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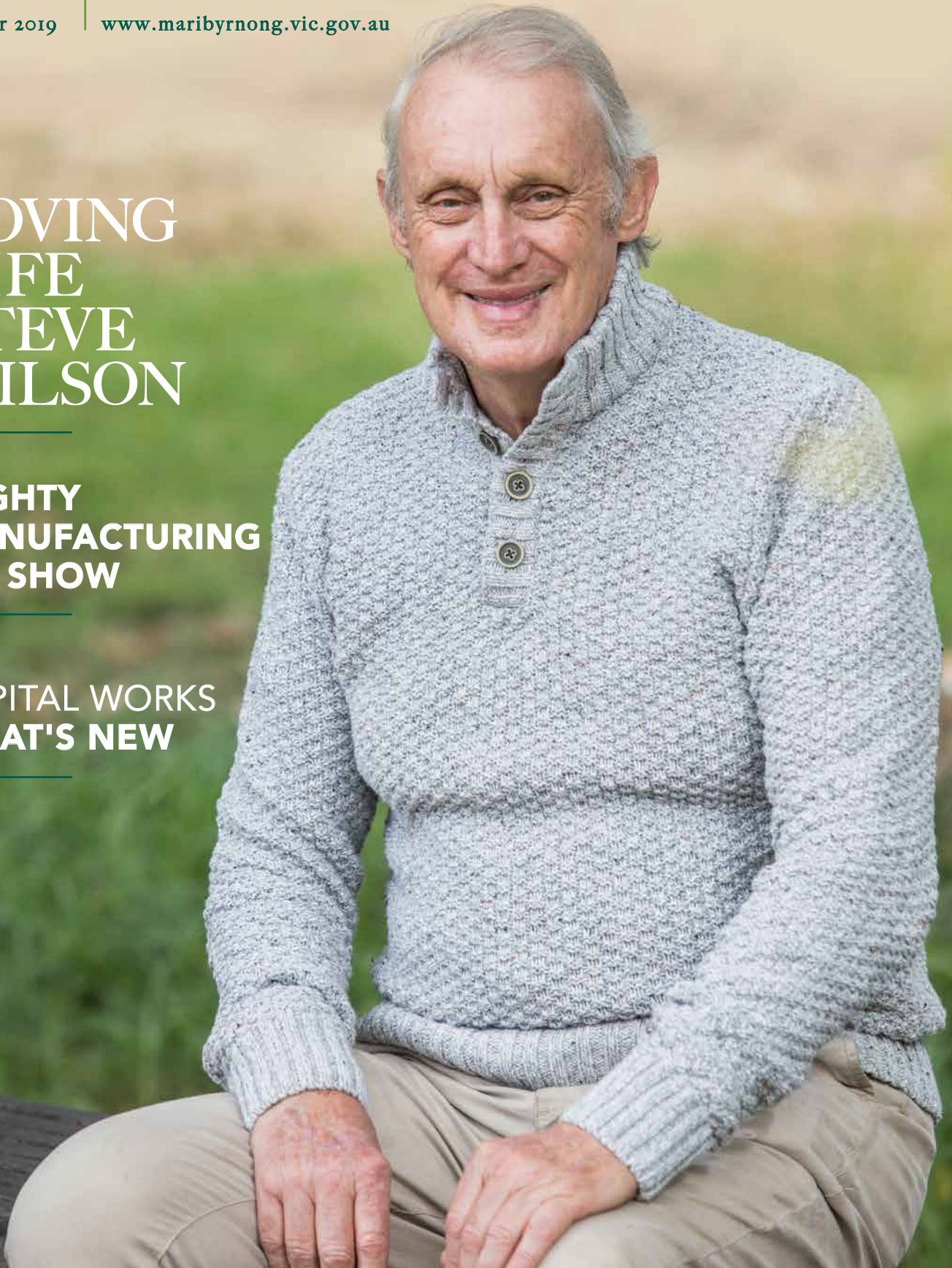
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It might be tempting to stay rugged up indoors this winter but remember that we still have a lively calendar of events.

There's Jazz Out West, Emerge in the Wet and many other workshops and activities being delivered across the city, see our calendar of events for more information.

Steve Wilson, our cover story, is a man who knows how to stay active. He's a member of a number of community organisations and has spent his retirement contributing to the community as well as following up on his retirement dream of taking art classes and singing.

Our City continues to deliver quality programs and services for the community to enjoy. We recently released our proposed Annual Budget 2019-2020 and Strategic Resource Plan 2019-23 that shows where rates are being spent and our financial planning for the future.

Read our story on page 3 that talks about the new rating system that we've introduced following community consultation as part of this budget. We've taken the important step of moving from a NAV system of rating to a CIV system of rating.

We continue to boost business in the municipality, and we have many long-time manufacturers such as Yarraville's Alligator Brand who has a feature on page 6, and continue to support business by facilitating workshops and networking opportunities.

There's always something interesting happening at our community centres and libraries but they are also well loved community spaces where residents go to feel at home. On page 24 read about Ben Davies who spent time at Footscray Library and developed a book The Library Book about what he observed.

We are always investing in the maintenance and improvement of community spaces. Read through our capital works update on pages 20 and 21 to find out what's been happening recently.

Hope this winter edition sparks your interest to get involved in all our community has to offer.

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.

JUNE: Tuesday 11, 6.30pm Ordinary Council.
Tuesday 25, 6.30pm Special Council Meeting then
7.00pm City Development Special Committee.

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

AUGUST: Tuesday 6, 4.30pm Enterprise Maribyrnong
Special Committee.

Tuesday 20, 6.30pm Ordinary Council.
Tuesday 27, 6.30pm City Development Special Committee.
Friday 30, 8.00am Inner Melbourne Action Plan
Implementation 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.

NEW RATING SYSTEM FOR OUR RESIDENTS



In December, we held two rates forums and we had three follow up forums in March. The feeling at the forums indicated a strong appetite to change our rating system.

As a result of the forums, and what we expect to happen with changes to legislation in the coming years, we are proposing moving from the NAV system of rating to the CIV system of rating.

We asked the community at the forums to consider four different scenarios.

Considering their feedback, we then looked at adjusting those scenarios to come up with another one. One that we think is more equitable for the community.

One that factors into residential rates a very low municipal charge – of \$20 as opposed to \$140 originally considered.

And one that has reasonable differentials for commercial and industrial premises – when compared to the residential rate in the dollar. These are both reduced from the scenarios considered at the forums.

The differentials proposed that for each \$1 a resident is paying in rates, a commercial property will pay \$1.20, an industrial premise will pay \$1.50 and vacant land owners will pay \$2.

In a municipality that is going through rapid population growth – our land is vital to us. We are hoping to discourage “landbanking” by introducing this rate for vacant land. We are hoping that this will encourage more development of vacant land.

This is the most equitable scenario for our land owners – keeping in mind that commercial and industrial land owners also receive a tax break.

The proposed Budget has been developed substantively in line with Council’s Long Term Financial Strategy and Plan. We are working with an overall budget of \$158 million, and over \$61.212 million for capital and improvement works.

