



MONASH | JANUARY 2024



CITY OF  
MONASH

# BULLETIN



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# HOLIDAY Opening Hours

## WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal, including on public holidays.

## COUNCIL OFFICES

### Monash Civic Centre and Oakleigh Service Centre

Fri 15 Dec ..... Closing at 2pm  
 Fri 22 & Fri 29 Dec ..... Closing at 4pm  
 Mon 25, Tues 26 Dec & Mon 1 Jan ..... Closed

### MONASH RECYCLING AND WASTE CENTRE

Fri 15 Dec ..... Closing at 2pm  
 Mon 25, Tues 26 Dec .....  
 & Mon 1 Jan ..... Closed

### MONASH LIBRARIES\*

#### Glen Waverley and Clayton Libraries

Sat 23 Dec ..... 9am-4pm  
 Sun 24 Dec ..... 2pm-5pm  
 Mon 25 & Tue 26 Dec ..... Closed  
 Wed 27, Thurs 28 & .....  
 Fri 29 Dec ..... 10am-6pm  
 Sat 30 Dec ..... 9am-4pm  
 Sun 31 Dec ..... 2pm-5pm  
 Mon 1 Jan ..... Closed

#### Mount Waverley, Oakleigh and Wheelers Hill Libraries

Sat 23, Sun 24, Mon 25 & Tue 26 Dec ..... Closed  
 Wed 27, Thurs 28 & .....  
 Fri 29 Dec ..... 10am-6pm  
 Sat 30 Dec ..... 9am-4pm  
 Sun 31 Dec & .....  
 Mon 1 Jan ..... Closed

\* Mulgrave Library will be closed from Sun 17 Dec to Sun 7 Jan, items can be returned via the afterhours chute.

### MONASH AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE

Sun 24 Dec ..... 8am-2pm  
 Mon 25 Dec ..... Closed  
 Tue 26 Dec ..... 9am-6pm  
 Wed 27, Thurs 28 & .....  
 Fri 29 Dec ..... 5.45am-9pm  
 Sat 30 Dec ..... 8am-7pm  
 Sun 31 Dec ..... 8am-5pm  
 Mon 1 Jan ..... 9am-6pm

### CLAYTON AQUATICS AND HEALTH CLUB

Sun 24 Dec ..... 8am-2pm  
 Mon 25 Dec ..... Closed  
 Tue 26 Dec ..... 9am-5pm  
 Wed 27, Thurs 28 & .....  
 Fri 29 Dec ..... 6am-9pm  
 Sat 30 Dec ..... 8am-6pm  
 Sun 31 Dec ..... 8am-5pm  
 Mon 1 Jan ..... 9am-5pm

### OAKLEIGH RECREATION CENTRE

Sun 24 Dec ..... 8am-2pm  
 Mon 25 Dec ..... Closed  
 Tue 26 Dec ..... 9am-6pm  
 Wed 27, Thurs 28 & .....  
 Fri 29 Dec ..... 6am-9pm  
 Sat 30 Dec ..... 8am-6pm  
 Sun 31 Dec ..... 8am-5pm  
 Mon 1 Jan ..... 9am-6pm

## COMMUNITY GRANTS

Helping Monash make a difference

Monash Council will soon welcome applications for its Community Grants Program, which will be open from Monday 29 January until Friday 1 March 2024.

The program provides more than \$2.5 million in grants to support community groups and organisations in delivering projects, activities and events that strengthen, enhance, and benefit the Monash Community.

One of our 2022 grants saw Monash Lions Club deliver the very special Merle Mitchell Memorial Project – Intergenerational Interactions in Monash to Capture Living Histories.

The project focused on fostering community connections through the sharing of stories of residents at Waverley Valley Care. These stories have been captured in an inspiring and heartwarming documentary which can be viewed at [www.monash.vic.gov.au/living-histories-grant](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/living-histories-grant)

Learn more about our Community Grants at [www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-grants](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-grants)



### Applicant Information and Support Session:

Meet someone from our Community Grants Program team (6-16 Feb 2024). Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CLOZB](http://www.trybooking.com/CLOZB)

### Grant Budget Workshops:

Tues 30 Jan and Wed 21 Feb.  
 In person and online:  
 Monash Civic Centre, Glen Waverley.  
 Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CMEGC](http://www.trybooking.com/CMEGC)

### Effective Grant Writing Workshops:

Thurs 8 Feb and Wed 21 Feb.  
 In person and online:  
 Monash Civic Centre, Glen Waverley.  
 Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CMEHQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CMEHQ)

Merry  
 Christmas  
 and  
 HAPPY NEW YEAR



# MESSAGE FROM MAYOR Cr Nicky Luo

This is my first column as your new Mayor and I am excited for the year ahead and the work we will do together for the wonderful City of Monash.

