

HAVE YOUR SAY ON Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre

The Monash
Aquatic &
Recreation
Centre (MARC)
in Glen Waverley
is operated by
Monash Council.

Our vision for this facility is to ensure MARC delivers a range of quality aquatic and recreation programs and services aimed at improving community health and activity.

We are currently undertaking a needs assessment of MARC, the vital first step in the process for a potential redevelopment of the facility.

Your views will assist Council to determine what aquatic and recreation facilities, programs and services are needed to meet our growing community's needs in the future.



The findings of the needs assessment and community consultation, along with audits of the facility, will assist the development of an architectural brief for any potential redevelopment.

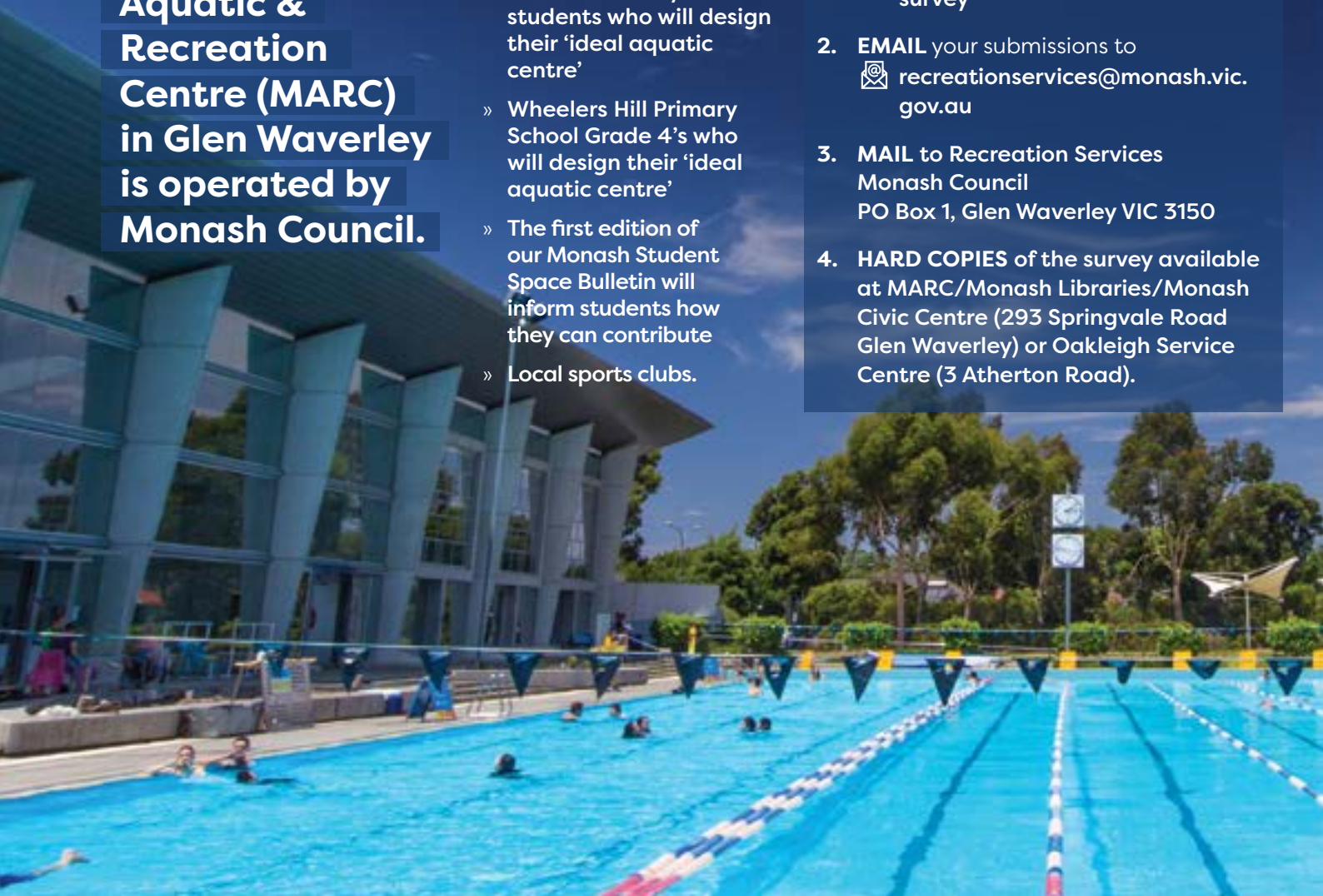
We have already asked our members and users for their views and had more than 1,000 responses. Now we want to hear from the wider community.

