

Community Recovery Newsletter

September 2025

Launch event: Property Flood Risk Cards and the Neighbourhood Flood Network



Thank you to everyone who joined us to launch the Property Flood Risk Cards and Neighbourhood Flood Network.

The cards provide property-specific flood risk information to residents at risk of flooding in the Maribyrnong Township.

The event provided an opportunity to hear from members of the Community Recovery Committee (CRC), Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Flood Network and Maribyrnong Catchment Resilience Association.

It also provided an opportunity to receive a pack if you were not home during the recent door knocks and ask questions.

How to collect your pack if you were not home during the door knock

If we were not home, you should have received a postcard in your mailbox with the details to book a follow-up appointment for your household, neighbours or community group.

Alternatively you can email emergencymanagement@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au to schedule to receive your pack.

Do you have questions about the measurements on your card?

Please contact the Melbourne Water call centre by emailing enquiry@melbournewater.com.au or calling 131 722 to discuss your individual property card. For flood related enquiries, email floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au. This email address is monitored between 9am-5pm weekdays.

Council would like to acknowledge everyone that has contributed to the return of this initiative, including the CRC, Maribyrnong Catchment Resilience Association and the broader community.

For more information, email emergencymanagement@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood

Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Flood Network update

The Maribyrnong Neighbourhood Flood Network is working together to create a Maribyrnong Community Flood Plan and build a community network to share information on flood risk and preparedness with residents in their streets.

At the September meeting, the group allocated streets to Network leaders to ensure effective coverage. In order to fill the gaps, the network is seeking additional members, particularly in or near the following streets:

- Anglers Way
- Chifley Drive
- Ensign Street
- Leopold Street
- Navigator Street

If you are interested in being involved in sharing flood risk and preparedness information with your neighbours, or being part of designing and delivering community resilience activities, email emergencymanagement@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or submit an expression of interest here: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Online-Forms/EOI-Maribyrnong-Flood-Network



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Mighty Stories, Mighty Community



Mighty Stories, Mighty Community event

Held in partnership with Moonee Valley City Council, this community event marks three years since the Maribyrnong River Flood in 2022 with the screening of a series of films about community stories and experiences.

The event will feature performances from local musicians including Paul Williamson and band, the Footscray Yarraville City Band, Aanisha Monteiro and local MC Jane Clifton.

The event is free, family-friendly, and will feature food trucks and kids' activities. It will also feature an artist talk on the Coulson Gardens public artwork, another project designed to capture the experiences of the Maribyrnong community.

Date: Saturday 11 October

Time: 5-9pm

Location: Coulson Gardens, The Esplanade end

We Watched Our River Rise: Children's book launch

The Maribyrnong community are invited to attend the official launch of the book, *We Watched Our River Rise*, written by young authors from the Maribyrnong community to capture their stories and experiences.

The event will feature an author book-signing and reading. There will also be copies to give away.

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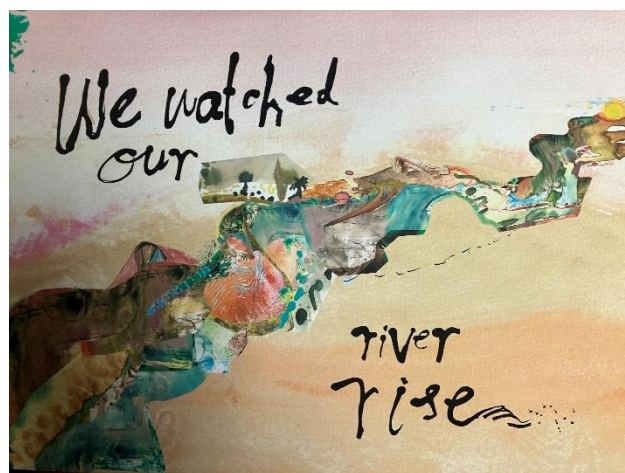
Date: Tuesday 14 October

Time: 6pm

Location: Maribyrnong Library, Rosamond Road

Light refreshments will be provided.

This project was delivered with 100 Story Building and Cohealth.



Update: public art installation

Installation for the community stories artwork in Coulson Gardens is scheduled to be installed from Wednesday 1 October. Installation is estimated to take five business days (weather depending).

During this time, sections of the path will be restricted. Bollards and hoarding will be used to protect the artwork. The rest of Coulson Gardens will be accessible during installment, with the exception of the footpath.

The public art project was proposed by the community at the Maribyrnong Community Strengths and Opportunities Workshop in August 2024.

The first round of consultation on the public artwork took place in April 2025. During this time, we sought ideas from community on words to reflect in the artwork.

A community workshop was held in July 2025 for community to provide feedback on the concept plan design and enable community voices to be reflected in the artwork.

For more information about the project, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Flood

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Blackbird River Cruises return

In partnership with Moonee Valley City Council, a series of free one-hour Blackbird River Cruises will be taking place from October to December 2025.

The river cruises provide an opportunity to learn about the history of the area while taking in the sights of the Maribyrnong River.

All cruises will depart from Raleigh Road Jetty landing, Burton Crescent, Maribyrnong.

Booking are required and will open prior to the cruises.

Keep an eye on the website for more information and river cruise dates as they are announced:

maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Flood



Resilient Australia award recipients

Congratulations to the Maribyrnong community and CRC for the recognition of the Maribyrnong Insurance Project at the Resilient Australia awards.

The project, led with the CRC and GenWest, involved the creation of an Insurance Guide, online webinar, and series of advocacy priorities. The goal was to make insurance information accessible for all.

Thanks to the CRC representatives that led this project, particularly Andrew Monteiro, and the community members who contributed to the project and shaped the creation of the guide.

The following organisations were involved in the project:

- Cohealth
- Consumer Action Law Centre
- Disaster Legal Help Victoria
- Financial Counselling Victoria
- GenWest
- The Red Cross
- West Justice.

The range of stories shared by community through the needs assessment highlighted some critical gaps and challenges in the insurance system. These stories informed Council's advocacy position on insurance. You can read more about the advocacy priorities here:

maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Community/Advocacy/Flood-Recovery

Visit this page to access the webinar recording and insurance guide in both English and

Vietnamese: www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Flood

Other events and programs

To view the full range of activities currently planned, visit: maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/flood

Get involved in shaping these programs or provide input by emailing

floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Alternatively, you can submit an expression of interest to join the CRC at maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/Flood

Stay connected

If you have ongoing recovery needs, please contact floodrecovery@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or drop into the Maribyrnong Community Centre on a Thursday during operating hours to discuss other support options or material aid.

Subscribe for email updates: <http://eepurl.com/idmpPT>

Join the CRC Facebook group:

facebook.com/groups/maribyrnongrecovery

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