I am a long-time resident of Monash and believe it is a fantastic place to live and work. We are fortunate to have great food and shopping precincts, parks and gardens, sporting facilities and a real community spirit. And we are also fortunate to be one of the most multicultural communities in Victoria, bringing so many different cultural experiences and energy to our city.

I am proud to be the first Mayor of Monash from a Chinese background. My appointment as Mayor, I believe, demonstrates how our Council values our diverse community. I hope in my Mayoral term to build even further on the cultural connections between members of our community.

Many people think Council is just about the three R's – rates, rubbish and roads. I believe the three R's

also apply to residents, respects and rights. About treating each other with respect, about listening to residents and what's important to them and about adhering to legislation and controls to do the right thing by each other.

As Mayor of Monash, my priority is to create a harmonious, safe, inclusive, welcoming and respectful community.

I have been fortunate to have been involved with many committees during my time as a Councillor including the Disability Advisory Committee, the Multicultural Advisory Committee, the LGBTIQ+ Advisory Committee, Positive Ageing Reference Group & Forum, youth advisory committee and our junior advisory group.

I thank these groups for sharing their stories about life in Monash and what we can do to assist them. Congratulations to Deputy Mayor Brian Little (pictured left with me), I look forward to working with you. I also want to acknowledge my Councillor

colleagues for their support in my nomination for Mayor. Heartfelt thanks to my family and friends for their support.

This is an exciting time for Monash and I know working together, we can achieve great things.

Please contact me anytime if you have any queries or feedback at

✉ [Nicky.Luo@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nicky.Luo@monash.vic.gov.au) or ☎ 0451 560 398



## LOOKING AHEAD to 2024

**A major Council highlight for 2024 will be the opening of a new tennis centre and multi-sport pavilion in our Glen Waverley Sports Hub. With 18 new tennis courts, golf practice facilities, car parking, a pavilion and new café – all set to open early in the year. Visit [shape.monash.vic.gov.au/tennis](http://shape.monash.vic.gov.au/tennis) for more information.**

We'll continue to advocate to the Victorian Government on their exciting Suburban Rail Loop project, with three stations to be located in Monash – settling clear expectations of disruption during construction is crucial.

Planning will continue for a new civic precinct in Glen Waverley, construction of Jack Edwards Reserve pavilion will get underway, work will continue on the extension

of Bogong Car Park, and we'll continue delivering our program of new family and early years hubs – with work due to start on hubs in Mount Waverley and Oakleigh.

Keep an eye out for the Monash Bulletin throughout the year to stay updated, you can also subscribe to email updates at: [www.monash.vic.gov.au/subscribe](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/subscribe)



## TAKE CARE in the heat this summer

Victoria is expected to have a hot summer and it is important to plan ahead so you can stay cool and know how to look after yourself and others. [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/extreme-heat](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/extreme-heat)

# RECOVERING ENERGY from landfill waste

We have taken a significant step to reduce emissions associated with waste by diverting waste into electricity through a purpose-built facility to be constructed at Laverton.

Using proven technology, the facility will not burn waste but operate at extremely high temperatures in a low air environment to convert it into a gas that is used to produce high pressure steam and electricity. This is an exciting development for Monash's goal to reduce what we send to landfill.

Diverting more than 45,000 tonnes of waste from landfill each year.

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/wastetoenergy](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/wastetoenergy)



## 'TIS THE SEASON to recycle!

Unsure how to dispose of your Christmas tree? Or how to stop gift packaging from taking over your bins? We've put together a handy Christmas waste guide full of tips on how to plan ahead and better manage waste in the weeks after Christmas and New Year's.

### TOP TIPS

- Recycle excess cardboard packaging and clean polystyrene at the Monash Recycling and Waste Centre (check what we accept on our website).
- If your Christmas tree is real, cut it into small pieces and place in your food and garden waste bin. Take larger real trees to the Recycling Centre (fees may apply). Fake Christmas trees should be disposed of in your landfill bin.
- To help minimise food waste smells, freeze food scraps in an airtight container. The night before bin collection, empty the scraps in your bin. You can also sprinkle bi-carb soda on your food waste to absorb smells.

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/christmas-recycling](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/christmas-recycling)

## GET COMPOSTING at home this summer

We're offering Monash residents a double rebate on a range of already discounted compost bins, worm farms, Bokashi bins and compostable food waste liners, through Compost Community.

Running until 31 January 2024, residents can receive a rebate\* of up to \$80 on compost bins and worm farms (normally \$40) and a rebate of up to \$20 on certified compostable caddy liners.