Information on the consultation has also been directly distributed to the Age Friendly Ambassadors, Oakleigh Leadership Group, Positive Ageing Seniors Network and many young people in Monash including:

- » Essex Heights Primary School students who will complete around 50 surveys
- » Glendal Primary School students who will design their 'ideal aquatic centre'
- » Wheelers Hill Primary School Grade 4's who will design their 'ideal aquatic centre'
- » The first edition of our Monash Student Space Bulletin will inform students how they can contribute
- » Local sports clubs.

Consultation closes Sunday 31 March


1. **ONLINE SURVEY**
 www.monash.vic.gov.au/marc-survey
2. **EMAIL** your submissions to
 recreationservices@monash.vic.gov.au
3. **MAIL** to Recreation Services
Monash Council
PO Box 1, Glen Waverley VIC 3150
4. **HARD COPIES** of the survey available at MARC/Monash Libraries/Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Road Glen Waverley) or Oakleigh Service Centre (3 Atherton Road).





NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

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

If you're unable to attend the meeting, don't forget you can now 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
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We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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MONASH COUNCIL to refund parking infringements

Monash Council will be refunding parking fines paid by some motorists between 2006 and 2016 to drivers who sought a review of their fine under the Infringements Act 2006 but did not have their fine withdrawn.

Council has served many infringement notices for parking and related offences through its enforcement contractor who had carried out this process for more than 20 years, in accordance with the Attorney General's and Council guidelines.

In 2006 the Infringements Act was introduced. Council believed at the time that it was still able to continue contracting out the review function to a third party as it had done for more than 20 years.

However, the introduction of the Act in 2006 altered Council's ability to do this. Council now believes that the introduction of the Act meant the final decision of the review should not have been outsourced, and that Council rather than its contractor should have decided on the review. This now means that even though fines were issued correctly some of the reviews were consequently not valid.

Council fixed the problem in late 2016 when it became aware of the issue by changing the way fines are reviewed, allowing only Council officers to decide on the review.

Council has now formed the view that it is obliged to refund those fines that may have been dealt with incorrectly under the Act.

There are about 26,600 fines affected at a cost of around \$2.6M.

This has been a complex and challenging issue. Council believes it was following the right process when

the contractor undertook the reviews and the fines were paid. However, after considerable investigation we have now formed the view that those fines were paid under a flawed process not of our making.

It's our view that we now have a moral and legal obligation to refund the fines.

Council has written to the Premier and Attorney General asking for Government to retrospectively amend the legislation but this has been refused so we now ask Government to clarify the Act so that others in the future do not find themselves caught in the way Monash has been.

Council has written to each person believed to be affected by this process. The funds will come from Council savings and there will be no charges introduced to pay for the refunds.

This matter only applies to motorists who:

- were fined between 1 July 2006 and 15 November 2016;
- appealed the fine;
- had the review of the fine refused and paid the fine.

These people can contact us:


» EMAIL:


 infringements@monash.vic.gov.au

» POST:

Monash Council, PO Box 1
Glen Waverley VIC 3150

» VISIT:

 Monash Civic Centre
293 Springvale Road,
Glen Waverley or

 Oakleigh Service Centre
3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh

» CONTACT:  1300 661 510

MESSAGE FROM Mayor Shane McCluskey

It was great to see many of you enjoying the sunshine and activities at the Clayton Festival & Hawkers Night Market. This event captures all that is wonderful about our multicultural community in Clayton. Everywhere there were families and people sampling food, enjoying music, dancing and soaking up the fantastic atmosphere.

Our next event is Live at Warrawee - Pop Rock Party on Saturday 16 March and this also promises to be something special.

You will read in this issue about the senseless vandalism that has damaged about 44 trees in a number of streets in Mount Waverley. The residents of the streets, and Council, are devastated at this destruction of beautiful trees. Unfortunately a number of trees cannot be saved. We are working with residents of these streets as we determine appropriate species to replace the significantly damaged trees that require removal. Victoria Police is investigating and anyone who witnessed this despicable act on Monday 18 February at around 10.30pm, please call 9888 3755.

You may have heard about an outbreak of the listeria bacteria at a supplier of Meals on Wheels to a number of Councils and hospitals. Monash Council uses this contractor to supply meals to around 200 residents.

