

HAVE YOUR SAY ON draft Budget

Council's draft Budget for the 2019/20 financial year proposes a \$64M capital works program, our largest ever spending on community infrastructure.

At the same time, Monash will continue to have the lowest average rates of all 79 Victorian Councils on a per capita basis.

The projects outlined in the draft Budget are in response to community feedback about the need to continue improving important community infrastructure and assets including playspaces, drains and footpaths, and sporting facilities.

In putting together the draft Budget, we took into account feedback we received from our listening posts where we meet with the community to hear their concerns, and a number of community surveys we have undertaken including the Community Satisfaction Survey.

This year, we will be starting the most significant project to be undertaken by Council in more than 20 years – the \$23.3M redevelopment of Oakleigh Recreation Centre. This redevelopment will transform the existing centre into an outstanding integrated multi-purpose sports precinct, featuring five new indoor basketball courts, a gymnasium upgrade and conversion of the existing stadium to a regional level gymnastics facility for the Waverley Gymnastics Club.

The project is being funded by Monash Council with the Waverley Gymnastics Club and State and Federal governments contributing funding.

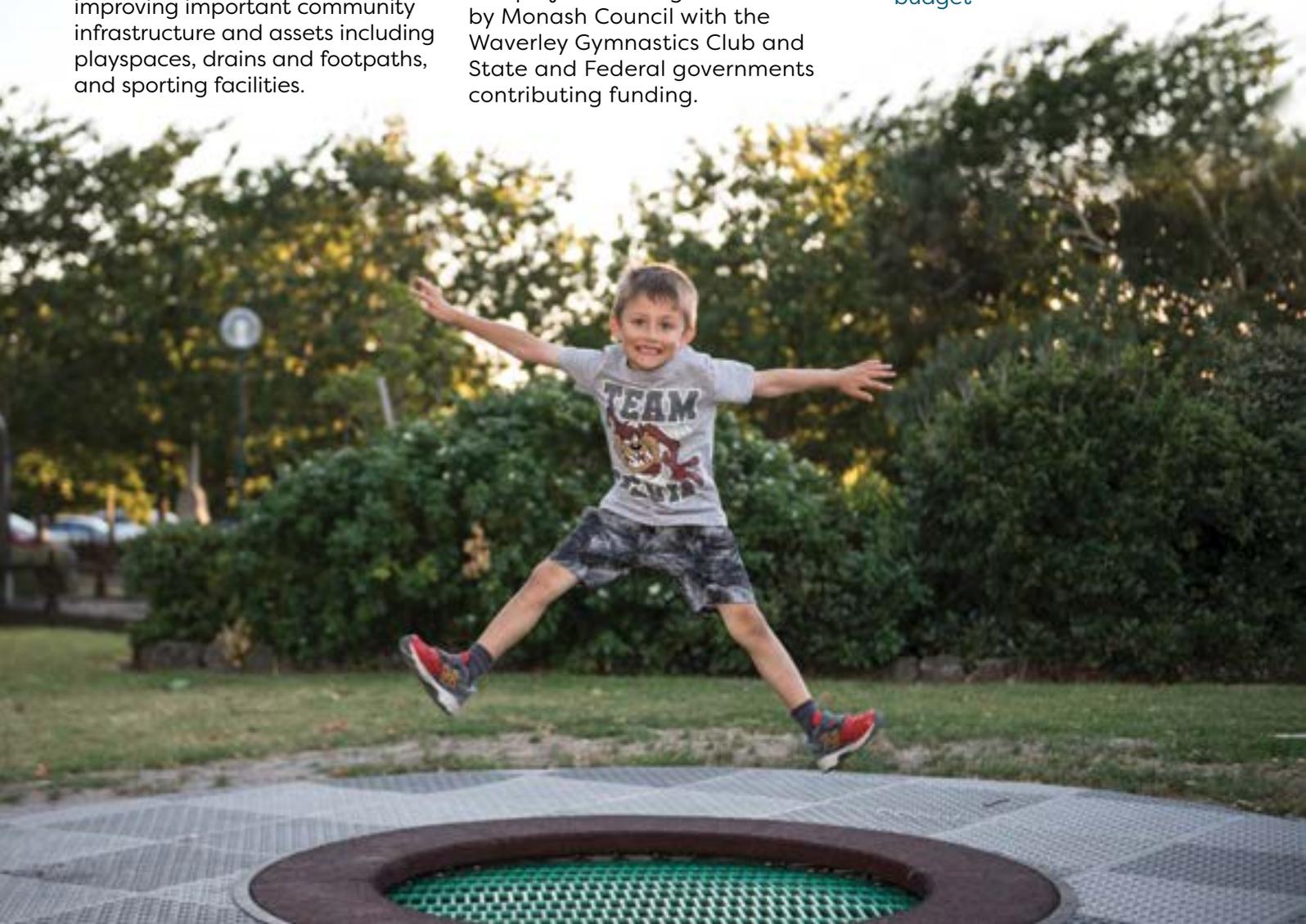
Key features include:

