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COVID-19 EDITION

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SUPPORTING
THOSE WHO
NEED IT MOST**

**COMMUNITY
AND
BUSINESS
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PACKAGES**

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AND READ
DURING
COVID-19**



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to this edition of Maribyrnong Messenger. I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

We know that many of our residents and local businesses are feeling the effects of COVID-19, and we have been working to support individuals and organisations to help everyone through this crisis.

At the April Council meeting we endorsed comprehensive packages that provide up to \$6.5 million in support across a range of programs and initiatives, to assist residents and businesses affected by COVID-19. The community support package includes payment deferrals for the next two quarterly rate payments. The business support package includes deferment of payments along with a discount of the next quarterly rate payment. In addition, we have developed a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy to assist those who have been financially impacted by the pandemic.

More detailed information about the support packages can be found on pages 3 and 4.

We understand an important part of our recovery is getting the local economy back on its feet and Council will continue to monitor and consider additional support options in the coming months.

The Local Government Minister has extended the deadline for 2020/21 Council budgets. Maribyrnong Council will seek to release its proposed Annual Budget 2020-21 and Strategic Resource Plan in May, which will be open for public submissions. More information will be available on our website.

The current environment has also led Council to seek alternative ways to continue to provide you with services, many of which I am delighted to outline in this magazine.

While our facilities are closed, they are now using technology to provide online programs and activities. Maribyrnong libraries have also recently launched a new reservation delivery service – free for all library members.

Please know the health and wellbeing of our community and our employees is our priority. We are in this together and I must stress the importance of practicing physical distancing measures to assist in minimising the spread of this virus.

Stay safe and healthy and please look after one another. For the most up-to-date information, I encourage you to visit our website and follow our social media channels.

Cr Sarah Carter.
Mayor of the City of Maribyrnong

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the current stay at home directive from the State Government, 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 by 4pm on the day of the meeting.

MAY:

Tuesday 5, 4.30pm Enterprise Maribyrnong Special Committee

Tuesday 19, 6.30pm Ordinary Council
Tuesday 26, 4.30pm Enterprise Maribyrnong Special Committee

JUNE:

Tuesday 23, 6.30pm Ordinary Council
Tuesday 30, 8.00pm City Development Special Committee

JULY:

Tuesday 14, 4.30pm Enterprise Maribyrnong Special Committee
Tuesday 21, 4.30pm Ordinary Council
Tuesday 28, 6.30pm City Development Special Committee

AUGUST:

Tuesday 18, 6.30pm Ordinary Council
Tuesday 25, 6.30pm City Development Special Committee

Please note the meeting process and schedule is current at the time of printing. Visit www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/meetings or phone 9688 0200 for more information.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT PACKAGE



We know that some of our community members are feeling the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic more than others, and we want to support residents to get through this crisis and give everyone the best chance at recovery.

In order to support residents affected by COVID-19, we have created a comprehensive support package.

The package includes payment deferrals for the next two quarterly rate payments (May and September) upon application, and no interest will be charged on any deferred payment. Pet registration fees will be waived for affected residents, and any fees that have already been paid for 2020 will be reimbursed.

Central Registration System fees will also be waived until the end of this calendar year.

For the most vulnerable in our community, we have provided care packs (including to those not covered

by the State relief packages) and we have also expanded our food services provision.

To support our local arts community, a number of initiatives have been included in the package, including grants (on application) for not-for-profit community arts organisations and Maribyrnong based arts practitioners, along with rental subsidies.

Lease payments and fees for not-for-profit community rentals will be waived until 30 September, and to support not-for-profit community sporting clubs, all lease, licence and ground fees will be waived until 31 December 2020, and utility and water fees will be waived until 30 September.

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

We have set up relief and recovery response teams that are available to support the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These teams can provide information and advice about services that are available to those affected by COVID-19, 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.

COVID-19 UPDATES

To stay up to date with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) advice regarding COVID-19, visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

For further information about Council's response to COVID-19, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/COVID

In order to continue to keep our community healthy we have expanded our immunisation program, which is continuing with individual appointments during this time. To make an appointment, call 9688 0150.

On top of the support package, we have developed a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy to assist those who have been financially impacted by the pandemic. This will allow all ratepayers experiencing financial hardship to apply for an interest free payment plan or to defer their rates without penalty interest for a period up until 30 June 2021.

