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THE HEART  
OF CRUICKSHANK  
PARK





## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

**W**elcome to the autumn issue of the Maribyrnong Messenger.

Thank you to everyone who contributed their views on the key priorities Council should focus on over the next four years. We've received around 6,000 individual comments from more than 1,000 residents for us to consider as we develop this critical planning document which will guide the allocation of resources and provision of services to the Maribyrnong community through until 2025.

The 'blank sheet' phase has now closed as we move into phase two where we are seeking to further unpack what you have told us to understand the actions we can take to support your priorities. You can read more about this on page 8.

We have also heard during initial engagement on the draft Community Engagement Policy how important it is for many in our community to be able to be involved in decision-making that affects them. Our approach to engagement on the Council Plan recognises this as well as your stated desire to also 'feel heard'. We've already begun feeding back the key themes you have shared with us during the initial engagement to demonstrate we are listening.

I am pleased to introduce our 2021 Citizens of the Year, Peter and Lola Anderson who were recognised for their tireless efforts in improving and protecting Cruickshank Park, which they have helped transform from what was designated as waste land to the picturesque, lush park it is today. My congratulations also to the Mayoral Award winners – Les Twentyman, Rebecca Barnard and Lee Smith-Moir. You can read more about the Civic Award winners on page 6.

**Cr Michael Clarke**  
Mayor of the City  
of Maribyrnong



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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

In line with the advice from the Department of Health and Human Services, Council meetings will be closed to the public until further notice.

Meetings can be livestreamed via Council's YouTube channel and community members can submit questions for public question time by emailing [governance@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:governance@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au) by 4pm on the day of the meeting.

### MARCH

Tuesday 2, 4.30pm: Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee

Tuesday 16, 6.30pm: Council Meeting

Tuesday 23, 6.30pm: City Development Delegated Committee

### APRIL

Tuesday 20, 6.30pm: Council Meeting

Tuesday 27, 6.30pm: City Development Delegated Committee

### MAY

Tuesday 4, 4.30pm: Enterprise Maribyrnong Delegated Committee

Tuesday 18, 6.30pm: Council Meeting

Tuesday 25, 6.30pm: City Development Delegated Committee

Please note the meeting process and schedule is current at the time of printing. Visit [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/meetings](https://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/meetings) or phone **9688 0200** for more information.



# NEW NATURE-PLAY SPACE FOR MARIBYRNONG FAMILIES

**A new opportunity to escape outdoors to relax, exercise and play  
right by the Maribyrnong River.**

Visitors to Pipemakers Park in Maribyrnong can now enjoy the exciting new nature-based play space designed for children of all ages and abilities.

The playground features natural materials and elements inspired by the beauty of the surrounding parkland and the Wurundjeri theme of 'Layers of Country'.

Unique custom elements that involve movement, climbing, sand and water play accompany traditional playground equipment. The play space is located

among existing mature trees and includes native planting to help encourage exploration and discovery. Additional park furniture including seating and picnic settings have been included to supplement existing grass areas for picnicking and relaxing.

The project is part of Council's commitment to supporting community access to beautiful green open spaces for relaxation and exercise.

The new play space will ensure future generations not only enjoy Pipemakers Park but are able to learn

about its history for years to come. The restoration of the 'History of the Land Gardens' and new signs tells the story of the gardens, highlighting how the local landscape has changed since settlement as a result of the pipe making factory's early establishment and other influences.

The open space improvements have been funded by a \$1million grant from the Victorian Government and have included upgrades to paths, furniture, signage, and the *History of the Land Gardens*.







# IT JUST FILLS ME UP

**Lola Anderson and her husband Peter Anderson were awarded the Maribyrnong Citizens of the Year Award 2021 in February, recognised for their devotion in transforming Cruickshank Park from a dusty, former quarry site into a rolling, green haven.**

The Yarraville park is a neighbourhood hub – a favourite for dog walkers, picnickers, and joggers, and a meeting spot for parents with kids in tow and those who enjoy a breath of fresh air among the gum trees. Stony Creek also meanders through the park, sheltered by willow trees.