- » A 2.5% increase in general rate revenue is proposed, which works out to be an additional \$30 over the year for the average residential ratepayer
- » \$4.9M for road reconstruction
- » \$1.2M towards the Princes Highway Reserve West Sportsground redevelopment
- » \$900,000 towards playspace upgrades including an accessible explorer trail and sensory path at Wellesley Road (Glen Waverley).

For more information on what is proposed and how you can have your say, please turn to page 4. We encourage you to provide your feedback by Wednesday 29 May.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/draft-budget



NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28 May** 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 23 May**.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 28 May. 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)

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We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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FORGING a sustainable future

'Be the change you want to see in the world'. This famous Mahatma Gandhi quote is what motivates Venkata Kalva, the winner of the 2018 Sir John Monash Award for Sustainability Leadership.

Venkata, who is a teacher and the Sustainability Coordinator at Brentwood Secondary College in Glen Waverley, took out the award in recognition of his improvements to sustainable practices at the school.

Under his leadership, some of the achievements include: installing a large 30 kilo-watt solar system for the college as part of the Visy Sustainability Grants and co-funded by the school; coordinated Clean Up Australia Day at the school; vegetable garden and composting systems; and the school was also a finalist in the Waste Secondary School of the Year 2017 ResourceSmart Schools Awards for its focus on improving practices and reducing waste by improving facilities for waste management and education.

For Venkata, winning the Sustainability Leadership award gave him "improved energy and motivation to strive to make Brentwood a 5-star ResourceSmart School in the future."

"It is an amazing feeling that the sustainability initiatives I have implemented at Brentwood are not only having their impact on the college but also on 1,700 families and friends of the Brentwood community," he said.

"The most rewarding part of the entire experience is building new student leaders each year, who are going to transform their communities."

Venkata is always actively seeking new ideas to improve the sustainability on campus with the support of the students and school community.

He believes that "nothing will change until we change ourselves. The world can become a better place to live if each individual does their part in protecting the environment."

A High Commendation was given to Geoff Peterkin who is the Technical Manager at the Clayton Theatre for a song he wrote, 'It's Not Too Late', which is about the world his grandchild will inherit and his hope for climate change action.

For more info:  9518 3619
 www.monash.vic.gov.au/awards



SPEAKING your language

Readers of the Bulletin will notice that we have made a change to the languages we are offering through our Language Assist service (see left).

Monash is a unique community with great diversity. Half of our population comes from another country of origin, and we want to support those members of our community who need assistance in understanding information. Our Language Assist service also provides information on services

to the community including waste services, immunisation, timelines and information on rates and services for our older community members.

We are now providing the Language Assist service in more languages to cater for our diverse community. Readers can refer to the Language Assist details in the Monash Bulletin for interpreter assistance in Mandarin, Greek, Cantonese, Italian, Korean and Vietnamese and new additions Sinhalese, Hindi, Tamil and Indonesian.

