

## GAME ON AT CALOOLA



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**Tennis in Monash is off to a smashing start for 2019 with eight new courts now open at Caloola Reserve in Oakleigh.**

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The new synthetic grass courts and sustainable LED lighting are Stage 1 of the major redevelopment of Caloola Reserve.

The new tennis courts are the home of the expanded Oakleigh Tennis Club (formed as a result of a merger between the Oakleigh and the North Oakleigh Tennis Clubs).

Stage 2 will see development of a multi-sport pavilion, two Hot Shot courts and a basketball court. Works on the second stage are expected to start in late 2019, creating a sporting hub in Oakleigh and boosting the opportunity for local residents and multiple sporting clubs to enjoy various sports in the one location.

Casual access to the new courts are available via Tennis Victoria's Book-A-Court system.

The Oakleigh Tennis Club will share the new multi-purpose pavilion with the Monash City Soccer Club and East Oakleigh Cricket Club.

The State Government is contributing \$800,000 towards Stage 2 of the project.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3559

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/council-projects](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/council-projects)



*Mayor Shane McCluskey (centre) Councillors Josh Fergeus (left) and Stuart James (right) and excited tennis club and community members at the official opening.*

## NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26 February**, from 7pm. The meeting will be held 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 21 February**. Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 26 February.

If you're unable to attend the meeting, don't forget you can now watch from home:  
🌐 [webcast.monash.vic.gov.au](http://webcast.monash.vic.gov.au)  
or watch previous meetings.

For more info: 📞 9518 3555  
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### 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  
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## Caring for our wildlife

**A Mount Waverley boy is leading the way in educating his neighbourhood about how to care for wildlife.**

Hiruka, 10, wrote a letter to Monash Council expressing concern that some people were feeding bread to the ducks at the lake in the Sienna Estate, Mount Waverley.

In his letter, entitled 'let's protect the ducks', Hiruka asked whether Council

would install a sign to tell people not to feed the ducks bread.

"Bread is really bad for ducks in many ways," Hiruka said. "Bread has no nutrients for them."

Hiruka's cause was taken up by Mount Waverley Ward Cr Rebecca Paterson and Council officers and a sign asking people not to feed the ducks has been installed at the lake.

Hiruka said he was very happy that Council had provided the sign to protect the ducks.

A keen environmentalist despite his young years, Hiruka says "Education is the first step to protection".

For more info: 📞 9518 3555  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/wildlife](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/wildlife)



## A lifetime of service

**A lifetime dedication to fostering harmonious, kind and respectful relationships between all members of the community saw Mohamed Mohideen, from Glen Waverley, named the Sir John Monash Volunteer of the Year 2018.**

The Monash University Microbiology Lecturer has given more than 20 years of volunteer service to the community, including initiating many programs to support and promote interfaith dialogue and communal harmony.

Mohamed was instrumental in establishing a formal mosque at Monash University, which today caters for over 1,000 students and staff.

As a founding member of the Monash Interfaith Gathering, Mohamed has worked tirelessly to build bridges between faiths to create mutual understanding and community cohesion. This is something he has brought to life through "Open Mosque Day," in which all people are invited to visit a mosque, speak to the locals and tackle stereotypes.

"Monash is a home to people of many faiths and many nations, and promoting interfaith activities that

make the city a home away from home is important," Mohamed said.

"In today's context when there is so much animosity and fear, it is more important than ever that we reach out to each other and support each other's efforts."

He has also served the Sri Lankan Muslim Community and has been their president five times over in their 25 year history. A fierce advocate for the prevention of violence against women, Mohamed is a White Ribbon Ambassador. He also works closely with refugees, advocating against child abuse and tackling homelessness.

He is a recipient of the Order of Australia, Monash Multicultural Champion award and the Victorian State Premier's award for leadership.

His motto is to "keep an open mind and reach out to people. Make friends and stand up for what is right."

For more info: 📞 9518 3619  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/awards](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/awards)



## MESSAGE FROM Mayor Shane McCluskey

Welcome to our first issue of the Bulletin for 2019.

Congratulations to the 130 people who became Australian citizens on Australia Day. It was wonderful to see the smiles on people's faces, hear their stories and share their appreciation of being part of our safe and inclusive Monash community.

It was with great delight that I officially opened our new synthetic grass courts at Caloola Reserve, the first stage in creating a true sporting hub for this area of Monash.

The collaboration with the local community and sporting clubs has been an example of how well Council and the community can work together for a fantastic outcome. A huge crowd turned out to celebrate this achievement and try out the new courts. Thanks to everyone who played a part in this project.