When we were advised we moved quickly to ask all Meals on Wheels participants to remove any meals they may have stored or frozen and we have collected those meals and reimbursed their cost. We have also sourced alternative nutritional high quality meals for our residents and provided information on symptoms of listeria. These can be mistaken for the flu or a virus so anyone who experiences these symptoms should immediately seek medical advice through the doctor or by calling 000. We know this is a worrying concern for our Meals on Wheels residents and their families and we will provide every support to them as the Department investigates what occurred.

I was delighted this week to visit Waverley Meadows Pre-School in Wheelers Hill for the "I Love Kinder" campaign. These children show why this campaign is so important.

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MONTCLAIR MULTI-DECK Car Park Proposal Update

Council will proceed with plans for a detailed design for a proposed multi-deck car park in Montclair Avenue, Glen Waverley that will provide a minimum of 1,044 spaces, including 539 additional car parks.

As well as providing additional parking to meet Glen Waverley's future needs, Council is seeking to reinvigorate the Glen Waverley Activity Centre, to build on the precinct's reputation as a dining, retail and entertainment destination with more outdoor dining and an attractive and inviting streetscape.

The project will also include the removal of 99 car parks from Kingsway to allow for more outdoor dining and to remove traffic from Kingsway. These car spaces will be incorporated in the new Montclair multi-deck car park. Once detailed designs are completed, the project will go to tender.

Community consultation was held in November and December 2018 with feedback via an online survey, consultation with Glen Waverley traders and a community information session.

Council noted the considerable support from the community for additional car parking spaces and open space in the Kingsway area but less support from respondents for a proposal for some affordable housing to be located within the development.

The provision of more centrally-located car parking in the Glen Waverley Activity Centre is part of a plan to revitalise the popular Kingsway area. The proposed multi-deck car park in Montclair Avenue will also incorporate retail and office space and open space for the community to enjoy.

Council decided not to proceed with the affordable housing option on this site but will instead explore opportunities for this type of accommodation within the municipality as part of the development of the Monash Affordable Housing Strategy, set to be considered by Council later this year.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/montclair



Clayton PMP Site

Credit: Tract

The Victorian Planning Authority in consultation with Council is developing a plan to renew the PMP Printing site on Browns Rd, Clayton for possible housing, jobs, a town square & parks, and have released a concept plan showing how the site might look in future years.

The PMP Printing precinct is a 10-hectare site located on the corner of Carinish Road and Browns Road in Clayton. The land is currently zoned for industrial land uses and is used predominantly as a printing factory.

The site has the potential to accommodate a large share of Monash's future population growth, providing opportunities

for people to live and work within the municipality. The renewed precinct will have a higher density and greater mix of housing than the surrounding established suburbs of Monash. The precinct will transition from lower scale three storey townhouses adjacent to existing neighbours up to eight storey buildings towards the centre of the precinct. Commercial buildings along Carinish Road are also proposed up to eight storeys.

The Victorian Planning Authority and Council are keen to hear from the community on this project.

You can view the concept plan and leave your feedback on the VPA website:

www.vpa.vic.gov.au/project/pmp-printing-strategic-site

For more info: ☎ 9518 3071

RECYCLING IN MONASH business as usual



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

It is business as usual for recycling in Monash and everyone living or working in the city are encouraged

to continue putting out their recycling waste for collection.

The EPA has issued a notice stopping SKM from receiving recyclable waste materials at its facilities in Coolaroo and Gilbertson due to a policy breach.

This decision does not impact residents living in Monash. All of our recyclable waste material is sent to Visy and our recycling services remain fully operational.

We encourage everyone living or working in Monash to continue recycling as much waste as they can.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3765

www.monash.vic.gov.au/recycling-issue

NOMINATIONS open for Sir John Monash Awards

Do you know someone inspirational in Monash who is making a difference in the lives of others?

You can acknowledge the work this person does and share their story by nominating them in the Sir John Monash Awards.

The awards recognise the achievements of Monash volunteers, applauding their efforts to improve the lives of others and celebrating the outstanding work of people in our community.

For the second year, one of our categories – Active Monash – will include nominations of clubs as well as individuals.

The award ceremony will be held later this year when our fantastic winners and nominees will be recognised at a night of celebration. In the meantime, get started on those nominations!

The eight categories are:

- » Multicultural Champion
- » Active Monash
- » Outstanding Advocate of People with Disabilities
- » Sustainability Leadership
- » Youth Leadership Award
- » Volunteer of the Year
- » Inspirational Women's Leadership
- » Positive Ageing Leadership.