MESSAGE FROM Mayor Shane McCluskey

May is one of the most significant months for Council. It's when we release our draft Budget to the community for your feedback on what we are proposing for the year ahead. It's your opportunity to tell us if we've got it right. The projects in the Budget are the result of what you've previously told us are important to you when you have visited our listening posts, completed surveys, sent us an email or asked to meet with Councillors or officers to discuss the things that matter to you.

For 2019/20 we are proposing \$64M in capital works projects to improve our ageing infrastructure. This includes improvements to playspaces, upgrading footpaths, roads and cycleways, rejuvenating sporting pavilions and reserves and redeveloping the 42 year old Oakleigh Recreation Centre to create a multi-sport complex. There's more details in this issue of the Bulletin and on our website at www.monash.vic.gov.au/draft-budget. Let us know what you think by 29 May. We're keen to hear from you.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting two of our oldest citizens who really embody living life to the full. Meeting 104 year old Pearl has been an absolute highlight of my mayoral year. Pearl and I discovered we had much in common, both growing up in Footscray. Equally memorable was meeting 103 year old Stasys



(Stan) who is still fit and active, regularly plays the Sitar and still mows his own lawns!

At the other end of the age spectrum, but as much a highlight, was having a number of our Monash Young Persons Reference Group members attend the 30 April Council meeting. During the meeting they received certificates and acknowledgment for their outstanding work on the headspace for Monash campaign. What a privilege to know these young people, who are already such active, engaged and passionate advocates for their community. As a Council, we are so proud of their work and can't wait to see where life takes them.

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HAVE YOUR SAY: Mount Waverley local precinct

Council is developing a Structure Plan for the Mount Waverley Activity Centre and we'd like your feedback to guide the future of this important local precinct.

Structure plans provide a long-term strategic vision for a centre to guide future development, land uses, open space areas, infrastructure and connectivity.

A discussion paper has been prepared and outlines the opportunities for the future of this precinct, which includes the Mount Waverley Community Centre, library and train station.

The consultation is based around this discussion paper and feedback received will be used to inform a draft Structure Plan. We would like your ideas by 31 May 2019.

Have your say by:

- » **FILLING** in an online survey at www.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-plan
- » **COMPLETING** a hard copy survey (we can mail one to you or pick up one at Mount Waverley Library)

To find out more and to complete the survey:

☎ 9518 3250

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-plan



HIGHLIGHTS

from Council's 2019/20 draft Budget

Footpaths, drains and roads

Upgrades of \$4.9M for road reconstruction and renewal, including the completion of Atherton Road, \$5.7M on the renewal of Council's footpaths and cycleways in keeping with community expectations and \$2.1M to upgrade stormwater infrastructure and drainage.

Food Organics Green Organics

In July 2020 Council will introduce a new Food and Green Waste recycling service, to reduce food waste going to landfill. The program will help reduce landfill and greenhouse gases, and provide valuable composting for Victorian agriculture. This project was strongly supported by the community during consultation for Council's Waste Management Strategy (2017-2027).

Playspace upgrades

We're proposing \$900,000 in funding for upgrades to playspaces at Evelyn Street Reserve (Clayton); Electra Reserve (Ashwood); Melissa Street (Mount Waverley) and a fantastic sensory playspace with an accessible explorer trail at Wellesley Road (Glen Waverley).



Advocating

Council will continue to advocate for issues that matter to the Monash community. With the success of obtaining a headspace centre for youth mental health, we will continue our efforts to foster an equitable, just and inclusive Monash.



Encouraging Active Living

Funding of \$3.2M for recreational, leisure and community facilities including \$1.2M for upgrades to the Princes Highway Reserve West sportsground, completion of lighting upgrade works at Scammell Reserve (\$260,000) and Mayfield Park Reserve (\$320,000) and \$350,000 for design and construction of the Brentwood Reserve Pavilion with \$3M for parks, open spaces and streetscapes.

Recycling levy

Monash is in the position of having secured its household recycling collection until 31 March 2020. However, China's ban on some recycling materials has resulted in an unexpected net cost to Council of \$1.5M per year. To meet this cost, last year we introduced a limited recycling levy of \$22 per ratepayer (excluding pensioners). We are recommending that this levy continue in 2019/20 and will review it again in June 2020.

