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Container recycling pays off

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Your waste collection calendar is inside

NEVER put batteries in any of your bins. NEVER put batteries in any of your bins.

Keeping Hughesdale moving

Message from Mayor, Cr Stuart James

I recently visited the Hotham Street road reconstruction works in Hughesdale, a project I've been pleased to support and one that came directly from the Hughesdale Local Area Traffic Management Plan.

This is practical local infrastructure that matters. We're rebuilding part of the road, keeping the bluestone gutters, improving drainage to help reduce flooding, rebuilding vehicle crossings to reduce scraping, and installing road humps to slow traffic.

Works are expected to finish in August. Once complete, it will mean a safer road, better

drainage and less ongoing maintenance.

Thank you to local residents for your patience while construction is underway.

Sports gambling reforms

Recent Australian Government reforms to reduce sports gambling advertising are welcome.

Families should be able to watch sport together without being bombarded by betting ads, especially children and young people.

Monash Council has long supported a public health

approach to gambling harm, including calling for a full ban on sports betting advertising. We'll keep pushing both the Australian and Victorian governments to go further, and to implement the Murphy Report recommendations in full.

Earlier this year, we asked for community feedback on our draft policy. Submissions are now being reviewed, with the policy expected to come back to Council in the coming months.

Eaton Mall

Eaton Mall is one of Oakleigh's most iconic and loved public places.

My thoughts remain with the victims of the April attack, nearby businesses, and everyone who witnessed such a distressing incident.

Thank you to Victoria Police for their quick response. Council will keep working with police to help keep our public spaces safe.



Your rates notice will look different this year

You'll notice a change on your 2026/27 rates notice when it arrives in July.

Rates will be lower and the cost of waste services will be listed separately. This means that most rates notices will now include:

General rates

Waste charge – approximately \$375 (to be confirmed in May)

Public Waste Service Rate – a charge for waste services in public spaces like parks and streets.

Both the waste charge and Public Waste Service Rate replace costs that were previously included in general rates.

You only pay the waste charge if you receive our waste and recycling service. If your property has a private waste service (this includes some apartment buildings) then you won't pay the waste charge.

Pensioner Concession Card holders will receive a 40%

concession on the waste charge, and a concession of \$150 will apply in the first two years for ratepayers living in housing valued under \$600,000 (this will not apply to investment properties). These will be explained on your rates notice, you do not need to take any action now.

More information: monash.vic.gov.au/waste-charge

Container recycling pays off

Monash residents are making a big impact through the Victorian Government's Container Deposit Scheme. Between July and December 2025, residents recycled more than 17 million cans and bottles at collection sites in Monash with people, clubs and community groups receiving 10 cents for each eligible container returned.

Local sporting clubs like Glen Waverley Bowls Club are benefiting. Club member Alan Clark regularly takes containers to a local collection point. The money raised helps support the club and funds the upkeep of its champions' trophies.

"We're grateful to Alan for taking on the responsibility," club director Dan Osborne said. "It takes a dedicated member to get the program up and running."

"We've set up storage containers around the site



Alan Clark leads the container recycling efforts at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club.

to encourage members and guests to place them in the appropriate bins. It took a little while for people to respond, but now most go to the trouble of seeking out the containers."

Victorians have embraced the scheme in huge numbers, with 3 billion recyclable items

returned since 2023.

We are calling on the Victorian Government to pause, listen and reflect on that success, and to review its direction for councils to introduce an additional glass-only recycling bin for residents.

Readers and writers unite at WordFest



Olivia Ong will make her Monash WordFest debut this year. Picture: Rebecca Taylor Photography.

WordFest, the annual literature festival presented by Monash Council, is again uniting readers and writers through author talks, writing workshops and the annual Monash Short Story Writing Competition.

Olivia Ong, who will discuss her book *Back on My Feet*, was thrilled to be taking part this year.

"I've participated in a number of author talks, book launches and speaking events, but I haven't been part of WordFest before," she said. "I always value opportunities to connect with readers in a more personal, community-based setting.

"Community book events are incredibly meaningful because they create a space for genuine human connection.

For authors, it's a chance to bring the book to life beyond the page."

WordFest 2026, which runs from 2-25 June, will also feature Cheng Lei, Kylie Moore-Gilbert, Bob Brown, Pia Miranda, Michael Klim, Travis Boak and Melissa Leong.

Eric Beecher will deliver the Sir John Monash Lecture.

