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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

There's always something new and interesting happening in the City of Maribyrnong, we've got inspiring people leading exciting projects and a community that's engaged and active.

It's a pleasure to introduce our 2017 Civic Award winners to you in this edition of Maribyrnong Messenger, those who are committed to making our municipality the best it can be. We recognised individuals, businesses and organisations who go 'above and beyond' every single day to help people across our community - congratulations to all our award recipients!

You also get to meet the duo behind the One Million Stars to End Violence project that's taking place at Braybrook Community Hub. This is an art installation project that gives us a 'voice' to speak out against violence and will be displayed at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. I urge everyone to get behind the project.

If you enjoy our amazing food culture then this is the month to indulge, our much loved Eat Drink Westside has returned as part of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival. Read about the wonders of Copper Pot and look up online the 2017 program which showcases some of our fantastic restaurants. Learn more about the courses and programs on offer through our libraries and community centres that are featured in this edition.

We've also provided feedback to you on the recent Council Plan 2017- 2021 consultations. There's been a fantastic response with over one thousand residents contributing either at festivals and events, on postcards, via the website or at consultation meetings. I'd like to thank everyone who took part in the consultations, your input provides the foundation for this guiding document. Visit our consultation page yourcityyourvoice.com.au to find out about the latest consultations and continue to be engaged.

Cr Catherine
Cumming – Mayor



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

MARCH: Tuesday 21, 6.30pm, Ordinary Council
APRIL: Wednesday 26, 6.30pm, Ordinary Council
MAY: Tuesday 16, 6.30pm, Ordinary Council

Meetings are held at Maribyrnong Council Offices, cnr Hyde and Napier Streets, Footscray.

Please visit www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/meetings or phone **9688 0200** for more information.

The rising stars of Braybrook Hub



Two local Braybrook residents are bringing the community together in an effort to end violence with a project called One Million Stars.



Mother and daughter duo Amber and Rylee have teamed up with the Braybrook Community Hub to weave 10,000 stars for the project.

Founded in Melbourne by Maryann Talia Pau, One Million Stars to End Violence is a love and peace filled project that aims to end all forms of violence, including violence against women, bullying and racism.

The short term goal of the project is to create one million stars for an installation for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

"It's the symbolism – it's a star made out of folded materials, but it's so much more than that," Amber said. Amber discovered the project while attending a trauma group, and the experience inspired her to hold a weaving workshop at Braybrook Community Hub.

"I kept my story and my experience hidden for 14 years, so it was a way to express that without necessarily talking about it. It opened a conversation where you could talk as much or as little as you wanted," she said. She wanted the workshop to be

inclusive for people of all ages, abilities and cultures and was interested in creating a safe space that would be healing and cathartic.

"Whether people choose to talk or not, they can express in whatever way they feel. If you're not comfortable talking about it, you can write it in the star and fold it into something beautiful," she said.

Fifteen year-old Rylee says the project has been a positive and empowering experience.

"I was bullied. Making these stars helps me say it's not OK. It feels incredible to be a part of something so big and means so much. It says that you are saying no to all violence," Rylee said.

The One Million Stars project has since transformed the Hub into a hive of weaving activity with staff and community members cutting ribbon, weaving stars and in the case of the Men's Shed, making stars out of balsa wood for children to decorate.

"They've really embraced it, it's something we thought would be really small – just a workshop – and it's

turned into an absolute monster," she laughed.

Connecting with staff and community at the Hub has had a profound affect on Rylee.

"They are not just staff anymore they are like a family for me. They've been supportive of this project, but also in so many other ways.

"It's also made me see how supportive the community can be. That it can actually rally together to do something incredible. It has made me so much more connected. I feel like it's changed my life in a big way," Rylee said.

Every woven star is a commitment to resist violence and revenge, to believe in forgiveness and healing.

"It doesn't matter if you make one star or twenty, you are contributing to this beautiful amazing project," said Rylee.

If you would like to be a part of the One Million Stars project at Braybrook Community Hub, and help Amber and Rylee reach their target of 10,000 stars, please contact Community Programs Officer on **9688 5806**.



TAKE A GLOBAL FOOD JOURNEY IN THE WEST

The tastes and smells of Europe aren't as far away from Melbourne's West as you may think.

Copper Pot Seddon is the realised vision of awarded chef Ashley Davis to bring the experience of neighbourhood bodegas, trattorias and bistros of Europe back home to Melbourne's inner west.

Copper Pot's menu is inspired by Davis' time spent living in and exploring Europe, and features unique regional dishes that capture the essence of towns and villages across the continent, offering guests the opportunity to take a tasting road trip across Europe at their whim.

"I grew up in Melbourne's West before embarking on a culinary journey that took me to Europe for several years. During that time I gained two Michelin stars in London before returning to Melbourne's 'Pure South'. When I finally felt ready to open my first restaurant, it felt right to do it on this side of town, like 'coming home'.

"Just the fact that we could set up camp here says a lot about how much this suburb has changed over the past few years – particularly in relation to dining – and I really look forward to seeing it continue to grow in years to come."

Join Davis on a gastronomic road trip across Europe capturing iconic dishes and notable wines of the continent through a special dining experience at Copper Pot in Seddon this April.

The event is one of 15 fabulous culinary experiences on offer in Melbourne's West through Eat Drink Westside, running as part of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival (MFWF) which celebrates 25 years in 2017.

Davis is excited to be a part of Eat Drink Westside for the first time in 2017 and brings a unique dining experience to the West.

"Through Eat Drink Westside and MFWF we have the opportunity to create an exclusive, high-end dining experience that is normally reserved for city restaurants. By offering experiences like this we can really help turn this side of town into a true food and wine destination!"

The inspiration for his Eat Drink Westside event is born from his years of touring and tasting his way through the most influential culinary hotspots of Europe – France, Spain, Italy and Germany.

"Celebrating the iconic food and wine of Europe is just that – those super iconic regional dishes paired with the kind of wines one can rarely justify opening. This is a road trip across Europe matched with some of the best wines we can get our hands on and something we are super excited about. This is one for foodies and wine lovers alike!"

Joining Copper Pot's European tasting extravaganza is an



impressive line-up of special dining events featuring a range of cuisines from across the globe.

Enjoy a produce-driven four-course lunch matched to wines at the Regional World's Longest Lunch Wyndham at Shadowfax Winery; celebrate the Ethiopian way with drumming, a traditional coffee and injera at Konjo in Footscray; or enjoy some porky goodness at The Plough's 'Pig, Pots and Pinots', with all the profits going to local primary schools.