Rates

In 2019/20 the average rates for all Monash property owners is proposed to be \$1,541. The average takes into account commercial, industrial and residential properties.

The average rates for residential properties only are proposed to be \$1,444 (for a property valued at the average residential valuation of \$912,114).

Please provide your comments on Council's draft Budget by **Wednesday 29 May**.

Find out more by:

» **VIEWING** The draft Budget: www.monash.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

» In person at Monash library branches, the Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley) or the Oakleigh Service Centre (3 Atherton Rd)

» **CALLING** Simone Wickes
Manager Financial Services
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» **LODGING** Your written submission:
✉ Monash Council
PO Box 1, Glen Waverley 3150
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Please provide your name and address with your written submission so we can respond to you. Everyone who makes a submission will have the opportunity to speak to their submission at a meeting, which will be held at the Monash Civic Centre on **Tues 11 June**.

Council will not use your personal information for any other purpose, and will not disclose it, without your consent except as required or authorised by law. You can view our Privacy Policy at www.monash.vic.gov.au/privacy

Council will consider all feedback before deciding on a final Budget at its meeting on **Tues 25 June**. We will respond to each submitter to advise them of our decision on, or in response to their submission.

HOW DO I

...enrol my child in kindergarten for 2020?

Kindergarten provides a great base for children to learn and grow. Parents can apply for their child to attend a local kindergarten via our online portal on our website.

Families can to enrol, pay the administration fee and view their application details from home at any time.

More than 30 kindergartens throughout Monash offer sessions. Children who turned three or four years old prior to 30 April 2019 are eligible to attend kindergarten in 2020.

To be included in the initial round of offers, please apply by 30 June 2019:

☎ 9518 3530

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/kindergarten



...find out about major development proposals?

To keep up to date with the applications Council receives for developments five storeys or higher, please subscribe to the major developments page on our website.

To subscribe, visit the webpage then scroll down to 'subscribe to page updates' and enter your email address.

You will receive an email alert each time the page is updated with a new application. You can decide if you want to provide feedback. We will also send letters to people who live near proposed developments so they know how they can have their say.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

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

CLEAN UP for charity bins

In a move to help tackle illegally dumped waste, Council will introduce a new permit for charity and clothing recycling bins.

From 1 July this year, any charity or recycler with current donation sites on Monash Council-owned or managed land will need to apply for an Occupy Roadway Permit – Application for Charity and Recycling Bin.

The move follows complaints about recycling donation bins being placed without permission, illegally dumped waste at bin sites and operators emptying bins late at night.

Charities registered under the Charities Act with current membership of the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO) will not be charged a permit fee.



Charity, clothing and recycling bins are an important way for people to recycle and divert materials from landfill. However, unsightly and illegally placed bins can cause issues in car parks and around traffic and are affecting community amenity.

Anyone wanting to report a donation bin contact:

☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/charity-bins

CLUBS project to boost female sport rates

Research tells us that women and girls participate in sport at lower rates than men and boys, and are less likely to hold club leadership positions.

Council is keen to change the participation rates and is working with 10 clubs in the Community Leaders United by Sport (CLUBS) pilot program to:

- » Challenge gender stereotypes and roles to create environments where everyone feels equal and respected
- » Increase women's participation in all aspects of sport and recreation including decision-making.

Each club has nominated 'champions' who have taken part in focus groups to understand the barriers and positive things clubs are doing. Feedback from these groups is that clubs must have a positive culture, inclusive values and respectful behaviours to engage female participants.

Some actions include:

- » Reviewing club communications to feature women and girls
- » Introducing a mentoring program
- » Contributing articles to their club's newsletter on gender equity
- » Putting their hand up to be on the committee.

CLUBS is delivered in partnership with Link Health & Community and Monash University and funded through Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Clubs include: Ashwood Netball Club, Essex Heights Tennis Club, Glen Waverley Junior Cricket League, Harlequin Rugby Club, Mazenod Old Collegians Football Club, Monash Warriors Gridiron, Mount Waverley Bowling Club, Oakleigh District Football Netball Club, Oakleigh Tennis Club and Waverley Hockey Club.