For further information about the community support package, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/COVID



BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE

In the face of COVID-19, Local, State and Federal Governments have announced support packages for Australian businesses.

Council's business support package features a range of initiatives to help businesses get through this uncertain time and back on their feet. The package includes payment deferrals for the next two quarterly rate payments (May and September) for eligible commercial businesses, and interest will not be charged on any deferred payments. On top of this, the next quarterly rate payment (May) will be discounted by

50 per cent for businesses affected by COVID-19.

To make it easier for new businesses to start up during this time, we are waiving a range of planning application fees for small businesses starting up before 30 September 2020.

We are also waiving registration fees for current food businesses this year, and outdoor dining permit fees will be waived from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Council is also providing business support through a range of Business Crisis Support resources, including webinars on a range of topics, and an email bulletin.

For further information about the business support package, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/COVID. To get access to the Business Crisis Support resources, contact the business team via business@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au.

SHOP LOCAL #KEEPMARIKIND

Let's remember to shop local to help boost our small businesses that are feeling the effect of these challenging times.

Many of our retailers live locally and choosing to buy directly from those that have introduced online shopping, safe pick up or delivery and other measures to support physical distancing means we're helping a neighbour.



We're also keeping the life blood of our local economy pumping every time we make a purchase from one of our traders, who often employ those living in our community.

You can check who is open for business by scrolling through the directory of local businesses that's on our website. It's great to see the list grow every day as businesses add to it!

We're also promoting local businesses on our Facebook page, letting thousands know who is open, as part of the campaign #keepmarikind

The strength and support of our community will help traders, many of whom also live locally, get through this difficult time and come out the other side. We are also encouraging community members to share good news stories about a business that has been innovative in adjusting their products or services in response to COVID-19 by contacting us via email as part of the #keepmarikind campaign.

For instance, there are a number of businesses in the community going above and beyond to lend a hand. The Plough Hotel is looking after those on the frontline of the pandemic by donating meals to workers at Western Health's Footscray and Sunshine Hospitals; Hecho en Mexico is making sure international students in Yarraville have a meal by giving them free burritos; and Bharat Traders and SIMS IGA are working together to deliver regular care packages to older residents in West Footscray.

The campaign shows solidarity amongst not only businesses but with all of us who are affected as a result of COVID-19. You might see flags flying at our gate ways as part of the #keepmarikind campaign and posters in shop windows – we're in this together and it's so important to treat ourselves and others with kindness.

Visit Council's website for further information and to view the business directory at: www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/keepmarikind

Follow us on Facebook to learn about businesses that are operating in the community at: www.facebook.com/Maribyrnong

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Councillors met face-to-face for the April Ordinary Council Meeting – ensuring that physical distancing guidelines were followed – to resolve on a number of items including the community and business support packages.

The Maribyrnong Bicycle Strategy 2020-30 was endorsed, which aims to deliver a connected and protected bicycle network by 2030. It also aims to see increased cycling participation by people of all ages, genders and abilities

by providing safe and improved conditions for cyclists including, new infrastructure and safer speeds.

The Footscray Wharf redevelopment project was also endorsed and is expected to get underway in July. It will see the wharf and promenade constructed between Hopkins Street and Footscray Road in Footscray, with landscaping works along the river to make it an inviting space to play and for families to enjoy.

With current COVID-19 restrictions

in place, The Victorian Parliament has passed the *COVID-19 Omnibus (Emergency Measures) Bill 2020*, which provides for a number of temporary changes to the *Local Government Act 2020* to allow council meetings to be held online up until 1 November 2020.

As such, Council Meetings will continue to be closed to the public and will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. Check our website or Facebook page for further updates regarding upcoming meetings.



Mayor Cr Sarah Carter at the site of the Footscray Wharf redevelopment



Mayor Cr Sarah Carter and Cr Martin Zakharov looking forward to new bicycle infrastructure being rolled out across Maribyrnong as part of the Maribyrnong Bicycle Strategy 2020-30



