



Celebrating the Moon Festival in Monash

During September Monash will be celebrating the Moon Festival, with a diverse selection of cultural events and activities happening across the community.

The Moon Festival celebrates the significance of the harvest and the importance of the full moon, symbolising unity and friendship.

These cultural celebrations highlight Monash's diversity and give residents an opportunity to explore other cultures through music, food and shared experiences.

Here are some of the events to enjoy:

Traditional Chinese Painting exhibition by Wenxin Art Academy

WHERE: The Track Gallery, Mount Waverley Community Centre
47 Miller Crescent

DATE: 28 August-8 September

Free Art Workshop by Wenxin Academy @ The Track Gallery

WHERE: The Track Gallery, Mount Waverley Community Centre
47 Miller Crescent

AGES: 8 to adults

DATE: Saturday 7 September

TIME: 2pm-3.30pm

Bookings essential: ☎ 9518 3636 or
✉ events@monash.vic.gov.au

The Nightingale - movie screening

A special film screening to mark the 2019 Moon Festival celebrations.

(Presented in Mandarin with English subtitles.)

DATE: Friday 13 September

DATE: 2.30pm-4.30pm

WHERE: Glen Waverley Library

Bookings essential: (FREE)

☎ 9560 1655 or

🌐 www.monlib.vic.gov.au/nightingale


For more info on Moon Festival celebrations happening across Monash: ☎ 9518 3636 or



🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/moonfestivals

NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27 August** from 7pm, at the Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley). The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.30pm on **Thursday 22 August**.


Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 27 August. If you're unable to attend, you can watch from home:

 webcast.monash.vic.gov.au or watch previous meetings.

For more info:  9518 3555
 www.monash.vic.gov.au/meetings


Monash Civic Centre

 293 Springvale Road
Glen Waverley

 8.15am to 5.15pm (Mon to Fri)

Oakleigh Service Centre

 3 Atherton Road
Oakleigh

 8.15am to 5.15pm (Mon to Fri)

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We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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Monash is home to a vibrant program of events and festivals that inspire strong, creative and connected communities. Council encourages community groups and organisations to hold their own events, and we are proud of the diverse range of events on offer year round.



We're introducing a new event approval process to make it simpler for event organisers to meet Council's event-related compliance requirements. Depending on the nature of your event, an Event Permit may be issued.

The approval process starts with you submitting an online Expression of Interest form. This lets us know about the event and what you'd like to do on Council land. Once we have this information, a Community Events Officer will be in touch to advise you of the next steps required to receive the approvals necessary for your event. We'll be on hand to offer event organisers

support and guidance throughout the process. We will also help you to understand what you should include in your event plan and any other event documentation.

We've even developed a number of templates and guidelines to assist with planning and delivering safe and successful events.

Over the coming months we'll be contacting existing community event organisers to notify them of the new process and invite organisers to a workshop. This workshop will explain more about event planning and how to comply with the necessary Council requirements and other legislation relating to public events.

If you are interested in attending this workshop contact the Arts & Culture team  9518 3636 or  events@monash.vic.gov.au

For more info:  www.monash.vic.gov.au/planning-event

SPOTLIGHT ON...door knocks

From time to time we get reports from residents or their family members about people who claim to be Council officers from Monash Council door knocking homes and offering services.

It's important to know that Council officers will only show up to your home to provide services, like home care, when it is pre-arranged. Council officers do not randomly door knock houses to offer services like house cleaning, changing light globes or to sell parking permits.

Monash Council employees will always carry ID badges and will produce them on request.

For more info:  9518 3555



MESSAGE FROM Mayor Shane McCluskey

The incredible work of our Monash Youth Services team was acknowledged recently in a very significant way with the awarding of the prestigious Sally Isaac Memorial Scholarship Fund to Siobhan Hardiman, Team Leader of Monash Youth Services.

This award is in honour of Sally Isaac, a young leader in Local Government who was in her thirties when she died from cancer but had already contributed so much to the community. We are delighted that Siobhan has been recognised for her outstanding work with young people and their families in the Monash community, especially the young women

supported through her Young Women's Leadership Program that's now being rolled out to other areas across the state.

