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WITH JUSTINE
McALLISTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In our cover story we are introduced to Justine McAllister, a local artist whose public artworks not only transform a space but bring the community together.

Justine was the Street Art Prize winner in this year's Footscray Art Prize. Her award winning piece titled Dogs of the West showcases portraits of dogs that frequently visit Martin Reserve dog park in Footscray. The artwork has been installed on the corner of Irving and Nicholson Streets and I encourage you to check out the colourful characters featured in the mural.

Also in this spring edition we take a closer look at StreetWORKS, the vibrant curated public art program which creates innovative and visual street art to enliven our City's spaces while discouraging graffiti. Since the program's inception in 2014, 31 street art pieces have been installed at various locations across the City of Maribyrnong.

September is also a time we celebrate Adult Learners' Week which is all about making learning opportunities accessible and applicable to everyone. Check out page 12 to see what our community centres have on offer during the week.

This issue of Maribyrnong Messenger also gives you more information on many of the other community celebrations we have lined up. This includes One Night in Footscray, the Due West Arts Festival and Fringe Festival.

Read our story on page 3 about 10-year-old Stephanie, who wrote a letter to the former Mayor of Maribyrnong Cr Catherine Cumming, requesting the upgrade of her local playground. Stephanie's heart-felt letter prompted Council to revitalise the existing Angliss Reserve play space in Yarraville to include rope climbing equipment, a nature-based play area and an accessible swing, a must-have for Stephanie.

We welcome feedback from community members of all ages about ways we can improve our City, visit our website for details about how to contact your Councillors and share your ideas.

There's so much happening in our City so read on to find out about all the great activities and festivals taking place this spring.

Cr Martin Zakharov
Mayor of the City
of Maribyrnong



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 10, 6.30pm Ordinary Council.

Tuesday 17, 6.30pm City Development Special Committee.

OCTOBER

Tuesday 22, 6.30pm Ordinary Council.

Tuesday 29, 6.30pm City Development Special Committee.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 6, 6.30pm Special Council (Election of Mayor).

Tuesday 19, 6.30pm Ordinary Council.

Tuesday 26, 6.30pm City Development Special Committee.

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

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

LOCAL STUDENT PROMPTS PARK RENO

A heart-felt letter from a 10-year-old Wembley student Stephanie De Muri, appealing to Maribyrnong Council to 'makeover' her local playground, has led to an upgrade of Angliss Reserve in Yarraville.

In 2017, Stephanie penned a letter to the then Mayor of Maribyrnong, Cr Catherine Cumming, saying that she felt her local playground hadn't had much attention in recent years, especially compared to other parks in Yarraville such as the Dinosaur Park, and that it needed an upgrade.

"I wrote to the Mayor requesting a makeover of the park to include more swings, slides and shade. I particularly wanted there to be a swing that could be used by children with a disability, as everyone should be able to have fun at their local playground no matter what their ability.

"I am really proud of myself for writing a letter to Council and so excited they

acknowledged my letter and acted on my suggestions. I love the new basket swing as it's suitable for everyone to use – and I love that Council kept the older equipment and built on this instead of starting from scratch as that's good for the environment," she said.

Based on Stephanie's input, Council created a draft design for the upgrade which was used

for community consultation. Council used this feedback to draft the final design for the play space and started construction on the project earlier this year.

The recently completed upgrade includes a number of elements to enhance the play space, such as new rope climbing equipment catering for a range of ages; a grouping of timber steppers, boulders and garden bed for nature-based play; and an extension of the playground to connect it with the adjacent oval.

Council welcomes feedback from community members of all ages about ways that we can improve our City. Thanks to Stephanie's suggestions, which prompted our City Design team to commence an upgrade of the Angliss Reserve playground, locals now have a beautifully-appointed play space which will be enjoyed by families for decades to come.

Angliss Reserve is located at Drew and Roberts Streets in Yarraville. In addition to the playground, the reserve offers a range of sporting facilities for cricket and lacrosse.



MURAL, MURAL ON THE WALL



YOU MAY KNOW SOME OF HER BIG, BOLD AND COLOURFUL MURALS AROUND MARIBYRNONG AND BEYOND, BUT YOU MAY NOT KNOW THE POWERHOUSE BEHIND THE LARGE-SCALE INSTALLATIONS.

Justine McAllister is a force to be reckoned with in the art scene; and her works have even been featured on trams around Melbourne.

Taking us back to where her passion for larger than life painting began, Justine recalls the first ever mural she painted at a bar in Collingwood.

"I caught the 'mural bug.' Painting on a big scale was exciting and compared to a canvas work in someone's home, my work became part of a space and was being viewed by large audiences."

"Nowadays the idea of painting bigger, faster and better walls keeps things exciting and each new project is another mountain to climb."

Justine is not afraid of a challenge or evolving her style as an artist. She recalls her earlier painting style was largely influenced by fine art when she was at university, where she was a realistic painter.

"My work naturally took a turn towards illustration and design as I taught myself to digitally paint. My lines became sharper and my colours a lot bolder.

"Although my style has transformed over the last ten years, I have always conveyed my ideas through painting humans and anthropomorphised animals."

This can be seen in her latest mural Dogs of the West (on the corner of Irving and Nicholson Streets in Footscray). It won the Footscray Art Prize's Street Art category, the mural showcases portraits of dogs that frequently visit Martin Reserve dog park - a park Justine visits daily with her two dogs. Needless to say she draws her inspiration from all facets of her life.

"I believe all artists' work is autobiographical as it is a reflection of the interests and explorations of themselves.

"Everything that I am drawn to has a way of inspiring my practice: vintage illustration, architecture, prints in fashion, scientific illustration, food, drag costumes, friends and other artists all inspire my practice."

Another of Justine's murals in the west is

the Crows mural (pictured) on the corner of Commercial and Curtin Streets, Maidstone is inspired by one of her favourite local haunts, One for the Crow Café. The mural features plaid wings on the crow that connects back to her youthful obsession with Vivienne Westwood's plaid design.

"One for the Crow is a great plant based cafe and nursery located on the same block as the mural, so the artwork showcases four, much larger than life crows surrounded in foliage to play off the location of the wall itself.

"True to my artwork style, the piece has bold colour, shape and pattern work."

As a local Maidstone resident herself, Justine describes the inner west as a thriving part of Melbourne and lists some of her favourite hotspots in the City as Jack.B.Nimble Café, Dumbo Café, Braybrook Station, Martin Reserve dog park, Seddon Wine Store and the Sun Theatre.

Creating art is something that gives Justine the most fulfilment in life, though her progression into art may not have been linear.



I have bounced around doing a couple of things but everything has always come back to art...it was a natural progression to make a career out of it.



"It's great to have the opportunity to transform spaces for the public.