Take a four-course progressive dinner through Sunshine, showcasing the area's rich multicultural heritage; indulge in a unique Balinese Celebratory Feast (or learn to cook one) at the Spice Bazaar Cooking School; or soak up an afternoon of local food and drinks as Footscray's Up in Smoke's sunny courtyard is transformed into a small local festival.

If you like it hot, put your tastebuds to the test at Lentil As Anything's 'Hotter Than Anything' event where 20 brave competitors tackle a bowl of extra spicy vegan chilli con carne for one scorching trophy!

That's just a taste of what's on offer in this year's program, presented by Brimbank City Council, Hobsons Bay City Council, Maribyrnong City Council and Wyndham City Council.

For further information about the program visit festivalcity.com.au or visit the 'Eat Drink Westside' Facebook page. For bookings go to melbournefoodandwine.com.au

Eat Drink Westside, Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, March 31 – April 9, various locations





Left – Right: Michael Warren of TIC Mattress Recycling, Robert Sneddon, Maureen Marshal, Col Paterson, Mayor Cr Catherine Cumming, Gerard White, Terry Tran, David Palmer of Yarraville Carols, Crystal Harris, Stuart Lucca-Pope of Littlefoot Bar and Liana Lucca-Pope, Eddie Merrifield.

INSPIRING LOCALS RECOGNISED

2017

CIVIC AWARDS

The annual Australia Day Civic Awards turns the spotlight on the municipality's talented, compassionate and inspiring community members who make the City of Maribyrnong a great place to live, work and visit.

Through the awards, Council recognises those who go 'above and beyond' every single day to help people across the municipality.

Every year a high calibre of nominations are received and this year was no exception, with 30 nominations submitted.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

**GERARD WHITE
& MAUREEN MARSHALL**

This was jointly awarded to residents Gerard White and Maureen Marshall.

Gerard has played a significant role in nurturing young people to become community leaders in his roles as a Scout Leader for 12 years and District Scout Leader for six years. He was also a foundation member of Yarraville Rotary and was President of the club twice.

His tireless work with the club and his commitment to simply 'be there and help' during tree plantings or Clean Up Australia Days are a clear demonstration of his commitment to the community.

He was also a Councillor at Maribyrnong City Council for nine years until 2005, during this time he was Mayor twice.



Our Citizens of the Year: Gerard White, Mayor Cr Catherine Cumming, Maureen Marshal.

Maureen is a longstanding volunteer across a number of local organisations with a strong connection to Braybrook. She was an active participant in the inaugural Braybrook On Board Program (a joint venture between Maribyrnong City Council and Victoria Polytechnic) in 2015, which led to her completing a Certificate III in Community Services Work in 2016.

Volunteering in the fields she is passionate about such as health, safety and education, Maureen has assisted the disadvantaged in the community for over 20 years.

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING AWARD CRYSTAL HARRIS

Crystal connects the community in her role as Cohealth Aboriginal Food Share Coordinator. Based at Braybrook Community Hub, the program offers fresh and healthy food to local Indigenous community members while connecting with them and linking in to agencies such as Women's Health West and Victoria University.

ACTIVE MARIBYRNONG SPORTING AWARD ROBERT SNEDDON

Robert has been an inspiration to the Yarraville Glory Soccer Club and the local community. His leadership with young people has provided direction and his desire for social inclusion has resulted in children from many different cultural backgrounds, women and people of all abilities playing soccer.

ENTERPRISE MARIBYRNONG AWARDS CONTRIBUTION TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY AWARD LITTLEFOOT BAR

Since opening in January 2015, Littlefoot has made a meaningful contribution to the community of Footscray. It has provided locals with a unique venue and enthusiastically supported the local arts community.

ENTERPRISE MARIBYRNONG AWARDS INNOVATIVE BUSINESS AWARD TIC MATTRESS RECYCLING

TIC Group launched Australia's first automated mattress recycling system in Tottenham in October 2014. This new facility – TIC Mattress Recycling – means the waste and pollution associated with 'end-of-life' mattresses can now be greatly reduced as fewer mattresses will end up in landfill.

ENTERPRISE MARIBYRNONG AWARDS NEW AND EMERGING BUSINESS AWARD THE DREAM FACTORY

The Dream Factory, an innovative business and community hub, brings together forward thinking and values-driven businesses, community leaders and up and coming entrepreneurs, providing an environment that encourages collaboration not only between residents but also the inner west community.

MAYORAL AWARD EDDIE MERRIFIELD

Eddie is an active member of the community and strongly advocates on behalf of City of Maribyrnong residents on a number of issues, with a particular focus on increased community safety. It's not just Council that Eddie reports issues of concern, he's developed relationships with key State and Federal Government agencies and service providers to ensure issues are addressed.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD COL PATERSON

Col was an inaugural Committee Member of the Braybrook Men's Shed when it first formed in 2012, becoming Chairperson six months later. Col has championed a number of major local projects in his time and has developed into a true leader who community members look to for guidance and support.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD TERRY TRAN

Terry has been proactive in the development and implementation of the Maribyrnong Youth Advisory Committee. He planned and delivered the Changemakers 2.0 Youth Conference and has provided regular advice to Council on new projects or redevelopments.

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION MARGARET HAGGART, PETER MILNE & DAVID PALMER

Council values the commitment of volunteers who have supported the Yarraville Carols for the past 23 years. Their dedication, community spirit and selfless enthusiasm is commended.

BRUSH UP YOUR BIKE SKILLS

If it's been awhile since you cycled and you're keen to get pedalling again, dust off your bike and join us for a bike skills refresher session.

Boost your confidence to get around by bike with a series of low cost training sessions over the coming months.

Now is the perfect time to get back on your bike and make the most of the longer warmer days.

Learn about bike control and traffic riding skills including planning your route, road positioning, dealing with intersections, signalling and using bike lanes.

The sessions include a short ride on local roads with two qualified bike instructors. This training is aimed at lapsed riders rather than complete beginners.

If you are already a keen cyclist, join us for a basic bike maintenance session. Give your bike some love with this

interactive workshop that covers the basics of how to look after your bike.

Cycling is a great way to commute, keep fit and healthy and avoid traffic jams.

Riding can save you money, improve your health and wellbeing and reduce your greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution – it's a great win for your hip pocket, the environment and your health.

The sessions cost \$10 each or \$5 for concession card holders. For more information about where and when these sessions will be held and bike riding in our City visit our website maribyrnong.vic.gov.au



Follow us on Twitter to WIN

Simply follow us on Twitter and retweet our Maribyrnong Messenger tweet for your chance to win one of three double passes to the Sun Theatre. Entries close Friday 31 March.