SOME OF THE KEY PROJECTS PROPOSED ARE:

- > \$14.4 million for parks and open space including the planting of trees in streets, boulevards, and parks across the City
- > \$15.7 million to improve Council-owned roads across the City
- > increasing the pensioner rebate rate to \$194.30
- > the Scovell Reserve Pavilion, this includes much needed construction of the new sports pavilion, new kitchen and storage area.
- > \$110,000 for the installation of green street lights, and
- > \$4.2 million to build and improve footpath and cycle ways

LOVING LIFE



Steve Wilson's got his finger on the pulse of community life. The recently retired Yarraville postie is still on the go, a member of a number of volunteer groups that are close to his heart.

It makes him happy to see his community thrive and that's one of the reasons why he's been a long-time member of Friends of Stony Creek.

He said it was a shock to see the impact of the 2018 industrial fire in West Footscray on the creek. He became a member of the creek's rehabilitation committee to make sure the creek was properly restored after being contaminated from run off from the fire. He joined the Friends group in 1992 and later became president, a position he's held for about 12 years. He said the group had more than fifty people registered as members.

"When I first joined we were interested in the restoration of the environment around the creek and keeping the waterways clean. Now we'd like to see the creek restored – it would be great to see it in an even better condition than it was before the fire.

"It's had a lot of pollution and spills over the years from the small factories and industry in the area."

The group considered it a 'win' when they were able to influence the location of the Westgate Tunnel to protect the section of creek that ran through Hyde Street Reserve near the Westgate Bridge.

"Originally the tunnel was going to go right through the reserve, we campaigned until eventually they (Westgate Tunnel Authority) decided to put it underground."

Seeing the change in the community's perception of the creek from 'industrial waterway' to a much loved community asset is only one of the transformations he's observed as a resident.

Steve is the third generation of Wilsons to live in Yarraville. "Mum and Dad were both Yarraville people, they were born in Yarraville actually, Dad's family moved in about 1913 and Mums family moved in the 1890s."

"I played in the local streets, I went to the local theatres like The Grand and The Barkly," he recalls. "We'd go to the footy at the Western Oval – at half time to get in free."

Now 'The Grand' in Footscray has been converted into shops on the lower floor and 'The Barkly' is a mix of shops and apartments while the oval in West Footscray has been renamed 'Whitten Oval'.

Steve worked in the City for 10 years after finishing school in the Titles Office. He then became a postie for Australia Post in the 1980s, delivering mail on his bike through the streets of Yarraville.

He notes the change in the area, including the Yarraville Post Office being converted into a restaurant.

His interest in the area has made him a keen volunteer at the Footscray Historical Society, which he joined in 2007.

He works on cataloguing the material provided to the society such as documents and images. He also writes the society's newsletter.

I love the history of the place. You understand how things develop, you see the changes and how economics influences these changes.

"In Footscray, I've seen the changes over the years, I've seen it go from when I was a kid from a very vibrant, busy shopping strip to ten to fifteen years ago when it was just in the dumps and now it's on the upswing again with the younger people coming in.

"I'm interested in seeing how there's more restaurants and art galleries and how that contributes to social cohesion. And comparing this to earlier days when all the clubs were closing down and theatres closing down."

This love of preserving history is also why he's a committee member of the Mechanics Institute. The institute was one of the first libraries in Footscray and still operates as such. It hosts a reading room which will soon be reopened to the public and members of the institute can play pool on the upper floors of the site.

The centre is a well-kept secret that Steve encourages others to discover.

“There's a range of books – I'm reading a biography of Einstein at the moment. I like science and physics, I am also a big sci fi fan, I have about 3000 science fiction books – they go back to the '50s and '60s.”

Steve, retired for the past six years, spends his time at the local golf club, keeping fit at the gym, cycling with the Mazza Bug group, practising sketching in pastel at Footscray Community Arts Centre, singing with a community choir and supporting other groups should there be a community need.

He said being part of the volunteer groups allows him to be part of the community. "It's my country if you know what I mean, it's my home. I have a lot of family history here, I have a lot of my own personal history, it's important to me."

MARIBYRNONG'S MIGHTY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY ON SHOW



Our City's local businesses are what make it such a great place to be. They create the friendly neighbourhoods and the lively vibe of our community, and contribute a great deal to Maribyrnong's economy, by sourcing local supplies and employing local people.

Whilst our City continues to attract new businesses year after year, many of our local companies – particularly in the manufacturing sector – have been here for decades. One such businesses is Alligator Brand, which began operating out of a Yarraville warehouse in 1993 and has since grown to become a major manufacturer of pasta, supplying well-known brands such as Qantas, Costco, Lite & Easy and McCain.

CEO and Founder Michael Coade was working in the restaurant industry when he noticed there was a gap in the market for restaurant-quality product for the public. He travelled to Italy to research pasta processing and on return, set up his first manufacturing plant in Yarraville.

“Quality is the main focus of my business – if I don’t love the product I certainly can’t sell it. All our ingredients are carefully considered and that’s what makes our pasta stand out”.

Fast forward to 2016 and Alligator Brand was bursting out of its Yarraville home: “We had grown so much that no more room was left and we had to find new premises” said Michael.

“We didn’t want to leave the inner west... so we looked at Tottenham and found our current location, which has been perfect for us.”

Alligator Brand now has 40 employees, including many ex-Toyota staff who were retrained and upskilled by Alligator and the Victorian Government following the collapse of the local car manufacturing industry.

“We’ve been manufacturing pasta now for 27 years, producing up to 20 tonnes a week, supplying into Asia as well as right across Australia. We’ve recently developed our own dumpling range called Sunny Brand which is now available in supermarkets throughout the country,” said Michael.

Alligator Brand is the subject of a short film produced by Council in partnership with Victoria University students. It is one of four films that shines a light on our local manufacturing industry, which contributes so much to our local economy.

Other manufacturers highlighted in the films include:

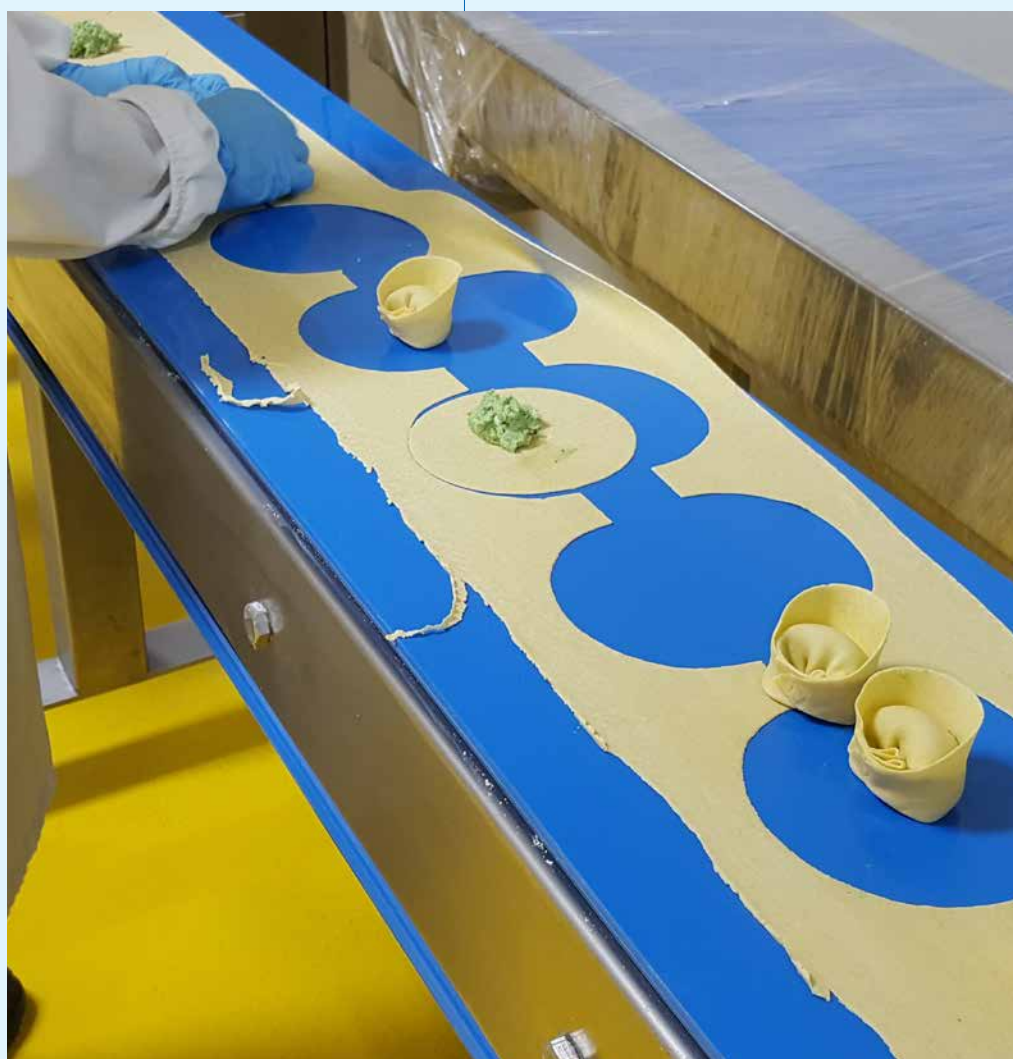
Big Fish – a design and production facility located in Footscray that makes permanent pieces for public spaces. They have created several of our City’s iconic play structures including the famous ‘Mimi the Dinosaur’ at McNish Reserve in Yarraville, and Braybrook’s iconic Aeroplane Park.

Botany Essentials – a natural skincare manufacturing company that produces approximately 500 different products from a warehouse in Braybrook. All

their goods are plant-based and derived from natural ingredients. They have achieved considerable success in the export market, with more than 80 per cent of their product exported overseas.

Peerless – an edible fats and oils producer based in Braybrook, a site that has been manufacturing food products since WW1. Peerless turns over more than 100,000 tonnes of oil annually, making it the largest margarine company in Australia. They are a significant local employer, providing jobs for more than 100 people.

To view the films and learn more about these wonderful businesses head to our Youtube channel – youtube.com/CityofMaribyrnong





DISCOVER ONE OF MARIBYRNONG'S BEST KEPT SECRETS THIS WINTER



Don't let the weather stop you from enjoying nature this winter... use the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful greenery and fresh air at Newell's Paddock.

The winter weather can make it hard to get out and enjoy the natural wonders of our City, but it is definitely worth braving the cold to discover one of Maribyrnong's best kept secrets – Newell's Paddock.

The luscious green space is nestled beside the Maribyrnong River and is home to a very rare type of wetland – it is both fresh water and saline. Because of this, it supports some very interesting indigenous plants, some of which are quite rare.

You'll be surprised at the wildlife you can see when you stop and look, especially considering Maribyrnong's proximity to

the city. But in Newell's Paddock, there is plenty of wildlife to keep an eye out for – from birds, ducks and frogs, to bats flying overhead at night.

Newell's Paddock sees over 100 different bird species either stop over or settling in the park, with many avid bird watchers visiting the space on a regular basis.

There is also plenty of recreational space at Newell's Paddock, including soccer, cycling and basketball facilities, along with a picnic shelter and barbeque. To top it off, there are also views of the city!

So, get rugged up and enjoy the fresh air down at Newell's Paddock!

Newell's Paddock
Jamieson Avenue, Footscray

STONY CREEK RECOVERY UPDATE

PARTNERING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We're working with the local community, along with Melbourne Water and Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to develop a plan to support the long-term rehabilitation of Stony Creek after the large industrial warehouse fire in West Footscray/Tottenham that occurred in August 2018.

Through community events and online activities over the last two months, we have heard why the community loves Stony Creek and what they like to do there.

Community members also shared their ideas, aspirations and priorities for rehabilitating the creek.

All feedback gathered will be used to help to create a community-focused rehabilitation plan to restore and enhance the condition of the creek environment. Over the coming weeks, we'll be working with our partner agencies to refine objectives, actions and projects for the rehabilitation plan, including defining roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for actions.

Melbourne Water will release their draft plan mid-year to gather your feedback, ensuring it aligns with community expectations, values and aspirations. After incorporating community feedback on the draft plan, the final Stony Creek Rehabilitation Plan will be published, ready for implementation.

ON THE GROUND RECOVERY WORKS

Desilting work of Stony Creek commenced in late March, to remove approximately 500 cubic metres of contaminated sediment between the fire site and Paramount Road. Contaminated sediment is being removed by excavators and is temporarily stockpiled and contained at the fire site. It will then be treated for the safe disposal in a secure landfill. We anticipate that these desilting works will take approximately 8-12 weeks, weather permitting, and so far works are progressing well.

To prevent contaminants being washed downstream while these works are underway, creek flows are being diverted around the immediate area via an above-ground bypass pipe and pumping equipment.

The delivery of this recovery work is being coordinated across multiple agencies and is guided by advice from contaminated land specialists. The recovery efforts are highly complex and has required careful planning due to many factors, including ensuring the safety of all agency staff and contractors, the nature and extent of contaminants, treatment and disposal options of contaminated sediment, and access for machinery.

For more information about the Stony Creek recovery, visit Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/recovery



BUSINESS IN MARIBYRNONG

BUSINESS BOOMS IN MARIBYRNONG

Business is booming in Maribyrnong, with more than 3,000 new businesses registered in the City over the last 12 months, and many more on the way.

Council is committed to recognising and supporting our new and existing businesses and the role that diversity plays in our business community.

We do this in a range of ways including a monthly business newsletter providing handy business tips, taxation news and information on upcoming events.

We also have a range of monthly training and learning opportunities to help local businesses thrive in our City. A recent example was a visual merchandising workshop for female African-Australian retailers in Footscray.

Sadiyo (pictured) was one of six women involved in the workshop, which she found very helpful.

"The workshop presenters taught us the key principals of visual merchandising and how to apply that to our stores, both inside and out. As a result I have made quite a few changes to the look and feel of my store and the feedback I've had so far from customers has been very positive," she said.

The annual calendar of training opportunities was recently expanded to include Co-Connected – a series of free events designed to empower start-ups to create innovative services and products and develop their networks. The series of free events cover a range of topics including financing, co-working, business modelling, and working with Council's permit procedures.

For those starting traditional 'bricks and mortar' businesses, we've established a concierge service to

assist business operators by walking them through the new business registration application processes from beginning to end.

We also offer 'Business Improvement District' grants that annually fund projects to enhance business in Maribyrnong, such as streetscape improvement plans, pop-up business showcases, and special community events activating our key business districts.

We have recently partnered with the Federal Government to deliver a low-cost digital training program that includes access to workshops, networking events, and one-on-one mentoring for small business.