ACTIVITIES & RECIPES

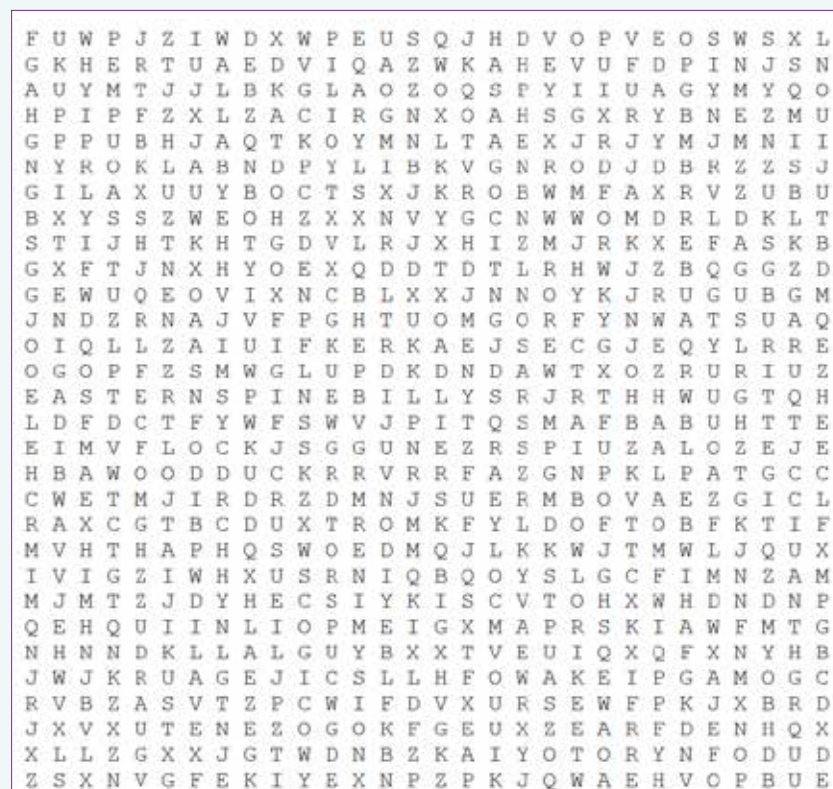
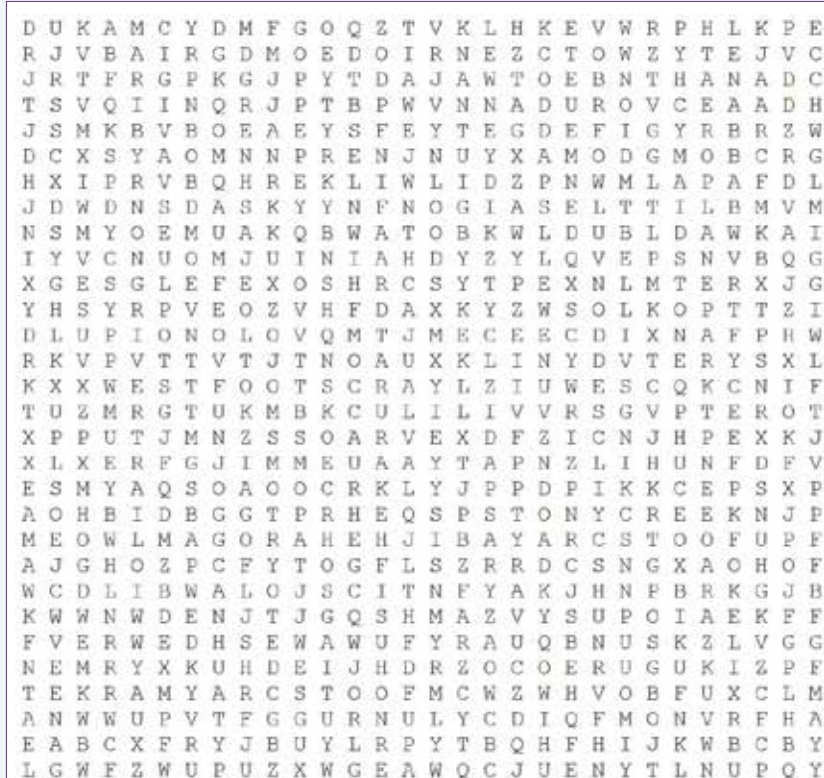
We have compiled some activities and recipes to keep you busy whilst at home. Find some of Maribyrnong's animals in the word search, cook up a storm in the kitchen with some new recipes, or try your hand at creating a gathered nature wall hanging.

WORD SEARCHES

ANIMALS OF MARIBYRNONG

Can you find some of the native animals that call Maribyrnong home in this word search?

