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BULLETIN



**New
Mulgrave
playspace**
Just in time for
school holidays

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Message from Mayor Cr Paul Klisaris

May and June were a time of openings for Monash Council.

We started with the openings of kindergartens in Ashwood and Oakleigh South, with new and modern facilities creating more



than 100 spaces for children in our high quality kindergarten programs. With the support of the Victorian Government, these two openings complete a four year program that has upgraded 10 early childhood facilities for Monash families. As someone who has spent their career in the early education space, I know the impact of high quality spaces and programs for our youngest residents and I am incredibly proud of what Council has delivered over the past four years. Read about our full program at [shape.monash.vic.gov.au/early-years](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/early-years).

We also opened new playspaces in Mount Waverley and Wheelers Hill, just in time for the coming school holidays. Playspaces have come a long way. What you might remember as swings, slides and see-saws now have musical chimes, water misting poles, communication boards to support language development, rope climbing, obstacle courses and basketball courts - as well

as swings, slides and see-saws. Read more about the new Mulgrave Reserve playspace in Wheelers Hill on page five.

Creating spaces for our community to use is truly the best thing that councils do, and these new facilities and playspaces will provide for the next generation of families in Monash.

I'm also really excited about our works at Jack Edwards Reserve in Oakleigh, which are on track to be completed and opened in August. This game changer for the Oakleigh Cannons Football Club, and for football in Monash, is another successful partnership between Council and the Australian and Victorian Governments. I can't wait to be part of the opening event.

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



Community Vision looks to the future

Monash Council has endorsed a refreshed Community Vision, Council Plan and other guiding documents that will shape Monash for the next four years and beyond.

These documents represent the aspirations of the diverse community in Monash and were developed during extensive community engagement.

Monash Mayor Cr Paul Klisaris thanked the community for its input.

"Our Community Vision and Council Plan will guide the day-to-day operations of Council and shape our longer-term decisions. Including the services we provide for our community, the building projects and facilities we invest in and how we support the health and

wellbeing of our community and environment.

"Hundreds of people have contributed to these, and I thank everyone involved in this process," said Cr Paul Klisaris.

The Community Vision, Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Plan, Revenue and Rating Plan and Asset Plan can be found at: [monash.vic.gov.au/vision](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/vision)

A fairer, more sustainable way to manage the rising cost of waste


The cost of managing waste is rising much faster than council rates.

Monash is the only council in Victoria that hasn't introduced a separate waste charge. But to keep delivering the high-quality services our community relies on, we need to make a change. That's why we're proposing to introduce a separate waste charge on rates notices from July 2026.

This means Council rates will go down, and a separate charge will

be added for properties that use our waste and recycling services. Pensioner Concession Card holders will receive a 40 per cent discount, and we will also have a safety net for anyone who may need support during this change.

More information about what this means for you and how you can have your say will be included with your rates notice, which has been mailed this week.

You can also visit  [shape.monash.vic.gov.au](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/shape) to learn more, provide feedback and see details of our listening posts where you can talk to our team in-person.



Lights, Camera, Action

Calling all aspiring Spielbergs, Hitchcocks and Bigelows. We're inviting young filmmakers to share their latest and greatest short film creations.

The Monash Youth Film Festival has been running for more than 20 years, and we want you to join our long list of young creatives by expressing your vision through film.

All submissions are shown on the big screen at Village Cinemas Century City and will be in the running to win some great prizes. All genres are welcome.

Submit your film by **Sunday 24 August**.

 monashyouth.org.au/film-festival


Work underway in Coleman Parade

We've started street improvement works along Coleman Parade, between Blackburn Road and Myrtle Street, in Glen Waverley.

Reconstruction works are required because of the road pavement condition, and will ensure the road can cater for the anticipated construction traffic generated by the Victorian Government's Suburban Rail Loop project.

The project will include the upgrade and completion of a shared path along the Waverley Rail Trail, on the north side of Coleman Parade between the Syndal and Glen Waverley railway stations.

We'll also be repairing and increasing the capacity of the stormwater drainage system; replacing damaged footpath; and upgrading bus stops to meet accessibility standards.

The works are expected to take up to 12 months to complete.  [monash.vic.gov.au/coleman-works](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/coleman-works)

Monash at a glance

► NATURE STRIPS

Help beautify our local environment by participating in our FREE nature strip planting project. Help cool our local streets, create habitat for native wildlife and develop vibrant and green urban spaces. Find out more:

 monash.vic.gov.au/nature-strips

► COMPOSTING

Until 31 August, we're offering Monash households an extra rebate on already discounted compost bins, worm farms and Bokashi bins. Get your compost journey started at:

 compostcommunity.com.au/monash

► COURT WIN

A Glen Waverley resident has been fined \$9,000 after an established tree was poisoned on their property in breach of the Monash Planning Scheme. The 18m lemon-scented gum tree was poisoned when its trunk was drilled with eight holes and filled with a green substance.

 monash.vic.gov.au/tree-poisoning

► QUIET SESSIONS

In partnership with Latrobe Community Health Service, Active Monash is introducing Low Sensory Quiet Sessions at Clayton Aquatics and Health Club. Full details, including dates and times:

 activemonash.vic.gov.au/low-sensory-sessions



Game changer near completion


Construction of the Jack Edwards Reserve pavilion and grandstand continues to progress with completion scheduled for August.