Council is also proud to partner with Victoria University to deliver the 'Footscray Smart City for Social Cohesion Project'. The project will utilise Smart technology and data analysis to improve the quality of life for the community, whilst also driving economic growth and environmental improvements. The project will deliver a range of integrated smart technologies over a two-year period to elevate Footscray to Smart City status.

The support Council offers the business community, and the initiatives driven by business, all contribute to a thriving economic community.

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





STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Even over the colder, winter months, it is important to keep up your children's swimming lessons to ensure their water safety skills stay current.

Learning to swim is a part of Australian life, but learning these skills in a swimming and water safety program gives you experiences that can help you survive from as young as two years old.

The parents of Scarlett, a young girl who has attended swimming lessons at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre (MAC) since she was six months old, now know the importance of these lessons after a recent family outing near a lake.

Scarlett, who is now two years old, was standing by the

edge of the lake watching the ducks when she suddenly fell in fully clothed.

"The lake doesn't look deep but when she lost her balance and fell forward she fell a fair way from shore and it was so deep she completely went under," Scarlett's mum recalled. Before her mum had a chance to jump into the lake to rescue Scarlett, the young girl used the skills she had learnt at MAC to roll onto her back and swim to the edge.

"I was so proud of her for not panicking and putting all the skills her swim teacher has taught her to good use and she turned herself straight around and swam back to shore."

Scarlett's mum was shocked at how quickly the situation unfolded, and how important water safety skills are for young children.

"I was right beside her when it happened, but it happened so quickly and I realised she was swimming back before I had a chance to react and jump in to get her. I am so grateful that she's been in swimming lessons from six months of age," she continued.

MAC's award winning swimming and water safety program focuses on fun, active play and respect for the water, and lessons start when children are six months of age and above.

For more information about MAC's learn to swim program or to book a free assessment, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/mac or call 9032 4100.



SUPPORTING THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

BRAYBROOK COMMUNITY HUB

In an effort to support community members who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, Braybrook Community Hub has partnered up with 300 Blankets and Orange Sky Laundry to provide dinner and a free laundry service.

Every Sunday night, the Hub hosts Soul Kitchen, a dinner for approximately 80 people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness that is prepared by a team of loving volunteers from an organisation called 300 Blankets.

With an aim to provide nutritious food, Soul Kitchen addresses social isolation by developing a positive and safe community and delivers needs based services to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and families.

In addition to the free community dinners every Sunday, Orange Sky's Mobile Laundry has been visiting the Hub at the same time as the dinner to provide a free laundry service to those doing it tough in Melbourne.

The focus of Orange Sky is to create a safe, positive and supportive environment for people who are too often ignored or who feel disconnected from the community. Their volunteers are not social workers or experts on homelessness – they are empathetic listeners and great conversationalists.

Orange Sky is operating at the Braybrook Community Hub on a trial basis on Sunday evenings until 9 June.

LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CARE AT MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

In June, Maidstone Community Centre will be running a range of classes that encourage participants to focus on their health and wellbeing in order to make positive changes in their life.

One of the offerings is a women's self-care workshop that involves yoga, mindfulness, smoothie making and reflexology to help relieve stress and tension, and to give women the opportunity to slow down and focus on themselves and their health.

To compliment this workshop the Centre is also running two exceptional vegan cooking classes, hosted by chef Julia Grueskin. Julia teaches plant-based cooking and baking, and wants to empower people of all ages to integrate new delicious and nutritious recipes into their diet, which being creative and playful at the same time.

"I am looking forward to teaching healthy, budget-friendly, delicious recipes which people can easily recreate at home, while incorporating both ingredients from my new home in Australia as well as techniques I learned from my training in the US," Julia said.

The first vegan cooking class will have an indigenous Australian twist using different bushfoods and herbs, and the second will be centred on Ayurvedic cooking and nutrition.

Self-Care Workshop for Women

Thursday 6 June
10.15am – 1pm. \$20

Vegan Cooking Workshops

Thursdays 6 & 13 June,
11am – 1pm. \$30

For more information about these workshops and classes and to book, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG



URBAN RUNNERS

SATURDAYS IN JUNE AT 8am
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

If you like the sound of getting fit, meeting friends and trying new cafes in your local area then these events are for you. Urban Runners are group runs through the streets and parks of the inner west.

For details and dates, visit
www.festivalcity.com.au

SOUND SCHOOL

THURSDAYS DURING SCHOOL
TERMS, 6pm
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. Visit phoenixyouth.com.au for more information.

MAKERS CLUB

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

For more information, visit
maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library



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.

For more information and dates, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library

VIETNAMESE TAI CHI

MONDAYS 11.15AM – 12.1pm
MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
21 YARDLEY ST, MAIDSTONE

Learn the simple twenty four steps of Tai Chi at this weekly class. All fitness levels welcome.

For more information, visit
maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

BALLROOM DANCE

BEGINNER CLASSES ON
WEDNESDAYS AND ADVANCED
CLASSES ON THURSDAYS,
7pm – 9pm
MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
21 YARDLEY ST, MAIDSTONE

Learn the basics of ballroom dance, including Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Cha Cha and Rumba, in a fun and social environment. Come on your own or bring a partner.

For more information, visit
maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

BOOMERANG BAGS

EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY,
5pm – 8pm
MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
21 YARDLEY ST, MAIDSTONE

Boomerang Bags is a global grassroots movement aiming to empower local communities to tackle plastic pollution. Boomerang Bags is about making bags, diverting waste, starting conversations, connecting with each other, fostering sustainable behaviour, and having fun! No bookings required.

WIT KIDS

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS,
BRAYBROOK COMMUNITY HUB
WEDNESDAYS, MARIBYRNONG
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years, this weekly drama program will help your kids learn techniques such as improvisation, mime and theatre sports. Weekly classes are held during school terms and are split into two age groups, juniors (5-8 years) and seniors (9-12 years). Bookings essential via witinc.com.au



WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG

**JAZZ OUT WEST**

1 JUNE FROM 11.00am
YARRAVILLE POP UP PARK

Jazz Out West is back! Experience global jazz stylings, laid-back beats, old-school funk and soul-inflected grooves at a special day event in Yarraville as part of the 2019 Melbourne International Jazz Festival.

For more information, see page 27.

OP SHOP TOUR OF THE WEST

TUESDAY 4 JUNE, 10am – 1pm
MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
21 YARDLEY ST, MAIDSTONE

Millie Bones, the queen of op shops, will give you a guided tour of some of the best op shops in Footscray, Kingsville, Yarraville and Newport. With five or six stops along the way, you'll be sure to pick up a bargain or two on this mini bus tour of the west.

For more information and to register, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

ENGAGE REAL FOLLOWERS WITH INSTAGRAM

THURSDAY 6 JUNE, 9.30am – 12pm
FOOTSCRAY TOWN HALL,
61 NAPIER STREET, FOOTSCRAY

Instagram is a powerful social platform for small businesses selling visually appealing products or services. Learn tools and tactics to engage with your audience and how to turn conversations into sales.