PEDDLING A POWERFUL MESSAGE

Have you ever sat in a cinema and wondered how much power it took to light up that big screen?

A dedicated group of students at Footscray City College certainly have and as part of an innovative tribute to Earth Hour they will soon host a pedal power cinema to spin the important sustainability message.

In an exciting collaboration with Council, Footscray City College will invite students, teachers and special guests to get pedalling to help create enough power to screen *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* on Friday 24 March.

Volunteers will pedal their way through the day and night on specialised bikes to generate enough energy up to

power the screening to celebrate Earth Hour's 10th birthday.

We spoke to the school's Head of Science Adam Taylor about how this unique carbon neutral event came about.

"This was a fantastic opportunity to combine a community event with our school sustainability education program," he said.

When businesses and households across the globe will be preparing to flick the switch and turn out the lights as part of Earth Hour, Adam said the school will be getting ready to light up the sky.

"We have had a very positive reaction – the whole school community has embraced this opportunity, we expect and hope the moonlight cinema will become a regular event," he said.

With gardens, aquaponics, compost, a frog bog and plans for an observatory created with recycled materials, the school is no stranger to sustainable practices.

"We hope those who join us gain an appreciation of the energy needed to power a small movie event and walk away with ideas to minimise power use at home," he said.

The 'wheely' good collaboration is part of Council's commitment to helping create a Carbon Zero community by 2020. To find out ways to reduce your carbon footprint visit

maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Pedal Power Moonlight Cinema
Friday 24 March
Footscray City College
Free community event, refreshments available at cost.



BUSINESS IN MARIBYRNONG

Business is booming in Maribyrnong with more than 3,000 new businesses calling our city home in the last year.

Council has a number of ways that we support local businesses – from providing grants and improving local shopping strips to offering a range of training and learning opportunities.

Here's some of the work we've been doing recently to support our local business community:

BUSINESS GRANTS

Maribyrnong City Council's Enterprise Maribyrnong Special Committee has awarded funding through the Business Improvement District (BID) grant program to five business groups.

The BID grant program promotes economic development in the City's business districts through targeted grants to increase trade and business opportunities, such as social media campaigns, destination marketing, amenity improvements, and support of innovative business practices.

The successful business projects include:



Footscray Asian Business Association (FABA): Footscray Night Market

Continuing on from the success of Footscray's first night market in November last year, FABA will run a series of night markets from March to July 2017, celebrating Footscray as a foodies' haven. Running every second Friday evening, the markets will also celebrate the area's strong Vietnamese heritage.

For more information visit faba.org.au

Footscray Traders Association (FTA): Shop Footscray Project

FTA will deliver a marketing and social media campaign encouraging people to 'Shop Footscray'. This will include a new brand identity and logo, a website and marketing material for traders.

Yarraville Traders Association (YTA): Welcome to Yarraville

YTA will deliver a social media and marketing campaign 'Welcome to Yarraville'. The campaign will include new branding, a calendar of events, website and social media campaign as well as new street decorations.

Poppy Lane: Seddon

Poppy Lane, a retail shop in Seddon, will establish the Seddon Village Traders Association (SVTA) with local traders. The new group will develop and deliver branding for the area, a website with event information and other support.

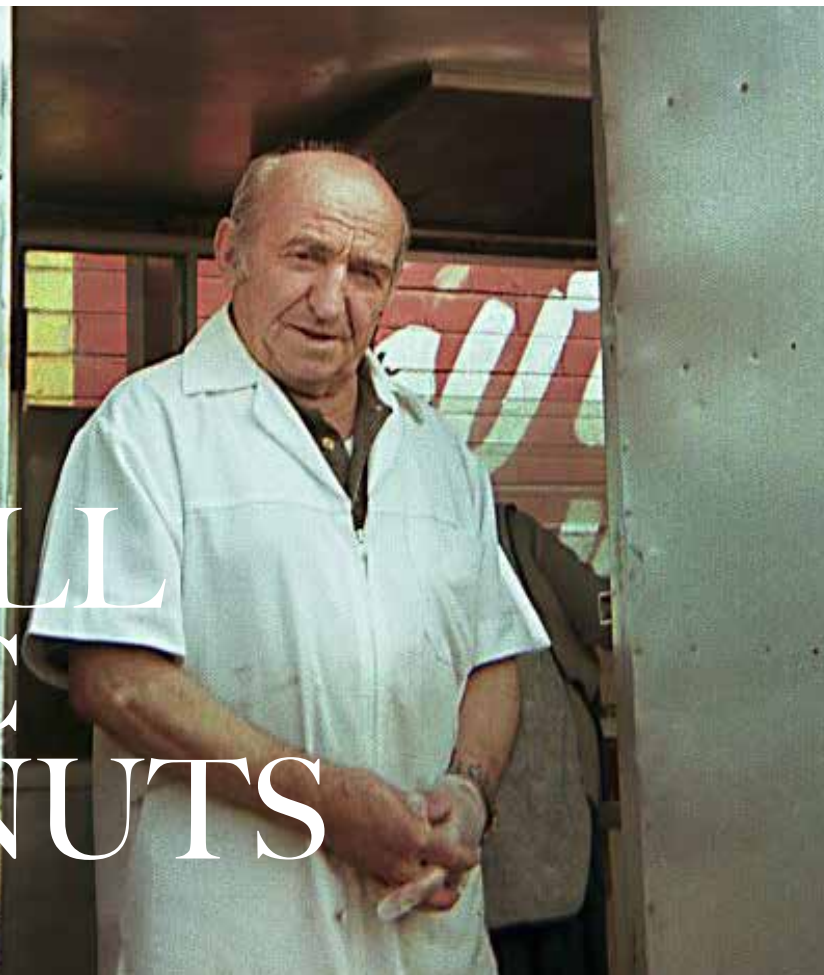
She will Shine (SWS): Scholarship Programs

SWS, a local innovative business community for women, will support 10 female entrepreneurs through a scholarship program to assist new start-up businesses across the City of Maribyrnong.

For more information and to request a copy of our Doing Business in Maribyrnong kit please contact the City Business Unit on **9688 0200** or via email business@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

THE END OF AN ERA –

FAREWELL OLYMPIC DOUGHNUTS



In late January we shared the news on our Facebook page that Footscray's iconic Olympic Doughnuts store would not be reopening. Within minutes, there were outpourings of love and support for Nick and his store from right across Melbourne.

Olympic Doughnuts had been operating at Footscray Station since the 1970s, drawing in locals, commuters and people who had travelled across the City for one of his legendary doughnuts.

When Footscray Station was renovated in recent years, the store was moved and eventually upgraded to a permanent new building in its original spot.