Another exciting new initiative is our first Student Bulletin that will be hitting the streets soon. This newsletter is created by a panel of young people on issues and topics of interest that are important to them. The Student Bulletin is part of our trial of a Junior Advisory Group to give primary school students the opportunity to be active citizens and engage with Council, and follows consultation on creating a Child and Young People Friendly City. I can't wait to read this first issue!

Sadly, in recent weeks in Melbourne we have again experienced the tragic loss of a young woman in terrible circumstances. Aiiia Maasarwe, like Eurydice Dixon before her, was simply coming home from an outing with friends. She should have been safe to do so.

Women must be safe, wherever they choose to go and they have a right to believe and expect they will be. We must continue to stand up to ensure a culture of respect by calling out violent, disrespectful behaviour. Our focus must be in changing the behaviour of men and boys to prevent violence against women. This change can only come if all of us work together for gender equality for all.



Monash Council has always led the way in speaking up for gender equality by challenging negative and damaging attitudes and calling out those behaviours that foster a culture that tolerates disrespect and violence – and we will continue to do so.

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# I ♥ Kinder

## I love Kinder campaign

**Council has joined the I Love Kinder advocacy campaign to push for the Federal Government to pledge to continue its funding for 4-year-old Kindergarten.**

At the 29 January meeting Council voted to get behind the campaign to show support for children and families in Monash who are anxious about a lack of ongoing funding for 4-year-old kindergarten for their children, and how any withdrawal of the funding will impact on their family budget and access to much-needed kindergarten programs.

Council believes universal access to 15 hours of 4-year-old kinder is vital for children to get the best kinder education start possible and be school-ready.

Since 2013, Australia's federal, state and territory governments have agreed to jointly fund kinder for all Australian 4-year-olds. The Federal Government contributes around one-third of total funding.

As a result of this national agreement, enrolments have improved and almost all 4-year-old children are now enrolled in 15 or more hours of kindergarten per week.

However, the Federal Government has refused to commit to ongoing funding beyond 2019. If the Federal Government cuts its share of kinder funding, families will have to pay \$2,000 in 4-year-old kindergarten costs per child, which means some children will miss out on this early education.

Council wants all families in Monash to have the ability to send their children to 4-year-old kindergarten.

By joining the campaign, Monash Council is banding together with other Victorian Councils to provide a united, consistent message that we want an enduring funding arrangement from the Federal Government to fund 15 hours of 4-year-old Kindergarten beyond 2019.

For more info: [🌐 https://ilovekinder.org.au/](https://ilovekinder.org.au/)

# ACTIVE PEOPLE ACTIVE PARKS



Are you interested in trying Tai Chi, zealous for Zumba or wild for walking?

You're in luck as Monash Council is holding FREE activities in local parks during February and March. You don't need to book, just turn up and join in. The sessions are being held each week from Monday 4 February and all you need to do is bring a drink and towel, wear a hat and some sunscreen.

Every Monday during term 1 (up until 5 April) you can join in a Zumba session at Warrawee Park Oakleigh at

10am, on Wednesdays it's Tai Chi at Central Reserve Glen Waverley at 10am and on Fridays at 9.30am join our walking group, at the Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre, Waverley Road Glen Waverley.

Please note: there will be no activities on Labour Day (Monday, 11 March) and activities are dependent on weather conditions, and may be cancelled at short notice if there is inclement weather.

For more info:

☎ 9518 3555 🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/free-activities](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/free-activities)

## Solar Savers program

**Solar Savers is a new way for Monash to help eligible pensioner residents who own their own home to access affordable loans for the installation of high-quality rooftop solar by a team of professional solar installers.**



Through Council's involvement in the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA), low income and vulnerable households can install solar, take control of their bills and protect themselves from future price rises.

The project has the potential to deliver immediate net savings of at least \$100 per year on electricity costs for large numbers of low-income households. The ability of solar PV to provide low-cost energy throughout the day means these householders can cool their homes during heatwaves without fear of 'price shock', further protecting a vulnerable sector.

The program is open until 29 March 2019.

To find out more:  
Solar Savers  
☎ 9385 8512  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/solar-savers](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/solar-savers)



## Preventing disease with FREE VACCINATIONS

**FREE vaccinations are available for children at local immunisation sessions run by Council nurses.**

The vaccinations are available at no cost for babies, toddlers, pre-school and school-aged children.

Immunisation is the safest and most effective way to eliminate preventable diseases such as measles, mumps and whooping cough. Eligible adults can also access some FREE vaccines.