Composting your food scraps and garden waste is one easy way to reduce landfill and protect the environment. Plus, your garden will thank you for it!

[www.compostcommunity.com.au/monash.html](http://www.compostcommunity.com.au/monash.html)

\* One rebate available per household, per annum.



# SUMMER WATER SAFETY

## is your responsibility

**W**e are surrounded by water and use it for anything from transport to growing food.

And, especially in a Victorian summertime, we also enjoy the water for fun and sports in swimming pools, spas, beaches, rivers and lakes.

Tragically, Royal Life Saving Australia reported 90 fatal drowning incidents last summer and know that many more non-fatal drowning incidents are likely to have occurred that haven't been recorded and remain invisible.

**Before you and your loved ones swim this summer know:**

- Your skills, your water experience
- That water depths may change (especially at rivers, lakes and beaches)
- Mobile phones are a dangerous distraction
- People 65+yrs, children and CALD communities are at high risk
- Children can't keep themselves safe around water. You need to keep watch.

 [www.activemonash.vic.gov.au/Learn-to-Swim-Minkys-Swim-School](http://www.activemonash.vic.gov.au/Learn-to-Swim-Minkys-Swim-School)

 [www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0lwn3dQeZk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0lwn3dQeZk)

 [www.royallifesaving.com.au/stay-safe-active/communities/multicultural-communities](http://www.royallifesaving.com.au/stay-safe-active/communities/multicultural-communities)

## LITTLE ACCIDENTS

### Cause Big Closures

**H**earing 'Code Brown' called at a swimming pool might sound amusing, however it's no laughing matter!

Depending on whether the 'offending item' is a solid or liquid, pools can stay closed for several days while staff work around the clock to ensure a thorough clean.

**Help us keep the pool open by following a few simple steps:**

- Encourage young children and clients to visit the toilet before swimming
- Wear water-safe nappies (these can be purchased from Reception)
- Take regular toilet breaks every 60 minutes
- Observe children and clients for signs they may need to visit the toilet
- Allow time for food and drink to settle prior to swimming
- Avoid entering a pool within 14 days of having Gastro symptoms.

For more info:  9265 4888 or check at Reception.

Together we can help reduce the 'little accidents' that result in 'BIG pool-closures'.



## DECriminalISATION

### of sex work in Victoria

**T**he Victorian Government has decriminalised sex work with the aim to achieve better public health and human rights.

From 1 December 2023 all planning schemes across Victoria, including the Monash Planning Scheme, will allow a sex services business to operate the same as any other business in the State.

A sex services business, formerly called a brothel, will now be treated like any other business. A sex services business will be able to operate anywhere a shop can and will be subject to the same conditions and requirements that apply to a shop in all zones. The changes will also allow anyone to undertake sex work from their home, subject to meeting home based business requirements (Clause 52.11 – Home Based Business).

For more detail on the changes to the planning schemes

 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/decriminalisation](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/decriminalisation)

# CELEBRATION OF THE YEAR of the Dragon

Join us in celebrating the Year of the Dragon at the 2024 Glen Waverley Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival.

The festival, to be held on **Sunday 18 February (11am - 9pm) in Kingsway**, will be a feast of colour, music, and food.

The annual celebration is the most important cultural festival for the Chinese community and celebrates the coming of the Lunar New Year with rituals, traditions and ceremonies designed to bring good luck and good fortune for the coming year.

In the Chinese Zodiac, the dragon represents power, nobleness, honour, luck, and success. This highly anticipated annual event is organised by the Monash Chinese Events Committee Inc. with support from Monash Council.

The Glen Waverley Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival is just one of several exciting events in early 2024, with Council's Clayton Festival being

held Sunday 25 February and Live at Warrawee on Saturday 16 March.

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals)



## BOGONG CAR PARK construction underway

Construction of the extension to the multi-level car park in Bogong Avenue is progressing and, when completed early in 2025, will deliver four additional levels and more than 500 new car parking spaces.

Site establishment has been completed and demolition works are currently underway. Temporary traffic control works, line marking and the protected loading bay are in operation while existing column foundations have been excavated and are currently being reinforced. Demolition of the external stair and lift shaft will commence shortly.

More about parking options while we're extending Bogong Car Park: [www.monash.vic.gov.au/bogong](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/bogong)



# CLAYTON

# FESTIVAL

**Sun 25 Feb 2024**  
**12pm - 5pm**

**FREE**  
pool entry

**Clayton Community Centre**  
**Cooke Street, Clayton**



[www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals)  
Pool entry from 1pm - 5.30pm

# COUNCILLOR NEWS Cr Geoff Lake

Those who have lived in Glen Waverley for some time will appreciate how much the Glen Waverley Activity Centre has changed over the past 30 years.