The grandstand seating has been completed with the internal fit out now underway.

When finished, the game changing facility - home of the Oakleigh Cannons Football Club - will have a 500-seat undercover grandstand and National Premier League

standard facilities that will help the club grow its programs, including those for women's and girls' teams.

The project budget of \$14.73M includes an \$8.2M commitment from Council, \$4M from the Victorian Government, \$2M from the Australian Government and \$530,000 from the Oakleigh Cannons.

 shape.monash.vic.gov.au/jack-edwards-pavilion

Making Monash Safer

A message from Acting Inspector Mark Rogers – Victoria Police Monash Local Area Commander.

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their own home.

That's why police across Monash are working hard every night to stop burglars and car thieves in their tracks through a dedicated Victoria Police operation: Operation Trinity.

We have additional police on the road, including the Dog Squad, Public Order Response Team and the Air Wing, all focused on preventing and responding to home burglaries and car theft.

Across Melbourne, police have made more than 1,700 related arrests in the past 12 months, an average of four each day. Our goal is to be visible, proactive and ready to respond, the moment suspicious behaviour is detected.

But we can't do it alone. More than 80 per cent of aggravated burglaries in hotspot areas happen through unlocked



doors and windows. That tells us one simple thing – locking up works. Please help us make your property safe by taking a moment to double check that all home and car doors and windows are locked every night.

OTHER SECURITY TIPS:

- Let a trusted neighbour, friend or family member know if you're going away. They can help keep an eye on your property
- Install CCTV and sensor lights to illuminate dark areas around your home
- Lock internal garage doors
- If you see something suspicious – report it immediately by calling 000.

Together, we can make Monash safer and ensure it remains a place where people feel secure and supported.



Playtime at Mulgrave Reserve

The magnificent Mulgrave Reserve playspace is officially open.

Designed in consultation with the local community, this expansive, intergenerational play wonderland in Wheelers Hill has something for all ages, from a dedicated toddler and preschooler area, where little ones can play without feeling intimidated, to giant slides and climbing equipment that challenge and thrill older children.

There's also recreational offerings for older ages groups, such as a basketball quarter-court, an outdoor fitness hub and seniors fitness equipment.

With shade sails, a picnic shelter, lots of seating, drinking fountains and a public toilet onsite, it's the perfect spot for a playdate or family outing.

Learn more: monash.vic.gov.au/mulgrave-reserve

Change to pound facility

From 1 August, Council's pound facility for cats, dogs and livestock will move from the RSPCA in Burwood to Animal Aid in Coldstream.

If your animal is found wandering by Council officers and can't be reunited using registration or microchip information, it will be taken to Animal Aid and cared for until you can collect them.

Council's preference is always to reunite pets directly with their owners as quickly as possible, and the easiest way to help us do this is to register your dog or cat and make sure your details are up to date.

MORE INFO ON:

- **The change:** monash.vic.gov.au/pound-faqs
- **Registration:** monash.vic.gov.au/animal-registration



Council concerns with landfill site proposal

Monash Council has outlined serious concerns with a proposal to rezone and develop a former quarry and landfill for housing in Oakleigh South.

In our submission to the Minister for Planning, we raised a significant number of concerns about the proposed Development Plan and rezoning of the former Talbot Quarry, including:

- A failure to provide detail and certainty on how future residents will manage the contamination issues of the site given its operation as a former quarry and landfill.
- A lack of necessary certainty and clarity for planning controls for the delivery of the proposed residential redevelopment on the site.
- The Victorian Government Minister for Planning being the responsible authority for the approval of the overarching development plan for the site but not individual planning permits under that plan.

Read our submission to find out more about these and other concerns, as well as the history of Talbot Quarry: monash.vic.gov.au/talbot-submission

HAVE YOUR SAY



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...on playspace upgrades and fitness hubs

We're designing new playspaces at View Mount Road Reserve and Jacaranda Road Reserve in Wheelers Hill.

We want people who use the space the most, and especially children, to get involved.

New fitness equipment

In addition to the playspace

upgrades, we're also designing and installing new outdoor fitness pods at both these reserves to offer local residents more opportunities to get active and exercise outdoors.

Have your say on both projects by **Sunday 27 July** at shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspaces

...on animal management

Monash Council prepares a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) every four years to provide a strategic framework for animal management in Monash. This sets expectations of pet owners in Monash, and outlines what you can expect to receive from Council.