Bookings are not required for morning sessions but are essential for evenings.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3534

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

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### February/March session times

Tues 19 Feb 10am-11.30am	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley
Fri 22 Feb 10am-11.30am	Monash Seminar & Training Centre (Oakleigh)
Thur 28 Feb 10am-11.30am	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley
Fri 1 Mar 10am-11.30am	Monash Seminar & Training Centre (Oakleigh)
Wed 6 Mar 10am-11.30am	Mt Waverley Community Centre
Fri 15 Mar 10am-11.30am	Mulgrave Community Centre
Tues 19 Mar 10am-11.30am	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley
Fri 22 Mar 10am-11.30am	Monash Seminar & Training Centre (Oakleigh)
Thur 28 Mar 10am-11.30am	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley

### Evening Sessions

Mon 25 Feb 5pm-7pm	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley
Tues 12 Mar 5pm-7pm	Monash Seminar and Training Centre (Oakleigh)
Mon 25 Mar 5pm-7pm	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley

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### ...know what the fencing regulations are?



All home swimming pools and spas with a depth of water more than 30cm must be surrounded by safety fencing that meets Australian Standards.

The fence must be at least 1.2m high with the gap between the pool fence and the ground 100mm or less. Boundary fences used as a barrier should be a minimum of 1.8m high.

It is important that these measures are in place to prevent the tragic drowning of children in home pools.

Council conducts regular random inspections of home pools every year to inspect pool fencing to ensure it is compliant and that there are no risks to children living or visiting the property.

Where the fencing does not comply with the standards, a building order to undertake immediate works will be issued by Council.

For more info:  9518 3555  
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## LIVE AT WARRAWEE


**A stellar line-up of Australian musicians will take the stage at Warrawee Park Oakleigh at the Live at Warrawee - Pop Rock Party on Saturday 16 March.**

Headlining the event are Aussie music legends Taxiride, known for hit songs Get Set and Everywhere You Go. Also joining the line-up is Reece Mastin (winner of X-Factor), Emily Williams (Australia Idol and Young Divas), Grey Horizon (Indie rock band) and IV Dante (Melbourne guitarist/singer) performing as the sun goes down over beautiful Warrawee Park.

The event kicks off from 4pm and runs until 9pm so sit back and enjoy the music or dance under the stars. Whether you choose to bring a picnic, pick up a take away from local traders, or grab dinner from one of the delicious food trucks on site, the important thing is to get a good spot on the lawn, because these bands will have everyone up and dancing before the night is over!

Thanks to our sponsors Bank of Melbourne Oakleigh, Leader Newspapers and Ray White Oakleigh.

For more info:  9518 3636

 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals)

# Councillor News

## Cr MT Pang Tsoi

As a local resident and your Monash Councillor, I want our community to be as safe as possible. That's why I'm always looking for ways to further improve the safety of Monash residents. I was delighted to participate in an important community safety forum late last year with the local Victoria Police Crime Prevention Officer. The forum provided residents with important crime prevention information including preventing burglaries and identifying scams as well as the opportunity to provide feedback on public safety issues.

Special thanks to Neighbourhood Watch, Australian Emergency Assistance Association Incorporated (AEAAI) and South East Volunteers Safety Register who were crucial to the success of the forum.

The forum was also interpreted into Mandarin to allow for more residents to receive this important information.

Our health, and that of our local community is so important. It's my view that wherever Council can support Monash residents to improve their health, then we should do so. A very positive health initiative which I was pleased to be a part of was the Monash Women's Health Forum. More than 120 residents attended the forum which discussed our health system in Australia, dementia, and breast cancer. The forum was also interpreted into Mandarin to allow more residents to access this information that is critical to their wellbeing.

In a major milestone for Monash, I was pleased to be a part of the inaugural Multicultural Moonlight Festival. The festival showcased Monash's multicultural community and included performances, street stalls and music. The festival was a great success attracting residents as well as state-wide visitors who enjoyed the festival and had the chance to see Monash's entertainment precinct. I hope that many of these visitors will return to spend their time and resources at local restaurants and other businesses.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all Monash residents a happy and safe 2019.

Feel free to contact me on the details below:

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# Clayton Festival

Don't miss out on our wonderful Clayton Festival & Hawkers Night Market this Sunday, 24 February from noon to 8pm.

Join us for local entertainment, lots of scrumptious food and experience the culture and diversity of this community at the festival from noon until 5pm at the Clayton Community Centre in Cooke Street, with the night

market delighting all the senses from 5pm to 8pm in the Cooke Street carpark.

Monash Council is proud to create events like Live at Warrabee and the Clayton Festival & Hawkers Market for our community to come together to share community spaces and to experience music, culture, food and diverse programs.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3636  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals)



## Clean up Australia Day

Monash residents are encouraged to pull on some gloves and join with their neighbours, friends and family to help spruce up Monash this Clean Up Australia day, on Sunday 3 March.

