

# monash bulletin

July 2019

# THE YEAR ahead

#### \$64M capital works improvements

In the coming year, Council will embark on one of its biggest capital works programs ever, allocating \$64M on significant upgrades to community facilities and core services.

The \$24.4M redevelopment of the Oakleigh Recreation Centre is a highlight of the 2019/20 Budget with the facility to be transformed into an integrated multi-purpose sports precinct, featuring five new indoor basketball courts, a gymnasium upgrade and conversion of the existing stadium to a regional level gymnastics facility for the Waverley Gymnastics Club. This is a joint project funded by the Federal and State Governments, Council and Waverley Gymnastics Club. Another highlight is the introduction in July 2020 of a food waste recycling service that will support our residents in their desire for more sustainable waste practices at home.

The introduction of the food waste recycling means that residents can dispose of food scraps in their regular green waste bin for composting.

We will also be focusing on upgrades to drainage, footpaths, roads and playspaces as we know from feedback provided to us that these are important to our community.

Monash has secured its household recycling collection until 31 March 2020 but China's ban on some recycling materials resulted in an unexpected net cost to Council of \$1.5M per year.

Council had to make the decision to introduce in 2018/19 a limited recycling levy of \$22 per ratepayer to meet these increased costs. This limited levy will continue in 2019/20 at \$22 per rateable property to recover the costs of the recycling crisis and pensioners will continue to receive a rebate for the full amount of the recycling levy.

#### Other Budget highlights include:

- » \$900,000 upgrade for playspaces at Evelyn Street Reserve (Clayton), Electra Reserve (Ashwood), Melissa Street (Mount Waverley) and an accessible explorer trail and sensory path at Wellesley Road (Glen Waverley)
- » Carry forward of \$350,000 budget for design and construction commencement of the Brentwood Reserve **Pavilion**
- » Commencement of the Princes Highway Reserve West Sportsground Redevelopment, Oakleigh East (\$1.2M)
- » Completion of lighting upgrade works at Scammell Reserve, Oakleigh (\$260,000) and Mayfield Park Reserve, Mount Waverley (\$320,000)
- » The design and installation of a modular clubroom facility for Waverley Archers at Freeway Reserve, Mulgrave.

For more info: **\** 9518 3638 www.monash.vic.gov.au/ budget



#### **NEXT COUNCIL**

#### Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30 July** from 7pm, at the Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley). The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.30pm on **Thursday 25 July**.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 30 July. If you're unable to attend, you can watch from home:

webcast.monash.vic.gov.au or watch previous meetings.

For more info: \$\square\$ 9518 3555 \$\mathrm{\text{www.monash.vic.gov.au/}}\$ meetings

#### **Monash Civic Centre**

- 293 Springvale Road Glen Waverley
- (S) 8.15am to 5.15pm (Mon to Fri)

#### **Oakleigh Service Centre**

- 3 Atherton Road Oakleigh
- (1) 8.15am to 5.15pm (Mon to Fri)
- www.monash.vic.gov.au

#### **National Relay Service**

(for the hearing and speech impaired) 1800 555 660

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We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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# DEVELOPMENT PLANS for former Oakleigh South School site

A proposed development plan for the former Oakleigh South Primary School site has been lodged with Council and we are seeking the community's views on the plans.

It outlines a medium density townhouse development of 89 dwellings ranging in height from 2-3 storeys at 1 Beryl Avenue (52 Golf Road) Oakleigh South. Feedback is formally sought by Wednesday 24 July 2019 however Council will continue to accept submissions on this proposal up until it makes a decision.

#### The proposed plan includes:

- » 16 two-bedroom townhouses
- » 18 three-bedroom townhouses
- » 55 four-bedroom townhouses
- » Retention of 7 trees
- » Removal of 48 trees
- » Central communal open space area located in the centre of the site where two existing mature trees will be retained
- » Vehicle access via Golf Road
- » Predominantly double storey dwellings with some three storey dwellings located in the middle of the site and along the north-eastern boundary (adjacent to the golf club).

In 2014, the former State
Government rezoned
the site to Residential
and placed a
Development Plan
Overlay on the site.
The Development

Plan Overlay reduced the rights of residents to object to development on the site.

The site has had several development proposals from its original owner Oakleigh Garden Pty Ltd with Council refusing the original plan for the site in 2015. In August 2016 Council also refused an amended development proposal. Oakleigh Garden Pty Ltd then sold the land to aged care provider Bupa in August 2016. In December 2018 Golf Road Project Development Pty Ltd bought the land and have submitted this proposal.