Crediting grant funding, such as the Footscray Art Prize, as greatly beneficial to her career, Justine says it also gives artists the opportunity to keep creating work and supports local community both culturally and financially.

Justine's advice to young or emerging artists: "Make the work you want to see out in the world and be prepared for it, when luck comes your way."

To see more of Justine's vibrant works follow her on Instagram @justinemcallister

COLOURING THE STREETS OF MARIBYRNONG



NEW STREET ART MURALS HAVE POPPED UP IN WEST FOOTSCRAY AND MAIDSTONE AS PART OF COUNCIL'S ANNUAL STREETWORKS PROGRAM

The curated public art program creates innovative, visual street art to enliven our city's spaces and places, while discouraging graffiti and tagging.

Throughout the month of May, the three works were installed by artists Heesco, Sarah Allen and Justine McAllister.

Working closely with the business whose wall he installed the mural on, Heesco enlivened a dark space at Sparesbox – an online retailer for everything automotive – by creating a bright and expansive work.

"I wanted to create something different and unusual in the given space, and I wanted to try and design something anamorphic," Heesco said.

"The final image was taken from a still frame from their (Sparesbox) promotional video. The figure walking towards a car with a bouquet of flowers stood out to me as a very nice image that created a mood and told a story," Heesco continued.

Local illustrator and artist Sarah Allen, who is known for her botanical work, created a botanical themed mural on the side wall of Rex Hairdressing in West Footscray.

"I've been drawing and learning about Australian native plants from the Western Volcanic Plains recently and was keen to include them in the mural. The main motif in the design is a stylized Hakea ulicina plant," Sarah said.

"The forms and colours are stylized and abstracted but



there's still an obvious connection to nature. Street art adds many positives to the community, and I was aiming to create a mural that would make people feel happy," Sarah continued.

The final 2019 StreetWORKS piece, created by Justine McAllister, is located in Maidstone and also takes inspiration from a local business.

"One for the Crow is a great plant based cafe and nursery located on the same block as the mural, so the artwork showcases four much larger than life crows surrounded in foliage to play off the location of the wall itself. True to my artwork style, the piece has bold colour, shape and pattern work," Justine said.

Justine loves that public art can not only transform a space, but bring people together as well.

"Public art engages the community and creates a sense of belonging and culture. The artwork becomes a platform for discussion and allows people to share their views and reactions of a piece," Sarah said.

Since the program's inception in 2014, 31 street art pieces have been installed at various locations across the City of Maribyrnong.



TAKE YOUR E-WASTE TO A BETTER PLACE

To help protect our environment and recover more precious resources, the Victorian Government has banned all electronic waste (e-waste) from going to landfill as of 1 July 2019. That means, e-waste can't go in any kerbside bin.

E-waste is any item with a plug, battery or power cord that is no longer in working condition. Including small appliances such as toasters and coffee machines, electric tools like drills and sewing machines and IT equipment such as computers and laptops.

Electronic waste is growing up to three times faster than general municipal waste. The good news is that e-waste is more than 95 per cent recyclable. For example, old mobile phones can be recycled to make stainless steel goods, new batteries and even plastic fence posts.



We have made it easy for residents to dispose of their unwanted e-waste and clothing using these services:

1. Have your small electrical items picked up from your front door using the free Thread Collect service. Book a collection online or call 03 9386 8702.
2. Drop off your e-waste at one of our seven drop-off hubs around our City. See maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/ewaste for items they accept and below for locations:
3. To recycle larger appliances, such as fridges and TVs, book a hard rubbish collection here: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/HardRubbish

To find out more about how Council is supporting residents to reduce their waste or to download the Maribyrnong Bins and Recycling mobile app visit our maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/recycle

DROP OFF HUBS

- > Southampton Street, Footscray carpark (near Western Hospital).
- > Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre, 1 Aquatic Drive, Maribyrnong.
- > Droop Street, Footscray carpark (corner of Donald Street).
- > RecWest Footscray, Essex Street, West Footscray.
- > Maribyrnong Community Centre, 9 Randall Street, Maribyrnong.
- > Bristow Street, Footscray Car Park (opposite Footscray City Primary School)
- > Hansen Reserve, Roberts Street, West Footscray (next to Kingsville Kindergarten).

CALLING ON THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

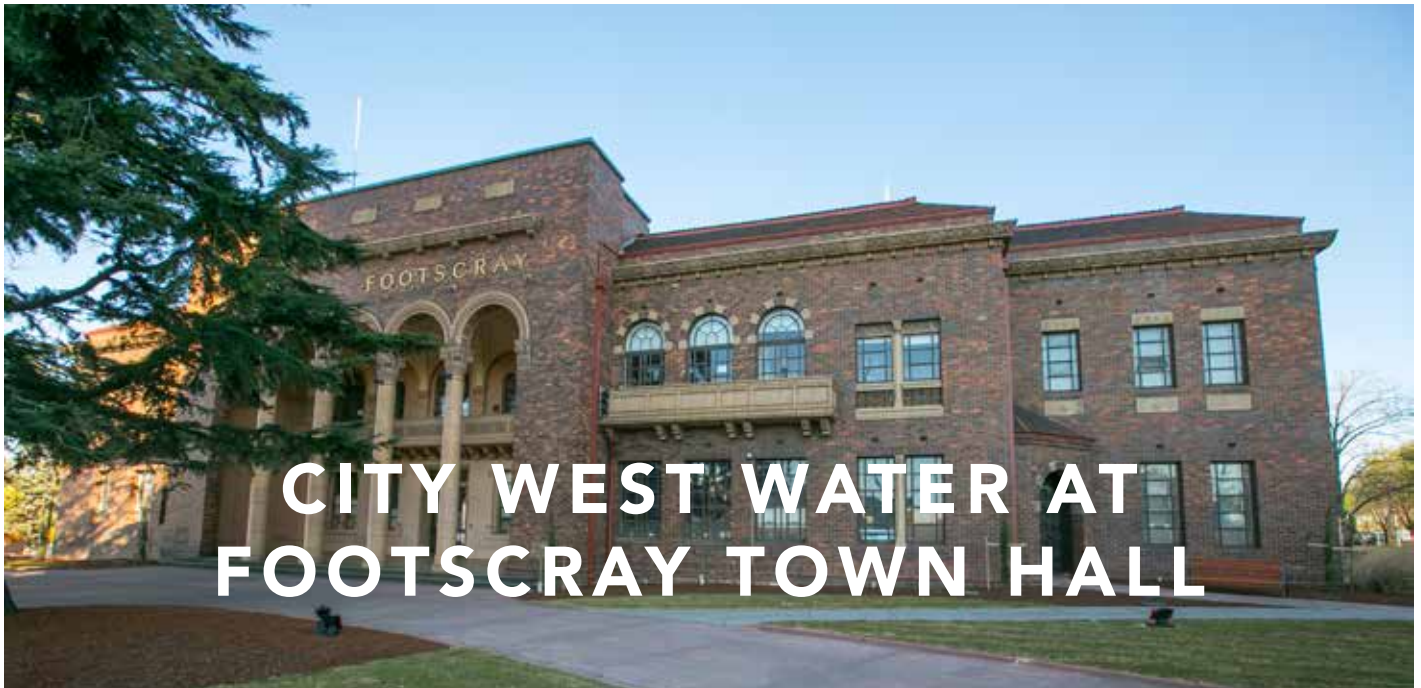
Since stepping up its position on global warming earlier in the year, Maribyrnong City Council is now calling on the community to help us develop a Climate Emergency Plan.