For more information visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/business

YES, PRIME MINISTER

6-8 JUNE AT 8pm, 9 JUNE AT 2pm
BLUESTONE CHURCH ARTS SPACE,
8A HYDE STREET, FOOTSCRAY

The UK is in crisis! Debt is spiralling, unemployment is on the rise and the fragile coalition cabinet is at breaking point. Salvation may exist, though, in a complex new pipeline contract with the oil-rich Kumranistan.... Can the Prime Minister save Europe, avoid a national scandal, and (more importantly) save his job? Come and join Jim Hacker, Sir Humphrey Appleby, and Bernard Woolley as they lurch from one farcical dilemma to another.

Contains mild coarse language.

Bookings: highway1theatre.org

SCREEN TIME, CYBER SAFETY AND OUR KIDS

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE, 4 – 6pm
BRAYBROOK COMMUNITY HUB,
107-139 CHURCHILL AVENUE,
BRAYBROOK

During this free seminar for parents and carers of 0-12 year olds, you will spend time looking at the concerns and benefits to young children using technology and accessing the internet. The facilitator will discuss what healthy screen time is and the science behind it. There will also be useful tips on how to set up a cyber-safe home and how to keep your young person safe online. This session will be delivered by Anglicare Victoria's Parentzone in partnership with Maribyrnong City Council.

Bookings are essential. Register via infoearlyyears@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or 9688 0166 by 5 June.

**FOOTSCRAY FINDS**

9 JUNE, 14 JULY, 11 AUGUST, 9am – 2pm
THE LINE, 2 YEWERS ST, FOOTSCRAY

Footscray Finds has cemented itself as a go to destination for all things Sunday Market. Expect to find a fantastic selection of goods to browse from pre-loved fashion, antiques, plants and handcraft. There will also be fabulous music, delicious food options and barista made coffee.

For more information, visit festivalcity.com.au

WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG



NIGHT MUSIC IN LITTLE SAIGON

FRIDAY 14 JUNE, 6pm ONWARDS
SAIGON PLAZA, 32 LEEDS STREET, FOOTSCRAY

Head to Footscray on the evening of Friday 14 June and enjoy free live music in the heart of the CBD. This special event will feature local bands, Vietnamese street food, family activities and prizes. This is the 8th and final 'Night Music' event in Footscray, organised by the Footscray Asian Business Association (FABA).



MADE IN BRAYBROOK MONTHLY POP UP MARKET

15 JUNE, 20 JULY AND 31 AUGUST AT 10am – 2pm
CENTRAL WEST SHOPPING CENTRE

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 more information, visit centralwest.com.au

WEST SET 2019

14 – 23 JUNE
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Music venues in the West are heating up as we celebrate the end of winter with West Set 2019. Punters will be treated to a huge array of unique gigs, shows and special events taking place in Footscray, which is fast making a name for itself as a live music destination. For more information, [see page 28](#).

EMERGE IN THE WEST

15 – 16 JUNE
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Emergence in the West: Culture Conversations is a new incarnation of the beloved Emerge in the West Festival in Footscray. Moving indoors for winter, it will showcase the incredible talents of local African Australian artists in two intimate local venues. For more information, [see page 28](#).

BEESWAX CLOTH MAKING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 18 JUNE, 11am – 12pm
AND 12pm – 1pm
MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE,
21 YARDLEY ST, MAIDSTONE

Learn how to make your own environmentally friendly beeswax wraps. A great alternative to plastic cling wrap, beeswax can be used for covering dishes and wrapping food to keep it fresh.

For more information and to register, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

MARIBYRNONG COMMUNITY MARKET

SATURDAY 23 JUNE,
10.30am – 2.30pm
MARIBYRNONG COMMUNITY
CENTRE, 9 RANDALL STREET,
MARIBYRNONG

With over 35 stalls ranging from artworks, jewellery, handicrafts, candles, clothing, toys, food and entertainment, there's bound to be something for everyone at the market!



WHAT'S ON IN MARIBYRNONG

NEW TO YOU: PRE-LOVED CLOTHING MARKET

SUNDAY 23 JUNE, 10am – 4pm
THE LINE, 2 YEWERS STREET,
FOOTSCRAY

'New To You' Markets are all about sharing the love of pre-loved women's clothing, never paying retail, prolonging the life of clothing and reducing waste. There is a \$2 entry fee for shoppers.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY SPORT AND RECREATION INFORMATION DAY

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE,
9.30am – 2pm
FOOTSCRAY PARK CAMPUS,
BALLARAT ROAD, FOOTSCRAY

An information day to learn more about the diverse career opportunities in sport and recreation. Suitable for students in years 9-11 the sessions will be informative and hands-on.

For more information, visit vu.edu.au



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT MAC

1-12 JULY
MARIBYRNONG AQUATIC CENTRE

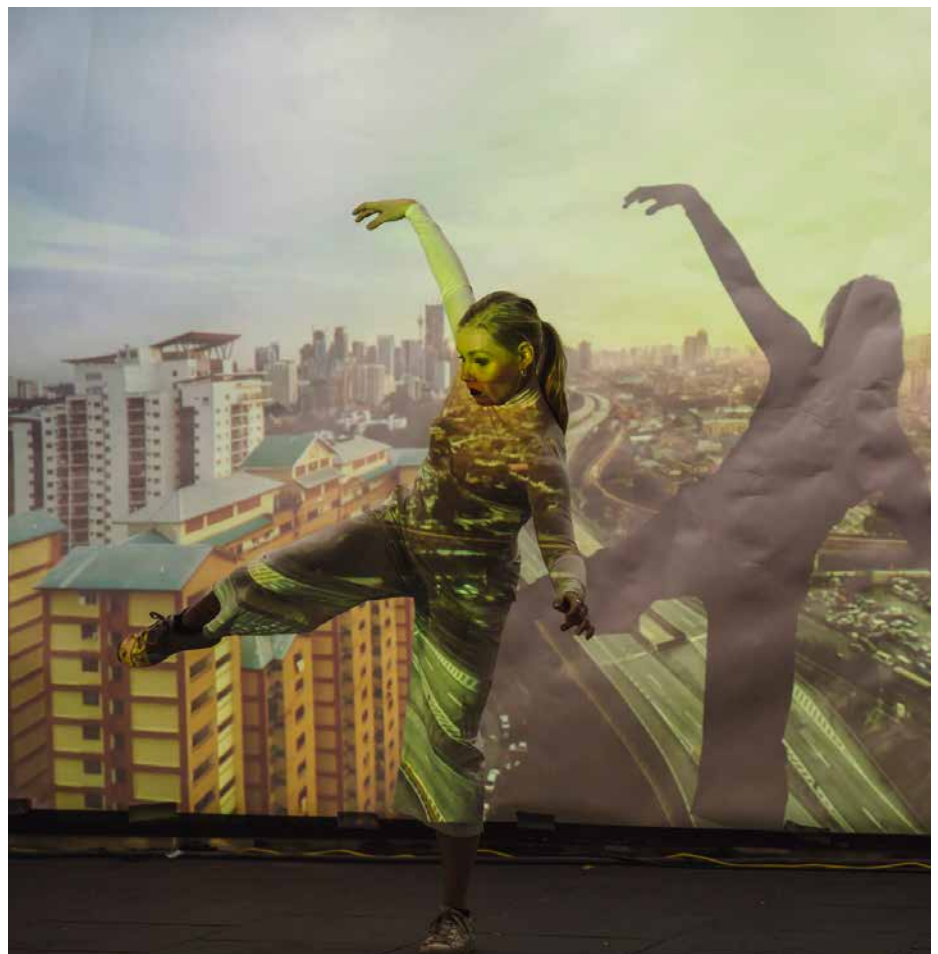
An active sport and fitness program for children aged 5 – 12 years with a variety of sessions over the school holidays.

Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/mac for more information.

OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE

SATURDAY 28 – SUNDAY 29 JULY
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Open House Melbourne will see doors open to seven buildings across our city that display outstanding architectural design and wonder. From Jack's Magazine to the Westgate Tunnel Project this is your opportunity to have a peek inside and explore our City with a new perspective. For information and to book visit openhousemelbourne.org



WEST PROJECTIONS

9 – 18 AUGUST
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Now in its sixth year, West Projections Festival is a public program of events including projections, performance, guided walks and more from 9 – 18 August. This year, the Festival will delve into the theme of 'Home'. Artists will be invited to investigate their sense of place and explore their own definition of home through projection and new media. 'Home' will be illuminated in shopfronts, bars, artist galleries and studios, public spaces, Victoria University campuses and laneways across Footscray, Seddon and West Footscray.

For more information visit: westprojections.com

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

HELP YOUR LITTLE ONE BEAT THE FLU SEASON THIS YEAR

Children aged six months to four years and 11 months are eligible to receive the influenza vaccine free of charge to provide protection against the flu.

The vaccine is also free for pregnant women, people aged over 65 and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The influenza vaccine is available for purchase for \$25 for anyone else at open sessions or at appointments from May. This is also a good opportunity to make sure all children are up to date with their immunisations as per the National Immunisation Schedule.

For more information about drop-in or appointment sessions, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

Have you registered for three year old program and four year old kindergarten?

Now is the time to make sure your child's kindergarten preferences are up to date. To be part of first round kindergarten offers, you must register before 29 June the year before your child is eligible to attend.

All registrations for kindergarten are managed through our Central Registration System (CRS).

To update your preferences or to register, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/crs

VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE OVER 5,800 HOURS OF DRIVING LESSONS IN MARIBYRNONG

The L2P Learner Driver Mentor program has helped over 60 young people gain their probationary licence.

The learner driver mentor program L2P assists learner drivers under the age of 21 years of age, who do not have access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to gain the driving experience needed to apply for a probationary licence.

The community based program matches volunteers with young people who live, work or study in the Maribyrnong municipality and need extra support to learn to drive.

The VicRoads initiative was set up as part of the introduction of 120 hour minimum driving experience requirement, to remove barriers for young people who may not be able to gain their licence without the help of others.

L2P was implemented by Maribyrnong City Council 9 years ago and over 180 young people have participated since its inception. Of those participants, over 60 young people have gained their drivers licence as a result of being mentored as part of the program.

Tha, a resident of Braybrook, gained his probationary licence in 2018. He said that without the L2P program, he would have had to delay his licence test until later in life.

"It is a great opportunity, especially for people like me who come from a refugee background. We have financial difficulties and driving lessons are very expensive," Tha said.

But the program taught Tha a lot more than driving skills.

"It taught me the values of helping others around us.

It opened my eyes of what great can be achieved from helping the community," Tha continued.

Tha is also extremely grateful for the support his mentor gave him throughout the experience.

"My mentor passed down his experiences to me. He taught me through his own experiences and mistakes which was easier for me to learn than learning out of a book," he finished.

To continue the success of L2P, new volunteers are needed to help mentor local young people and provide them with practical driving experience to help keep them safe on the roads and allow them to obtain their driver's licence.

For further information, or to register as a volunteer mentor driver or a learner driver, visit phoenixyouth.com.au

L2P is funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and managed by VicRoads.





CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK AT THE LIBRARY



Footscray, Braybrook and Yarraville Libraries will host art and storytelling workshops to highlight the importance of Indigenous culture to younger generations.

Taking place from 7 – 14 July, NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is our national week of recognition that is not only celebrated in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life.

To mark the occasion, Footscray, Braybrook and Yarraville Libraries will hold Junjurri Art and Storytelling Workshops to educate children about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and to celebrate cultural diversity through art and storytelling.

Junjurri workshops were designed by Aboriginal artist and educator Nathalie McLean to give children an immersive and nurturing experience by learning aspects of her indigenous culture passed down from the Gubbi Gubbi, Wakka Wakka, and Kullali people of Queensland, Australia.

Nathalie will facilitate the workshops at Footscray, Braybrook and Yarraville Libraries, and she hopes the participants will get a better understanding of her culture.

"Junjurri Workshop is an interactive art and storytelling workshop developed as a learning tool for kinder and

primary aged students. I hope the children will have a fun and educational experience and develop a deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture," Nathalie said.

During the workshops, children will have the opportunity to be the artist and storyteller (become the Junjurri!), create and discuss Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artwork, learn traditional symbols, and learn traditional language through movement and song.

Nathalie is looking forward to hosting these workshops during NAIDOC Week.

"NAIDOC week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all of our vibrant and diverse landscapes, languages and stories. It's about respect and acknowledgement of our past, present and future," she continued.

The Junjurri Art and Storytelling Workshops are perfect for children aged 5-12 years and will take place during NAIDOC Week.

Visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library for further information and to book.

FOOD FOR FINES

Following the campaign's success last year, Maribyrnong Libraries are holding Food for Fines this June.

Last year, over 1,500 non-perishable food items were donated to libraries across Maribyrnong in one month as part of Food for Fines.

The community rallied behind the Food for Fines campaign in support of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC).

Library members will again have the chance to contribute to the welfare of the local community while reducing or removing any overdue library fines that they may have received when Food for Fines returns for the month of June.

Members are able to donate non-perishable food items, and for each item donated, \$5 will be deducted from their fines.

Donations will be accepted at Braybrook, Footscray, Maribyrnong, West Footscray and Yarraville library branches, and members of the community who don't have fines to reduce are also welcome to donate.

The collections will be given to the ASRC Foodbank, who provide support to almost 700 people – many of whom are children – who are food insecure.

For information about how you can get further assist ASRC, visit asrc.org.au



Helping to cut your energy bills

Confused about which energy plan is the best for you? Come along to a Your Energy Broker information session to find out how you can save.

Did you know 9 out of 10 Victorians are paying too much for electricity and gas?

Victorians are paying too much for power, even though there are better energy offers out there. It is often overwhelming to search for a better deal, so you end up losing money. Your Energy Broker is free service from the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and the Victorian Government assisting Victorians to find and switch to a better, cheaper energy offer.

Information sessions are being held at libraries and community centres in Maribyrnong on Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 June. Community members are invited to come along to the information sessions, and will then be able to book one-on-one assistance sessions to take place over the following week. Eligibility requirements apply.

Extended hours at Footscray and Maribyrnong Libraries

Opening hours at Footscray and Maribyrnong Libraries have been extended to allow increased access to library services for families, students and general public.

From 1 July, Footscray Library will open at 9am on Monday-Saturday, and Maribyrnong Library will close at 4pm on Saturdays.

For further information, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library or call 9688 0290.

Library Reservation Fees

From 1 July, it will be free to reserve library items across Maribyrnong's Libraries. Only some inter library loan reservations may attract a fee (loan requests from a University or TAFE) and the library borrower will be given advance notice.

For more information about Maribyrnong's Libraries, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/library

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE



CHURCH STREET CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Works continue on the new Church Street Children's Centre, which will cater for the increasing demand for child care and kindergarten places in the West Footscray area.