Blue-Tongued Lizard	Noisy Miner
Eastern Rosella	Rainbow Lorikeet
Eastern Spinebill	Sparrow
Echidna	Tawny Frogmouth
Galah	Wallaby
Kookaburra	Willy Wagtail
Magpie	Wood Duck



PLACES OF MARIBYRNONG

Can you find places and suburbs in Maribyrnong in this word search?

Aeroplane Park	Maidstone
Braybrook	Maribyrnong
Cruickshank Park	Maribyrnong River
Footscray	Trail
Footscray Market	Newell's Paddock
Footscray Park	Pipemakers Park
Heavenly Queen	Seddon
Temple	Stony Creek
Highpoint	Tottenham
Jack's Magazine	West Footscray
Kingsville	Yarraville
Little Saigon	

GET CREATIVE IN THE KITCHEN AND TEST OUT THESE RECIPES



APPLE CRUMBLE MUFFINS

This recipe is perfect to make with children!

INGREDIENTS

MUFFINS

220 grams self raising flour
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup milk
3/4 cup sugar
1 egg

150 grams grated Granny Smith apples (peeled)
1 tsp cinnamon

CRUMBLE

1/2 cup plain flour
1/2 cup rolled oats
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
90 grams chopped butter

METHOD

1. preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius
2. mix all of the muffin ingredients together in a mixing bowl (be careful not to over-mix)
3. divide into muffin cases
4. make crumble in a separate bowl and add to the top of each of the muffins
5. bake for approximately 20 minutes



VIETNAMESE CHICKEN SALAD

INGREDIENTS

SALAD

2 cups large green cabbage
1 cup red cabbage
2 sticks celery
1-2 kg carrots
1 red onions
1 small bunch Vietnamese mint
20ml Vegetable oil e.g. canola, peanut oil, etc.
1-2 skinless chicken breast fillets (or use fried tofu for a vegetarian option)

DRESSING

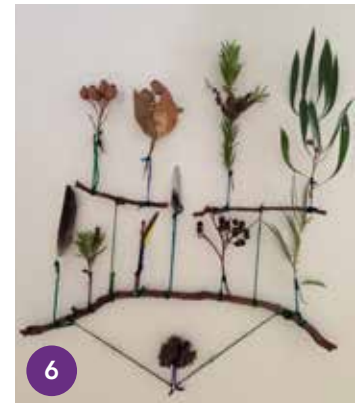
2 tbsp Vietnamese rice vinegar
2 tbsp sugar
2 tbsp fish sauce
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp cups cold water

METHOD

1. shred cabbage, celery and onion finely, and grate carrots
2. fry the onion in some vegetable oil until soft and set aside to cool
3. poach the chicken for at least 10 minutes, making sure that it is cooked through (do not allow to come to the boil, but ensure it poaches just below a boil)
4. cool the chicken in the fridge/freezer and then shred with your fingers
5. combine the cabbage, celery, carrot, onion, chicken and Vietnamese mint in a large bowl
6. combine all the dressing ingredients in a separate bowl and mix well
7. gradually add the dressing to the salad, to taste (you only need enough to make the salad tasty and not too wet)
8. serve chilled

GATHERED NATURE WALL HANGING

Go on a treasure hunt with the little people in your life and give this craft activity a go, courtesy of the Maidstone Community Centre Playgroup facilitator.



FISH BOWL CRAFT ACTIVITY

Follow the instructions below and add your own imagination to create a fish bowl, courtesy of the Maidstone Community Centre Playgroup facilitator.



SUPPORTING THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

DAVID McNAMARA HAS SPENT MORE THAN 20 YEARS CALLING YARRAVILLE HOME AND FOR NEARLY 12 OF THOSE, HE HAS LED CHARITY ORGANISATION **FOODBANK VICTORIA**. SIMPLY PUT, HE IS A LOCAL HERO WHO CONTINUES TO WORK TIRELESSLY TO SUPPORT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.



Foodbank Victoria has provided the most vulnerable Victorians – those who are unemployed, elderly, single parents, homeless and with a disability – access to emergency relief and support for 90 years.

They are one of the most accessed relief services in the state, providing more than 140,000 individuals with food relief and support every month. Between the recent Victorian bushfires that ravished through the state in summer, and the COVID-19 pandemic that has swept the nation, Australians are accessing emergency support services now more than ever.

David McNamara is the smiling face and passionate leader behind this extraordinary organisation. A Maribyrnong local for more than 20 years, David's passion for supporting the community comes from his early life growing up in regional Victoria, describing Yarraville – his home – as “having the same community spirit and village feel of a small country town”.