One of the winners from all these categories is chosen as the overall winner of the Sir John Monash Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Nominations will close on 16 June 2019.

To nominate: ☎ 9518 3619

www.monash.vic.gov.au/awards

SIR JOHN MONASH
AWARDS

HOW DO I

...report an issue with building works?

Any builder who undertakes works in local streets is required to show care for the surrounding neighbourhood. Council has an asset protection team whose role is to ensure building works are undertaken in a way that protects public assets (such as roads, drains and footpaths) and minimises inconvenience to nearby residents.

Builders are required to repair any public infrastructure that is damaged by their works.

To report an issue associated with building works:

 9518 3555

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/asset-protection

Did you know...


...This Girl Can

The inaugural This Girl Can Week from 18-24 March is dedicated to encouraging more women and girls to give physical activity a go, or

return to activity after a break.

This VicHealth initiative encourages women to try something new whether it's a walk in the park, a gym session, a run, a swim

or a game of netball with friends. The campaign is about empowering women to feel comfortable in their bodies and in public spaces.

For more info and opportunities in Monash:  9518 3555

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/this-girl-can



Phil Cook a great all-rounder

A passion for getting children away from their screens and out into the field saw Phil Cook awarded the Sir John Monash Active Monash award.

As the Clayton District Under 13 Cricket Coach and Team Manager, Phil (pictured left) has volunteered his time and experience to coach dozens of girls and boys.

"Seeing these kids enjoy a Saturday morning playing a game of cricket with their friends is the most rewarding thing for me," Phil said.

Phil is also a primary school teacher and puts his teaching skills to good use to bring out the best in the players. He has been instrumental in promoting a passion for physical fitness, team camaraderie and discipline. Year after year players have remained with the team, a testament to the high regard they have for their coach.

Phil's commitment goes well beyond what would normally be expected in a junior coaching role.

Many parents work long hours or




have limited capacity to help out so Phil often single-handedly takes on the responsibility of organising and running training sessions, maintaining player lists, ensuring snacks and drinks are organised for half-time on game days, and even picking up any children whose parents are unable to get their child to the ground.

As a life member of the Club, former junior coordinator and former Vice President, Phil is an integral part of the team and his impact on the lives of the children goes far beyond the sport.

High commendations were given to Barry McDonald, for his tireless volunteering work with Mount Waverley Bowling Club, and John Allison, for his passion for getting people involved at Waverley City Archers Club.

For more info:  9518 3619

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/awards

APPEAL FOR HELP about vandalised trees

A spate of vandalism that has damaged street trees and trees on private property in Mount Waverley is being investigated by Victoria Police and Monash Council.

A total of 33 Council trees and 11 trees on private property have been cut or pruned without permission in a number of streets in Mount Waverley.

The areas that have been affected are Princetown Road, Park Lane, Woodstock Road, Sherwood Road, Virginia Street, Beverley Grove, Toirram Road, Dallas Street, Birralee Street, Stephenson's Road, Kemp Avenue, and Meredith Street.



Council is calling on anyone with any information about who may have carried out the senseless

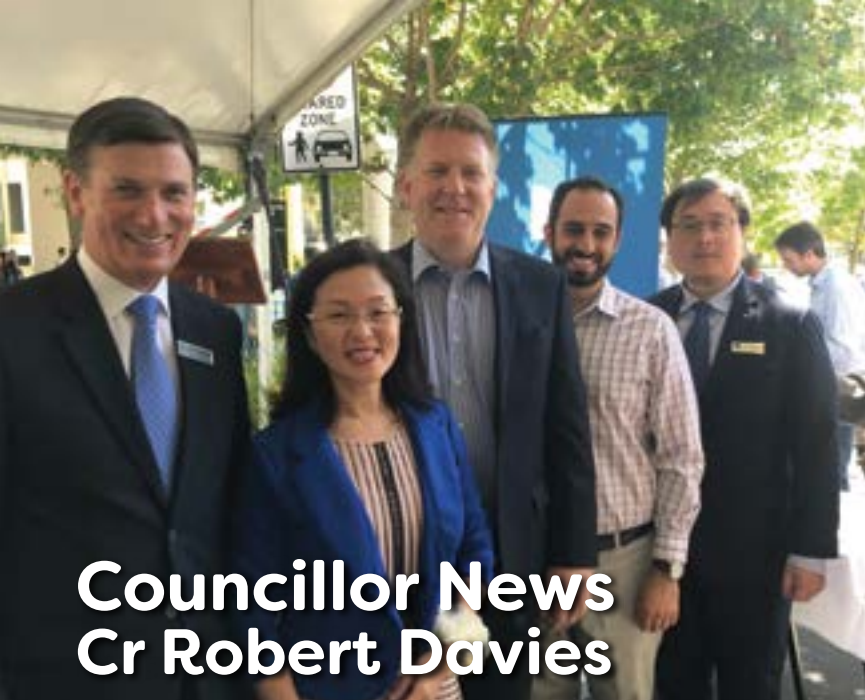
attack on the trees to speak to Victoria Police or Council.