#### How to provide feedback:

Any person who may be affected by the proposal may lodge an objection or provide feedback to Council. Objections must be made in writing.

Objections should detail any concerns you have, reasons for the objection, how you would be affected by the proposal and include your name, postal address and quote this reference number TP440.

### Please provide feedback/objection in writing to Council.

» MAIL PO Box 1, Glen Waverley VIC 3150

» EMAIL

mail@monash.vic.gov.au

For more info: \$\sqrt{9518} 3555\$

www.monash.vic.gov.au/beryl-avenue-oakleigh-south



#### **MESSAGE FROM**

#### Mayor Shane McCluskey

A number of significant consultations are to begin over the next few months and I encourage you all to have your say.

At the recent June Council meeting we considered new planning provisions for tree and vegetation removal that will sit under the Monash Urban and Landscape Vegetation Strategy that was adopted by Council in October 2018.

These planning provisions outline how we will treat tree removals in the future on private property. They remove the existing Vegetation Protection Overlay which only applied to some areas and introduce a Significant Landscape Overlay across all of Monash to require a planning permit for the removal of canopy trees. Tree removal is a challenge for many. There are always those who want trees removed and those who want them to stay. We've undertaken an enormous amount of work on this topic and are mindful of what the community has already told us through our community surveys and at our listening posts. The garden city character of Monash is highly valued and with these planning provisions, we are seeking to balance the need for development as the community grows whilst retaining those green characteristics so important to our residents. We have now gone to the Minister for Planning with our proposal, as required, and then will be consulting widely with you to get your feedback. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute.

We will soon be releasing the draft Clayton and Huntingdale Precinct Plans for feedback. These two precinct plans look to the future of these areas, outlining how to reinvigorate these two areas that are key centres for industry, technology and science. Clayton and Huntingdale have enormous potential and we are keen to hear what you think about what is proposed.

This month I attended a Community Leaders United by Sport (CLUBS) event to hear 10 champions of this Councilled program talk about how it has helped strengthen good culture and inclusiveness within sporting clubs. This program seeks to encourage more participation from girls and women in sport. It's fair to say the program has opened the eyes of some clubs as to what they need to do to provide sporting opportunities for everyone, regardless of gender and to their credit the clubs involved have embraced the knowledge and are keen to make changes.

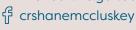
This is a fantastic initiative run in partnership with Sport and

Recreation Victoria, Link Health & Community and Monash University. I am very proud of the leadership of Monash in what is not only a game changer but also a life changing program.

Feel free to contact me on:

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# Sir John Monash awards ceremony COMING SOON!

Thank you to everyone who nominated an inspirational volunteer in Monash for the 2019 Sir John Monash Awards.

Nominations have now closed with Council receiving 27 nominations. Category judges will soon review all nominations and create a shortlist, which the Awards Committee judges will then consider and a winner will be selected in each of the eight categories, as well as High Commendations.

Winners will be selected for: Multicultural Champion; Active Monash; Outstanding Advocate of People with Disabilities; Youth Leadership Award; Volunteer of the Year; Inspirational Women's Leadership; Sustainability Leadership; and Positive Ageing Leadership.

One of the winners from all of these categories will be presented with the Sir John Monash Award for Outstanding Leadership.

The winners will be announced at the Sir John Monash Awards ceremony, which will be held in September at the Monash Gallery of Art.

The ceremony is a chance for the nominees, nominators and the previous year's winners to celebrate their service to the Monash community.

This year the ceremony will be hosted by author, presenter and social commentator Jamila Rizvi.

Monash is served by amazing volunteers who give their time to help others and we are proud to recognise their efforts with these awards.

For more info: **\( \)** 9518 3619

www.monash.vic.gov.au/awards



# HAVE YOUR SAY ON...

# Huntingdale & Clayton Activity Centres

Council is seeking community feedback on Draft Precinct
Plans for the Huntingdale and Clayton Activity Centres and
surrounding areas. This is a transformative, long term vision
surrounding opportunities to revitalise Huntingdale and Clayton. We
outlining opportunities to revitalise Huntingdale and clayton. We
are keen to hear from you about the future plans for these centres.



The plans look at improved transport, boosting employment, innovation and residential areas and the creation of a new identity and sense of place for each precinct.

Clayton and Huntingdale are key areas within the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster (MNEIC), and the recently announced Suburban Rail Loop project.