The two take great pleasure in seeing the community enjoy the green space. Lola, who enjoys a yarn, is almost speechless when she tries to explain how happy she is to see the park come to mean so much to so many people: "It just fills me up..." she says.

She's quick to say that everything the couple have done to improve the park is to create something beautiful for the community.

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**We've not done this for us, it's for the community.**”

The park became particularly important during lockdown in 2020. Residents found a way to social distance but still share a laugh by pinning notes through the park and creating imaginative spaces like a little fairy garden.

"There are some people who didn't even know Cruickshank Park was here," Lola explains. "And I say to them: 'Are you enjoying it?' And they've said: 'We just absolutely love it!' A lot of people have said to me that they would go to the park and it would stop a lot of stress that they were feeling. "It was also lovely to see the fairy garden that little Sadie started behind our place. After lockdown the fairy garden just appeared, little sticks were made into houses and everybody put lots of things there, a neighbour down the street created two fairy houses for it – they'll be going down to the kinder soon," she said.

Lola is also quick to acknowledge every helping hand that has guided the design, planting and development of the park. It's a sign of her appreciation that Lola can recall every park champion by name who has helped over the course of the past 50 years. She's also kept all the reports and maps relating to the park, since the couple first lobbied Council to convert the land into a place for the community to enjoy.

"There was no park here when our kids were little," she explained. "Our son, Darren, is 59 and our daughter, Robyn, is 55 and lobbying for the park was started in 1969 so there was nothing there. They didn't play out there much, it was full of thistle, weeds and rocks. In the summer it was just like a desert."

Since then, the park has flourished much like the Anderson's family. They now have four grandchildren and two great grandchildren – four of the many trees that the Andersons have planted in Cruickshank Park are dedicated to their grandchildren Jessie, Nicholas, Alexander and Gabriel.

Lola and Peter's community roots go deep. They both grew up in the area, Lola in Footscray (with her dad running the local fish and chip shop in Buckley Street and then later Errol Street) and Peter in Yarraville (Peter was born at the former maternity hospital in Tongue Street, Yarraville).

The Footscray Tech boys' dance was where they met as teenagers, and they've been together ever since. They'll celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary this September.

They're linked to the community not only through Cruickshank Park – they're also life members of Yarraville Tennis Club and life members of the Bonsai North West Club. But it is the park that has their heart, and there's always more to be done.

"We're looking forward to a small bridge that will be put in near McNish Reserve," she said.

"And we've always wanted the trees to be named – I know some are blue gums and some are river gums – naming the trees will give people a greater sense of closeness to the park. There'd be a special walk and a special map that said: 'This tree was hit by lightning' and 'This tree was planted on the 25th of October 1979' – those were the first trees that were planted and they are the biggest now."

The park has had its tough times, like when a nearby industrial fire polluted Stony Creek about three years ago, the Andersons joined community members to work with local authorities to improve the water quality of the creek. They are also reforming the 'Friends of Cruickshank Park' committee to continue tree planting at the site. While Lola acknowledges that a lot of hard work has gone into the park, she's surprised the couple was awarded the Citizens of the Year award.

"I still can't get over the fact – I'm very proud," she said.

The couple will be out planting again this Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 7 March.

**Cruickshank Park also includes a basketball ring, BMX track, fitness circuit, dinosaur themed playground, dog park, public tennis courts and a walking path.**

# 2021 CIVIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the 2021 annual Civic Awards recipients. The awards celebrate those in the community who help make our city a wonderful place to live, work and visit.



## **CITIZENS OF THE YEAR PETER AND LOLA ANDERSON**

Peter and Lola have been instrumental in the protection and ongoing development of Cruickshank Park. They were founding members of the park planning committee and have been local champions and advocates for over 50 years. They retain ongoing roles on the Cruickshank Park Advisory Committee (CPAC) and are members of Friends of Cruickshank Park.





## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

### **GREG FERRINGTON**

Greg is a dedicated volunteer who can be relied upon to support those who have experienced hardship caused by emergency situations. During the COVID-19 pandemic and bushfires, Greg played a key role in providing food relief to those most in need.