Our draft plan for 2026-2029 focuses specifically on cats and dogs in Monash, outlining the key issues, objectives and priorities for how they will be managed.

We know the impact our furry friends have on the lives of Monash residents, so we invite you to share your feedback on our draft Domestic Animal Management Plan.

To help us, and your four legged friends, visit shape.monash.vic.gov.au/damp before **Sunday 3 August**.



...on events and creative programming

Council's vision for arts and culture is to be a city that celebrates and champions creative industries.

A revitalised creative program will allow us to incorporate a variety of new activities or influences from visual arts, photography and film, libraries

and museums, exhibitions, theatre, dance, cultural venues, celebrations, public art, placemaking, design and creative industries.

We're inviting you to have your say on our existing schedule of creative events, programs and activities. This feedback

will play an important role in ensuring our programming will help build further engagement with and participation from our diverse community.

Find out more and share your thoughts, by **Thursday 31 July** at shape.monash.vic.gov.au/creative-programming

Banksia Ward Cr Cameron Little

The first six months as your Banksia Ward councillor have been a whirlwind - but a deeply rewarding one. I've made it a priority to listen to Clayton, Huntingdale and South Oakleigh, and to act where it counts.

Local traders and residents in Clayton have told me how tough the road closures, caused by Suburban Rail Loop works, have been. I've taken those concerns directly to the SRL Authority and will keep pushing for better outcomes.

The SRLA has also released its draft precinct plan for Clayton, proposing a major expansion of the health precinct, more high-rise development and up to 5,600 new dwellings. These changes would dramatically reshape our neighbourhood. I'll continue advocating for a balanced, community-first approach that respects the area's unique character.

In Huntingdale, I'm proud to have secured \$350,000 in the 2025/26 budget to kickstart long-overdue upgrades to the activity centre, including footpath improvements, landscaping and streetscape design. These will revitalise the precinct and support our local traders.

In South Oakleigh, I've stood firm against unsafe development at the Talbot Quarry site, ensuring Council demands strong safety and remediation standards before anything proceeds (see more on page 5).

I've also been thrilled to support the delivery of the new Oakleigh South child and family hub, and the Ward Avenue kindergarten - modern, inclusive spaces that are a real win for families.

I've been pushing for upgrades to the Cooke Street car park, and I'm excited about the momentum we've built through the new Clayton Steering Committee. I'm also proud to have helped bring new life to the Oakleigh South Primary School car park project.

As Chair of the Monash Disability and Youth Committees, I continue to be inspired by the passion and resilience of our local community. I was fortunate to attend the Mazenod Panthers All Ability Football Club launch at Glen Waverley's Central Reserve alongside the incredible Dylan Alcott (pictured). I'm looking forward to seeing how this amazing club continues to grow.

Let's keep the energy up - there's plenty more to do, and I'm proud to be doing it alongside you.



Next Council Meetings

Tuesday 29 July, 7pm and Tuesday 26 August, 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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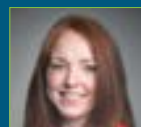


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monash.vic.gov.au/councillors



What's on ^{In} Monash

For Arts' Sake awards are back

We have once again partnered with Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre to bring you the For Arts' Sake (FAS) Awards.

The awards celebrate artists who live, work and play in Monash and offer a prize pool of more than \$7,000 in gift cards (funded by Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre), along with in-kind solo exhibition opportunities at Monash Civic Gallery and other Council creative spaces.

 monash.vic.gov.au/FAS-awards

Become a Groupie

Staying active is one of the best ways to beat the winter blues, which is why we run Become a Groupie to encourage people to keep physically and mentally fit during the cold months.

Every time you attend a group exercise class between 1– 31 August you go in the prize draw. Great prizes are available, including Peninsula Hot Springs vouchers and much more.

For more details and class timetable:

 activemonash.vic.gov.au/become-a-groupie

Share the Dignity

Menstruating isn't a choice, but some people are forced to choose between buying period products, or food to eat.

This August, we're joining the fight to end period poverty and we need your help in donating brand new and sealed sanitary and period products including pads, tampons, maternity pads, incontinence pads, reusable pads, period underwear, and menstrual cups.

Donate at a Monash Share the Dignity collection bin located at all of our library branches, recreation centres, Monash Youth Services and Cabena Child and Family Centre.

 monash.vic.gov.au/share-the-dignity



Storytime

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Join Jaeden Williams, a proud Yalukit

Willam man of the Boonwurrung, for a special interactive story time session. We'll have a craft activity, free giveaways and more.

WHEN: Sat 2 August, 11am

WHERE:  Glen Waverley Library


TO BOOK:  monlib.vic.gov.au/childrens-day


ENQUIRIES:  9518 3030




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.