Residents who have a keen interest in climate change are urged to nominate for the Climate Community Advisory Group. The Group will be comprised of residents and representatives from key stakeholder and community groups from across the municipality to advise Council on the development and implementation of the new Plan.

Once complete the plan will outline how Council and community can work together to can mitigate the severity of climate change and to adapt to its current and future impacts.



Residents of the City of Maribyrnong will be able to vote on the eligible candidates and view their candidate statements at www.yourcityyourvoice.com.au



City West Water is partnering with Maribyrnong City Council to give customers the opportunity to receive face-to-face support for their water accounts, billing and general enquiries at the Council's Customer Service Centre from 23 September – 18 October.

To honour their commitment to putting customers first, City West Water will be trialling this face-to-face initiative in an effort to provide customers another avenue to interact with them.

Council's Customer Service Centre on corner of Hyde and Napier Streets

in Footscray is open from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, except public holidays. Parking is available on-site and can be accessed via Lawson Place.

For more information phone

131 691 or email

enquiries@citywestwater.com.au

BUSINESS IN MARIBYRNONG

2019/20 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Council's Enterprise Maribyrnong Special Committee recently awarded funding through the annual Business Improvement District (BID) grant program for business-led projects across our city's business districts. The grant program supports projects which raise the profile of our key business districts – helping to attract visitors and investment, grow jobs, and strengthen our local economy.

The successful projects for the 2019/20 funding round are:



FOOTSCRAY TRADERS ASSOCIATION (FTA)

The FTA project addresses the State Government's plastic bag ban for all retailers (from November 2019) through an education campaign for local businesses who are likely to be impacted by the ban, and providing reusable bamboo fibre tote bags for customers.

YARRAVILLE TRADERS ASSOCIATION (YTA)

The YTA's project will deliver community events in the village to celebrate Halloween, Christmas and Easter. The YTA will also create three mini-movies showcasing the Villages best dining and shopping experiences, to be screened at the Sun Theatre.

SEDDON VILLAGE TRADERS ASSOCIATION (SVTA)

The SVTA will deliver Christmas and Easter events along with a destination cookbook involving all of the different food businesses in Seddon.

WEST FOOTSCRAY TRADERS ASSOCIATION (WFTA)

The WFTA will produce a series of short videos profiling Barkly Village traders. These will be screened at events such as the annual West Footscray Festival of Lights and local Christmas carols.

CAKES AND VASES, CHICREATIVE, CASA DI TUTTI, ANNETTE OF MELBOURNE, UNIFORM BLACK

Five Seddon traders will work together to launch a 'Seddon Weddings Collective' group profiling and promoting wedding event suppliers in the inner west. The project involves a social media campaign and an Open House day to increase trade.

LAY LOW BAR, LUXE BUTTERS, THE EXERCISE ROOM, ROCCO'S DELI, THE BROTHERHOOD YIROS AND GRILL

This innovative group of businesses will deliver online marketing and promotions to promote shopping experiences along Buckley St in Seddon, enabling visitors to access discounts at each of their businesses.

For further information about Council's BID program, contact Council's Economic Development team at business@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or call (03) 9688 0200.

For more information about business in Maribyrnong, including information about upcoming events, and to subscribe to our business newsletter, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/business

ARE YOU READY TO SPRING INTO **SUMMER?**

Now in its sixth year, the five week Spring into Summer Series is the perfect way to either kick start your health and wellbeing journey or build on the progress you made earlier this year during the Get Active! Expo.

Jam packed with your favourites including Pilates, Tai Chi, Swing Fit, Yoga, Deep Water Aqua, Self Defence, along with some new and exciting activities, this year promises to have something for everyone!

Local Maribyrnong resident Loan took part in last year's Spring into Summer and is looking forward to this year's series returning in November.

"Spring into Summer brings the community together and is fantastic way to become aware of and get a free introduction to activities that are available in the neighbourhood. The program runs long enough to get a good feel for the activities and see some progress," Loan said.

As an added bonus to encourage participants to keep active, everyone who registers will receive free passes to both the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre and RecWest Footscray.

The series is delivered through Council's Active Maribyrnong initiative, designed to improve the health and wellbeing of our community through physical activity and community participation.

Since the beginning of the Active Maribyrnong program in 2014, over 20,000 community members have enjoyed the benefits of keeping active by participating in our range of events.

Registration for the Spring into Summer Series is essential, so start planning your wellbeing journey and join the long list of active participants who have adopted a healthier lifestyle.

Registrations open on Monday 14 October via activemaribyrnong.com.au

SPRING INTO SUMMER

11 November – 15 December

Various locations throughout Maribyrnong
activemaribyrnong.com.au





WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

This Adult Learners Week we are celebrating the power of people continuing to learn throughout their lives

Adult Learners Week is taking place from 1-8 September, providing us all with an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of learning.

Research shows that when people take an active approach to learning throughout their adult years, it has a significant impact on individuals, families and communities.

Taking time to learn as an adult is the key to a healthy and active life and staying connected in communities.

Braybrook, Maidstone and Maribyrnong Community Centres are the heart of community life and learning in the City of Maribyrnong.

By walking through the centre doors, you could discover a new hobby or learn a new skill. And there is plenty on offer!

Health and Wellbeing

Join the Maribyrnong walking group, or try your hand at Vietnamese Tai Chi, Yoga, Metafit or Pilates.

Dance and Music

Waltz, foxtrot, quickstep, cha cha and rumba – find your feet at one of our adult dancing classes. Music more your thing? Join a community choir to get those vocal chords moving.

Computers and Technology

Confused by the latest technology, or just want to refresh your skills? There are courses to help you use the Microsoft Office suite, the internet, or your smart device.

Learning and Languages

From leadership training and tips on how to get a job, to English, Spanish and Japanese language classes, you can find a course to help you continue your lifelong learning.

Arts and Craft

Get creative and learn the art of sewing, quilting, knitting, watercolour painting, calligraphy, mosaic and more.

Cooking

Need some help in the kitchen? Or just want to learn some new skills? Have fun and learn with a range of hands-on cooking classes that cover a variety of cuisines and themes.