The store closed in April 2016 following a turn for the worse with Nick's health. After several month's deliberation, the family finally made the difficult decision to close the store in light of Nick's ongoing health concerns.

Nick, his delicious 80 cent doughnuts and legendary dolphin jam dispenser were an essential part of Footscray's

social fabric and will forever remain a part of the suburb's rich history and culture.

Nick's family have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from the community and have asked us to share some words of 'Thanks', written by Nick's daughter Gina:

"On behalf of Nick and his family I would like to thank everyone for their love and tremendous support over the last few months – particularly since we shared the news that Olympic Doughnuts will not reopen."

"The decision not to reopen the store was not made lightly. Nick is now 81 and it was only a matter of time before he retired. It was either going to be age or illness that stopped him – and that is exactly what happened!"

"The decision had been made long before Nick's health issues that when it came time for Nick to hang up "his tongs" it would mean the end of an era. Olympic Doughnuts is Nick's legacy and we wanted it to remain that way. As such, we have not sold the business and the family has kept the business name and "the dolphin". The leasehold was

sold and another business will soon operate out of the kiosk – we wish them all the very best.

"Olympic Doughnuts was our family business for nearly 40 years. My parents like many migrants, worked hard and dreamed of running their own business and they were fortunate enough to do so. But Olympic Doughnuts became more than just a business to my parents, in particular my father. It was Nick's home away from home and he looked forward to going there every day to serve his beloved community."

"I would like to acknowledge and thank all of my father's loyal customers and friends. I'd also like to thank the local businesses, City of Maribyrnong, VicTrack and the "Olympic Nick" team who have always stood by him and supported him."

"It truly means the world to Nick and his family to see how much everyone loved him and his delicious doughnuts. Nick in turn loved 'his community', his customers and Footscray – you were also his family. Thank you."

WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG

GET ACTIVE! EXPO

18 March – 26 April
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Join us during the Get Active! Expo – a five and a half week program designed to showcase a range of sport and recreation opportunities available. Register now: activemaribyrnong.com.au

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

18 – 26 March

Cultural Diversity Week brings together Victorians from all walks of life. For event details, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

REFRESH YOUR BIKE SKILLS

18 March, 9am – 2pm
MARIBYRNONG
COMMUNITY CENTRE

22 April, 9am – 2pm
MAIDSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

6 May, 9am – 2pm
BRAYBROOK
COMMUNITY HUB

Participants need to bring their own bikes. Cost \$10 full and \$5 concession. More information maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

HARMONY FEAST

19 March, 12 – 3pm
MAIDSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

A community celebration embracing the diversity of cultures that reside here. More information: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

MULTICULTURAL LUNCH

22 March, 12.30 – 1.30pm
BRAYBROOK
COMMUNITY HUB

Enjoy Cultural Diversity Week celebrations at the Hub with a free multicultural lunch.

Places are limited, registration required, call **9188 5800**.

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE

22 March, 6.30 – 8.30pm
MARIBYRNONG
COMMUNITY CENTRE

27 April, 6.30 – 8.30pm
MAIDSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

11 May, 6.30 – 8.30pm
BRAYBROOK
COMMUNITY HUB

Interactive beginners workshop that covers the basics of how to look after your bike. More information: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Cost \$10 full and \$5 concession.

BLOOD. SEX. TEARS.

23 – 25 March 2017
FOOTSCRAY
COMMUNITY ARTS
CENTRE

An intimate sound installation. Part conversational, part confessional, all real life. The Blood. Sex. Tears. caravan will be parked at Women of the West Melbourne, collecting and presenting your stories throughout the Festival.

More information: footscrayarts.com



WOW – WOMEN OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL

23 – 25 March 2017
FOOTSCRAY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

WOW is a three-day festival of critical conversations, music, film and performance, celebrating women and looking at the remaining challenges to gender equality. More information: footscrayarts.com

PEDAL POWER MOONLIGHT CINEMA

Friday 24 March
FOOTSCRAY CITY
COLLEGE

Volunteers will pedal their way to generate enough energy up to power the Hunt for the Wilderpeople.

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL WESTSIDE

25 March – 8 April
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

This year in addition to the popular C.O.W Open Mic night, the program includes Raw Comedy 2017, the Very Big Laugh Out and Comedy Zone Asia (Westside).

FOOTSCRAY ART PRIZE EXHIBITION

26 May – 24 June 2017
FOOTSCRAY
COMMUNITY ARTS
CENTRE AND VU
@ METROWEST

View the works entered into the Footscray Art Prize, a biennial visual art prize for contemporary artworks across multiple platforms and disciplines. More information: vu.edu.au

WEST FOOTSCRAY FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

26 March
BARKLY STREET,
WEST FOOTSCRAY

Savour the cultural delights of India, Latin America, and Melbourne's west with a fabulous festival of food, music and dance.

2017 PET EXPO

26 March, 10am – 2pm
COULSEN GARDENS,
MARIBYRNONG

Join us at the Pet Expo, your one stop spot for everything pet related, with MC Brodie Young. The day will be jam-packed with entertainment, pet products and advice.

More information: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

STARTING YOUR BUSINESS IN VICTORIA WORKSHOP (FOR BUSINESS OPERATORS WITH ENGLISH AS A 2ND LANGUAGE).

29 March, 6.30 – 10pm

Are you an asylum seeker, refugee or migrant and want to start a small business?

Gain a clear idea of how to start your business in this workshop.

More information: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

EAT DRINK WESTSIDE – MELBOURNE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

31 March – 9 April
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Discover new places to eat, drink and be entertained in Melbourne's west as part of this special program.

BRAYBROOK COMMUNITY HUB SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

3 – 14 April
BRAYBROOK
COMMUNITY HUB

There's a wide variety of programs available.

To register or for more information call **9188 5800**. Registration of many activities are required, so be early when booking.

SMALL BUSINESS BUS: MARIBYRNONG

13 April, 9.30am – 3.30pm

Whether starting a new business or taking an existing business online, this short workshop will help you make informed decisions about the right online tools for your business.

More information: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

YOUR BUSINESS IN A DIGITAL WORLD SHORT WORKSHOP

Wednesday 19 April
6.30 – 8.30pm

Take the guess work out of finding the best online tools to support your growing business with this introductory seminar led by a digital expert with real-life small business experience.

More information: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au for details

SONS OF THE WEST MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Every Tuesday evening from 7 – 8.30pm until 11 April
BRAYBROOK
COMMUNITY HUB

Wednesday evening from 7 – 8.30pm until 12 April
RECWEST WEST
FOOTSCRAY, EVERY

It aims to provide participants with a greater understanding of the importance of incorporating physical exercise into their daily lives.