Employment within the Monash Cluster is expected to double over the next 30 years. Coupled with the State Government's commitment to build a Suburban Rail Loop, the Huntingdale and Clayton Activity Centres are strategically located to benefit from the expected growth in employment and population.

# The opportunities to transform **Huntingdale** into a vibrant centre include:

- » Expanding employment, innovation and residential activity in the area
- » Improving the amenity and creating a better sense of place.

#### In **Clayton**, opportunities include:

- » Expanding its retail, medical, research and residential role
- » Creating a new identity and sense of place.

#### » ONLINE



» EMAIL your feedback to



#### » INFO SESSIONS:

- Huntingdale
   Wednesday 21 August
   2pm-8pm,
   Carman's Space
   Hume St, Huntingdale
- Clayton
   Thursday 22 August
   2pm-8pm
   Clayton Library
   9-15 Cooke St, Clayton
- » MAIL to PO Box 1, Glen Waverley VIC 3150
- » HARD COPIES of the precinct plans are available at the Clayton, Glen Waverley, Oakleigh and Mount Waverley Libraries and the Civic Centre and Oakleigh Service Centre.

We are keen to hear from residents, tenants, land owners, traders and business owners within both areas about their views on the proposed precinct plans. You can drop in to the info sessions, no RSVP required.

## Waverley Women's Sport Centre plan

Opportunities to improve the Waverley Women's Sport Centre site to maximise women's participation in sport and enhance the appeal and community use of the precinct are currently being considered by Council.



We want to hear what you think about this area. We will be consulting with stakeholders and developing a sports precinct plan that will support the development and delivery of women's sport, particularly the sports of netball and softball.

The area includes Waverley Women's Sports Centre, including the Waverley Netball Centre (4 indoor and 8 outdoor courts) and the Waverley Softball Centre (pavilion plus 10 diamonds/fields).

Following the consultation, an Integrated Site Plan will be developed to help inform future development and improvement opportunities.

# Have Your Say by **Sunday 28 July**

#### » ONLINE SURVEY

www.monash.vic.gov.au/ waverley-womens-sportscentre

#### » HARD COPIES

Recreation Services: 9518 3581
recreation@monash.vic.gov.au

» MAIL Recreation Services, Monash Council, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley VIC 3150

# HOW DO I .... 😰

#### ...get a copy of the



Community Directory?

Council's Community
Directory is a handy
little booklet
detailing lots of
information about
local organisations,
service clubs,
hobby groups and
support services.

The 2019 edition of the Community Directory is now available. You can pick one up at:

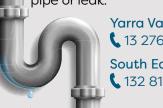
- » Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley)
- » Oakleigh Service Centre(3 Drummond St, Oakleigh)
- » From any of our libraries including:
  - > Clayton (9-15 Cooke St)
  - Glen Waverley (112 Kingsway)
  - Mount Waverley (41 Miller Cres)
  - Mulgrave (36-42 Mackie Rd)
  - Oakleigh (148 Drummond St)
  - > Wheelers Hill (860 Ferntree Gully Rd).

We can also mail a Community Directory to you. Just contact us by phone or email and we'll pop it in the post: \$\mathbb{Q}\$ 9518 3555

Emily.Webb@monash.vic.gov.au

# ...report a water leak or burst pipe

If you see water flowing into the streets from a burst pipe or notice a water leak you can report it directly to the water company that services that location. In Monash the water supply is managed by Yarra Valley Water and South East Water. Yarra Valley Water services the areas north of Dandenong Road and South East Water, south of Dandenong Road - but whatever utility you contact, they will make sure you are connected to the correct provider when you tell them the location of the burst pipe or leak.



Yarra Valley Water: 13 2762 (24 hours)

South East Water: 132 812 (24 hours)

#### **PROTECTING trees and garden character**

The garden city character and urban landscape of Monash is highly valued by our community, creating an attractive and welcoming place to live.

However, the high level of new development has seen tree cover and greenness decline across Monash.

We know through our community surveys this is an issue for residents and that's why Council adopted an Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy.

The Strategy covers both public and private land, and aims to improve and increase tree canopy and gardens across Monash. The Strategy also recognised that in most cases, trees are removed without appropriate replacement, leading to the loss of the garden character of our suburbs.

We've done further work on a new range of planning permit controls

to cover tree removals. At the June 2019 meeting Council resolved to ask the Minister for Planning for authorisation to prepare and consult on these controls, as is required under the Act.