Bring along a friend or a family member

Challenge your perceptions of what class you might 'fit' into – like the father who always wanted to learn sewing who recently enrolled himself and his daughter into a sewing class at one of our Centres. Bring along a friend or family member and share your learning experience with them.

So what are you waiting for? Take the leap and discover learning this Adult Learners Week! **Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/learn for more details.**

WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG

FOOTSCRAY FINDS MARKET

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH
9am-2pm
THE LINE, 2 YEWERS ST, FOOTSCRAY

Expect a fantastic selection of goods to browse from including pre-loved fashion, antiques, plants, bespoke designer wear and handicraft plus seasonal thematic additions to keep things interesting.

MADE IN BRAYBROOK MONTHLY POP UP MARKET

10am – 2pm, 21 SEPTEMBER
26 OCTOBER, 16 NOVEMBER
CENTRAL WEST SHOPPING CENTRE,
BRAYBROOK

Head to the Central West Shopping Centre and support our local artists and craftspeople. You'll find a variety of homemade products including soaps, candles, toys, artworks, jewellery, baby goods and much more.

For further information call Braybrook Community Hub on (03) 9188 5800

LEGO® CLUB

VARIOUS DATES
4pm – 5pm
BRAYBROOK, FOOTSCRAY, WEST
FOOTSCRAY AND YARRAVILLE
LIBRARIES

Kids will join like-minded LEGO® fans to build and play while also learning about teamwork, creativity, motor skills and problem solving skills.

MAKERS CLUB

VARIOUS DATES
4pm – 5pm
BRAYBROOK AND MARIBYRNONG
LIBRARIES

These exciting Makers Club sessions will help bring out the creativity in your kids. Each session is themed and is perfect for kids aged 5-12 years.

CODE CLUB

VARIOUS DATES
4pm – 5pm. BRAYBROOK AND WEST FOOTSCRAY LIBRARIES

Learn how to design your own computer games, animations and interactive stories using the programming language Scratch.

HOW I MET MY DEAD HUSBAND BY LANSY FENG

1 SEPTEMBER – 7 SEPTEMBER
8pm – 9pm. BLUESTONE CHURCH ARTS SPACE, 8A HYDE STREET, FOOTSCRAY

A sweet and funny cabaret funeral that'll take you on a reincarnating journey of love, confusion and hope.

Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au for further details.

SOUND SCHOOL

5 SEPTEMBER – 3 OCTOBER
PHOENIX YOUTH HUB, 72 BUCKLEY STREET, FOOTSCRAY

Learn electronic music, DJ'ing, sound engineering, synths and beat making, production, soldering, electronics and more. Some of Melbourne's most exciting artists deliver this year long program for people aged 12-25 years.



ETHIOPIAN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 11am – 5pm
NICHOLSON STREET MALL, FOOTSCRAY

Now in its 15th year Nicholson Street Mall will once again be transformed as the Ethiopian Community celebrate their culture and identity with the wider community through song, dance, poetry and fashion.



WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG

LANTERN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
2pm – 8pm
NICHOLSON STREET MALL,
FOOTSCRAY

Celebrating Vietnamese culture in Australia, the festival includes lantern making workshops for children, entertainment and a lantern parade around Footscray.

FRINGE WESTSIDE

12 – 30 SEPTEMBER
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Fringe Westside returns with a multi-art form program of adventurous and accessible art, bringing you an artistic experience like no other as part of Victoria's largest festival of independent arts. melbournefringe.com.au

RAISING MULTILINGUAL CHILDREN

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 10am-12pm
BRAYBROOK LIBRARY, 107-139
CHURCHILL AVENUE, BRAYBROOK

Why is it so important to speak to your child in your first language? Come along to this free interactive workshop with Professor John Hajek to learn about the benefits and challenges of raising multilingual children. Get some practical tips and strategies to promote the use of first language with your children.

For registration and interpreter bookings, please contact Council on 9688 0166 or via infoearlyyears@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

INTERNATIONAL FLAVOURS

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER, 5-7pm
MARIBYRNONG COMMUNITY
CENTRE, 9 RANDALL STREET,
MARIBYRNONG

Explore the world through your taste buds! Learn to make two international dishes during this hands on workshop.

STARTING A NEW BUSINESS FOR MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019
6pm-9.30pm
MARIBYRNONG CITY COUNCIL,
TOWN HALL CORNER HYDE AND
NAPIER STREETS FOOTSCRAY

Some of the state's biggest business stories were started by people newly arrived to Victoria. If you're an asylum seeker, refugee or migrant with a business idea, get to grips with everything you need to know about Australian business culture.

BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2019
7am-9.30am
MARIBYRNONG CITY COUNCIL,
TOWN HALL CORNER HYDE AND
NAPIER STREETS FOOTSCRAY

Network your way through a delicious breakfast and be motivated and inspired by our keynote speaker who will share their wisdom and knowledge about how to run a successful business. This event is a great opportunity to meet influential business people in the community and to exchange ideas and information.

MARIBYRNONG COMMUNITY MARKET

FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
5.30-8.30pm
MARIBYRNONG COMMUNITY
CENTRE, 9 RANDALL STREET,
MARIBYRNONG

With over 40 stalls ranging from artworks, jewellery, handicrafts, candles, clothing, toys, food and entertainment, there's bound to be something for everyone at the market!

SMALL BUSINESS BUS – YARRAVILLE

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2019
VARIOUS TIMES

The Victorian Government's Small Business Bus provides free mentoring and face-to-face assistance to help you start or build your small business. The Small Business Bus is visiting all regions of Victoria in 2019. Book in now for your free one-on-one mentoring session to get your business moving.

For bookings visit:
maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/business



FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS (BATHUKAMMA)

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
1pm – 9pm
RECWEST, BRAYBROOK

The biggest community festival for the Telugu Telangana Indian community in Melbourne, this colourful festival features Indian games, songs celebrating community and traditional dance.

WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG



SENIORS FESTIVAL

OCTOBER
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

This month long celebration promotes inclusive communities and provides an opportunity for older people to remain active and engaged in the local community.

Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au to see what's on



MACEDONIAN FOOD FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER
10am – 6pm
FOOTSCRAY PARK

Savour Macedonian cuisine, traditional dance and more at this fabulous community event being held for the third time at Footscray Park.



SPRING INTO SUMMER

11 NOVEMBER – 15 DECEMBER
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT MARIBYRNONG

Spring into Summer is a completely free program that offers participants the opportunity to participate in a range of different 5-week health and wellbeing programs.

Register at activemaribyrnong.com.au

DUE WEST ARTS FESTIVAL

15 – 24 NOVEMBER
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

This immersive arts festival focuses on works which encourage festival-goers to participate, engage and interact with art across multi art-forms. Over 10 days the City of Maribyrnong will be transformed into a festival hub, bringing the West alive and celebrating stories, communities and spirit of place.