More information: sonsofthewest.org.au



SETTING SUN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

27 – 30 April
SUN THEATRE,
YARRAVILLE

A four day short film festival held in the West showcasing local filmmakers from the western suburbs.

FOOTSCRAY ART PRIZE – YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION

19 – 21 May 2017
BLUESTONE CHURCH
ARTS SPACE

View the works entered into the Young Artists category of the Footscray Art Prize, a biennial visual art prize for contemporary artworks across multiple platforms and disciplines.

More information: vu.edu.au



WATERSIDE BLACKSMITHING & METAL ART FESTIVAL

13 – 14 May
60 MARIBYRNONG
STREET, FOOTSCRAY

Come and join in the fun at one of Australia's largest gatherings of blacksmiths and metal artists on the banks of the Maribyrnong River.

FESTIVAL CITY GRANTS

Find out if you are eligible to apply for funding through Council's Festival City Grants Program which will reopen in early May. More information: festivalcity.com.au for further details.





SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISTS IN BRAYBROOK

The Made in Braybrook collective provides a network for artists and craftspeople who live, work or play in Braybrook.

Launched in 2015 to provide support to local artists, Made in Braybrook aims to create a sustainable arts community where artists can work together and develop their craft and their business.

Local artist Rita Sciacca joined the group a year ago, and is grateful to be part of a collective of makers.

"I love the group's inclusiveness, its openness and its diversity. I no longer have to work in isolation and I now have a network of peers that I can lean on for support and encouragement. Made in Braybrook is a place of possibilities," said Rita.

A celebration of Braybrook's diverse population, the collective brings together individuals and groups and is owned and run by people who live, work or play in Braybrook.

"Braybrook is a melting pot of cultures; it is a raw gem and a very family friendly and welcoming community. This group gives me the opportunity to appreciate the diversity of the skills, backgrounds and ideas that each member of the group brings to the meeting and events," Rita continued. Not only does the network provide the chance to work with other artists, but it also provides business training opportunities, assistance with point of sale technology and access to sell their products at a pop-up market held monthly at Central West.

Set up as a platform to sell handmade pieces, the pop-up market is the perfect starting point for artists who are looking to further pursue their talents.

"I am working on a small scale, and I like that I can present my work at the Made in Braybrook market as handmade by a local artist. I am not churning out a production line and each piece I create is an individual design, so the market suits the way I work and how I want to work," said Rita.

Made in Braybrook currently has a number of individuals and groups taking part in the network and market, with products ranging from jewellery, woodcraft, leather goods and more.

"If you love to network and want to expand your business in a supportive, collaborative and respectful environment, then this is for you!" said Rita.

Are you a local artist that lives, works or plays in Braybrook and would be interested in joining Made in Braybrook? Join today! To find out more, contact the Made in Braybrook Project Officer on 9681 4782.

Want to support local artistic talent? Come along to the next Made in Braybrook pop-up market at Central West Shopping Centre on Saturday 25 March. For further information about the markets, visit centralwest.com.au

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH



IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisation is a simple way to protect children against certain diseases. Council provides families with an immunisation drop in service and an appointment service for babies and young children.

DEVELOPMENTAL CHECKS

You can track your child's early development with our experienced nurses at Council's Maternal and Child Health Centres across the city. Three and four year old developmental checks are important for accessing extra support services that can help your child.

NEW PARENTING GROUPS

Are you a new parent looking for information? Do you want to meet other new parents in your neighbourhood? There are many types of families in the City of Maribyrnong and all new parents are welcome to attend our sessions located at Council's Maternal and Child Health Centres across the city.

For more information on MCH services, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or ring 9688 0200.

CENTRAL REGISTRATION SYSTEM (CRS) DROP IN SESSIONS

Council provides a Central Registration System (CRS) to register children in long day care, 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten. Council offers a "Drop In" service for families to meet with the CRS team and ask any questions you may have. No appointment required.

For more information, email earlyyearscentralregister@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or ring 9688 0116.

Phoenix Youth Hub

MARIBYRNONG YOUTH SERVICES IS GEARING UP FOR AN EXCITING 2017!

Music, Art and Dance

There are a number of new facilities at Phoenix Youth Hub, including an art studio, dance studio and music recording studio. The Phoenix Gallery, previously known as Splash Gallery, is also available for young artists to exhibit their work. Patrick Francis, celebrated artist and recent Maribyrnong Inclusive Recognition Award winner, recently displayed his exhibition 'Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want', an interpretation of the UN theme for International Day for People with Disability.

Get involved!

Two popular youth committees are currently recruiting for 2017. The Maribyrnong Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) is looking for community minded young people to join their leadership program. MYAC advises Council on a range of issues and produces an annual Change Makers

forum in September. For those passionate about staging arts and music events, the FReeZA Arts and Events Collective is also seeking new members. Applicants must be aged 12-25 years.

The Hub

Maribyrnong Youth Services provides services, activities, programs and support for young people at Phoenix Youth Hub and across the City of Maribyrnong. Young people aged 12 – 25 who live, work, study or play in Maribyrnong can access support and referrals on a wide range of issues from housing and employment to counselling and more.

For more information, visit phoenixyouth.com.au, call 9019 4700 or search for 'Phoenix Youth' on Facebook.

Phoenix Youth Hub Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5pm

MARIBYRNONG LIBRARIES

SO MUCH MORE THAN BOOKS!



GREAT READS AT MARIBYRNONG LIBRARIES

THE GOOD PEOPLE

BY HANNAH KENT

“A haunting novel, shrewdly conceived and beautifully written.”

THE AUSTRALIAN

Hannah Kent earned critical acclaim for her debut novel *Burial Rites*, which was published in 2013. Kent's second novel, *The Good People*, has been flying off the library shelves since it arrived in 2016. Like *Burial Rites*, *The Good People* is based on a true story. The novel is set in Ireland's County Kerry in the 19th century, when superstitious practices were a way of life and fairies and changelings influenced everyday events in the small community. It follows the story of a widow's struggle to raise her disabled grandson who cannot walk or talk. The haunting narrative of *The Good People* will leave you struggling to put it down.

ME BEFORE YOU

BY JOJO MOYES

“When I finished this novel, I didn't want to review it; I wanted to reread it.”

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A heartbreakingly romantic novel by best-selling author Jojo Moyes, *Me Before You* has received worldwide praise. The novel explores the life of two people, a quadriplegic and his caretaker, who have little in common but have been brought together by love. In 2016, a film adaptation of the novel was released. Vietnamese and Spanish language and large print editions of the novel are available at Maribyrnong Library branches, and the eBook is also available for download through the online catalogue. Or, if you are more of a movie person, why don't you borrow the DVD?