Learn more: monlib.vic.gov.au/wordfest

Temporary Glen Waverley Library sites to open

We're putting the finishing touches on two temporary library sites that will operate during the construction of our new Glen Waverley Library.

The nearby temporary sites will house smaller collections with reduced programs and events so we can keep offering library services in Glen Waverley.

Make sure you have the Monash Library app to browse, borrow and self-checkout or reserve items from our other branches.

We'll keep library members and users informed as we build Glen Waverley's bigger and better library, with construction set to start in the second half of the year.

Stay in touch

Visit

monlib.vic.gov.au/library
to get set up on the Monash Library app.

Fire safety in Monash

Cooler weather can mean more heaters and electric blankets, and a higher risk of house fires.

Join a free fire safety presentation and learn simple steps to help protect your home. Sessions are run with Fire Rescue Victoria and Mackie Road and Kerrie Road Neighbourhood Houses.

Book your spot: monash.vic.gov.au/fire-safety

Family violence awareness

Are You Safe at Home Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about family violence and promote available support options.

Learn how to help prevent violence by joining a training session: monash.vic.gov.au/fvree

If you or someone you know needs support, help is available 24/7 through 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732).



Monash Council fitness co-ordinator Adam Merrifield helps a participant get the most out of the outdoor fitness hub at Southern Reserve.

New outdoor fitness hubs help keep Monash moving

We've opened two new outdoor fitness hubs at View Mount Road Reserve and Jacaranda Road Reserve in Wheelers Hill, giving residents free ways to stay active close to home.

Monash now has 18 outdoor fitness hubs in our parks and reserves. They are near schools, shops, playgrounds and retirement villages, making it easier for people of all ages to get moving - whether it's a quick stretch or a full workout. We're

also running free and low-cost fitness classes at some hubs.

"I just did the seniors circuit for the first time. It was a great workout," Glen Waverley's Monique said. "Thank you very much for offering this class, having it set up so there is the option to workout outside."

Find your nearest fitness hub and be the first to know about free and low-cost fitness classes at monash.vic.gov.au/get-active-monash

What would you like to see in a new art trail?

We want your ideas to help shape a new, vibrant, colourful and illuminated art trail in Oakleigh.

Tell us what you love about Oakleigh and how the trail could reflect the area's unique identity. Your feedback will inform and inspire commissioned mural artists as they develop their creative concepts.

The trail is funded by the Victorian Government's Multicultural Business Precinct Revitalisation Program with a contribution from Monash Council.

Have your say: shape.monash.vic.gov.au/art-trail

Local businesses are looking forward to the potential interest an art trail will generate for Oakleigh.



Waverley Baseball Club has always worked hard at being a community club.

Framework's pitch

Waverley Baseball Club has been winning championships and developing state and national representatives for more than 65 years. But just as important, the club works hard to be part of the local community.

"We're not just about baseball; we're about the community. Building a sense of connection with other people," Waverley President Andrew Ferguson said.

"We resurrected our women's team five years ago, and it's expanded to the point where we are now fielding three teams. Family is also important. One year we had a grandfather, son and grandson play together in the same team."

Already boasting 280 players, Waverley is now holding special events to involve Monash's Indian, Chinese and Sri Lankan communities.

To help clubs like Waverley Baseball Club do their best work, we are updating our Sports Club Framework. To access Council facilities, clubs must agree to uphold behaviour standards, not promote gambling, and have a Child Safe Policy and Working with Children Checks (where required). Clubs can access cheaper fees by going beyond these minimum standards.

Learn more about Waverley Baseball Club: waverleybaseball.com.au

Footy makes its return

Ankles strapped and boots laced - footy has returned to Mount Waverley Reserve. After two years playing away, while a \$10 million upgrade was delivered, the Waverley Blues are back in action on their home ground.

And the local community embraced the refurbished facility's first game, flocking to the ground for a big day of men's, women's, under-19s and veterans' footy.

Now's the perfect time to get out and connect with a sporting club or recreation group in Monash. With almost 100 clubs to choose from, you can get involved as a player or volunteer - or simply enjoy the action, with our ovals and reserves full every weekend with local sport that's free or low-cost to watch.

Find a club or team: monash.vic.gov.au/Sports-and-Recreation



Celebrating country and culture

Our eight-week program of cultural learning and truth telling continues ahead of NAIDOC Week, with a range of free events and activities, including:

6 June – 30 August: ROLLERCOASTER: Winhangadurinya in motion

A major MAPH exhibition by Brook Andrew, bringing together a new commission and works to explore how histories are disrupted.

