council facilities.

If you buy liners elsewhere, check they are lime green in colour and the bags have the exact seedling logo with "AS4736" underneath. That number means the liner is certified to break down completely within 12 weeks.

Labels boasting "eco-friendly", "biodegradable", "plant-based" or "compostable (without the seedling logo)" can be misleading and the liners can contain plastic or leave plastic residue.

This can ruin the quality of the compost created from our green bins and used by local farmers.

Learn more  [monash.vic.gov.au/lining-your-caddy](https://monash.vic.gov.au/lining-your-caddy)



## BECOME A recycling star

Ever wondered what happens to your food and garden waste? Do you need to brush-up on what waste goes in what bin? Want to learn how to reduce the amount of waste in your landfill (red) bin?


We're running a series of online and in-person sessions designed to help you master the art of recycling and waste management.

### SESSION 1: Get your recycling right

- Webinar (Zoom): Wednesday 2 April, 6pm-7pm
- In-person workshop (Mount Waverley Community Centre): Thursday 10 April, 10.30am-11.30am

### SESSION 2: What to put in your green bin

- Webinar (Zoom): Tuesday 13 May, 6pm-7pm
- In-person workshop (Monash Civic Centre, Glen Waverley): Monday 12 May, 10.30am-11.30am

To find out more, or book a place:  
 [monash.vic.gov.au/recycling-workshops](https://monash.vic.gov.au/recycling-workshops)



# MONASH *at a glance*

## ▶ RESERVE IMPROVEMENTS

Over the past two years, Council has improved local reserves, open space and dog off-leash areas with upgrades like signage, bins, dog poo bag dispensers, fencing, and drinking fountains with dog bowls. These improvements have enhanced accessibility, enriched the community's outdoor experience, and helped people to get active with their dogs. More improvements are planned this year and into 2026.

 [monash.vic.gov.au/reserve-improvements](https://monash.vic.gov.au/reserve-improvements)

## ▶ DETOX YOUR HOME

Detox Your Home is back on at the Monash Operations Centre (next to the Recycling and Waste Centre, 380 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill) on Saturday 12 April. You can drop off accepted household chemicals like weed killers, cleaning products and insect sprays for free. These items can't be put in bins or poured down the drain. Book online at:

 [monash.vic.gov.au/detox-your-home](https://monash.vic.gov.au/detox-your-home)

## ▶ NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Come talk home safety at Neighbourhood Watch Monash's open residents meeting on Wednesday 26 March, 7.30pm to 9pm, at Mount Waverley Community Centre (41 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley). This meeting will focus on fire prevention and home safety with Fire Rescue Victoria Station Officer (and Waverley Park Ward Councillor) Shane McCluskey. No registration required. Walk-ins welcome. Learn more:

 [nhwmonash.org.au](https://nhwmonash.org.au)

## HAVE YOUR SAY ...

# on the Monash Flood Mapping Project

**O**ur changing climate and urbanisation mean the frequency and severity of flooding activity is changing.



We're working with Melbourne Water to update flood maps using the latest computer modelling; current rainfall and land development data; and, very importantly, your local knowledge.

This will help us better plan and prepare for future flood events by assisting with emergency response to flooding; reducing flood risks for future development; and with our stormwater drainage management and maintenance.

We want to find out more about your experiences of flooding in Monash - including locations, dates and photos.

To view an interactive map and leave feedback and photos of your flooding experiences visit:

 [shape.monash.vic.gov.au/flood-mapping](https://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/flood-mapping)

You can also contact us at  9518 3555 or  [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au)

**We'll also be holding community drop-in sessions at:**

- **Clayton Library**, Wednesday 2 April, 4pm-5.30pm
- **Oakleigh Library**, Thursday 3 April, 10.30am-12pm
- **Glen Waverley Civic Centre**, Thursday 3 April, 3.30pm-5pm

**Consultation closes Sunday 13 April 2025.**

**STAY SAFE  
WITH MINKY'S**  
Swim School


**L**earn vital life skills with Minky's Swim School. Classes are fun and taught in a safe environment, leading to increased confidence in and around water.

**Being part of the Minky's Swim School family comes with many benefits:**

- Small class sizes
- School term-based program
- No administration or joining fees
- 40 per cent discount for some concession card holders
- Heated pools for year-round swimming
- Access to our pools outside of lesson times, including school holidays.

We take water safety so seriously, we offer a FREE express program during the school holidays if your child doesn't advance to the next level after high attendance rates across three swim school terms.

Get in touch to find out more and enrol at our Clayton and Glen Waverley centres.

 [activemonash.vic.gov.au/learn-to-swim](https://activemonash.vic.gov.au/learn-to-swim)  9265 4888

## HAVE YOUR SAY




# WINTER SPORT

is warming up

**N**ow's the perfect time to start thinking ahead to your sporting pursuits for the coming winter season.

Monash has 600 hectares of parks, gardens and reserves as well as excellent indoor sporting facilities catering for winter pursuits including football, soccer, rugby, baseball, netball, softball, basketball, golf and many more.