BORN TO RUN

BY BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

“Springsteen has delivered his story with quiet dignity. Give thanks that we can't get rid of him.”

THE GUARDIAN

Published in 2016, this autobiography of Bruce Springsteen's life took him seven years to write. In it, Bruce describes his early life, growing up Catholic in New Jersey, and the pivotal moment in his journey to fame – watching Elvis Presley perform on *The Ed Sullivan Show* on television. A lengthy, yet captivating read, *Born to Run* has been likened to some of Bruce's mammoth stage performances in its intensity, honesty and search for meaning.



TECH SAVVY SENIORS

Benefit from being online and connected no matter how old you are or what your interests are

Free training will be offered at Footscray and Braybrook Libraries to encourage older residents to embrace technology and connect to the online world.

The internet has become an integral part of everyday life and an essential tool for living. This fun, hands-on training will assist older people to develop the confidence and skills necessary to participate in the digital community and learn how to navigate the world of computers, tablets and smartphones.

Designed with a focus on 'everyday' online tasks, the training will cover shopping, banking, social media, communication and recreation.

The free Tech Savvy Seniors program will run from March to June, and sessions will be available in English, Vietnamese, Chinese, Spanish, Italian and Greek.

If you are interested in participating in Tech Savvy Seniors, contact Footscray Library on **9688 0290** for further information.

Maribyrnong City Council has received funding from Telstra to run Tech Savvy Seniors. The program is a continuing partnership between Telstra and the Victorian Government, and is being facilitated by the Public Libraries Victoria Network.

SUNDAYS AT BRAYBROOK LIBRARY

Opening hours at Braybrook Library have been extended to allow increased access to library resources for families, students and general public.

The library is now open on Sundays from 2pm to 5pm, in addition to the current opening hours from Monday to Saturday.

For further information, visit **maribyrnong.vic.gov.au** or call **9188 5850**.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE SCHOOL

Did you know that reading together is the best way to encourage a love of books in your child?

Sharing stories with babies and young children helps develop literacy skills that will prepare them for reading at school.

Register now at any Maribyrnong Library to receive your first reading record and kit and start your reading journey!

For further information, visit **maribyrnong.vic.gov.au**

STRENGTHENING THE SPIRITUAL HEALING OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Maribyrnong's First Nations community will come together for an arts based project that honours and celebrates local Indigenous history.

Over the past decade, Council has supported and celebrated local Indigenous Australians in a range of ways, in consultation with the Maribyrnong Reconciliation Group.

Since 2015, support has been provided to the cohealth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health team, and in 2016, an artwork designed by local Aboriginal artist Ngardarb Francine Riches was installed and launched at Braybrook Community Hub as part of this partnership. Following the success of the artwork and the partnership with cohealth, a new arts based project has been developed in consultation with the Maribyrnong Reconciliation Group and the local community in an effort to celebrate and honour local Indigenous history.

The cohealth Possum Skin Cloak Project was established to promote spiritual healing, with a goal of creating an adult and child size cloak. The cloaks are being made by local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups during workshops held both at Maribyrnong Library and at cohealth Arts Generator based at Footscray Community Arts Centre.

Steeped in 5,000 years of tradition, ritual and cultural knowledge, the possum skin cloaks were traditionally made where there was a cool climate and an abundance of possums, predominantly in South Eastern Australia, from Northern NSW down to Tasmania and across to the southern areas of South Australia and West Australia.

The cloaks, which were made from numerous possum pelts often sewn together with kangaroo sinew, were imbued with the cultural stories of the wearers. As well as being a means to keep warm, the cloaks held significance within the groups as they were handed down through generations as heirlooms.

However, the making and wearing of possum skin cloaks declined in the 19th century as Indigenous people became dispossessed of their land and started living in missions throughout Australia, which saw the distribution of clothing and blankets. This, coupled with the fragile nature of the cloaks and the fact that many Aboriginal people chose to be buried with them, has resulted in few original cloaks remaining today.

But the cultural identity of Aboriginal communities has strengthened thanks to the continuing practice of making and wearing possum skins.

Uncle Roy Alexander, a Yorta Yorta elder who was the Maribyrnong Citizen of the Year in 2015, is passionate about the Possum Skin Cloak Project.

“MAKING THESE CLOAKS WILL BRING PEOPLE FROM ALL DIFFERENT TRIBES TOGETHER. OUR MOBS ARE THE ‘SCATTERED TRIBES’ DISPLACED FROM COUNTRY FOR A WHOLE RANGE OF REASONS. DOING THIS TOGETHER SUPPORTS PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT THEIR ANCESTORS AND THIS WILL MAKE US ALL STRONGER.”
Uncle Roy said.

The possum skin cloaks will be kept at cohealth Arts Generator for community use for events and ceremonies through the West and beyond.

The Possum Skin Cloak Project is a community led project with support from Maribyrnong City Council and cohealth.

INFRASTRUCTURE

CREATING A LEAFY FUTURE FOR OUR CITY

The planting of around 2,500 trees will soon begin across our City with the opening of our annual planting program. Between April and September plans are already in place to plant more than 1,800 new trees in our streets and 300 in our parks and gardens. The remaining trees will be planted throughout the year as part of new requests and projects. Around 2,500 holes were also dug last year in parks and open spaces to bring the total to more than 12,000 new trees planted across our City over the last four years. Thanks to these leafy contributions, our urban forest has increased in value by \$5.4 million – that's a very green future for our City.

 BUDGET: \$500,000



McIVOR RESERVE

Don your cricket pads, grab your bat and ball and head down to the new cricket training nets at Mclvor Reserve. The recently completed works included the demolition of existing nets and the installation of a new cricket net with four synthetic wickets.

Home to the Yarraville Cricket Club's men's, juniors and sub juniors teams, the Mclvor Reserve upgrades are supporting tomorrow's cricketer stars.

 BUDGET: \$115,000



YARRAVILLE GARDENS

Get ready to pick up your tongs, pack your sausages and head down to the upgraded barbecue area in the Yarraville Gardens.

The final stages of the project are now being carried out and once completed, the new barbecue area will have you planning your next picnic beneath the garden's much loved shady palms.

 BUDGET: \$125,000

COSTELLO RESERVE

Works are well underway to transform this pocket of Braybrook into a new play space for the area's youngest residents to stretch their legs. With a new playground and landscape improvements, Costello Reserve upgrades are sure to be a popular addition to this open space.