When construction finishes, the building will offer a 98 place 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.

Once the building has been completed, 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.

NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS FOR QUARRY PARK

Council is continuing to implement the Quarry Park Masterplan, with the installation of new bike trails. The new trails consist of a gentle ascending trail, descending trails at beginner and intermediate levels, a skills park incorporating learn-to-ride elements and technical features, and asphalt pump tracks. Park amenities near the trails will include seating, a picnic area and drinking fountain. Extensive revegetation and tree planting between trails will occur during the mid-year planting season. The project has been delivered in partnership with the Victorian Government through a Community Sports Infrastructure Grant.

ROGERS RESERVE PLAYGROUND

Our upgrade of Rogers Reserve in Maidstone is complete! Based on community feedback, the upgrade includes a new nature play area featuring more challenging play equipment; a new shelter with barbecue facilities and picnic settings, a new informal bike circuit with roundabout and rumble strips, improvements to existing garden beds and new tree planting.



ANGLISS RESERVE PLAYGROUND

The upgrade of Angliss Reserve in Yarraville, which was in response to requests from the local community, is now underway. The upgrade will include new play equipment and basket swing, informal timber and boulder steppers circuit, new path with seating and shade tree planting and removal of fencing between the playground and lawn areas to encourage use of the adjacent open space.

KINGSVILLE TENNIS PAVILION

Local tennis buffs are now be able to enjoy the new amenities at Kingsville Tennis Pavilion, with construction now complete. The new facility will be serving up updated player and member amenities, large modern social space for club activities and functions, a commercial grade kitchen, a large undercover viewing area and upgraded accessible amenities.

SCOVELL RESERVE

Works at Scovell Reserve in Maidstone commenced in mid-March, which saw the removal of three existing buildings to make way for a new sporting pavilion at the north of the reserve. The new pavilion will include male and female changing rooms and amenities, commercial kitchen, multi-purpose areas for club activities and functions. The upgrade works will also be complimented by a new nature play area for children and landscaping. Due to be complete by February 2020, Footscray United Cricket Club and Maidstone United Soccer Club are both looking forward to new modern facilities that meet the needs of their growing memberships. The reserve and facilities will be available for community use.



YARRAVILLE POP-UP PARK

The much-loved Yarraville Pop-up Park will be receiving a facelift in mid-June which will include replacing the synthetic grass and updating existing park bench seats and grass cubes. Local businesses will remain open during the works which are expected to take around two weeks to complete.





Photo credit: Asylum Seeker Resource Centre volunteers. Photo by Kim Landy.

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS

The Community Grants program opens for submissions in July, with funding available to support and strengthen a diverse range of community projects and activities that respond to the needs of the local community.

The 2019/2020 Community Grants program opens for submissions on 17 July 2019, with \$170,000 of grant funding available.

The program invites proposals for community projects and initiatives that strengthen and build capacity and that create an inclusive, resilient and empowered community.

Community grant funding is available in the following categories:

- > Small Grants and Seniors Support up to \$500
- > Medium Grants up to \$5,000 – projects with a focus on Arts and Culture, Community Development, or Environmental Sustainability
- > Large Grants up to \$15,000 – larger scale collaborative projects that respond to an issue or opportunity, or have an emphasis on sustainable program design

After identifying a critical need to provide further support to their 1,000+ volunteers, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) received a large grant last year for a collaborative project that developed resources for, and supported the wellbeing of their volunteers.

Peter Callender, ASRC's Volunteer Engagement Manager, said volunteers are at the forefront of all of ASRC's programs and services ranging in roles from reception, gardeners, nurses, cooks, paralegals, social workers, and administration to name just a few.

"Not only are volunteers crucial to the operation of the ASRC, they are also valuable in the community – sharing stories, raising awareness and having conversations about the situations that people seeking asylum face on a day-to-day basis."

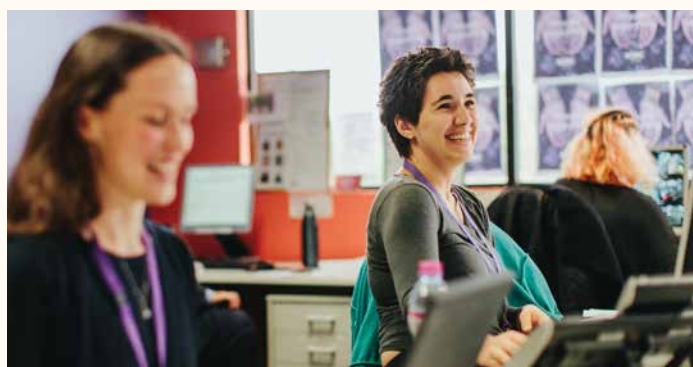
Thanks to the community grant, ASRC have been able to set up a range of initiatives to assist volunteers who work with people who have experienced acute hardship and trauma.

"Through the grant we were able to establish an Employee Assistance Program for volunteers, providing access to psychologist services, as well as other wellbeing initiatives such as developing additional trainings; running reflective practice sessions; and providing volunteers with self-care plan templates and other resources about well-being," Peter continued.

Council encourages applications for projects that aim to create a more socially inclusive community and that engage diverse communities of all ages and backgrounds.

Submissions to the 2019-2020 funding round close on Friday 30 August 2019 at 4pm.

For more information and to apply, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/communitygrants



KICKING GOALS

In 2019, the Western Bulldogs Community Foundation have launched GOAL, a mentoring program for young African Australians.

The program is aimed at supporting the community to improve

engagement, employment and training outcomes for African Australian youth aged 14-18 years. It was borne from the Club's African Action Plan, which was developed in 2018.

The focus – which was developed through a co-design process and community consultation – is on a mentoring approach to support each participant's personal development and goal setting.

The GOAL program also aims to create social capital in connecting young people with successful Western Bulldogs players and mentors from the broader western region of Melbourne. With 30 participants taking part in GOAL's inaugural year, ten players across both the Western Bulldogs AFL and AFLW teams were matched with participants in the early weeks of the program to build a steady relationship between mentor and participant.



ONE STOP SHOP FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Local community groups will now have the power to go online with Council's new Community Directory.

The Directory will allow small groups to have an online presence without having to manage a website and can also link to their social media pages.

All you have to do is sign up and add in information about the group. From there Council will review and publish the listing. Should you have any updates, just log back in and edit the listing – it's that easy!

Locals will also be able to search the Directory's listings to find like-minded groups and organisations to get involved with.

Want to add your local group? Head over to www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/communitydirectory



THE LIBRARY BOOK

During his Artsbox residency last year, artist Ben Davis spent time at Footscray Library, observing the subtle ways people engage with the world.

A man lounging on a bean bag reading the paper, kids playing chess in the courtyard, a group knitting scarves and beanies... these are just some of the things Ben observed during the time he spent at Footscray Library last year.

An artist who creates drawings that zero in on the ordinary rumblings of everyday life, Ben attempts to find joy, sadness, humour and humanity in these tiny moments that pass us all by.

In 2018, Ben undertook an eight week residency in Artsbox, a vibrant, intimate and creative space located outside Footscray Library that is a dedicated space for artists to create new work, test and explore ideas, and develop their arts practice.

During this time, Ben embedded himself within the bustling library in order to explore the subtle ways we engage with the world to produce some thoughtful drawings.

