

## Welcome back *to dining out!*

**Monash has a proud and well-deserved reputation as a destination for great dining experiences, offering a diverse range of choices and dining precincts that attract visitors from all over.**

During COVID, our restaurants and cafes have been doing it tough. But the long wait to reopening is nearly over. Restrictions are expected to ease from 26 October, and it may even be as early as 19 October depending on the case numbers, with traders preparing to reopen their fantastic cafes and restaurants across Monash.

Council is working with them to explore new ways to bring these important precincts back to life following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions under the State Government's Outdoor Dining and Entertainment Package. Information on the package is available at [www.business.vic.gov.au](http://www.business.vic.gov.au)

Under this plan, food and dining trading will be very different, with a focus on dining outdoors, and less trading indoors. Traders and Council are planning for an extension of outdoor dining areas along the footpath or in some instances business using parking bays. Temporary and partial road closures may also occur.



To accommodate the outdoor dining focus, there is likely to be a loss of some parking in some areas. The main aim is to make sure business want and need to use additional outdoor areas for tables and chairs for customers, and to do so in a safe way.

Monash is renowned for its innovation and we're confident our businesses will rise to this challenge.

To ensure our hospitality businesses can open as soon as it is allowed, outdoor dining and associated permits such as liquor licensing red line permits will be fast-tracked. We are working closely with the Victorian Government to ensure these applications can be processed quickly through the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) once the Council approval has been given.

For more info: [9518 3555](tel:95183555)  
[www.monash.vic.gov.au/enhanced-outdoor-dining](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/enhanced-outdoor-dining)

The information in the October Bulletin is current at the time of going to print on 7 October.

The best way to keep up-to-date about changes to our services is through:  
[www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)  Facebook @cityofmonash  Twitter @MonashCouncil



# COUNCIL elections



Council elections are underway in Victoria with voting to conclude on Friday 23 October at 6pm. Monash is represented by 11 Councillors across four wards: Glen Waverley, Mt Waverley, Mulgrave and Oakleigh.

The Victorian Electoral Commission is conducting Monash's election, which will be held by postal vote. Ballot packs were mailed to residents and ratepayers from Tuesday 6 October and Thursday 8 October 2020.

During the Election Period, from midnight Tuesday 22 September until 6pm Saturday 24 October 2020, Councils must comply with special arrangements. This is in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020.

**During the Election Period, Council enters what is known as a caretaker period. This ensures that:**

- » Council actions don't interfere with the election process, and the election process is conducted in an ethical, fair and equitable way.

During the caretaker period, Council will continue to decide upon statutory matters, such as planning permit applications, and carry out its normal everyday services.

For more info: The VEC 131 832  
[www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)

## JOIN COUNCIL'S community panel

**Council is keen to increase community participation in its decision-making and to engage with a broader cross-section of the community and we're looking for people interested in joining a community panel.**

The panel includes people of all ages and backgrounds who represent the diversity of our community. They share their views on a wide range of matters from trees and pets to recycling and rates. Council projects thrive when the community is actively involved.

The panel will be regularly asked for views and consideration on a whole range of topics. Sometimes, just a sample of people will be asked to participate. The panel may be consulted exclusively, or alongside the wider community. Participation is always voluntary.

### The benefits of being on the Monash Community Panel are:

- » You will become better informed about the Council decision-making process and the matters Council is consulting the community on.
- » As a panel member you will improve outcomes for your

community by giving feedback from the perspective of a community member.

- » You will be able to track progress of the projects you participated in.

### For Council, having a community panel means:

- » Increased participation
- » More consistent and efficient community engagement
- » More accuracy on the demographic diversity of those being engaged
- » A panel can help us sound out new ideas.

If you are over 16 years of age and you have a connection to Monash (study, work, live) you are eligible to join. To find out more about the panel and to register your interest, go to the Have Your Say page on Council's website.

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say)

To find out more about Council's engagement with the community, read the Monash Community Engagement Framework:

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/join-community-panel](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/join-community-panel)

### Monash Civic Centre (Closed)

293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

### Oakleigh Service Centre (Closed)

3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh

9518 3555 [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au) [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)  
**National Relay Service** (for the hearing and speech impaired) 1800 555 660

We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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# OUTDOOR POOL AT MARC now open

The outdoor pool at Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre is now open, in line with the State Government's easing of some restrictions.