 BUDGET: \$85,000

McDONALD A RESERVE

New plants will soon be popping up in Lae St with works set to begin in McDonald A Reserve in April. Located a short walk from Stony Creek, the West Footscray reserve is set to become more popular with upgrades to the playground and landscape due to be completed in June.

 BUDGET: \$250,000

SHAPE THE WAY HAVE YOUR SAY

City of Maribyrnong residents and those who work and play in the municipality enthusiastically responded to recent Council Plan 2017–21 consultations.

“I love walking to work along Victoria Street in the morning, and being able to buy fruit or coffee! The shops have everything and they are really lovely people.”

“Newells Paddock – great new path has opened up this amazing place, great opportunity for walks and relaxing in nature.”

Not only did respondents provide feedback on what key priorities and projects Council should focus on over the next four years.

They also took the time to tell us what they enjoyed about our wonderful City, such as: “I love walking to work along Victoria St in the morning, and being able to buy fruit or coffee! The shops have everything and they are really lovely people.”

Some common themes to emerge from the feedback included a call for more open, green spaces and parks developed for different uses. The community also told Council that sustainable transport options were important to them especially walking and cycling infrastructure.

Council sought feedback from across the municipality by attending seven different community festivals and events to talk to people and receive feedback in person.

There was also the opportunity to provide feedback via postcards that were dropped off at 50 different facilities in the municipality, a tool that more than 400 respondents used. The online survey on Council’s consultation platform resulted in 200 respondents.

Council also used an online mapping tool as part of the online consultations that enabled residents to pin a marker and comment on a particular area of the City. More than 100 people used this new consultation tool to provide comment.

Council also held three community workshops and participants were able to discuss the Council Plan’s themes in detail.

In coming months the draft Council Plan 2017–21 will be released for feedback. Those who live, work, study or play in the municipality can comment on the plan which identifies key priorities, projects and the best use of Council resources.

Council Plans are a strategic document developed every four years.

Visit yourcityyourvoice.com to view the Draft Council Plan 2017–21 which will be uploaded next month. Following feedback the plan will be adopted by Council in June.

You can also register on the site to take part in other Council consultations that are held throughout the year. Also you can keep up to date with what is taking place in our municipality by following us on Facebook and Twitter.



A FUTURE FREE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE

AS A COMMUNITY, WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY.

Did you know that 1 in 5 Australian women have experienced sexual violence, and 1 in 3 Australian women have experienced physical violence?

Half of the people in our community are women – grandmothers, mothers, daughters, nieces, cousins and friends – and it is likely that a woman you know has already experienced violence, or will in the future.

International research shows that gender inequality is a key underlying cause for violence against women, and that is why Council has a long history of advocating for gender respect and equity in an effort to reduce violence against women and children in our community.

Holly Crocket from Plan International Australia recently spoke at a Council event during 16 Days of Activism, an international campaign to raise awareness about violence against

women and its impact on a woman’s physical, psychological and social wellbeing.

“It’s easy to feel powerless as individuals to stop the horrors faced by many girls and women around the world, particularly when it comes to violence and abuse. But things are changing for the better,” Holly said.

“The recent global women’s marches, last year’s 16 Days of Activism to End Gender Based Violence and Plan International’s ever growing Because I am a Girl campaign are just some examples of people coming together to challenge the beliefs and behaviours that ignore, excuse, justify and condone violence,” Holly continued.

Through our work at Council, we strive for a community where opportunities for success are equally available to women and men; where we live free from the cycle of violence; where the thoughts,

ideas and opinions of women are heard and respected and their choices and goals in life celebrated and supported.

“Imagine if we all took one action each day to call out gender inequality. The actions themselves might be small, they might take a couple of minutes out of your day. But by joining thousands across the globe – they can mean real, life-saving change for women and girls.

“Change is coming. Let’s keep working together to make the world a better, safer place for everyone,” Holly said. We all have a role to play in speaking out to end family violence. Together, our voices and actions will prevent and protect women and children experiencing family violence.

If you are affected by family violence, contact **1800 RESPECT** national counselling helpline on **1800 737 732**. If you are in immediate danger, please call Victoria Police on **000**.

PRE-SEASON PROGRAM NOW IN FULL SWING

The Western Bulldogs Sons of the West men’s health program has returned bigger and better than ever in 2017

Now in six councils and twelve sites across Victoria’s west, Sons of the West is open to all men aged 18 and over. The pre-season encourages both existing and new participants to join in exercise and physical education sessions in the lead up to the main program which will commence in June.

The longer format includes two programs held from now through to July, allowing participants to maintain their habits over a longer period.

The pre-season program aims to provide participants with a greater understanding of the importance of incorporating physical exercise into their daily lives.

Facilitated by qualified exercised physiologists the program covers physical activity, physical education, nutrition, water, setting and timing, and program rationale.

To be part of Australia’s biggest men’s health program, all you need to do is to turn up to any one of the below venues and you’re on your way to a happier and healthier lifestyle.

For more information, visit sonsofthewest.org.au



BRAYBROOK
Tuesday nights
until 11 April,
7–8.30pm
Braybrook
Community Hub

FOOTSCRAY WEST
Wednesday nights
from until 12
April, 7–8.30pm.
RecWest Footscray



WOW!

THREE SIMPLE WORDS COLLIDE DURING THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL.

An intimate sound installation, **Blood. Sex. Tears.** aims to connect the community with words during the Festival in March.

WOW – Women of the World Festival – is a three day event of critical conversations, music, film and performance celebrating women and taking an in-depth look at the remaining challenges to gender equality.

Taking place at Footscray Community Arts Centre (FCAC), home to many international communities with both local and global contexts, the festival will mirror the diversity in all of its intersections across themes, challenges and celebrations. **Blood. Sex. Tears.**, the most revealing moment

you will have during the Festival, is a participatory, immersive sound installation – part conversational, part confessional and all real life. A collaboration between multi-disciplinary artist Dan Goronszy and sound artist Sharyn Brand, **Blood. Sex. Tears.** came about after the artists were drawn together by an interest in challenging audiences to reveal parts of themselves and topics that have public taboo in unconventional spaces. “The idea for this work developed quite organically. Sharyn and I initially wanted to do a participatory sound

installation together, and once we realised we are both very interested in story and intimacy, the three words came very quickly. They are loaded with meaning and yet are natural simple, human and universal,” Dan Goronszy said.

For the duration of WOW, a caravan – aptly named ‘The Grand Caravan’ – will be parked on site at FCAC collecting and presenting the stories of women attending the Festival.

“It’s an interesting time for women around the world at the moment and we wonder how that will impact what people will share, and then what conversations that will spark,” Dan said.