The proposed new controls would mean a permit would generally be required to remove a tree that is 6 metres or taller. However, no permit would be required to remove a tree within 3 metres of an existing dwelling.

Once the Minister authorises the preparation of the changes Council will send information to all residents and property owners as part of an extensive consultation program on the proposed changes.

You can see more detail on the proposed changes:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/ agenda (25 June 2019)

Contact Strategic Planning: \$\mathbb{Q}\$ 9518 3555



The second year of Council's Health and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021 has just been completed and it's time to report on the health and wellbeing of our community and what has been achieved in the past 12 months.

The Plan focuses on three priorities: Active and Healthy; Engaged, Confident and Connected; and Safe and Respectful.

## A snapshot of some of the key achievements include:

- » Over \$5.5M of grant funding from State and Federal Governments for active reserve development
- » Substantial growth at the Cabena Child and Family Centre
- » The Changing the Game

project in partnership with 17 sporting clubs to reduce alcohol related harm

- » Advocacy for improved mental health facilities and confirmation of a headspace service for Monash
- » Community Leaders United by Sport gender equity program
- » Monash Youth Services Young Women's Leadership Program in partnership with South East Community Links. This program now being expanded state-wide through a \$75,000 VicHealth grant.

A full report card and a video are on our website.

For more info: \$\infty\$ 9518 3526

www.monash.vic.gov.au/
healthy-resilient-plan

## **COUNCILLOR NEWS Cr Theo Zographos**

I hope you have been staying warm during the last few chilly weeks. Since my last update much has been keeping Council busy. Some highlights include:

- » Caloola Reserve Oakleigh new tennis courts opened
- Upgrade work to Clayton Hall completed
- » New bike lane in Browns Road Clayton
- Pedestrian safety upgrades in Oakleigh activity centre
- Concept designs for Glen Waverley Montclair carpark.

However, it is obvious that our community is changing. Late last month Council approved a 10 storey building on the corner of Warrigal Road and Atherton Road (opposite Oakleigh Police station) which I supported. This comes after multiple similar structures built in Oakleigh in recent years. At last month's meeting, Council sought public feedback on two structure plans for Clayton and Huntingdale. So what is a structure plan? It is a planning provision that most activity centres encompass to determine how planning decisions are made. The Clayton one is quite large in scope incorporating many proposed different precincts. I encourage you to take a look.

I am aware of grievances regarding the removal of Oakleigh's boulevard trees along Atherton Road which is why I advocated strongly against their removal late last year. People have told me had they known before these trees were removed they would have done something about it or made their views known. That's why it's essential to be aware of Council's deliberations. Signing up to our newsletter or visiting my website TheoZographos.com are two ways you can do this.

It is very pleasing that from next year Council will start providing food waste as part of its green waste bins. You might have friends or relatives in Glen Eira who've been using a small caddy bin to dispose of organic waste since 2017. That could well be what we use as well although the exact model hasn't been finalised.

Council recently improved pedestrian safety in the Oakleigh CBD along Portman and Chester Streets and Eaton Mall. These works include the installation of raised zebra crossings and supporting concrete and paving works, drainage, line marking and lighting. The traffic lights now automatically move to a red light for cars so that pedestrians get immediate priority. As Molly would say, "do yourself a favour" and test it out next time you're there.

Finally, you may have seen Council is refunding traffic infringements dating back to 2006. If you are an eligible driver or registered vehicle owner and have not applied

> for your refund please contact infringements@monash.vic.gov.au

> Thanks for reading and I'll see you at the Monash Business Awards Gala Dinner later this month (tickets at https://monashbusinessawards. com.au/time-to-shine/)

Fighting the cold to meet local residents at an Oakleigh Ward listening post last month.

#### Your **COUNCILLORS**



#### **Glen Waverley Ward**



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#### **Mulgrave Ward**



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Cr Shane McCluskey Mayor 9518 3524 / 0466 345 406 Shane.McCluskey@ monash.vic.gov.au

#### **Oakleigh Ward**



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**Cr Stuart James** 0413 184 250 Stuart.James@ monash.vic.gov.au



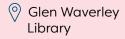
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#### WordFest Shared stories, different words

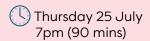
#### **■** Nevo Zisin

Tuesday 23 July 7pm (60 mins)



Nevo Zisin is a Jewish, Queer, non-binary activist, public speaker and author of *Finding Nevo: How I Confused Everyone*, a memoir on gender transition. Assigned female at birth, Nevo transitioned to male at 17 but now identifies as gender neutral.