However the outdoor pool at Oakleigh and the indoor pools at all our aquatic and recreation centres remain closed. The Oakleigh Recreation Centre is currently being redeveloped and construction works are continuing. Works were delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions. We will continue to keep you updated as construction progresses. The facilities at the Clayton Aquatics & Health Club will remain closed until further easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Bookings are essential for use of the MARC outdoor pool and there are a number of health and safety requirements for all visitors to keep everyone safe.

These include wearing a face mask at all times (except when in the pool), 1.5 metre physical distancing at all times, the use of hand sanitiser and prompt entry and exit from the facility.

No bookings will be accepted in person at the centre. If you turn up without a booking you will not be permitted to enter. Only people who live or work within 5km of the facility can visit.


There is no access to change rooms prior to or after swimming. Please shower at home before attending the facility. Please arrive wearing your swimsuit and be prepared to leave straight after your session.

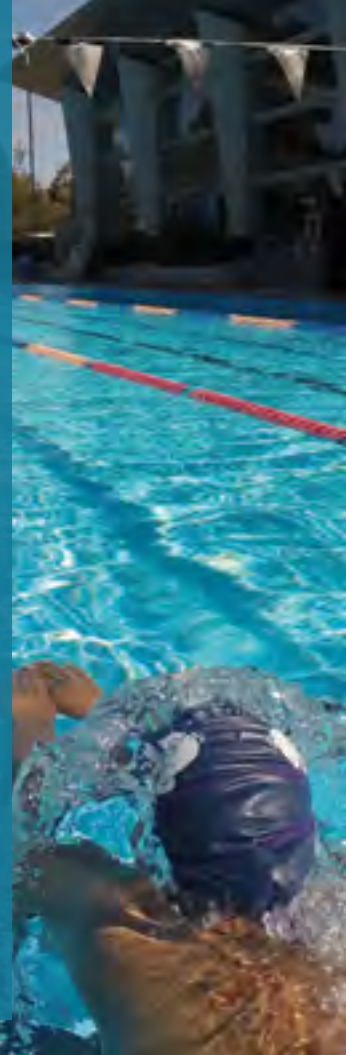
The maximum time permitted in the water is 45 minutes from the session start time. Lifeguards will provide instructions when it is time to exit the pool.

Please stay home if you have cold or flu like symptoms, do not attend our facility and seek appropriate medical advice.

It's great to have you back at our MARC outdoor pool!

 [www.monshaquaticrecreationcentre.com.au](http://www.monshaquaticrecreationcentre.com.au)

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## FLAVOURS OF MONASH call for submissions

We are inviting our community to share favourite recipes for Flavours of Monash - a cookbook that will be launched at Clayton Festival 2021.

We will be sharing more information soon about next year's Clayton Festival and the exciting program we are putting together. Whether it's a traditional family recipe or your own creation, we would love to hear from you.

The successful recipes will be selected for their diversity, healthy eating and celebration of community connection to Monash.

You can contribute a recipe online or phone:  9518 3636

For more info:

 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/flavours-of-Monash](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/flavours-of-Monash)

## NEXT COUNCIL meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20 October** from 7pm. The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.30pm on **Thursday 15 October**. Please note: The meeting is a week earlier than usual due to Council elections (the election period closes on 24 October at 6pm). Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 20 October.

Under the restrictions introduced by the State Government to slow the spread of Coronavirus, Council meetings will not be open to the public to attend. However, the meeting remains a public meeting with the community able to watch via our livestreaming service at  [webcast.monash.vic.gov.au](http://webcast.monash.vic.gov.au)

During this time the Mayor will act as the representative in reading out any public questions and providing a response over the livestream. A written response will also be provided.

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

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# Update on COVID-19

**At the time of going to print on 7 October, COVID-19 restrictions were still in place in metro Melbourne but some easing of restrictions has taken place under the State Government roadmap to a COVID-normal plan.**

Under these first steps, playgrounds and outdoor fitness equipment have reopened and libraries are open for contactless click and collect. The outdoor pool at the Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre has reopened with bookings required and a number of safety requirements in place for all visitors in line with the advice from the Chief Health Officer.

Council is continuing to provide critical services to the community including immunisations, Meals on Wheels and Aged Care and kerbside bin collection.

Our service centres at the Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley) and the Oakleigh

Service Centre (3 Atherton Rd) remain closed to the public.

Household green waste can now be disposed of at the Monash Waste Transfer and Recycling Station.

The purpose of this change is to help people avoid stockpiling green waste at home that could pose a fire hazard or attract pests.

Where possible people should dispose of their green waste in the fortnightly household collection and visit the transfer station for this reason only if it's necessary.