In the 1980s and into the 90s, Kingsway was a quiet retail strip with few businesses operating past 5pm. It was a mix of clothing shops and other retail and service offerings. Car parking was rarely a problem and never at night. The Glen was just a Safeway supermarket with a few specialty shops.

Then came the café, restaurant and entertainment explosion. New offerings like Mocha Jo's in 1999 and later Shine kickstarted a trend that replaced retail on Kingsway with dining and entertainment. The Century City development brought cinemas to Glen Waverley and a Novotel Hotel – which for many years enjoyed the highest occupancy rates of all Melbourne hotels.

A series of expansions of The Glen Shopping Centre created a successful boutique shopping mall in what is, given the proximity to Chadstone, the most competitive retail precinct in the southern hemisphere.

Then came apartment living in 2012 with the IKON apartments above the Glen Waverley train station. Other apartments have since followed above the old Glenway Arcade, The Glen and elsewhere.

Following Council's recent decision to proceed with a new modern library and civic precinct and the sale of the Central Car Park, it is now time for the next exciting chapter in the evolution of the Glen Waverley Activity Centre. This will bring further activation and options to Glen Waverley, as will the Suburban Rail Loop once it opens.

Council plans to transform the pedestrian and outdoor dining experience on Kingsway over the next decade – to be coordinated around the construction of the Suburban Rail Loop. In the meantime, 500 new car parking spaces are currently under construction at the Bogong Car Park ahead of this disruption.

A vibrant and iconic activity centre is good for everyone and assists Melbourne's housing challenges by introducing housing diversity and increased density close to transport and activity.

As we look forward to the future, I want to acknowledge and thank two pioneers of modern Glen Waverley who have recently moved on. Mocha Jo's founding business partners Christo Christophidis and Lisa Slaughter have sold the business to new operators. They have significantly shaped the Glen Waverley Activity Centre that exists today (including, for Christo, as the president of the Glen Waverley Traders Association since 2009). We wish them all the best for the future and will miss them.



Geoff and Christo outside Mocha Jo's in 2012

## Next Council Meetings

Tuesday 19 December 2023 | Tuesday 30 January 2024, 7pm

 Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley

Access meeting agendas and watch in-person or online:

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

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 PO Box 1, Glen Waverley, VIC 3150  
 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/Councillors](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Councillors)



# What's on IN *Monash*

## MAKE A MONASH Start

With a FREE 7 Day Membership

Take the first step towards a healthier and fitter lifestyle and try our Aquatic and Recreation Centres in, Glen Waverley, Clayton and Oakleigh with a free 7-day membership. There's swimming, reformer pilates, group fitness classes, see what's on offer!



[www.activemonash.vic.gov.au/Free-7-Day-Membership](http://www.activemonash.vic.gov.au/Free-7-Day-Membership)

## MURRAY FREDERICKS

The salt lake

Held until 18 February

The salt lake is a major survey exhibition of works exploring the potential of photographing light & space.

Museum of Australian Photography (MAPh) in Wheelers Hill. [www.maph.org.au](http://www.maph.org.au)



Murray FREDERICKS  
Blaze 26, Muloorina, 2023

## LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Helps Children Grow

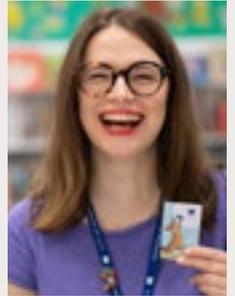
Become a member of Monash Public Library's 110,000 strong community and give your child the opportunity to thrive.

There's storytime sessions in English, Chinese, Japanese, Italian and Greek, books in 20 different languages, LEGO Club, eBooks, plus more.

It's free, fun, and a great way to build a love of books and reading at home with your children.



[www.monlib.vic.gov.au/join](http://www.monlib.vic.gov.au/join)



## MONASH WOMEN'S

Business Network

Wed 13 March 2024

11.30am-12pm Networking, 12pm-2pm Lunch

Hear passionate advocate and proud disabled woman Elly Desmarchelier share the many benefits of employing a person with disability.



**LOCATION:** Riversdale Golf Club

**COST:** \$60 per person for a two-course lunch

**BOOKINGS:**

[www.trybooking.com/CMOYN](http://www.trybooking.com/CMOYN)  
or RSVP: Mon 4 March

## 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:

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



### Monash Interpreter Service

普通话	4713 5001	සිංහල	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		
한국어	4713 5010		