The damage occurred around 10-10.30pm on Mon 18 February.

Unfortunately some of the damaged trees cannot be saved and will have to be removed. Council is working with the residents of the street so they can have a say in what the replacement tree is, based on the particular infrastructure and conditions of the area.

Victoria Police have advised that CCTV of the attacks may be available so hopefully that evidence will assist in identifying who carried out the attack.

For more info:
Victoria Police  9888 3755
Community Laws  9518 3555



Councillor News Cr Robert Davies



Hi Monash Residents

In my column last year, I noted the progress of the Mulgrave Reserve Master Plan, which outlined the future of the Mulgrave Reserve and Wetlands. The Master Plan was developed by Monash Council in 2017/18 and approved following community consultation. Subsequently, the Master Plan was marketed to interested parties in the State Election with commitments from both sides. Our re-elected local representative Daniel Andrews MP, has committed \$2m of state funding towards the redevelopment of the reserve and its facilities. This is a tremendous outcome for Mulgrave Ward residents and Mulgrave Reserve user groups. With redevelopments already completed at Freeway Reserve, Columbia Park, and Mulgrave Reserve, the last few years have seen a substantial uplift in the quality of reserves and facilities in the Mulgrave Ward.

The summer period is a great time to be in Monash. From Carols by Candlelight in Jells Park (December), Australia Day celebrations (January), to Chinese New Year in Glen Waverley (February) it seems there is always an exciting event to join in. Participation in Carols and Chinese New Year continues to impress with the level of community participation and the professionalism of the event and event organisers. However, it's the Australia Day celebrations which really resonates with me. Australia is a great country and the Australian ethos of welcoming immigrants from far and wide is something to celebrate. The enthusiasm that new Australians have for their new country, which is expressed at Australia Day citizenship ceremonies is truly energising. As Australians, we have so much to be proud of and thankful for, living in this remarkable country.

We have also been going through an extensive process of working with local residents, Council staff, and Councillors to come up with a solution to the local traffic problems through Brandon Park. We have held community consultations, conducted surveys, established a working group, and held numerous meetings. A proposal to alleviate the 'rat running' has been put to residents and we should have the results of this soon so we can commence implementation. All the best for 2019.

Feel free to contact me on the details below:

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Your Councillors



You can contact Councillors via phone or email. Letters can be mailed to:
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WARNING on illegal tree removals

Monash Council is putting builders, developers and residents on notice that it is taking action on illegal tree removals.

Council recently prosecuted a developer and builder who were forced to pay more than \$41,000 in fines and costs for clearing trees on a residential site in Mount Waverley.

Council officers were made aware that vegetation at 27 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley was cleared, which was in contravention of the planning permit for the site that clearly identified the trees that were to be retained and the ones to be removed.

The builder appeared at Ringwood Magistrates' Court in late 2018 and was fined \$12,000 without conviction.

The company (owner of the site) was charged \$11,000 plus \$2,522.05 costs. One of the directors of the company was fined \$7,000 plus \$2,522.05 costs and placed on a 12-month good behaviour bond. The demolition company engaged for the site was fined \$1,500 plus \$4,900 costs.

Council is also currently investigating illegal tree removals in Glen Waverley by unqualified tree loppers after a complaint by a resident who saw the works taking place. Council's Planning Compliance Officers were able to respond to the complaints and visit the site to stop works as they were occurring.

Council's Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy was adopted in October 2018 and highlights the importance of green space and nature to the community and environment including health and wellbeing, environmental benefits and civic pride.

Enforcement action such as fines and, in particular, court action sends a strong message to people that there are consequences to acting contrary to planning permits.