## **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**

### **MOHAMED SEMRA**

Mohamed has been actively involved in social justice and community activities from his time at secondary school. He established Endeavour Youth Australia, an organisation that aims to identify and invest in diverse young leaders. Mohamed seeks to create a more inclusive community free from discrimination.

## **ZOE KNIGHT**

Zoe has been instrumental in establishing the Junior Park Rangers program in Cruickshank Park and securing in excess of \$20,000 in funding for the program, which provides an opportunity for young people to become involved in environmental issues that impact and sustain the community.

## **COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING AWARD**

### **INNER WEST AIR QUALITY COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP**

Established in 2018, the Inner West Air Quality

Community Reference Group, which is comprised of a group of volunteers, developed a list of recommendations to improve monitoring, legislation, planning and regulation of pollution in Maribyrnong and the Inner West. Their work highlights a need for government to take action to reduce the health and wellbeing impacts of poor air quality on residents.

## **ACTIVE MARIBYRNONG SPORTING AWARD**

### **FOOTSCRAY TRUGO CLUB**

In 2015, a team of hard-working volunteers revived the Footscray Trugo Club, breathing new life into the unique local sport said to be like a cross between croquet, wood chopping, lawn bowls and AFL football. Described as a 'true blue Aussie game', railway workers hitting train components around the Newport Workshops are credited with its invention. The Club is a welcoming and inclusive space that has helped ease the social isolation felt by many residents during 2020.

## **ARTS AWARD**

### **THE HANSEN RESERVES**

The Hansen Reserves are a cover band who bring live music and joy to fundraising activities held by local sporting clubs, schools and charities. They provide music at no cost to support community fundraising endeavours.

## **ENTERPRISE MARIBYRNONG AWARD: CONTRIBUTION TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY AWARD**

### **LIANA AND STUART LUCCA-POPE**

Liana and Stuart are the owners of Littlefoot Bar, Footscray. During 2020, they produced t-shirts which read 'F\*\*K COVID-19 Love, Footscray'. These colourful shirts played an important role in bringing the community together with humour, while also stimulating the local economy.

## **NEW AND EMERGING BUSINESS AWARD**

### **TILEGNE THERAPY**

Tilegne Therapy is the first multicultural therapy clinic in Footscray to deliver Allied Health services to the community. Tilegne creates equal access for people with disabilities from non-English speaking and culturally diverse backgrounds.

## **INNOVATIVE BUSINESS AWARD**

### **MAT O'KEEFE, PRIDE OF OUR FOOTSCRAY**

Mat is the Chief Bar Officer of Pride of our Footscray, a community-run bar, exhibition space and performance venue providing a safe space for the LGBTIQ community. The bar supports local artists and bands by providing a space for them to exhibit and perform, and serves locally sourced food and beer. Pride of our Footscray Community Bar celebrates and reflects the diverse community of Footscray.

## **MAYORAL AWARD**

### **LEE SMITH-MOIR**

During Melbourne's first lockdown in March 2020, Yarraville resident Lee Smith-Moir, created a series of activities for visitors of Cruickshank Park to help brighten their day and put a smile on their face during a difficult time.

## **LES TWENTYMAN**

Les has dedicated his life to helping young Australians find a positive future, helping thousands of young Victorians to a better life. Through his decades of experience working on the streets, Les has developed expertise on a range of community issues, including youth homelessness, drug abuse, prison reform and social welfare.

## **REBECCA BARNARD**

While a rock star in her own right, and very much part of Australian rock royalty, Rebecca has been an instrumental part of our community since settling in Yarraville 30 years ago. She supports Kingsville Primary with their fundraising events and for the last 15 years has also been a major draw card at the Kingsville Carols.



# Council Plan – our 'blank sheet' is full

To help shape the city's future as part of the Council Plan 2021-2025, we reached out to the community and asked one simple question: *"What are the key areas you think Council should focus on over the next four years?"*

**W**e've had an amazing response during this first phase of community engagement, and we are blown away by your interest.