There are more than 15 registered sites in Monash where people can volunteer to pick up rubbish.

This year, Council is hosting a clean-up activity along Scotchmans Creek in Chadstone/Oakleigh, home of the Skink Link Project.

We'd love for the community to join us in helping clean up the habitat for the southern water skink and other wildlife, so please meet us at the Oakleigh Golf Club between 10am and 12pm to pick up some litter and enjoy the free BBQ. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves, we will provide you with rubbish bags, water and sunscreen (and gloves if you don't have them).

To search for a site near you or for more info:

☎ 9518 3761 🌐 [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au)



## New drop-in playgroup in Glen Waverley

Following the success of the Cabena Child and Family Centre-supported playgroup in Chadstone, another centre will open for Monash families in March.

The new centre will run three days per week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) at Legend Park Kindergarten in King Arthur Drive, Glen Waverley.

There will be a Supported Playgroup Facilitator on site, with families invited to attend between 10am-3pm at no cost.

Whether you are a parent, grandparent or carer, it's important for you and your child to play and learn together.

The Cabena Centre supported playgroup has been hugely successful, providing fun learning opportunities for children and a place for families to come together and make new friends. We anticipate the Glen Waverley playgroup will also be popular.

Drop in to our new centre at Legend Park Kindergarten for a fun and interactive play experience.

For more info: Nicole Dalglish on ☎ 0466 015 131 or ✉ [nicole.dalglish@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:nicole.dalglish@monash.vic.gov.au)





## IDENTIFYING SCAMS

Presented by Consumer Affairs

Tues 5 March, 10am-12pm

Scams come in all shapes and sizes. Have you received an offer that seems too good to refuse, or a request to donate to a good cause, or connect with an online admirer?

Stay one step ahead of the scammers by being aware of scams and learn how to protect yourself.

📍 Oakleigh Library, 148 Drummond St

Bookings essential: ☎ 9518 3555

## INDIGENOUS ASTRONOMY: 65,000+ Years of Science

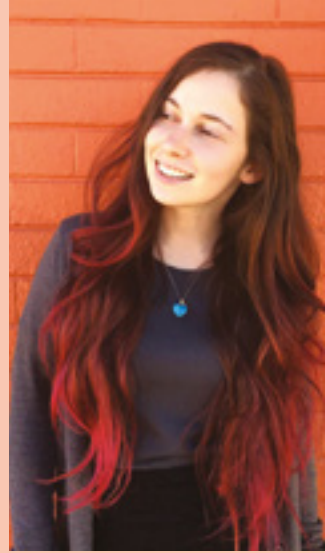
Wed 27 February  
7pm-8pm

Monash University Astrophysics student and Kamilaroi woman, Krystal De Napoli, will explain the ways in which Indigenous astronomers used the night sky to predict weather and harvest cycles, plan ceremonial practices and navigate vast distances.

📍 Oakleigh Library (upstairs auditorium)  
148 Drummond St

For more info and to book: ☎ 9563 4138

🌐 [www.monlib.vic.gov.au/indigenous-astronomy](http://www.monlib.vic.gov.au/indigenous-astronomy)



## ONLINE SAFETY for children

Thurs 21 March, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Hear from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and learn how to manage online issues for children aged preschool to teenagers, initiate conversations about online stranger danger, managing app and privacy settings, plus more.

📍 Clayton Library (Meeting Room), Clayton Community Centre, Cooke St.

To book RSVP to Rebecca Giles  
☎ 9518 3571 by Monday 18 March.

For more info:

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/online-safety](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/online-safety)



## Active Youth Programs

Looking for fun activities for your kids to get involved in while getting fit at the same time? All sessions are \$6 (Active Kids is free on Mon 25 Feb).

ACTIVE ABILITIES  
(aged 6 & above)  
Wednesdays  
4.45pm

TEEN FIT  
(12 years+)  
Thursdays  
4.45pm

ACTIVE KIDS  
(6-12 years)  
Mondays  
4.15pm

📍 Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre  
626 Waverley Rd  
Glen Waverley

For more info:

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/active-youth](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/active-youth)



## Celebrating Women in STEMM

Women's Business Network International Women's Day Lunch

Tuesday 5 March, 12.30pm - 2.30pm

STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine) skills play a crucial role in all facets of our lives. Hear from Michelle Gallaher who has been an entrepreneur, allied health clinician, advocate and leader in the Australian life sciences and health sector.

**Tickets \$60** (includes 2 course lunch)

📍 Huntingdale Golf Club, Windsor Ave, Oakleigh South

For more info: 🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/stemm-lunch](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/stemm-lunch)

RSVP by 1 March ✉ [ecodev@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:ecodev@monash.vic.gov.au)