MARIBYRNONG COMMUNITY MARKET

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 5.30-8.30pm
MARIBYRNONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, 9 RANDALL STREET, MARIBYRNONG

With Christmas just over a month away, the market will have a Christmas feel, and with over 40 stalls ranging from artworks, candles, jewellery, handicrafts, food, petting farm, entertainment and face painting for children, there's bound to be something for everyone!



ONE NIGHT IN FOOTSCRAY

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT FOOTSCRAY

Spend One Night in Footscray and discover the art spaces, venues, and hidden in-between gems. This free and accessible program of vivid installations, musical performance, enlightening exhibitions, puppetry, dance, and a walking food degustation has something for all ages and backgrounds. Expect the unexpected as you walk the streets of central Footscray! onenightinfootscray.com



FOOTSCRAY DIWALI

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER
1pm – 9pm
FOOTSCRAY PARK

Diwali is one of the most vibrant annual festivals in India - experience it in your own backyard with this local festival featuring cultural music, food, Bollywood dance performances, fireworks and more.

For details visit footscraydiwali.com.au



WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

25 NOVEMBER – 10 DECEMBER

16 Days of Activism is an international campaign dedicated to eliminating gender-based violence. The campaign is used to raise awareness, undertake advocacy and take action to end violence against women. There will be a number of activities taking place throughout Maribyrnong to mark 16 Days of Activism.

Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au for further details.

ALBANIAN FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER

11am – 5pm

YARRAVILLE GARDENS

For more than 20 years the Albanian Festival has showcased traditional music, dance, food and culture. This festival is a joyous gathering of Albanian Heritage Australian's to celebrate 100+ years of Albanian independence.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

10 DECEMBER

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year, Human Rights Day marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being – regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

CAROLS IN YARRAVILLE GARDENS

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

7pm – 10.30pm

YARRAVILLE GARDENS

Pack a picnic, gather your family and friends and celebrate the festive season. A family favourite on the festival calendar, this free event includes musical performances, carol singing and concludes with a spectacular fireworks display.



NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 6.30pm – 10.30pm. FOOTSCRAY PARK

Ring in the New Year with a night full of entertainment, including live stage performances, carnival rides for the kids, food trucks and an exhilarating fireworks display.

For more information on our festivals and events, visit festivalcity.com.au

WHAT'S ON AT MAC



Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre (MAC) is home to a state-of-the-art health centre; an award winning learn to swim program; a spa, sauna and steam room; and a wide range of exercise programs. Here's some of the activities taking place at MAC this Spring.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

23 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER

A fun and active sport and fitness program for children aged 5-12 years. Sessions include ball games, dance, yoga and more.

SENIORS FESTIVAL

7 – 13 OCTOBER

To celebrate Seniors Festival and to support the health of those aged 50 and above, MAC will be holding a number of free group fitness classes and health club sessions throughout the week.

CHILDREN'S WEEK

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER, 10am-2pm

Come and celebrate Children's Week at MAC with free face painting and a mobile petting zoo.

For more information about any of the activities taking place at MAC, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/mac or call 9032 4100.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

FROM BIG BANG TO DREAM JOB

Local resident Abraham has recently landed his dream, which he attributes to the experience and relationships he gained while taking part in programs at Phoenix Youth Hub.



Abraham has been involved with Phoenix Youth programs since he was 15 years old, mainly taking part in creative environmental programs and Big Bang, a sports and recreational program that includes basketball, netball, volleyball and indoor soccer.

"I first heard about the Big Bang program from a friend and from then on, we got addicted to the program as it allowed freedom for us to play sport with friends and to make new

friends. We didn't want the holidays to come as we knew Big Bang was off for 2 weeks," Abraham said.

"From there, I started attending other programs and even assisted with events like the Young Footballers Forum at Phoenix Youth Hub, enabling me to gain life skills as well as work skills," Abraham continued.

When he finished high school, Abraham started studying at university and gained skills in business

management. He also started to become more involved in soccer community programs and events as a leader.

Abraham's passion for soccer and the local community led him to a role with Football Empowerment, a community group that provides opportunities for multicultural young people to get active in soccer. He also got involved with organising and facilitating sports activities and events for young people, collaborating with Phoenix Youth Hub to host women's futsal tournaments, a quiz night and a forum.

Abraham recently landed his dream job at Melbourne City Football Club, and is grateful for the experience he gained thanks to his involvement with Phoenix Youth.

"I learnt new skills such as leadership, management and networking skills, which is vital for me in my new role. The Phoenix Youth team gave me the opportunity and helped me learn these skills and develop them over the past few years," Abraham said.

Abraham's advice for young people looking for ways to learn new skills?

"Get involved! Talk to the staff at Phoenix Youth Hub for any advice as they are more than happy to help and there isn't a job too big," Abraham said.

For more information about the programs taking place at Phoenix Youth Hub and other opportunities that are available for young people, visit phoenixyouth.com.au

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES STRATEGY

Council has a unique and influential role in shaping the local community as a place that supports the wellbeing of children, young people and their families.

To continue to support our community, we are developing an integrated Children, Young People and their Families Strategy that will identify Council priorities for the next ten years.

Previously, our work has been guided by separate strategies for children, young people and families. This new strategy will build upon the strengths of these past frameworks, and will take an approach that recognises the evolving needs and experiences of children, young people and their families as they grow and change.

The draft strategy will be available for viewing in November via Council's community engagement platform, Your City, Your Voice.

Visit yourcityyourvoice.com.au in November to view the strategy and to provide your feedback.



GET CREATIVE WITH CODING AND ROBOTICS

Maribyrnong Libraries have launched a number of new STEAM programs to help kids build their problem solving and critical thinking skills



Science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics are combining forces in the new programs now available at library branches across Maribyrnong.

Using STEAM as an education tool provides children with a hands-on approach that allows them to learn how to think, rather than learning what to think.

As learning centres, our libraries provide just the right environment for young people to explore and develop their passion and skills.

For children aged 5-15, library branches are now offering after school coding and robotics sessions. Computer programming skills are vital for the future and provide

opportunities for problem solving and critical thinking. Meanwhile, learning to program robots motivates children to learn coding and develop computational thinking and expand their creativity.

For pre-schoolers we are integrating STEAM concepts into our regular weekly story time sessions with a range of resources and activities. Young learners will be given opportunities to support and extend their literacy, numeracy and critical thinking skills through discovery, exploration and play.

For more information about these new sessions, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library

INTRODUCING PRESSREADER

Get unlimited access to the world's top newspapers and magazines with the launch of this eReading platform at Maribyrnong Libraries

Library members will now be able to access quality journalism, both internationally and locally, with the introduction of the libraries newest eReading resource, PressReader.

With more than 7,000 publications from more than 100 countries in over 50 languages, there is bound to be something for everyone.