We've received more than 800 postcards either in the mail or in digital form and logged more than 295 ideas and 670 additional comments and likes from 109 individuals on our Virtual Ideas Wall.

A number of themes have emerged, including:

- > More trees and more green spaces
- > Better roads and footpaths
- > More hard waste, green waste collections and recycling
- > Better and safer cycling infrastructure
- > Climate emergency measures
- > Supporting businesses post COVID
- > More outdoor dining opportunities and keeping those created during COVID
- > Quality, affordable housing
- > Managing high-rise builds while retaining community character
- > Youth, aged, mental health and maternity services
- > Community safety
- > Manage rates

The feedback will help Council to understand what is most important to its community when it comes to planning, development, allocation of resources and provision of services over the next four years.

#### **You can still help us!**

We still have some work to do analysing everything. While we do that we're keen to further unpack these themes to identify not only potential actions to address issues raised but also measures that would demonstrate how well we have done so by the end of the four year period. Councillors will be reviewing all your feedback as they consider the key strategic objectives and actions that will be included in the draft Council Plan – which will then be shared with you for comment, in the second quarter of 2021.

Head to Your City Your Voice to have your say:

**[yourcityyourvoice.com.au](https://yourcityyourvoice.com.au)**

While you're there, sign up for Maribyrnong Matters, our recently resurrected Community Panel. As a panel member, you will have the opportunity to share your views on specific topics by participating in activities like surveys, focus groups, workshops or interviews.

There are also a number of other projects on Your City Your Voice we are currently seeking feedback on, including reserve upgrades at Skinner Reserve, Pennell Reserve and Yarraville Oval; and Outdoor Dining Opportunities – which we've been hearing during Council Plan feedback are being well received. Thank you for loving local.



**SHAPING  
OUR CITY'S  
FUTURE  
TOGETHER**





After operating remotely for most of last year, we've now reopened our Customer Service counter at Footscray Town Hall and are operating normal hours – 8.30am to 5pm.

While many of our customers have adapted to online payments and service and we are happy to continue to support this, we also know there are those who prefer to engage 'face-to-face' and we're pleased to be back on site to be able to help you in person.

A COVIDSafe Plan is in place, which means six visitors can enter Customer Service at one time and cashless payments are preferred.

In the interests of the health and wellbeing of both staff and customers, please use hand sanitiser provided, wear

a mask as required, and keep your distance.

We're still available by phone on **9688 0200**, via **email@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au** or **online through Mari-Bot**. Residents can also create an account on our online customer portal to log requests like reporting graffiti, requesting a bin or alerting Council to fallen branches. The Customer Request Management System allows users to track their request online from start to finish.

For more information and to create an account head to **maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/request**

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

While we're moving towards a new COVID normal, our relief and recovery response teams remain available to support our community during the transition.

These teams can provide information and advice about services that are available, including financial resources, food resources, and health resources.

They can also coordinate service responses for individuals and families including emergency food hampers, and can assist with general and specialised service referrals.

If you, your family or someone you know has been impacted by COVID-19 and is in need of support, please call our dedicated number on 9688 0434 from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

## ENVIRONMENT

# AVOID, REUSE AND RECYCLE!

**Maribyrnong City Council's Towards Zero Waste Strategy recognises separating our waste into the correct bins is not enough. As a municipality we need to work together and focus on avoiding waste in the first place. We've pulled together some handy tips and reminders for you to consider when managing your waste!**

## AVOID

Single Use Plastics are used for just minutes, yet their impact on our environment will last thousands of years. Reduce single use plastic by using reusable bags, coffee cups and drink bottles and consider making some more simple swaps such as opting for bubbles instead of balloons at celebrations, purchasing a reusable metal straw and cutlery set, and switching your plastic toothbrush for a biodegradable one.

Other ways to avoid waste is by buying seasonal, package-free produce from a local market, and making a shopping list and sticking to it – it'll also help avoid unnecessary purchases and save money!

## REUSE

If you're looking to Marie Kondo (organise) your life and have household items in good condition that you no longer need, consider donating to a local charity. Donating items such as

clothing, furniture, books, and baby and children items that others can use also reduces unnecessary landfill. Head to our website for a list of local charities who would love to accept your donation.