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COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cr Geoff Lake

The damage to our community from poker machines.

You may have seen media reports recently that the pokies lobby is planning to campaign in Victorian local council elections next year. It has been reported that the Australian Hotels Association and Community Clubs Victoria are intending to campaign against the strong leadership shown by many councils to address the harmful impacts of poker machines.

Undoubtedly Monash is one of the councils in their sights. No council area has lost more since the introduction of poker machines in Victoria – more than \$2 billion. These losses fall most heavily on so-called ‘problem gamblers’ whose lives and those around them have been torn apart by the way the pokies industry seeks to exploit their addiction.

One of Community Clubs Victoria’s biggest members, the Mulgrave Country Club, has the most machines and makes more money than any other pokies operator in Monash. It also causes the most damage with \$12.3 million lost from our community last financial year. The Club also regularly uses its members’ newsletter to criticise anyone who supports addressing pokies harm.

Eight of the 15 pokies venues in Monash are owned by ALH Group. These venues control 464 poker machines and take more than \$60 million collectively each year from our community. Woolworths owns 75% of ALH receiving \$1.55 billion from its hotels business in the last financial year.

Both the Mulgrave Country Club and ALH refuse to follow other operators such as Coles and AFL clubs which have taken some steps to reduce the harm from their machines.

Community clubs like Mulgrave Country Club and corporate operators such as ALH should acknowledge that their venues cause significant harm and seek to reduce that harm.

Times are changing. People are now questioning clubs and businesses whose business models rely on the tainted income flowing from poker machines.

But it is concerning that the Mulgrave Country Club board is made up entirely of old white men. There is nothing wrong with an old white bloke – I will be one soon myself. But there is something wrong when a community-based board or committee in 2019 is made up entirely of them. They are not representative of our diverse community and are out of touch with community views particularly when it comes to the operation of pokies and recognising the human damage they cause.

If you are a member of the Mulgrave Country Club (or a community group which receives money from them) or a shareholder of Woolworths – you should ask yourself: are you comfortable receiving benefits funded from the human misery caused by their everyday operations?

Of course, I am always happy to hear your feedback on this or any other issue, so please get in touch using the following details: ☎ 0411 645 281

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WordFest

Shared stories,
different words

WordFest is the annual literature festival held by Monash Libraries.

The festival includes author talks, writing workshops and Short Story and SnapStory competitions.

All festival speakers and author talks listed are FREE, however, **bookings are essential:** www.monlib.vic.gov.au/wordfest or phone the numbers listed below. Where there is a cost it is noted.

LAUNCH with Mariam Issa Thurs 20 June

🕒 6.30pm-7pm drinks and nibbles
7pm-8.30pm main event

📍 Monash Gallery of Art (MGA) **Bookings:** ☎ 9561 6211

Mariam is committed to improving the lives of refugees and is co-founder of the not-for-profit organisation, RAW (Resilient Aspiring Women) and Space2b – established to support asylum seekers, refugees and newly arrived migrants. Mariam was awarded the Ambassador of Peace award from the Universal Peace Federation for promoting social cohesion amongst Melbourne's culturally diverse population. Mariam's latest book is *A Resilient Life*.



Short Story Competition

Celebrating 23 years of giving local and emerging writers a chance to tell their stories, the annual competition is open to all members of the Monash community.

There are three categories of entry:

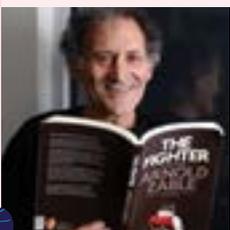
- » 12-14 years
- » 15-17 years
- » Adult

Cash prizes will be given to the winning entry.

Sir John Monash Lecture PANEL DISCUSSION Hoda Afshar, Kon Karapanagiotidis and Arnold Zable Fri 21 June

🕒 7pm-8.30pm 📍 MGA
Bookings: ☎ 9561 6211

Award-winning photographer Hoda Afshar will be joined by Kon Karapanagiotidis, CEO of Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and renowned human rights advocate Arnold Zable, to discuss creativity in the face of adversity. They will talk about their own experiences and of Behrouz Boochani, writer, journalist, cultural advocate, filmmaker and winner of the Victorian Premier's Literary Award, and a detainee on Manus Island since 2013.