Receive unlimited access to PressReader with your library card and PIN, and browse the collection via your web browser or by downloading the app from the App Store or Google Play.

Not a library member yet? Head into any library branch to sign up!



GET LOST IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Want to research your family tree, or trace the history of your house? Then it's time to make the most of the family history and genealogy resources at Footscray Library.

Footscray Library is home to the Local Studies Room, filled with a number of print, microfiche, microfilm and online resources to help you with your historical research.

You can access birth, death and marriage indexes; Sands and McDougal directories, and other postal directories; local newspaper archives; and cemetery records. You can also access online resources Ancestry.com and Find My Past, which are accessible for free from the computers at all library branches.

Visit Footscray Library to start discovering.



CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL

Join us at the libraries across Maribyrnong as we enjoy a range of cultural activities this September

Maribyrnong will celebrate the Moon Festival this year, which falls on 13 September, at library branches across the City. The Festival falls on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month according to the Chinese lunar calendar and celebrates the end of the autumn harvest.

This year, the libraries in Maribyrnong will incorporate the Moon Festival into regular programs. These include bilingual story time sessions in Vietnamese and Mandarin, luminary workshops and lantern-making workshops for children.

Footscray Library will be hosting Moon Festival Dances followed by afternoon tea with traditional mooncakes and new Chinese and Vietnamese collection items to browse and borrow. These events highlight one of the key festivals celebrated by our diverse community.

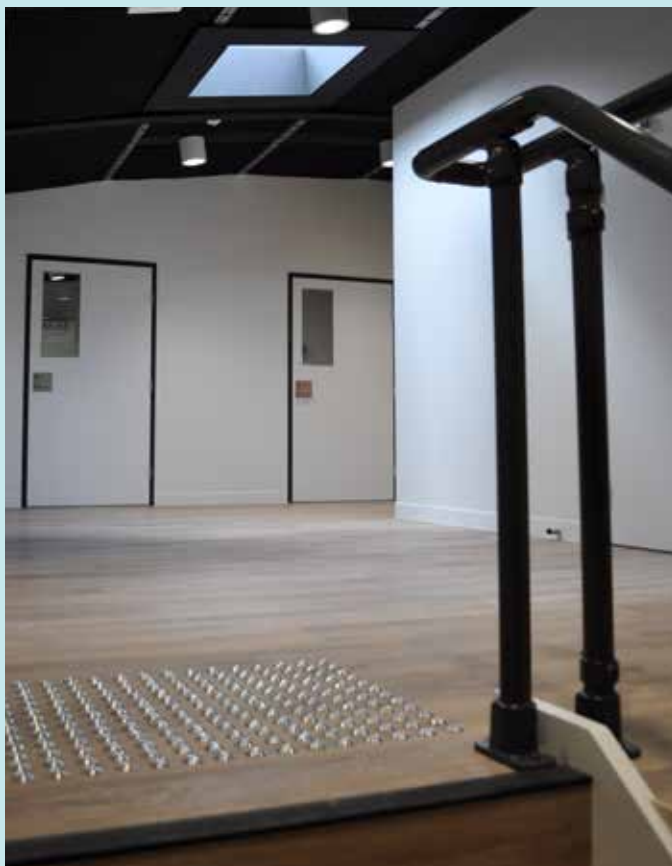
Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library to find out more about the events taking place at the libraries during Moon Festival.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

SCOVELL RESERVE PAVILION REDEVELOPMENT

The \$2.95 million Scovell Reserve Pavilion redevelopment project, funded in partnership between Council and the State Government, is progressing well with the structural steel framing, internal carpentry, and roofing now complete. External walls and doors and window frames will be installed next, followed by internal plastering and installation of services.

Upon completion in February 2020, this sports facility will be home to both the Footscray United Cricket Club and Maidstone United Soccer Clubs, and will be made available for community use. It will feature both male and female changing rooms with amenities, a commercial kitchen, and a large multi-purpose room for club activities and functions. The new works will also be complimented by fresh landscaping and an extension of the existing pedestrian footpath that will add to the community's enjoyment of Scovell Reserve.



FOOTSCRAY HOCKEY CENTRE

Local hockey players will be able to enjoy the new facilities of the recently completed Footscray Hockey Centre which features a commercial grade kitchen, new players' amenities, first aid room, an umpire's room, plus accessible toilets and showers.

YARRAVILLE LIBRARY CLOSURE

Yarraville Library will be undergoing works to renew the roof and drainage systems. To ensure the works are carried out in a timely manner and to a high standard, the library will be closed for the duration of the works.

As such, Yarraville Library will be closed from Monday 26 August and will reopen Monday 23 September. The return chute will be closed for the duration of the works and loan periods will be adjusted accordingly.

CHURCH STREET CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Construction is now complete on the new Church Street Children's Centre, which will offer 98 places in the new double storey facility that will provide child care with integrated kindergarten and sessional kindergarten in modern learning spaces.

The service providers (ECMS) and Council are working closely together to support a transition plan to enable the service, currently operating at the Maribyrnong Community Centre, return to the new building.

ECMS is required to work through a number of steps with State and Federal Government Departments to enable the right approvals and processes to be set up before the service can return to its Church St location. It is anticipated this will occur by October 2019, with service provision for 3 and 4 year old sessional kindergarten commencing in 2020.

Families wishing to register for either kindergarten or long day care should do so via earlyyearscentralregister@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or call the Council's Early Years Team on **9688 0166**



PIPEMAKERS PARK BUILDING 2

Works are now complete on the Victorian Heritage Register listed Pipemakers Park Building 2, formerly known as the Preserving Department Building, which was originally constructed circa 1875. The rectification works on the bluestone building included repairs to make it structurally stable, accessible and weatherproof.

This project is Stage 1 of a series of planned works across the Pipemakers Park precinct and was partly-funded by a grant from the Living Heritage Grants Program.



FOOTSCRAY PARK PICNIC SHELTERS

Just in time for the warmer weather, Footscray Park is now home to two new picnic shelters complete with BBQs and seating. Set along the Maribyrnong River, locals will be able to soak in views of Flemington Racecourse and Melbourne CBD while utilising the barbequing facilities.

REDUCING RACISM

Did you know that approximately one in five Australians report having experienced racial discrimination during the past 12 months?



People from all around the world now call Maribyrnong home, and we want to make sure that everyone is given the opportunity to thrive.

We are lucky to have one of Victoria's most culturally diverse and fastest growing populations with a history that can be traced back at least 40,000 years. Residents come from more than 135 different countries and speak more than 80 languages.

We value diversity as a source of creativity and innovation, and we want to continue to foster and promote a sense of belonging amongst our community.

In 2018, City of Maribyrnong officially became a member of the Intercultural Cities program, an initiative that highlights the advantage of diversity and the importance of respecting differences.