"I'd spend the mornings and sometimes afternoons sketching in the library, using mostly pen and ink. Knowing that I could take my time to draw and observe meant I felt free to organically follow whatever track the people of the library took me down that particular day," Ben said.

The result of his residency is The Library Book – a book that brings Ben's illustrations and his musings on life in and around the popular and well-loved space together.

The illustrations capture the vibrancy of Footscray Library, and show it being a meeting place for regular groups, a reading space, somewhere to study or dig into the past, a place for fun, a place to play games in the dappled light of the courtyard, or simply, a place for reflection.

The Library Book captures beautifully and visually the many ways the community engages with the multifaceted facility, and shows that the way the library is used is as varied as the community we share.

"During my residency, I came to recognise the regular library goers who often visited daily to read the newspaper, use the internet or study for exams and I started to understand just how integral the library is in its support of the community," Ben continued.

Ben will launch The Library Book at an event at Footscray Library in July. For more details, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/arts

To see more of Ben's work, follow him on

 Instagram [@ben_with_pen](https://www.instagram.com/ben_with_pen)



SAFER LOCAL ROADS

Cyclists, pedestrians and drivers in Seddon and Yarraville will benefit from safer roads following the introduction of reduced speed limits.

To create safer roads for the community, Maribyrnong City Council in partnership with VicRoads, will lower the speed limit to 40km an hour on Council owned roads. Seddon and Yarraville will be the first of seven areas across the City that will phase in reduced speed limits over the following years.

This decision was backed by Council in October 2017 and is based on results from Local Area Traffic Management Studies conducted in all suburbs across the municipality, along with feedback from residents of feeling unsafe to walk or cycle in their local streets due to cars travelling at high speeds.

By lowering the speed limit it will reduce the risk of injury or fatality and encourage more residents to use more sustainable methods of transports like walking or cycling. It is also expected that lowering the

speed limit will also reduce existing road congestion, enhance fuel economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air and noise pollution.

Maribyrnong is forecasting a population growth of 80% over the next 25 years, from 86,975 in 2016 to 156,291 in 2041. In planning for this growth and in order to accommodate the additional demand and pressures on the local transport infrastructure, there will be more of an emphasis placed on sustainable transport methods.

For more information on the project please visit: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/saferlocalroads





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON WEST FOOTSCRAY SPORTING FACILITIES

We understand how much our residents love our parks and sporting facilities. Which is why we want to achieve the best possible outcome for the community. Our community is growing, and we need to make sure that what we do will cater for our current users, as well as lasting well into the future.

That's why we have been busy moving through our engagement for West Footscray Sports Facilities Plan.

To date, we have consulted with over 20 sports clubs, user groups and community groups about the West Footscray Sports Facility Plan. We have spoken with four local schools and conducted surveys with five sporting clubs. Through YourCityYourVoice, over 160 people provided us with feedback on the current facilities. A steering committee has been formed with community members and representatives

from various user groups and we have undertaken a feasibility study and projected the future demand for our facilities.

The information that we gained has helped us to develop seven concept plans to facilitate further discussion. None of the concepts include the removal of playgrounds or skate parks or reduction in open space. They show different options for placing the facilities.

You can have your say at yourcityyourvoice.com.au

After all your feedback has been received, we will move to developing further design options, which will then go out for consultation.

The feedback from community members is important to us. To be kept informed of future engagement opportunities, register at yourcityyourvoice.com.au

FESTIVAL CITY

COMEDY FESTIVAL WRAPS UP

Council has once again partnered with the Melbourne International Comedy Festival to run a selection of comedy events in the West as part of the, including the always-popular Comedy out West (COW) open mic night. This year, young comedian Samuel Gebreselassie beat 12 hopefuls to take out the audience vote to win the C.O.W. Bell award for the second time, having first won it in 2017.

Born in Sudan to Ethiopian parents and then growing up in New Zealand, Sam said his unique background influences his comedic style. "I got to experience the world differently to most which has shaped my unique perspective on everyday life," said Sam.

Sam is a big fan of local, grass-roots comedy events such as C.O.W.

KICK BACK TO THE SMOOTH SOUNDS OF JAZZ OUT WEST

The Melbourne International Jazz Festival returns to Maribyrnong for the sixth year with a day of jazz for the whole family.

On Saturday 1 June, kick back and enjoy the winter sun and musical talent at the Yarraville Village Pop-Up Park. There'll be a



special music show for pre-schoolers at 11.30am.

The afternoon will be capped off by 8-piece ensemble Wvr Bvby, who weave together roaring horns, synth, cinematic soul and jazz.

Jazz Out West is free – visit festivalcity.com.au to find out more.

EMERGE IN THE WEST FESTIVAL

Running on 15 – 16 June, Emerge in the West Festival: Culture Conversations is a new incarnation of the beloved Emerge in the West Festival in Footscray.

Moving indoors for winter, it will showcase the incredible talents of local African Australian artists in two intimate local venues – VU @ Metro West and African Town.

For further information visit festivalcity.com.au

EXPLORE THE LIVE MUSIC VENUES OF THE WEST WITH WEST SET 2019

Music venues in the West are heating up as we celebrate winter music in Maribyrnong with West Set 2019.

Running from 14 – 23 June, punters will be treated to a huge array of unique gigs, shows and special events taking place in Footscray, which is fast making a name for itself as a live music destination.

West Set focusses on bringing music to our beloved pubs, bars, cafes, art houses and restaurants as well as some unique public spaces.

For a full list of events and to download the official guide visit visitfestivalcity.com.au



OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE

Council is again partnering with Open House Melbourne on the 27 and 28 July to open the doors of seven special spaces across our city that display outstanding architectural design.

From Jacks Magazine to the West Gate Tunnel Project this is your opportunity to have a peek inside and explore some of the more hidden built forms of our City.

For more information and to book tickets visit openhousemelbourne.org

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INTRODUCING ROVING REFILLS

Locals sisters Claudine and Raphaëlle Lagier are on a mission – to save the environment, one plastic bottle at a time!

The duo have set up their own version of a food truck – but instead of burgers and burritos they are selling environmentally-friendly cleaning products at various locations in the inner west.

The idea of Roving Refills is that the public bring their own containers to fill up with various products including toxin-free soaps, detergents, shampoo, bi-carb soda and vinegar.

Claudine, 34, said the Roving Refills idea came to her when she was doing a sustainable-entrepreneur unit for her master's in environmental management.

"I've always been bothered by the plastic waste

that comes from my own cleaning bottles. Reusing makes way more sense to me than recycling, so whilst researching sustainability businesses for my Masters, I came up with the idea of setting up my own mobile business to help people access refills, rather than buying new containers."

When it came to deciding what area of Melbourne to establish her start-up, the inner west was an obvious choice. "My sister and I are both Footscray born and bred, so we know the area geographically. But we also know that there is strong support for sustainability and environmentally-friendly practices in this area, so we were fairly hopeful that people would be interested in our idea."

And indeed they have been, with Roving Refills already receiving overwhelming support in the first few weeks of opening.

"People are becoming increasingly aware of the environmental damage caused by plastic waste and they're willing to come to us to refill instead of buying a brand – new containers, which is very promising to see."

To find out where you can catch Roving Refills, follow their Facebook page – www.facebook.com/rovingrefills/ or call 0424 164 534

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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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