## RECYCLE

Recycling is one of the simplest actions we can take at home and at work to help protect our natural resources, save energy and make a positive impact on the world in which we live.

To avoid clothing and electronics going to landfill, recycle in one of the many drop off hubs throughout Maribyrnong. Unlike some clothing bins that only accept re-usable items, all textile items can be placed in the clothing drop-off hubs and the collected materials are either re-used, recycled, or converted into alternate fuel sources.

**Council offers one free hard rubbish collection per household each calendar year. Book your collection and follow the collection rules. Easy!**

## WHAT CAN GO IN EACH OF MY BINS?

Did you know recycling one aluminium tin can save enough energy to run a television for two hours? Sorting your waste and managing your bins correctly is an important part of the waste disposal process. Unsure of what items to place in each of your bins? Have a look at the list, download our bins and recycling app or visit our website for more details.



### RECYCLING BIN

Aluminium cans, paper, cardboard, hard plastic containers, aluminium foil crumpled up into a ball, glass bottles and jars.



### FOOD AND GARDEN BIN

Weeds, food scraps, plant clippings, grass, tree leaves and small branches.



### WASTE BIN

Soft plastics, single use items, take away containers and nappies.





Zymurgy in West Footscray. Photo by Ed Sloane Photography.

## WESTSIDE CRAWLS

**W**estside Crawls is a program of progressive food experiences across local precincts within the six councils of Melbourne's West. Based on the concept of 'Crawl and Bite' this program is being delivered in partnership with the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival (MFWF). It provides guests a snapshot of Melbourne's internationally acclaimed eating and drinking landscape by visiting a selection of the region's restaurants, bars, producers and hospitality venues in one progressive experience.

Guided by MFWF hosts for the duration of the crawl, guests will explore vibrant neighborhoods while savoring food and drinks at each destination, complemented by interactive experiences where appropriate at each venue.

So take a crawl though West Footscray and Seddon or spread your wings further afield to Spotswood, Altona, Werribee, Wyndham Harbour, Sunshine, St Albans, Caroline Springs, Melton, Ascot Vale and Moonee Ponds. For more information head to **[festivalcity.com.au](http://festivalcity.com.au)**



# MARIBYRNONG AQUATIC CENTRE

**M**aribyrnong Aquatic Centre continues to operate within a COVIDSafe environment. There are limits on the number of patrons that can attend the Centre at any one time and bookings are essential for the warm water exercise pool, spa, sauna, steam room, group exercise classes and

child care. Swimming lessons have commenced as of the start of Term One, and El Toucan café is open for a hot cuppa and nourishing snack. For more information and to make a booking, visit [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/mac](https://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/mac)



## SONS OF THE WEST

Australia's largest men's health program again features on the Maribyrnong calendar for 2021. The ten week program is being offered at RecWest Braybrook and RecWest Footscray, either in person or online via Zoom. Participants can expect to reach their own mental, physical and social health goals, while receiving constant support from key health and wellbeing professionals. The program is open to all men over the age of 18 within the City of Maribyrnong.

### **SONS OF THE WEST**

#### **RECWEST FOOTSCRAY**

Tuesdays at 6.30 – 8.45pm,  
commencing 16 March – 25 May (excluding 6 April)

#### **RECWEST BRAYBROOK**

Wednesdays at 6 – 8.15pm,  
commencing 17 March – 26 May (excluding 7 April)

Register online via [westernbulldogs.com.au](https://westernbulldogs.com.au)



## FOOTSCRAY AND BRAYBROOK LIBRARIES HAVE REOPENED

In case you missed the news, Footscray and Braybrook Libraries are now open! Footscray Library is open from 10am-5pm Monday-Saturday and Braybrook Library is open 10am-2pm Monday-Saturday. You can collect your reservations from either library.

The Maribyrnong branch will reopen to the community on Easter Tuesday 6 April with limited hours, while West Footscray and Yarraville Libraries remain closed until further notice.

You can find more information and the latest updates at [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library](https://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library).