12 June: Heart of the Man – Film screening at Wheelers Hill Library

A powerful documentary following young Indigenous boxer Chris Wundurra as he navigates family pressure, identity and self-determination.

2 July: Maloga Art Youth Sessions

Hands-on sessions inviting young people (ages 8-18) to create their own canvas artwork inspired by First Nations symbols and culture.

More events and bookings at monash.vic.gov.au/first-nations



Wendy Morin (right) speaking at a recent Monash Women's Business Network event.

Growing our economic future

Monash is home to more than 25,000 businesses, from multinational companies and advanced manufacturers to local traders and sole operators.

In 2025, we asked businesses what they saw as the issues and opportunities for our local economy. The key themes were clear: more networking and events, attracting investment, and bringing more visitors to Monash.

Osteopath and Morinease Health founder Wendy Morin has seen the benefits of Council's business programs firsthand: "I'm incredibly grateful for the support from programs like the Monash Women's Business Network.

It has provided clarity, direction, networking and real opportunities that have positively transformed my business."

To support business owners like Wendy, we've drafted a four-year Economic Development Strategy with actions to grow our local economy, and guide how we deliver programs and initiatives that support local businesses.

Now we want to hear from you. Do the actions in our draft strategy reflect the needs of our business community? Let us know before 10 June: shape.monash.vic.gov.au/eco-dev-strategy

The Great Clothing Exchange (kids' edition)

Do you have quality clothes your child has outgrown?
Exchange them for similar preloved items.

Clayton Library
Friday 10 July 9.30am-12.30pm

Book your free spot at monash.vic.gov.au/clothes-swap



Ending the congestion

Cr Cameron Little (Banksia Ward)

Things are happening in Banksia ward.

Results of a traffic study confirmed what we've heard – Cooke Street, Clayton experiences congestion during certain peak times, making it challenging to exit the car park. The issue is the limited green light time at the Centre Rd/ Cooke St traffic lights, which restricts how many vehicles can exit Cooke St. We're proposing access improvements to the Cooke St car park entrance to help congestion. We've also requested the Victorian Government to review and adjust signal timings at the Centre Rd traffic signals (Clayton Rd and Cooke St) during peak periods. Unfortunately, they have indicated that the signals will not be reviewed until late 2027. We'll continue to advocate to bring this forward.

Stan Riley Reserve

We'll soon be seeking community feedback on an exciting redevelopment proposal for Stan Riley Reserve in South Oakleigh. The existing gravel

BMX track is underused, presenting an opportunity to revitalise the reserve. Our concept includes a family-friendly social space, outdoor fitness opportunities, and an accessible pathway network, set among more gardens, trees and grassed areas. A key feature would be a pump track designed for flexible use by bikes, scooters and skateboards. With Oakleigh South having one of the lowest levels of accessible open space and tree canopy in Monash, this project has strong potential to deliver lasting community benefits. More at shape.monash.vic.gov.au soon.

Funding for facilities

I'm seeking funding in the 2026/27 budget for new cricket nets at Scammel Reserve (pictured below), playground facilities at Princes Highway Reserve and the revitalisation of the Huntingdale Road precinct. After more than 10 years of rate capping, our budget is tight, but I will continue to advocate for Clayton, Huntingdale and Oakleigh South.



Next Council Meetings

Tuesday 26 May, 7pm and Tuesday 30 June, 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



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Winter Series

LIVE MUSIC



Invictus Quartet

Sunday 7 June
Clayton Theatre
Kids 11am – 12pm
Adults 1pm – 2pm



FREE
SHOW

Andrea Keller's Transients

Supported by Tony Yang Trio
Friday 19 June
The Counts, Monash University
7:30pm – 9:30pm



Monash Ceili: A Celtic Celebration

Saturday 4 July
Mount Waverley Community Centre
5pm – 9pm



Monash Musique: French Music & Dance

Friday 17 July
Clayton Hall
7pm – 9:30pm



FREE
SHOW

Tribute: Roy Orbison & Elvis Presley

By Joe Piastrino
Sunday 2 August
Oakleigh-Carnegie RSL
3pm – 5pm



FREE
SHOW

Jarabi & Yuval Ashkar Trio: West African & Middle Eastern

Friday 14 August
Glen Waverley Community Centre
7:30pm – 9:30pm



Bookings essential

Scan QR code or go to monash.vic.gov.au/festivals

Contact us

Mon to Fri, 8.30am to 5pm

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한국어	4713 5010		



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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.