David's warmth, kindness and passion for the community extends throughout the Foodbank Victoria warehouse, which feels more like a walk through Yarraville Gardens on a balmy Sunday afternoon, as workers and volunteers greet him with a wave, smile or simple “hello”.

David has spent more than a decade leading the team at Foodbank Victoria, and supporting hundreds of thousands of locals in need. From breakfast programs with state schools through to the distribution of ongoing community donations, their recent support has provided emergency food relief to more than 20,000 Maribyrnong locals amid COVID-19.

To help support the community throughout COVID-19, Foodbank Victoria partnered with the State Government and Red Cross to package and distribute emergency relief packages for individuals in mandatory self-isolation. These packages are sent to some of the most vulnerable locals, including the elderly and the unemployed who don't have access to funds, family or friends that can help them seek essential services. Featuring everyday essential items, including long life milk, pasta and personal hygiene products, the packages were well received and appreciated by those in need.

The public health environment around COVID-19 and the physical distancing measures put in place to combat the pandemic altered day-to-day life for every Australian. These changes were also felt by the charity, and meant that they could “no longer accept physical food donations due to health concerns, and as such, turned to the community for financial donations to help purchase essential items for those in need,” David said.

Among the hundreds of agencies and schools Foodbank Victoria works with on a regular basis across the state, they also partner with nearly 20 local Maribyrnong charities to help residents within our community. From St Vincent de Paul through to McAuley Community Services for Women and Uniting Care Wesley, Maribyrnong's community spirit is felt through the incredible work of Foodbank Victoria and its local partners.

Having spent more than 15 years in the non-for-profit sector, it is clear David's passion really is the community and coming together to help support the community and make it the best it can be. When asked about why he has dedicated much of his life to helping others, he simply and humbly responded: “I am about community and about the great things communities can achieve together. I believe everyone deserves to have an equal chance at life and to opportunities.”

To David, community really is the foundation of the charity. “We (Foodbank Victoria) are a community owned and run charity and it's a testament to the entire community for the incredible impact we make. I have an amazing team and group of volunteers that I work with, and it's really a microcosm of what more broadly Australian society is – it really highlights the best of us.”

As the community continues to grow and evolve, and so do the challenges they face, Foodbank Victoria is cementing themselves as a leader in emergency relief. From bushfires and floods through to droughts and negative health and economic circumstances, they are at the forefront, continuing to adapt their business to best respond to the needs of their community in times of crisis.

Foodbank Victoria work around the clock to support the community, with ongoing food relief for those in need and crisis responses. They also work with 750 schools across the state in the School Breakfast Program, providing children access to emergency meals which helps improve their health, well-being and educational outcomes.

“We are a safety net for those in need. When you support Foodbank Victoria, you support 480 charities around the state. You are helping support the entire state through one organisation and you're helping make sure everyone has access to food. You never know who you're helping – it could be your neighbour.”

If you would like to support Foodbank Victoria and donate, please visit their website. Remember, every \$1 donated allows Foodbank Victoria to put two meals on the table for an individual in need.

Requests for care packages can be made by calling Victoria's dedicated coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

www.foodbank.org.au



SERVICES BEING OFFERED BY COUNCIL

CREATE, LEARN, MOVE AND READ DURING COVID-19

While we have temporarily closed some Council facilities and suspended their regular programming, we are still here, working to support our entire community by altering services and taking them online for you to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.



COMMUNITY CENTRES

Braybrook, Maidstone and Maribyrnong Community Centres are now offering a number of their programs as online activities, and each Centre has a weekly newsletters featuring community announcements and updates.

Some of the programs on offer include:

- > **Weekly Guided Meditation and Relaxation Yoga:** Meditate under the guidance of an experienced teacher through visualisation, breath and movement on Wednesdays.
- > **Music for Hip Toddlers:** Check out Razz's beautiful Music for Hip Toddlers and get your kids ready for a rollicking ride every Thursday and Friday.

- > **Maidstone Community Centre Playgroup:** Every week, playgroup facilitator Janine will create a wonderful art activity with simple, clear instructions to keep your kids inspired and entertained at home.
- > **Funky Sewing Classes for Women and Men:** These are amazing tutorials that will have you creating funky little pouches, tops and sling bags in no time!
- > **Tai Chi for Health:** A class for older adults 60+ years, learning Tai Chi techniques which are simple, elegant and easy movements, taking place on Thursdays at 2pm.
- > **Mini Chefs:** Four weekly sessions where the children will learn to cook some wonderful recipes for all the family to enjoy, starting Thursday 7 May.