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Footscray and Braybrook Libraries are hosting a mix of online and in-person events for kids and adults. While many of our programs will continue online on YouTube and Zoom, we have some of our favourite programs coming back to Footscray and Braybrook Libraries.

Head to [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library](https://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library) for more information, and we hope to see you at an event soon!

## DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN VOLUNTEER WITH THE HOME LIBRARY SERVICES?

Our Outreach Services Librarian works with a group of volunteers to provide a friendly and personalised library service for residents unable to visit the library in person.

We are seeking expressions of interest from prospective volunteers who have time, a positive approach and an interest in working with residents who are housebound. For more information contact the library on **9688 0290** and ask about the Home Library Service, or visit [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library](https://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library).

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## COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

Braybrook, Maidstone and Maribyrnong Community Centres have started offering face-to-face programs and activities. It has been wonderful to welcome back visitors after a long absence and we look forward to seeing many more new and familiar faces in the coming weeks.

A list of programs can be found online at [maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/communitycentres](https://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/communitycentres). Some of the programs on offer include:

### HISTORY IS HOW WE GOT HERE

A series of four fortnightly workshops where participants will develop research and storytelling skills with community historians Liz Crash and Jinghua Qian. Participants will learn how to write, produce and share their own stories and contribute to a visual presentation at the Centre. Sessions are free and will be held on 18 March, 1 April, 15 April and 29 April from 2 – 4pm. Registrations are required, please contact Maribyrnong Community Centre on **9032 4305** or via email at [maricomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:maricomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au) to register.

### WALK, TALK AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Join these walking sessions to explore Maribyrnong and its surrounds, using your smart phone to take photographs during the walks. Afterwards, participants will return to Maribyrnong Community Centre to learn basic photo editing while developing a portfolio of photos. Participants' photos will be exhibited at Maribyrnong Community Centre from 12 May, 2021 to coincide with Neighbourhood House Week.

### FRONT YARD FROLICS

This playful, cheeky and interactive performance from artists who brought us Born in a Taxi is coming to pavements in Maidstone from March to April. Venture into your front yard to soak up the vibe or join in the live performances, spontaneous dance routines and all kinds of invented games and challenges. Keep an eye on the Maidstone Community Centre Facebook for launch details, locations and times – it could be your street! These mini parties will be fun, safe and socially distanced.

### ART AND ABOUT

During this art walking tour, led by artist Amanda Neville, you'll stroll through different parts of Footscray admiring murals and sculptures, many created by local artists. The tour will end in a local cafe for a yummy, free afternoon tea and chat about what you've seen, and its value and significance to Maribyrnong. To find out more contact Maidstone Community Centre on **9688 0543** or [maidcomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:maidcomm@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au)

### BRAYBROOK'S MULTICULTURAL PLAYGROUP

Facilitated by Mackillop Family Services, the supported playgroup is back in Term One and is perfect for families with young children from diverse backgrounds looking for social interaction and fun, and opportunities to learn through play. The playgroup meets weekly and sessions include a morning fruit snack. Everyone welcome, no pre-registrations required.

# CAPITAL WORKS HIGHLIGHTS



## FOOTSCRAY HOCKEY CENTRE EASTERN PITCH REDEVELOPMENT

Redevelopment of the eastern pitch at Footscray Hockey Centre, McIvor Reserve, Yarraville will be completed by March 2021.

The new pitch, which replaces the old structurally failed pitch, now meets FIH (International Hockey Federation) certification, with a world class playing surface that players will be able to enjoy for many years to come.

The new hockey pitch redevelopment sees:

- > a full replacement of the hybrid hockey turf
- > in-situ shock pad installation
- > reworks of sub base and pavement layers
- > installation of drainage and conduit services around the parameter of the pitch
- > fencing and surrounding concrete footpaths
- > new tech bench, player dugout and storage amenity.

## FOOTSCRAY WHARF AND PROMENADE REVITALISATION

Construction at Footscray Wharf and Promenade continues with the completion of preliminary works including demolition, installation of new services, new piles along the river edge and site preparation for new paving and structures. The Wharf and Promenade will be a major revitalisation of the Footscray waterfront, better connecting the community to the river and activating this important public space.