Another impressive and groundbreaking young woman from Monash nominated was Melissa Liberatore. Melissa has been instrumental as part of the Monash Young Person's Reference Group in the advocacy work to secure a headspace service in the municipality.

A sincere thank you to these two incredible women on their efforts to improve the lives of young people in Monash and help them to fulfil their potential.

Last month I visited the new headquarters for the charity St Kilda Mums that distributes essential goods to families in need. With the name St Kilda Mums you may wonder why the group chose Clayton as the new base for

their warehouse and head office. It's because, in their words, St Kilda Mums recognises that Monash is a great place to do business.

St Kilda Mums CEO Jessica Macpherson OAM (pictured) said one of the deciding factors in locating to Clayton was that our Waste Transfer Station in Notting Hill accepts polystyrene for recycling and as you can imagine, the charity has a lot to get rid of from the packaging of the new equipment and furniture they distribute to families.

Many of you may have seen in the media that there's been anti-Semitic graffiti in Ashwood and Chadstone and other parts of the Eastern suburbs.

We are working closely with Victoria Police to ensure that people feel safe in Monash and we condemn all forms of anti-Semitism and other race-based discrimination in the community.

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SUBURBAN Rail Loop

The first round of community consultation aimed at obtaining general community feedback, and preliminary soil investigation works, are underway for the Suburban Rail Loop (SRL) project that will include three new stations in Monash.

The project comes amid a time of great focus on Monash as a strategic economic and employment destination. Monash is home to the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster (MNEIC), the largest concentration of jobs outside the CBD. Construction of the SRL is slated to begin in 2022, with the first stage to be the section from Cheltenham to Box Hill. This stage provides for three stations in the municipality as part of the loop – Clayton (one of the “Super Hubs” that connects regional Victoria to the SRL), Monash (around the Monash University Clayton campus) and Glen Waverley.

This project is the most significant transport investment in our municipality

since the construction of the Monash Freeway and will change the way Monash and greater Melbourne function.

For more info:  www.bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/suburban-rail-loop

Suburban Rail Loop map provided by Rail Projects Victoria





HAVE YOUR SAY ON... Playspaces in Monash

Council regularly upgrades local playspaces to make them more interesting and fun for families.

Over the last five years Council has upgraded more than 30 playspaces around Monash.

We are developing a new Playground Strategy to ensure we have a planned, equitable and sustainable approach to the provision and management of playgrounds in Monash and we are keen to hear from you. The Strategy will provide a future direction for the provision of playspaces based on:

- » Our strategic priorities, as identified in A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021 and the Monash Open Space Strategy 2018

PLANNED CLOSURE MARC 50m Outdoor Pool

The 50 metre outdoor pool at Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre (MARC) in Glen Waverley will close for 6 weeks - from Monday 23 September to Sunday 3 November - for scheduled maintenance.

Works include painting, tile and shade sail repairs and have been programmed for the warmer months to minimise the chances of weather conditions delaying maintenance.

We appreciate pool users' understanding and patience while we undertake these essential works.

For more info: ☎ 9265 4888
🌐 www.monashaquaticrecreationcentre.com.au

- » Industry best practice e.g. Australian Standards for playground design
- » Community feedback.

The new Strategy will outline:

- » A clear vision that ensures Monash playspaces offer high quality, creative play opportunities for different age groups and abilities across the municipality
- » Clarity around playground provision and service levels and a variety of play experiences for the community i.e. from larger regional destination playspaces to smaller local playspaces
- » Clarity around future demand for playspaces in Monash, identifying gaps and possible new sites for the development of playgrounds.

This will help us provide more equitable access to quality playgrounds.

We are keen to hear from you. Your feedback will guide Council on the best ways to improve our playgrounds in Monash, considering the play needs of you and your family, both now and into the future.

Please encourage all members of your family to take the survey and provide their own feedback. The views of children and young people are especially welcomed for this playground review.

All survey responses and submissions will be considered in the development of the Monash Playground Strategy.