LIBRARIES

Maribyrnong Libraries are offering a range of new and adjusted services for locals, including a new Reservation Delivery Service that is free for all library members. To make a reservation, members can simply make a reservation on the library website, and a staff member will contact them directly to arrange home delivery. This reservation delivery service is in addition to the many online programs and eResources already available to members.

The libraries are also developing activities and resources for the community to enjoy. Highlights include:

- > **Story Time Online:** A new Story Time Online will be uploaded to YouTube at 11am, every Monday to Friday.
- > **Baby Rhyme Time Online:** The Baby Rhyme Time Online videos will be uploaded to YouTube at 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday.
- > **Story Time Online in Vietnamese:** Mỗi tuần vào ngày thứ tư, 2 giờ chiều, Thư Viện Maribyrnong sẽ có video kể chuyện trong tiếng Việt được tải lên Story Time Online trên Youtube.

- > **Staff Picks:** Need inspiration on what to read next? Library staff will update you with their Staff Picks, with all titles available digitally on either Libby by Overdrive or BorrowBox.
- > **Maribyrnong Home Coders:** Join us in our Scratch Studio for coding challenges and projects to share and remix! Your favourite Code Club Librarians are there to encourage and help you. Anyone can join in – so tell your friends and follow us on Scratch!
- > **Lego® Mania:** Each week we'll post a new LEGO® challenge for you to complete at home. You can take a photo of your creation and the LEGO® maker's name and age (no faces in the photos, please), and we'll post it on the website!
- > **Book Groups:** Maribyrnong Libraries are running online book groups for kids and adults, running on both Zoom and on email. Check the website for more information.

To view the full list of online library services available and for further information about how to get involved, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Maternal and Child Health is limiting face-to-face consultations. Consultations for babies eight weeks and under will be conducted in shortened 15 minute face-to-face consultations. Families with appointments for older babies and children will be offered phone consultations. Please phone 9688 0501 to make a booking or for more information.

IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisations will continue with individual appointments at Footscray Town Hall. Please call 9688 0501 to make an appointment.

ACTIVE MARIBYRNONG

Enjoy a range of online interactive health and wellbeing programs, including HIIT, Pilates, Yoga, Metafit and much more, with Active Maribyrnong's six week Get Active! at Home Series.

Registrations are now open and all registered participants will receive access to an online calendar of programs.

Visit activemaribyrnong.com.au for more information and to register.

For a comprehensive list of Council initiatives and activities, and other additional resources our community can access while staying at home, please visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/stayengaged

PHOENIX YOUTH CENTRE

To engage with fellow young people throughout the municipality, Phoenix Youth Centre has launched Isolation Creations, a celebration of local young people and their amazing talents through a collection of videos featuring them performing, creating, skill sharing and moving.

The collection of videos include music performances to keep you entertained, dance tutorials to get you moving, a series of 'Self Love in Social Isolation' videos from local artists Sami and Natana, and embroidery and watercolour workshops.

To view the full collection of Isolation Creation videos, visit phoenixyouth.com.au



A REMINDER ABOUT WASTE



With more people at home, and as the cooler season approaches, many locals are spending more time indoors and decluttering their homes. During this time, it is more important than ever to remember to use your bins correctly, and not to dump illegal waste across our City.

Over recent months, Councils across Melbourne have seen a significant rise in the amount of illegal dumping of waste and incorrect use of charity bins, as people leave items where they shouldn't. Illegal dumping not only costs the community money to pick it up, it also costs local charities money

and makes our environment unsafe for everyone. When using Council's clothing and electrical recycling hubs, please remember that these hubs accept small electrical items and clothing only. Dumping any other items at these locations, or in the community, is illegal and does incur penalties. If you witness any illegal dumping, please report it to Council immediately.

Council can assist residents who wish to book a collection of hard waste items via our hard waste collection service. Please visit our website for details on how to use the service, what items are accepted, and how to book a collection. Please also remember to sort your

waste and use your bins correctly. If you are unsure what items can go in your general waste bin, please download our app and visit our website for more details. You can also find some great resources and programs to reduce waste at home on our website.