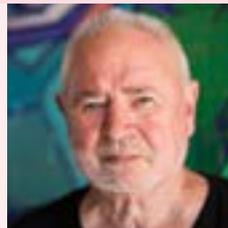


AUTHOR TALK Les Twentyman Thurs 27 June

🕒 7pm-8pm
📍 Clayton
Theatrette

Bookings: ☎ 9541 3120

Les Twentyman OAM tells stories of hardship that are unimaginable and he tirelessly campaigns on homelessness, drug abuse, prison reform and social welfare on behalf of at-risk youth. Les's latest book is *The Mouth That Roared*.



AUTHOR TALK Carly Findlay Thurs 4 July

🕒 7pm-8pm
📍 Wheelers Hill
Library

Bookings: ☎ 9561 6211

Carly is a writer, speaker and appearance activist who lives with the rare skin condition Ichthyosis. Carly's debut book is *Say Hello* with anecdotes from her life, thoughts and observations on ableism, media representation and beauty privilege.



SnapStory Competition

Celebrating visual storytelling through photography. Open to young members of the Monash community.

There are two categories of entry:

- » 15-18 years
- » 19-25 years

Prizes will be given to the winning entries as well as the opportunity to have your photo framed and exhibited at the Monash Gallery of Art's Ramp Gallery.

Entries for both competitions:

OPEN at 10am on Fri 21 June
CLOSE at 4pm on Sat 27 July.

For a full program:

🌐 www.monlib.vic.gov.au/wordfest

WINTER CONCERT SERIES 2019

Enjoy free concerts from June to August, starting with:

King Arthur

Sun 2 June, 2pm-4pm
(Doors open at 1.30pm)

📍 Oakleigh Hall, 142-144 Drummond St

For audiences aged 5-15, this show captures the magic of the classic legend and its characters, Alpha's King Arthur is a wonderfully engaging show, utilising the classic myth to create a lot of fun.

Bookings are essential: (limit of six places per booking)

☎ 9518 3636

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals



The Living CLASSROOM

Nurturing happy, healthy and nature connected kids

Wed 12 June, 7pm-9pm

Join Sam Crosby, experienced nature educator, author and researcher as she talks about the benefits of mentoring and supporting children of all ages to spend time outdoors. Suitable for parents, educators and carers, you will hear about the benefits of nature play and learn fun, adventurous and challenging activities in the outdoors.

This event is a collaboration with Monash and Boroondara Councils. Cost: \$10.20.

📍 Hawthorn Arts Centre, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn

Bookings essential: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/living-classroom

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VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT and Information Day

Tues 4 June, 10am-12pm

Come and meet some of our current volunteers, have a chat and enjoy some morning tea.

📍 Function Room, Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley.
Bookings essential: ☎ 9518 3555 by Wed 29 May.

KOGO

The story and spreading the warmth
Wed 12 June, 10.30am-11.30am

KOGO (knit one give one) is a charity and not for profit organisation run by volunteers that donates knitted items to the most vulnerable in our community. Presented by Andrea Zilberman from KOGO, learn about the KOGO story and how you can help.

📍 Glen Waverley Library
112 Kingsway, Glen Waverley
Bookings essential: ☎ 9560 1655

For more info:
🌐 www.monlib.vic.gov.au/knitting

Mulgrave WETLAND WONDERS

Family Nature Day at Mulgrave wetlands
Sun 30 June, 12pm-2pm

Bring the family along and find out about the animals that live in our local wetlands. We'll have talks and activities on frogs, waterbugs and birds.

Mulgrave wetlands is a beautiful nature area right in our suburbs. We are looking at starting up a new group to enhance the natural environment so come along and find out about that too. Free BBQ lunch.

Bookings essential: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.sustainablemonash.eventbrite.com.au

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