#### **■** Isobelle Carmody







Isobelle Carmody has written many award-winning novels and short stories for children and adults. She began the first of her highly acclaimed *Obernewtyn Chronicles* while she was still at high school. The series and her short stories have established her at the forefront of fantasy writing in Australia. Isobelle's latest book is *The Ice Maze*.

#### **Short Story Writing Competition**

Enter the Short Story Writing Competition (open to ages 12-14 yrs, 15-17 yrs and over 17 yrs). Cash prizes awarded.

#### **SnapStory Competition**

If a picture paints a thousand words for you, then the SnapStory Competition is calling! It's open to ages 15-18 yrs and 19-25 yrs. Prizes include vouchers, winning photos framed and exhibited at the Ramp Gallery of the Monash Gallery of Art and a one on one photography session with John Gollings valued at \$500.

Entries for both competitions close **Saturday 27 July**.

For competition details and entry forms: 
www.monlib.vic.gov.au/wordfest

The Wordfest Awards Ceremony is on Thursday 22 August at 7pm at the Monash Gallery of Art.



## PLAYSPACE FUN on its way

Exciting upgrades to playspaces in Clayton and Mount Waverley will get underway this month with further playspace improvements planned in the coming months.

The improvements to the Evelyn Street Reserve (Clayton) include a senior and junior ant-shaped adventure play unit, a rocker and play car, basket swing, face-to-face expression swing and play table and play panels.

Nature play has also been incorporated into the design. There will be a table and bench seating and improved landscaping with additional trees and garden beds.

At the Melissa Street playspace (Mount Waverley) children will enjoy a timber adventure play unit with a tunnel, a rock climbing wall, frog play sculpture and a swing set with a nest swing. There will also be a nature play area, junior play panels, a picnic table and bench seating and additional trees and garden beds planted.

We will also be upgrading the Electra Reserve playspace (Ashwood) in the coming months. This playspace will include a multi-play unit with senior and junior slides, swing, climbing fitness equipment, basketball key, with basket and face-to-face expression swing and nature play. There will be a picnic table and bench seating added, additional trees and garden beds planted to complement the significant Golden Elm and Chinese Elm Pin Oak shade trees.





# Linking up the Skink habitat

**Sun 11 Aug, 11am-1pm** 

Come and help us fill in the gaps in the habitat for the skinks along Scotchmans Creek. We have 1,500 plants and we need your help to put them in the ground. After planting we'll have some family fun with waterbugs from the creek and enjoy a free BBQ lunch.

Meeting point at Skink Link Hub Drummond St playground, Oakleigh.

To book or for more info: **\** 9518 3555

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/linking-up-the-skink-habitat-tickets-64518618926



#### **NATIONAL TREE DAY**

Sun 28 July, 10am-1pm

Come and join the Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve and the Monash Council Bush Crew as we plant 8,000 seedlings in Fairway Reserve. Bring the whole family along and be part of Australia's largest tree planting event. Free BBQ provided. Bring your gloves and sturdy shoes.



We will be planting on the south side of the creek, so entry into Fairway Reserve will be in Forster Road near Wilga Street.

For more info: **\** 0477 006 774

http://scotchmanscreekfriends.org.au

#### **BILL HENSON**

the light fades but the gods remain

Until 29 Sept

This exhibition showcases two key series by Bill Henson, one of Australia's most eminent artists. Commissioned by MGA to celebrate its 25th anniversary, Henson revisits his childhood suburb, Glen Waverley, and explores the notion of home, intensifying the everyday to a point of dramatic revelation and romantic beauty.

MGA, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

For more info: www.mga.org.au



Untitled 138 1985-86 from the series Untitled 1985-86 MGA, City of Monash Collection Courtesy of the artist, Tolamo Galleries (Melbourne) and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery U (Sydney)

# WINTER CONCERT SERIES Motor City Sounds



#### Sun 25 Aug, 2pm-4pm

Packing dance floors wherever they play, Motor City Sounds bring an energy and atmosphere that can only be created by a live 10-piece band. Playing tributes to the classic era of Motown and soul from the 60s and 70s.

Bookings open 9am Mon 12 Aug (Limit of six places per booking).

Jazz Club, Monash University Clayton48 Exhibition Walk, Clayton

Bookings essential: \$\square\$ 9518 3636 \$\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals}}}}