For more info: Council's Planning Investigations Team on ☎ 9518 3555

REMINDER about cat curfew

A reminder to our cat owners that Monash Council intends to introduce a night-time cat curfew next year.

The cat curfew does not require cat owners to do anything complicated or expensive, simply ensure their cats are safely contained at night.

Animal welfare organisations and professional bodies like the RSPCA and the Australian Veterinary Association recommend that cats should be kept indoors as much as possible for their safety and wellbeing as this reduces the risk from fights with other cats and animals, being injured by cars and contracting disease. Agriculture Victoria advises cats that remain contained in your property can live up to three times longer than those who roam.

Cats are great companions to many residents in Monash. However, they are also natural predators and if they are left to roam at night they can do enormous damage to native wildlife and be a nuisance to residents, and that is of concern to Council.

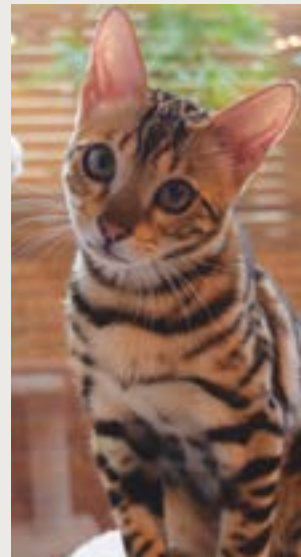
The cat curfew is one of a number of measures in Council's Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan, which was adopted at the 31 October 2017 Council meeting.

There are 4,664 registered cats in Monash.

For more info: the Animal Management Team on

☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/animalplan



LOOK AFTER your four legged friends

Make sure you register your dog and cat by 10 April to ensure they are safe if they ever go missing.

All dogs and cats aged three months or older must be registered and microchipped as a legal requirement. It is the pet owner's responsibility to ensure their pet is safely contained at home and doesn't wander.

It's reassuring for pet owners to know that if their pet does go missing and is picked up by Council, we can contact you straight away and reunite you with your pet if we have your registration details.

Registration costs \$47 for most dogs and \$40 for most cats that are desexed. There are discounts for pensioners.

Cats need to be desexed before they are registered for the first time but some exemptions apply. Compulsory cat desexing was introduced for newly registered cats in Monash in 2015 to reduce the number of cats being born.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/animal-regulations



Rang Barse

Festival of Colours

Sun 24 March
11am-6pm

Come along to this ancient Hindu celebration, where you can learn about and celebrate the food, music, dancing and art of South Asia and the Indian subcontinent. The most recognisable feature of this event is the throwing of coloured powders.

This FREE community event is organised by Sankat Mochan Samiti (an Indian Australian community group) with support from Council and Monash University.

📍 Northern Plaza Campus Centre
Monash University - Clayton Campus
(off Wellington Road)

For more details: 📞 0427 274 462
🌐 sankatmochansamiti@gmail.com



Peter DOMBROVSKIS

Morning light on Little Horn, Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, Tasmania 1995
courtesy of the National Library of Australia and the Estate of Peter Dombrovskis

WETLAND WONDERS

Family Nature Day at Huntingdale Wetlands

Sun 31 March, 10am - 1pm

Bring the family along and find out about the animals that live in our local wetlands:

- » Frog, waterbugs and birds tours
- » Experts from Melbourne Water and our Bushland Crew will be there to tell you everything you'd like to know about our wetland animals
- » Free lunch.

📍 Carrol Street, Mount Waverley

To book: 📞 9518 3555 🌐 www.sustainablemonash.eventbrite.com.au

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WINNING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS: What you need to know

Tues 30 April, 9am - 12.30pm

Position your business to stand out and win one of the many government tender and contract opportunities regularly on offer. As well as showing you how your business will be evaluated, you will gain an understanding of the terminology, protocols and processes that must be followed when bidding for government grants, tenders or requests to quote. Cost: \$30.

📍 Eastern Innovation Business Centre, 5A Hartnett Close
Mulgrave

🌐 www.winninggovbiz.eventbrite.com.au



DOMBROVSKIS: journeys into the wild

9 March - 12 May 2019

Peter Dombrovskis was one of the world's foremost wilderness photographers. His powerful, reflective and deeply personal images of the unique Tasmanian wilderness had a lasting impact, changing the way Australians think about their environment by making remote nature accessible through images.

MGA presents this exhibition as part of the CLIMARTE Festival:
ART + CLIMATE = CHANGE 2019

For more info: 🌐 www.mga.org.au

📍 MGA, 860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill. Free entry.