Our online community directory is the perfect place to start looking. Sporting clubs can also update their listing, or include their information for the first time.

 [monash.vic.gov.au/  
community-directory](https://monash.vic.gov.au/community-directory)

A vibrant collage of various sports equipment. In the center, the word "SPORT" is written in large, bold, red 3D block letters. Surrounding the text are several items: a blue tennis racket at the top, a black and white soccer ball, an orange basketball, a white baseball with red stitching, a black 8-ball, a brown American football, a white volleyball, a pair of orange and blue boxing gloves, a green tennis ball, and a golf club. The background is a solid light orange color.

# BLACKBURN WARD

## Cr Rebecca PATERSON

A new term, a new year and a new ward. It's a privilege to have been elected to the Blackburn ward, and I look forward to getting to know those of you I don't know and learning more about the local issues you want me to address.

Whilst plenty of time has passed and much has changed, there are some things that, unfortunately, have remained the same for a long time. I wrote last year in this column about the despair we all felt watching so many trees felled on private land across the City, while our suggested changes to planning controls that would provide sensible protection for canopy trees all over Monash languished on the planning minister's desk.

I urged the Victorian Government to allow us to bring in interim controls while they considered our changes as well as considering how they might ensure adequate protections for canopy trees across the whole of Victoria.

Many of you reached out to me communicating your disappointment at the amount of tree loss you had witnessed in a place you moved to because of its "garden character" and asked what you could do.

When our rates notices were delivered in July last year, we included some more information on canopy protection and a postcard you could sign to be delivered to the planning minister. We will give you a detailed update in the next few months on how many of you responded and our further conversations with the Victorian Government.

I hope for our sake, and the sake of future generations, that the Victorian Government's response will recognise the opportunity to make a lasting difference to the health and wellbeing of our community and environment.

Somebody once told me that the best time to plant a tree was yesterday, and the second best time to plant a tree is today. I'm sure the same can be said for protecting trees. It's not easy or fast to replace what has been lost, but we can make better choices from today.



## Next Council Meetings

**Tuesday 25 March, 7pm/Tuesday 29 April, 7pm**

**Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley**

Access meeting agendas and watch in-person or online:

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

## YOUR Councillors

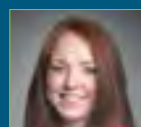


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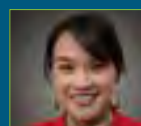


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### Waverley Park Ward

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### Wellington Ward

**Cr Paul Klisaris | Mayor**

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You can contact councillors via phone or email. Letters can be mailed to:

PO Box 1, Glen Waverley, VIC 3150

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





# What's on <sup>IN</sup> Monash

## ECOCONNECT Festival

Take part in an exciting festival that promotes and supports sustainable living. It will be packed full of activities such as a plant and produce swap, workshops, an author talk and free coffee cart. A wonderful opportunity to connect with your community and pick up some eco tips and tricks!

Saturday 29 March, 10am-1pm, Wellington Reserve Community Centre, 36-42 Mackie Rd, Mulgrave.

*A partnership between Monash Public Libraries and Mackie Road Neighbourhood House.*

More info: [monash.vic.gov.au/ecoconnect](https://monash.vic.gov.au/ecoconnect)



## LEST WE forget

Monash residents are encouraged to attend local services to commemorate this year's Anzac Day.

Anzac Day ceremonies give people the opportunity to pay their respects for all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service.

Ceremonies are organised by local Returned Services League (RSL) branches at Glen Waverley, Clayton and Oakleigh.

Find out more about Anzac Day in Monash:

📞 9518 3555 [monash.vic.gov.au/anzac-day](https://monash.vic.gov.au/anzac-day)



## CITY NATURE challenge

25 April - 28 April

Once again, we're joining the City Nature Challenge, a worldwide event where people document the wildlife in their own city.

Explore nature, find and take pictures of wildlife and share your observations. Your efforts can help scientists understand our local wildlife and environment better.

Learn more about the challenge and join a local event:

[monash.vic.gov.au/city-nature-challenge](https://monash.vic.gov.au/city-nature-challenge)



## MONASH, start planting

Waverley Garden Club's annual Open Gardens Day, again supported by Council, will back for 2025.

Expressions of interest are now open for enthusiasts who'd like to open their gardens to the general public on Saturday 8 November.

We're not looking for perfectly manicured gardens, just people who love gardening and would like to share their experience.

For more information, and to register:

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## Contact us



Mon to Fri, 8.30am to 5pm

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**Oakleigh Service Centre** 📍 3 Atherton Rd, Oakleigh, 3166

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We welcome your feedback: ✉️ [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au)

*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.*



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SNAP SEND SOLVE is a great app to report to us what needs fixing:

[monash.vic.gov.au/snap-send-solve](https://monash.vic.gov.au/snap-send-solve)



### Monash Interpreter Service

普通话	4713 5001	ಕನ್ನಡ	4713 5020
廣東話	4713 5002	தமிழ்	4713 5021
Việt Ngữ	4713 5003	Other languages	4713 5000
Ελληνικά	4713 5004		
हिंदी	4713 5005		
Italiano	4713 5008		
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