As part of this commitment, we are raising awareness about the importance of reducing diversity-related prejudices that lay the foundations of discriminatory and racist attitudes within our community.

Everyone plays a role in reducing racism, but some people aren't sure how they can help.

The Australian Human Rights Commission has the following recommendations:

- > If you see racist behaviour in public, you could say something if it feels safe. It could be as simple as saying "Why don't you just leave him/her alone".
- > If you see racist material online, report it. Most social media platforms can deal with offensive content, or you can make a complaint to the Australian Human Rights Commission or to police.

- > If you see racism directed towards a classmate, colleague or teammate, you could suggest they talk to someone. Most schools, workplaces and sports clubs will have a policy for dealing with bullying and harassment, including racism.

If you experience racism personally, you can report it. In partnership with Code Australia, the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission has developed a community reporting tool that enables community members to make short, confidential reports as an alternative to launching a formal complaint.

This tool makes it easier for communities to seek action, dismantle rumours about different cultural groups of people and report racism.

To make a confidential report, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/reduce



SONS OF THE WEST WRAPS UP

The Western Bulldogs Community Foundation's Sons of the West men's health program has drawn to a close for 2019.

In its sixth year, Sons of the West provided education on key health issues affecting men in Victoria's western region across eight local government areas.

A Braybrook local, Liam McEwen joined Sons of the West in 2016.

Winning this year's Club Champion award in Braybrook, the 66-year-old told westernbulldogs.com.au that he was incredibly grateful to receive the award.

"I was overwhelmed to receive the Club Champion award because I was just happy to join the guys and try my best every week, which I did," McEwen said.

"Having won the award means that I can now continue to work on my fitness. Without this award, I wouldn't have had the motivation to join a gym, so I am very grateful."

Joining Sons of the West to gain a deeper understanding of holistic health and wellbeing, McEwen credits the program for furthering his understanding of mental health, while providing him with the stepping stones to improve his wellbeing.

"Sons of the West gave me an opportunity to be part of a community that exercised, learnt, talked and laughed together. I was able to take away new ways of thinking about the way I live my life day to day."

When asked if he would recommend others to join the men's health program, McEwen said that he would encourage all men to apply, regardless of their age, cultural background or fitness ability.

"I would say, go for it," McEwen said. "It's an amazing program that helps you physically, mentally and socially. It's a community orientated program that allows you to have a go without pressure. What you can gain from the presentations will stay with you in your everyday life."

Photo: Western Bulldogs players Ed Richards and Zaine Cordy with Liam McEwen and City of Maribyrnong Mayor, Cr Martin Zakharov (Photo: Nico Keenan)

WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE HARMS FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Addressing the harms associated with alcohol and other drugs (AOD) has been a long term and complex problem, and one that we take seriously.

The misuse of alcohol and other drugs is widely recognised in Australia as a major health problem.

We have a strong history of taking action on this issue, and by working closely with the community, health organisations and businesses, we are able to help prevent alcohol and drug misuse, and its associated harms.

Maribyrnong is home to one of the most diverse populations in Australia, with 40 per cent of residents born outside Australia.

With this in mind, we have provided support to the Alcohol and Drug Foundation, who have developed educational videos and a support guide for friends and family about drug use and alcohol in several community languages.

"Alcohol causes significant harm across the nation, but little research has been done to understand perceptions of alcohol and related harms for people living in Australia where English is not their first language," Alcohol and Drug Foundation CEO, Dr Erin Lalor said.

"Learnings from focus groups and community engagement activities with Melbourne's Chin-Burmese and Indian community members has helped us gain a stronger understanding of the perceptions and understanding of alcohol among community members and what strategies may be used to help prevent alcohol-related harms," Dr Lalor added.

The video is available in Hakha Chin, Burmese, Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, Gujarati, Amharic and English, and the support guide is available in Somali, Amharic, and Arabic and English.

These resources are designed to help spread the word about the benefits of reducing alcohol use for all Australians, to support people who have a family or friend with drug issues, and to ensure that everyone has access to accurate information regarding AOD.

For more information about these resources, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/AOD

ONE NIGHT IN FOOTSCRAY

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED AS YOU WALK THE STREETS
OF CENTRAL FOOTSCRAY THIS NOVEMBER!



Spend One Night in Footscray this November and discover a range of art spaces, venues, and hidden in-between gems that make our thriving cultural and creative hub so unique.

Now in its third year, One Night in Footscray is designed as a self-guided twilight journey where visitors of all ages can view and engage in a wide variety of high-quality art experiences – all on one night.

This year's event offers a free and accessible program of over 25 activations including vivid installations, musical performance, enlightening exhibitions, puppetry, and dance to celebrate some of the city's most dynamic and adventurous artists.

"One Night in Footscray is a fabulous creative initiative where audiences can experience live performance, dance, exhibitions, music and everything in between. It's a special event held in Footscray where art, fun and food are the key elements to a great night out," local artist Chantal Wynter said.

On top of this, the highly popular walking food degustation will return in 2019, giving visitors an opportunity to taste their way through Footscray.

One Night in Footscray activations will take place at the Footscray Station forecourt, Nicholson Street Mall, Chambers Lane, Footscray Library, and other unexpected spaces throughout central Footscray.

"The beauty of One Night in Footscray is that most locations are accessible at street level and within close proximity. You could be dancing in a local laneway one minute then crossing a road unconventionally with a group of artists the next. It is a night of creativity open to all," Chantal continued.

Highlighting the work of local artists, makers, emerging practitioners and students, the event creates new opportunities to encounter art in public spaces.

One Night in Footscray
Friday 22 November 2019
Various locations throughout Footscray
Free
www.onenightinfootscray.com

One Night in Footscray is a Footscray University Town initiative supported by Victoria University and Maribyrnong City Council.





NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS TO OPEN AT QUARRY PARK

Melbourne's mountain biking community will soon have a new place to hone their skills, only 5km from the CBD in Quarry Park, Footscray.

Funded by the State Government and Maribyrnong City Council, the \$540,000 facility caters to riders from beginners to advanced and features graded trails, a skills park, a pump track, dirt jumps and more.

Outside of Lysterfield Park in the far eastern suburbs, the Quarry Park facility offers the first and only mountain bike trails in inner Melbourne.

The new trails will provide much-needed off-road facilities to cater to the City's growing interest in recreational cycling.

Council's Maribyrnong Sports Development Strategy 2014 identified cycling as one of the most popular recreation activities in Maribyrnong, however there were limited options for off-road cycling facilities at the time.

Council identified Quarry Park, with its central location, large size and dramatic views of the river valley and CBD, as the perfect place for an off-road mountain bike facility and began planning for the site in 2016.

Following extensive consultation with the community and mountain biking experts Dirt Art, designs were developed and refined and construction began in late 2018.