Consultation open until 23 September 2019

» ONLINE:

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/playgroundstrategy
Recreation Services: ☎ 9518 3581

» EMAIL YOUR FEEDBACK TO:

✉ recreation@monash.vic.gov.au

» HARD COPIES OF THE SURVEY:

📍 Civic Centre, Oakleigh Service Centre, Aquatic and Recreation Centres (Glen Waverley and Clayton) and all branches of Monash Libraries.

PROTECTING MONASH'S NEIGHBOURHOODS

tree canopy update

Council shares the community's concern with the ongoing loss of garden character and significant trees in the municipality. Two recent instances of the unauthorised destruction and removal of trees that were protected under Monash's Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO) highlight the seriousness of this issue.

At the Ringwood Magistrates' Court on 18 July 2019, five owners of a property in Glen Waverley pleaded guilty to the charge of breaching the Monash Planning Scheme by poisoning a yellow box gum tree on their property, resulting in the death of the tree.

At more than 12m in height, the tree was significant to the garden character and amenity of the neighbourhood. If they wished to remove the tree the owners needed to go through the proper process to have a request for a tree removal assessed.

The Court fined the owners of the property (no conviction recorded) a total of \$20,000. They were also ordered to pay Council costs of \$6,589.50.

A concerned member of the public contacted Council about the health of the tree and on inspection in January 2019 it was found it had been tampered with by poisoning.

The successful Glen Waverley prosecution follows an earlier

prosecution in May 2019 where two owners of a Mount Waverley property pleaded guilty to the unauthorised removal of four cypress trees in contravention of Monash's VPO.

In this case the owners were each placed on a 12 month good behaviour bond and required to pay costs to Council totalling \$4,127.40.

The demolisher who removed the trees in the Mount Waverley case pleaded guilty and was placed on a 12-month good behaviour bond and ordered to pay costs to Council of \$2688.60.

For more on the Monash Vegetation Overlay: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Vegetation-Protection-Overlay

Did you Know...?

...Reducing Racism Community Reporting Tool

In support of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission's (VEOHRC) vision for a fair, safe and inclusive Victoria, Monash Council has a link to the Commission's Reducing Racism reporting tool on its website. Monash is one of several Victorian Councils, including Glen Eira, Darebin, Yarra and Benalla taking part in this pilot initiative.

This pilot, which runs until late 2019, is to empower more people to report incidents of discrimination or racial or religious vilification to the Commission. The Community Reporting Tool enables community members to make a short, confidential and secure report directly to the Commission. Council has no access to these reports.

For more Info:

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Contact

VEOHRC enquiry line: ☎ 1300 292 153

STATUTORY PLANNING DEPARTMENT moves towards a paperless service

Monash Council's Statutory Planning team is reducing the amount of paper documents it requires from the community. What does this mean?

The great news is the team no longer requires people to provide hard copy correspondence (e.g. plans, letters of objection, applications, written requests) but for larger file sizes it may be necessary to submit these on a USB or similar device.

This is a new way to do business for our planning team – it's quicker, easier to track, better for the environment and paving the way for the complete delivery of an online planning service.

Although there will still be times when using paper is the best option, such as public notices to residents about applications, the paperless environment will improve our responsiveness to all customers, giving them real time advice about key steps in the process.

In the coming 18 months we will be working on enabling online lodgements with a simple online payment option to increase access to Council's planning services.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555



COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cr Josh Fergeus

The protection of our tree canopy and local environment is one of the most important roles of local government, and one which Council has grappled with for many years. I am extremely pleased that after many years of work, Council intends to introduce a Significant Landscape Overlay across the municipality in order to require planning permits for the removal of canopy trees. This important measure will assist in maintaining the sustainability and liveability of our city. Thank you to the many residents who have worked with myself and supportive colleagues to achieve this change.

Another exciting development is the impending introduction of the food organics, green organics (FOGO) program, which will aim to stem the flow of food waste to landfill. This will see residents in Monash able to put food waste in their green bins. The benefits of this reform are many, including a reduction in the cost to ratepayers of waste disposal, significantly decreasing our total contribution to landfill, and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. Changes will be communicated to residents well in advance, so read your Bulletin over the coming months for more information.