Once completed, visitors will enjoy a 230m long timber wharf/boardwalk with lower landings and a pontoon for small vessels and recreational boats. A wide promenade and shared path will run along the river bank, along with extensive planting, seating, and lighting, and sheltered picnic and barbecue spaces.

Construction is scheduled for completion mid-2022. Some pedestrian and cycle detours will continue to be in place during this time.



## HENDERSON HOUSE

Construction work has begun on the iconic bluestone Henderson House building which overlooks the Maribyrnong River and is part of Footscray Community Arts Centre.

With completion targeted for May 2021, works include the renewal of the external twin staircases and upgrading of the structural posts, handrails and balustrading on the eastern verandah to comply with building regulations, replacement of external window lintels, renewal of the external storage area, replacement of downpipes and external weatherboard cladding, mortar re-pointing and removal of cement smearing on the bluestone façades.

The interior of the building has also had a facelift to accommodate the 2021 artists who will take up residence in the studios for four months at a time.

The works have been approved by Heritage Victoria as Henderson House is a state listed heritage building.

Henderson House will remain open for regular business throughout the renewal works.



## ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

We're continuing to make improvements to council-owned streets across the municipality.

General improvements to the road, drainage and footpaths are taking place on Austin Crescent West, Yarraville; and Jerrold and Dudley streets in Footscray.



## SPORTING FACILITIES AND OUTDOOR SPACES

Public outdoor spaces and community sporting facilities across the municipality have received ongoing upgrades to maximise the use of our facilities and grounds for sports clubs and local communities to enjoy.

Recent improvements include upgraded female friendly change facilities at the Henry Turner North Reserve, Footscray; installation of new HVAC/air-conditioning on all four indoor courts and common areas at RecWest, Braybrook; playing field surface and floodlight upgrade at Angliss Reserve, Yarraville and an upgraded commercial kitchen at Footscray Park Bowling Club.

Electronic scoreboards capable of facilitating community movie nights have been installed at Yarraville Oval, Henry Turner North Reserve, Hansen Reserve and Pennell Reserve.

Angliss Reserve, Yarraville has received extensive upgrades and recently welcomed over \$1.4million worth of new infrastructure, including lighting, drainage and turf upgrades to help ensure the space is safe and fit for use for local competitions, social activities and general use all year round.

There have been extensive upgrades to lighting, cricket nets and flooring in the pavilion at Kindersmith Reserve, Braybrook.

Further works commencing in coming months include floodlighting upgrades to Yarraville Tennis Club, Yarraville Glory Soccer Club, Yarraville Oval and Henry Turner North Reserve.



## THE COOKING SPACE – A DREAM COME TRUE

**For those who cooked up a storm during lockdown and flirted with the idea of becoming a master chef, take note of Melbourne's Cooking Space, in West Footscray.**

This industrial kitchen provides all the equipment needed to conjure restaurant-quality meals, giving would-be chefs the opportunity to test their small business idea and see whether restaurant life is for them without having to bear the usual overhead costs.

The Cooking Space is available to rent by the hour for those who want to cook or package food, with casual arrangements and regular weekly spots available during the day and evening.

Owner Mei Lim says the space gives people who love to cook a leg up in the business world because they can start up without having to make a huge investment in commercial grade cooking ware.

"We take the complication and high cost out of setting

up a commercial kitchen, so our clients can focus on their product and their business," Ms Lim says. "Our shared kitchen provides a platform to test new ideas without a commitment to a long term lease. Businesses can progress from a casual rental to a permanent kitchen when they feel ready."

The Cooking Space has been operated by Ms Lim and her brother Eric Lim for about 13 years. The duo had always dreamt of working together in business since they were little. "Eric noticed how much food businesses needed to invest when setting up a commercial kitchen, and that that is quite hard for most, especially start-ups and the much smaller guys. So, that's how the Cooking Space was born."

The Cooking Space is providing a safe space, following COVID-19 restrictions and government directions.

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