What can go in each of my bins?

Recycling Bins – aluminium cans and crumpled foil, paper, cardboard, hard plastic containers, glass bottles and jars.

Green Waste Bins – weeds, plant clippings, grass, tree leaves and small branches.

General/Rubbish Bins – soft plastics, single use items, take away containers and nappies.

DID YOU KNOW?

The contents of your green waste bin are taken to the Veolia organic treatment site in Bulla, where they are transformed into compost and mulch.

Council is part of the Back to Earth Initiative, where garden waste is recycled into healthy, nutrient rich compost for gardens and farms. By using your green waste collection service correctly, you can help create useful compost and save organic waste from going to landfill.

SAVE ENERGY AND EMISSIONS THIS WINTER

Heating your home in winter can have a huge impact on your energy costs, and on the environment, but there are many simple tricks that can help you save energy and stay warm this winter.

- > **Living** – When you're at home, remember to shut the doors to areas in your home that you aren't using (like the bathroom or laundry) to ensure that you only heat the rooms you need. It's also a great idea to turn off any unused lights and appliances and even the on-stand-by items, and install energy-saving light globes if you haven't already done this.
- > **Heating** – In the cooler months, heating contributes to a large portion of electricity or gas bill. To help reduce these costs, set your thermostat between 19 - 20 degrees Celsius for warming. Every degree of heating above this range can increase your energy costs by between 5-10 per cent*. Don't heat empty houses – so don't 'pre-warm' by setting timers to come on before you're home, and remember to turn off your heater when you go to bed or if you leave the house.
- > **Windows** – Used correctly, your windows play a big part in heating your home. Windows can let as much as 40%* of your heating out. If you put your hand on the window pane, you'll feel the cold that your

heater is trying to warm up. So, when the sun isn't shining, close your blinds or curtains to help keep the heat inside.

- > **Hot water** – Installing a water efficient showerhead is one of the most cost-effective ways you can save on your energy bill by reducing the amount of water you heat. If you're changing your hot water system over, look to install energy efficient heat pumps.
- > **Outdoors** – Look at installing solar panels. The payback begins immediately – with lower electricity bills – and rebates are also available from the Victorian Government. As well as this, you'll be creating renewable energy and reducing your contribution to climate change. You can also use programmable timers or sensors on outdoors lights to cut down on energy usage.

By making small changes to your everyday life, you will not only save money, but you can significantly reduce your contribution to greenhouse gas emissions, and help to protect our climate and our future.

*www.energy.gov.au



SAFER LOCAL ROADS

Following the successful implementation of reduced speed limits in Seddon and parts of Yarraville in early 2019, Council in partnership with VicRoads has now reduced the speed limits on some Council owned roads in Kingsville, Footscray and remaining parts of Yarraville to 40km/hr. Be sure to check the speed signs in your local area.

UPDATES TO OUR OPEN SPACES



As our City continues to grow and progress, we are working to ensure we provide open spaces for our entire community to enjoy.

Our maintenance teams are continually working hard to keep our public spaces looking great, and part of their recent work has been amenity improvements to some of our shopping areas, including Footscray Business District and Wembley Ave in Yarraville.

Improvements made to these areas include planting new trees, which are suited to the urban environment, to create canopy cover throughout our built-up areas. Further improvements include the installation of new benches and waste bins, new footpath surface treatments, and new line marking and wheel stops in the car parks.

These improvement opportunities not only enhance the look and feel of our shared public spaces, but also improve community safety and useability of these areas. Further amenity updates will continue throughout the municipality, including Mitchell St in Maidstone and Churchill Ave in Braybrook.



WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER

Now more than ever we need to come together and support each other to keep community spirit alive. Staying connected and checking in with those around you is crucial at the moment, especially with the current restrictions on movement.

Here are some ideas of how you can reach out to your neighbours and support the community whilst adhering to physical distancing guidelines:

- > drop a note in your neighbours letterbox
- > have a chat over the fence
- > 'pay it forward' at your local café by buying the person behind you a take away coffee
- > offer to run errands for older or vulnerable people in your neighbourhood
- > arrange a 'driveway' catch up in your street
- > make a donation to a local not-for-profit organisation
- > offer to walk a neighbour's dog
- > place a teddy bear or a drawing of a rainbow in your window for the local children to see
- > if you live in an apartment complex, start a group chat
- > buy a voucher for a local retailer

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR



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