Planning remains a major area of focus, and during August Council is consulting with residents and ratepayers on draft precinct plans for Clayton and Huntingdale. These plans aim to provide a clear vision for future growth and development of these important activity centres, and your feedback is critical to their success. The draft plans are available on Council's website, so make sure you have your say.

My photo this month is with Cr Rebecca Paterson and the members of our wonderful Junior Advisory Group. In line with our status as a Child & Young People Friendly City, Council aims to give children a voice within their community by inviting them to come to Council, ask us questions and engage in discussion. Twice a year, children and teachers in year four are offered an opportunity to participate in our Junior Advisory Group program as part of their Civics curriculum.

Each participating school elects four representatives who then work on questions they would like to ask us. I would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and passion that our Project Officer Claire Sideras brings to providing a voice for children, and her ability to interact with participants respectfully and humorously, which helps to make the experience so successful.

As ever, please get in touch should you wish to discuss any matter of importance to your neighbourhood. I'm here to help.

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UPDATE ON MAJOR development proposals

Here is an update on several major developments proposed, approved or refused across Monash:

- » The Permit Holder at 170-174 Highbury Road, Mt Waverley has lodged an amendment directly with the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), seeking to add an additional single bedroom apartment to level 3 of the building, as well as a rooftop play area associated with the childcare centre. The VCAT hearing will take place for one day on Wednesday 27 November 2019.
- » Council argued against a proposal for a 7 storey retirement village at 554-558 High Street Road, Mt Waverley at a VCAT merits hearing in July. It is now up to VCAT to decide on the proposal. A decision is expected within the next six weeks.
- » At its meeting on Tuesday 30 July, Council approved a 5 storey building comprising 36 apartments at 205-207 Clayton Road, Clayton. The development was considered appropriate having regard to relevant provisions of the Monash Planning Scheme. Council sought community feedback on the proposal in May and received no objections. It was approved subject to more than 30 conditions.
- » VCAT has approved a development at 855-869 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill. The permit allows for buildings and works to construct no more than 65 dwellings (2-3 storeys in height), with associated car parking and the removal of native vegetation on land affected by the Vegetation Protection Overlay. After much negotiations with officers, the plans were amended from 80 dwellings to 65 and many large trees have been retained.
- » Community consultation has finished for a proposed Development Plan at the former Oakleigh South Primary School at 1 Beryl Avenue, Oakleigh South. This proposed development has received a significant number of objections.
- » The first stage of site works for construction of the Victorian Heart Hospital, located along Blackburn Road (opposite the Synchrotron) in Clayton, has begun. It is a critical facility for Victoria and scheduled for completion in 2022.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/major-developments



RECYCLING in Monash

Monash Council is not affected by the closure of Melbourne recycling plant SKM.

All of our recyclable waste material is sent to Visy and our recycling services remain fully operational.

Everyone living or working in Monash is encouraged to continue putting out their recycling waste for collection and to reduce their waste as much as possible.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Rubbish-Recycling

Be Brilliant

Finding Purpose WORKSHOPS

Wed 11 Sept – Wed 13 Nov 2019

The Finding Purpose workshop series is aimed at helping people aged 55 and above to uncover or rediscover their purpose. Each workshop will assist with identifying whether they lean towards the areas of Arts, Industry, Lifelong Learning or Civic Science, and how to uncover pathways to engage in purposeful activities within Monash and the surrounding areas.

Workshop Calendar:

Workshop Launch

Wed 11 Sep, 1pm-3.30pm
Mulgrave Community Hall
355 Wellington Rd, Mulgrave

Arts Workshop

Wed 16 October, 1pm-3pm
Monash Gallery of Art
860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

Lifelong Learning Workshop

Wed 30 October, 2pm-5pm
Wheelers Hill Library
860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

Science Workshop

Wed 6 November, 4pm-6pm
Monash Tech School
Monash University
Level 1, 29 Ancora Imparo Way,
Clayton

Industry and Innovation Workshop

Wed 13 November, 2pm-4pm
Eastern Innovation
5A Hartnett Cl, Mulgrave

The workshop series is a collaboration between Eastern Innovation, Monash Public Library Service, Monash Tech School and the Monash Gallery of Art. The series is free to attend, however registrations are required.