The installation has two parts – The Voicing and The Listening – with the experiences occurring separately and standing alone from each other so that anyone can join at anytime.

During The Voicing, participants are invited to enter The Grand Caravan and choose an envelope: **Blood, Sex or Tears.**

Participants are then invited to share a 30 second story about the subject they chose.

“The Voicing compels people to have conversations, not only about the topics and their experience of the work, but also about intimacy and how much we do/don’t reveal in the many groups we inhabit. It also reveals how deeply we are linked to the world when we reduce the context to three simple universal subjects. It’s a snapshot of the human experience in time and place,” Dan continued.

Then comes The Listening. The recordings are used

to create a multi-layered surround soundscape that can be consumed by an audience.

Sound artist Sharyn Brand works with the recordings to create smaller pieces of narrative that are more like musical phrases or bars, while still including and honouring every single voice. “I rearrange the audio and new stories or threads of stories begin to emerge. Longer phrases behave like an anchor and these merge and slide around each other with gentle fluency, and individual stories are given space to breathe in and out of the entire piece,” Sharyn said.

The result? The audience becomes immersed within the streams of stories, secrets, joys and pains as these three simple words interconnect and collide. “The words **blood, sex and tears** provoke a lot of curiosity and some hesitation. There’s a sense of being either naughty or out of control. People really don’t know what to expect, and then are extremely surprised, moved and delighted by both experiences,” Dan said.

Inspired by the increasing reliance on the sound bite in contemporary news and entertainment, the soundscape becomes a snapshot of the community. “We believe that the personal can connect the world,” Dan said.

WOW Festival will run from 23-25 March at Footscray Community Arts Centre. For further information about WOW or Blood. Sex. Tears visit footscrayarts.com

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CATCH SOME OF THE BEST OF THE FEST IN THE WEST!

YOU LAUGHED SO HARD...IT'S BACK!

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival (MICF) has a big audience out West, and 2017 sees the MICF partnering with the Council’s Festival City program for Comedy Westside. This year, in addition to our always-popular C.O.W Open Mic Night, MICF will be partnering with the City to bring some fantastic events to the West. The 2017 program kicked off with RAW Comedy at Kindred Studios in February where 14 hopefuls presented original material to a panel of expert judges and a full house. The winners

are now gearing up for the State finals where they’ll compete for a spot at the National finals being held at Town Hall during MICF.

The (Very) Big Laugh Out and Comedy Zone Asia have both been staples in the MICF line-up for several years, but this year marks the first time they will be staged outside of the CBD as well, a move which is sure to delight local festival-goers.”

Damien Hodgkinson, Executive Director of Melbourne International Comedy Festival said, “It’s been

fabulous to see comedy in the City of Maribyrnong grow over the past three years. We’re delighted to work with the City to expand our programming into the West and bring some of our best shows to a wonderfully creative and diverse audience that has a strong appreciation for the arts.”

“We are looking forward to a successful Comedy Westside program in 2017 and hope that our audiences out West enjoy some of the best acts and funniest artists from across the globe.”



COMEDY OUT WEST OPEN MIC, WITH SIDES

C.O.W Open Mic returns to the West expanding in to a new, larger venue for its’ third edition at Kindred Bar. This night of comedy is not quite raw, more medium to well done, as local and imported comedians battle it out for the all-important audience vote. This free event gives you, the audience, the power to decide who takes the award for best Comedian in the West, and gets to walk away with the much coveted Cow Bell for 2017.

KINDRED BAR, 3 HARRIS STREET, FOOTSCRAY

SATURDAY 1 APRIL, 7.30PM (DOORS 7PM). FREE EVENT. REGISTER VIA TRYBOOKING.COM & AT THE DOOR. RECOMMENDED FOR 15+

THE (VERY) BIG LAUGH OUT WESTSIDE

An annual highlight of MICF for two decades, the Festival’s free, family outdoor program is stepping out of its inner-city home for the first time and in to the heart of Footscray! This special taster show will feature host Geraldine Quinn and Festival family-favourites Tessa Waters, Jacques The French Waiter, Lisa Lottie and Alex The Magician in a day of fun for the whole family!

**BYRON ST PLAZA, FOOTSCRAY
SATURDAY 25 MARCH, 1.30PM
FREE EVENT**



COMEDY ZONE ASIA WESTSIDE

This one-of-a-kind showcase brings the freshest and finest comedians from across Asia to Footscray for one night only! This is your chance to grab a huge and hilarious dose of comedy culture. Introducing Rizal van Geyzal (Malaysia), Neeti Palta (India), Douglas Lim (Malaysia), Jinx Yeo (Singapore) and Sumit Anand (India).

KINDRED BAR, 3 HARRIS STREET, FOOTSCRAY

SATURDAY 8 APRIL, 6PM (DOORS 5.30PM)

TICKETS: FULL \$25, CONCESSION \$20 VIA TRYBOOKING.COM & AT THE DOOR. RECOMMENDED FOR 15+



FIND YOUR INNER ATHLETE DURING THE GET ACTIVE! EXPO



Have you ever wanted to try Yin Yoga, lacrosse, cardio tennis, guided meditation, trugo, flip flop bowls or archery? Or perhaps your fitness flavour is more along the lines of cricket, basketball, footy, volleyball or soccer. Give them all a go during the Get Active! Expo.

A series of health and fitness events, the Expo delivers a five week program jam packed with clinics and 'come and try' days to suit everyone's tastes.

Running from 18 March to 26 April, the whole family can take part in activities that showcase the parks, reserves and facilities within the City of Maribyrnong. The best part, you ask? It's completely free!

Now in its fourth year, the Expo is designed to showcase the huge range of sport and recreation

opportunities on offer in our City. It's the ultimate 'try before you buy' sporting program.

With 74 activities to choose from, you will undoubtedly find your inner athlete and get a taste of what new activity lies on your horizon. Best of all, each participant will receive a free ten visit pass to Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre or RecWest Footscray.

Sessions across the entire Expo are accessible to all ages and abilities.

Council is proud to be partnering with some of Victoria's premier sporting organisations including Melbourne Renegades, Melbourne City Football Club, Volleyball Victoria, Tennis Victoria, Melbourne City Soccer Club and Melbourne United Basketball Club. On top of this, there are plenty of local sporting clubs from the City of Maribyrnong taking part in the Expo.

For more information or to register, visit activemaribyrnong.com.au

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If you don't know who your Ward Councillor is, please contact **Customer Service on 9688 0200 or fax 9687 7793.**

For requests, comments and questions about Council services and programs, go to www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or call Customer Service on **9688 0200**.

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