It is anticipated that the new trails will attract users from right across Melbourne - including many families and children who will be able to utilise the facility to learn new bike skills and progress to new challenges.

The trails will also be used by local schools, with 'Bike West' securing a Council Community Grant for the purchase of bike trailers. The trailers will be offered for free to school groups to assist with transporting students and bikes to and from the site.

The Victorian Government contributed \$100,000 in funding towards the initiative through Sports and Recreation Victoria.

We will be celebrating the opening of the trails with a Community Open Day. Follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/Maribyrnong for more information.

THE WEST'S PREMIER ARTS FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH 10 DAYS OF UNFORGETTABLE ARTS

The inner west is home to a rich, diverse and thriving arts community and you can experience some of our best talent in action this November as Due West Arts Festival takes over the City.

Presented by Maribyrnong City Council and produced by Footscray Community Arts Centre, over ten days, through the lens of 'Voice, Sound and Music', venues across the City will burst into life with art, performance, film and music as the West's premier arts festival delivers imaginative and unforgettable arts experiences.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019 PROGRAM INCLUDE....



SNUFF PARTY

Image by Theresa Harrison

Expect only the unexpected on this night of puppets, music and debauchery like no other! Hosted by Footscray's very own Snuff Puppets, the evening includes performances created by artist development program Snuff Labb – culminating in an unforgettable, undeniable all-out puppet party.

THE CHILDREN OF THE EVOLUTION

Image by Bryony Jackson

A gang of gutsy kids turn up the heat and crank the volume in this riotous chat show with a difference! Armed with microphones, questioning minds and big imaginations, kids are free to ask the difficult questions that adults don't always want to answer. Co-created with Director Jackson Castiglione, Flynn Murphy, Mani Bishop, Lola McCann and dramaturgs Penny Baron and Carolyn Hanna.



KITH

Image by Sam Wong

Get ready to break it down with L2R Dance! KITH is a performance piece crafted by emerging hip hop dancers from local non-profit organisation, L2R Dance. Performers will explore the rhythmic exchange between movement and music in a showcase that celebrates the many cultural communities coexisting in the West.



UP BUNBURY STREET

Image by Angela Lynkushka

Take a step back in time with Heather and Bill Horrocks (former Mayor of Footscray) on a historical tour through the streets of Footscray. Learn about the people who made their mark on the City, such as Mr William Cooper, a political activist and Aboriginal community leader; Maisie Fawcett, feminist, botanist and early environmentalist; and George Seelaf, an active trade unionist that spearheaded the restoration of Henderson House as a community arts centre (now part of Footscray Community Arts Centre).

For more details, dates and booking information, visit www.duewestartsfestival.com.au

FESTIVAL CITY

NOWHERE DOES FRINGE LIKE MELBOURNE'S WEST



The west is a unique and thriving cultural hub, with a dynamic culture reflecting the creativity of those living and working here. Melbourne Fringe Festival has always had a big audience in the West, and Maribyrnong is proud to again be partnering with Melbourne Fringe and our surrounding Councils to present Fringe Westside.

The 2019 Fringe Westside program features an exciting array of music, performance, visual art and interactive experiences for all ages.

A highlight of the program will be *We Are The Robots*, an explorative experience for children inside 'The Pod' – a large inflatable performance space that will be erected in the Nicholson Street Mall from 21 – 23 September.

Children will be invited to explore sound through touch, shape and colour as they build creatures from modular robot designs by internationally renowned Indonesian installation artist Mulyana.

In addition kids will be taken through the process of creating electronic music using touch sensitive MIDI technology. At the end of each session, children will take home a photograph of the robot they have created and be sent a copy of the corresponding audio created during the workshop. audio created during the workshop.

Saturday 21 – Monday 23 September

10:00am, 12:00pm, 2:00pm & 4:00pm

Nicholson Street Mall, Cnr of Nicholson and Chambers Streets, Footscray

Free – bookings required via melbournefringe.com.au

THE WORLD IN A SUITCASE

An intimate, interactive object theatre performance on a global scale. Through object manipulation, puppetry, clowning, music and interactive projections the weird and wonderful objects are brought to life by a lone traveller who seems to have lost their way.

18-22 September,
Wednesday – Sunday 7pm,
Matinee – Saturday 2pm
**Bluestone Church
Arts Space.**

Tickets: Full \$18
Conc. \$15.

ANTHROPOCENE

Anthropocene is a journey which follows the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, imagined as a family of giant puppets. All the food has been eaten, all the rivers have dried up.... who will look after War once Famine and Pestilence have passed away?

24-29 September,
Tuesday – Thursday 7pm,
Friday – Saturday 9pm
Sunday – 6pm
**Bluestone Church
Arts Space.**
Tickets: Full \$25. Conc. \$20
Group 6+ \$23.50

Maribyrnong also hosts a range of exciting Festival City events in Spring, including the Ethiopian New Year Festival, Lantern Festival and Festival of Flowers (Bathukamma) in September, Footscray Diwali and the Macedonian Food Festival in October and Due West Arts Festival in November. See our event calendar for more details or visit festivalcity.com.au

DANDELION WINE AND LA LA VILLE – A NIGHT TRAVERSING EARTH AND STARS

World renowned Dandelion Wine reinterpret their work, with the help of Yarraville based choir La La Ville and the sublime puppetry of Keira Lyons and Justine Warner.

13-15 September, Friday & Saturday 8pm, Sunday 2pm & 8pm. **Bluestone Church Arts Space.**

Tickets: Full \$25. Conc. \$20. **Children free for matinee show**

FROM FRANCE TO FOOTSCRAY – GORDON ST. BAKERY OPENS ITS DOORS



There has been much excitement around the new French bakery in Gordon Street, Footscray – and with good reason. From crunchy cheesy sticks to beautifully flaky croissants, this unpretentious bakery is quickly developing a reputation as one of Footscray's new hot spots.

Born and bred in France, owner Wilhem Isaac has been working as a pastry chef in Australia for the last eight years - first in Perth, then in St Kilda - before settling in West Footscray. After years of honing his baking skills around the globe, he decided to take the plunge and open his own store this year – and fortunately for us, he chose Footscray as home base!

"I have been living on this side of town since I arrived in Melbourne and it has

really grown on me. I love the strong sense of community here - there is a bit of a village feel to it. People were very welcoming when we first opened and they've been very supportive even since," said Wilhem.

Since opening a couple of months ago, Wilhem's bakery has quickly established a name for itself, drawing people from all over the City. His flaky almond croissants are the current customer favourite, according to Wilhem, often selling out well before closing time. There's also palmier cookies, baguettes and sourdough bread - all coming straight from the oven to take away on their own or combine with a freshly brewed coffee.

You'll find Wilhem baking away from 7am – 1pm, Thursday – Sunday at 63 Gordon Street, Footscray.

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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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