For more info and to book:

☎ 1300 462 822

🌐 findingpurposeforseniors.eventbrite.com.au

Sun 15 September



SUSTAINABLE House Day

10am-2pm

Wellington Reserve Community Centre will be open to the public for guided tours on Sustainable House Day. The Centre is a shared use space that has undertaken a recent sustainability upgrade including solar panel and battery storage, rain water harvesting to flush toilets and irrigate gardens, a biodiversity garden, and lighting upgrades. The practical and affordable building improvements are part of ongoing education programs to better support the community in living more sustainably.

📍 Wellington Reserve Community Centre, Mulgrave

Bookings essential: 🌐 sustainablehouseday.com/house/wellington-reserve-community-centre/

Wed 28 August

SO YOU'VE DISCOVERED a Chinese ancestor. What Next?

10:30am-12pm

Dr Sophie Couchman, member of Chinese Australian Family Historians of Victoria and former curator at the Chinese Museum, offers tips and tricks for researching your Chinese Australian ancestry, and helps with understanding what their lives may have been like after immigrating to Australia.



📍 Glen Waverley Library, 112 Kingsway

Bookings essential: ☎ 9560 1655
🌐 www.monilib.vic.gov.au/chineseancestors

Sun 1 December

MONASH Mini Maker Faire

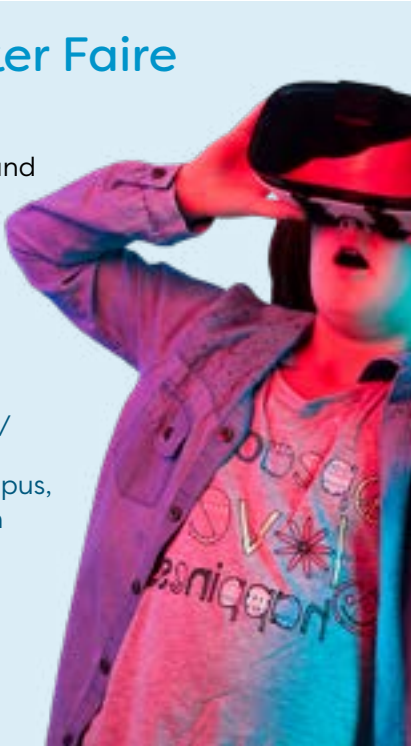
10am-4pm

A FREE event by Monash Council and Monash Tech School for families and curious minds. Come and be amazed by the talents of the exhibitors and get involved with the hands on activities. Expressions of interest for Makers are also being sought via

🌐 monash.makerfaire.com/about/

📍 Monash University Clayton Campus, 29 Ancora Imparo Way, Clayton

Registration required:
🌐 monashmakerfaire2019.eventbrite.com.au



Wed 11 September

Monash Youth Film Festival

6pm-9pm

Quiksound Productions is proud to present the annual Monash Film Festival 2019! Come and support young local film makers as we play their amazing films on the big screen at Century City Village Cinemas! Tickets are a gold coin donation. Discounted popcorn and drink combos available. While stocks last!

📍 Century City Village Cinemas, 285/287 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley

For more info:
MYS ☎ 9518 3900
🌐 www.monashyouth.org.au



Until 29 Sept

A place in time: photographs by Viva Gibb

This is the first public gallery showing of the work of Viva Gibb in over 30 years, generously donated into MGA's collection by the artist's estate. The photographs were taken in the artist's neighbourhood during the 1970s and 80s. Free event, no bookings required.

📍 MGA, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

For more info:
🌐 www.mga.org.au



Viva GIBB
Signora at her house in Hawke Street, West Melbourne
1983
MGA, City of Monash Collection
donated by Sybil Gibb and Rupert Duffy in memory of Viva Gibb 2019
courtesy of the Estate of Viva Gibb