People are permitted to travel outside the 5km radius of their home for this service only if our Waste Transfer Station is the nearest facility to them.

The transfer station continues to operate under the adjusted hours of 7.30am to noon (12pm) Monday to Saturday.

When leaving home, wear a mask

**And remember:**

Keep 1.5 metres apart



Only commercial operators are currently permitted to dispose of materials other than green waste. Wear a face mask and observe social distancing when you visit the transfer station.

In accordance with our COVIDSafe plan, all visitors to the Transfer Station must have their personal details (name, address and phone number) recorded for contact tracing purposes. ☎ 9518 3555

✉ [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au)  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)  
(webchat)

Monash Gallery of Art also remains closed but you can view our online gallery at 🌐 [www.mga.org.au](http://www.mga.org.au)

**Please note:** this information is up to date at the time of printing. Refer to our website for more recent updates and any changes. 🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)

## POOL REGISTRATION time extension

**Pool owners now have until 1 November 2020 to register their pools and spas with Council.**

The State Government has extended the deadline to acknowledge increased pressures from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government introduced new regulations in December 2019 to make swimming pools and spas safer and prevent young children from drowning, requiring owners to register pools and spas with a \$79 fee.

Once registration is complete, Council will inform the pool owner of the date by which they must organise their first inspection and certification of their barrier – the deadline for owners to lodge their first barrier certification will also be extended.

In addition, pool owners must have a registered building surveyor or inspector certify the continuing compliance of their safety barrier every four years.

**To register:**

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/swimming-pool-spa-registration](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/swimming-pool-spa-registration)

**For more info:** ☎ 9518 3555

✉ [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au)

## A MEET YOUR TREET COVID Halloween

**Halloween is a popular event in the social calendar and an opportunity to be outdoors and celebrate with neighbours on the streets. Most of 2020 has been altered by COVID-19, and the spookiest night of the year is no different.**

Whilst Halloween might look a little different, we have some safe and creative ways to celebrate within your neighbourhood:

- » Dress up and meet your neighbours online for a costume parade
- » Host an online competition to create the spookiest looking food – check out Pinterest for ideas!
- » Decorate your driveway or footpath with spooky chalk drawings
- » Decorate the front of your house with Halloween decorations
- » Have a Zoom spooky story telling session (borrow Halloween themed books from Monash Public Library Service).





# SNEAK PEEK AT Oakleigh Rec Centre upgrade

**The \$25.4 million upgrade of the Oakleigh Recreation Centre is almost near completion and due to open in early November. We've produced a little video to give you a sneak peek at this outstanding new facility.**

The project is a joint collaboration between Council, State and Federal governments and the Waverley Gymnastics Centre.

Council had hoped to have the facility open in September but the stage 4 COVID-19 lockdown and the reduction in permitted workers on the site has delayed the opening until later this year.

Designed by DWP Australia Pty Ltd and constructed by APM Group, the new ORC features five indoor basketball (and other sports) evaporative air cooled courts

with state-of-the-art courtside technology.

There is a show court with retractable seating for up to 550 spectators and electronic scoreboards, shot clocks and a high quality sound system throughout the new stadium.

The new ORC features a Gymnasium upgrade with more space and new equipment, a light and airy yoga studio and functional spaces for group fitness classes.

All program rooms have high resolution and quality audio visual equipment, special effects lighting, screens, speakers, and in some rooms some, projectors.

Showcased at the entrance of the facility is the striking reception desk featuring repurposed wood from the old basketball courts. The timber is also used to great effect in the new gymnasium.

Members and visitors will be greeted by high speed turnstiles and modern electronic access and security systems on entry.

The adjoining Waverley Gymnastics Centre sees the previous basketball stadium converted to a state level gymnastics facility with three in-built jump pits, an upstairs viewing platform, and its own change room facilities.

Sustainability features for the new ORC include solar panels on the new basketball stadium roof, water sensitive urban design elements in the car park and landscaped area and water harvesting for use in toilet flushing.

**Take a virtual tour of the facility:**

📞 9518 3555

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/oakleigh-recreation-centre-redevelopment](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/oakleigh-recreation-centre-redevelopment)

## MONASH Carols by Candlelight



**Monash Carols by Candlelight at Jells Park is a well-loved and highly anticipated event attracting around 25,000 people each year.**

This year marks 32 years since the Monash Carols began. However, due to COVID-19, the way we come together to celebrate our annual Christmas Carols will change this year with the event moving online on Sunday 20 December (hold the date!) and not held at Jells Park.

This is new territory for Council and we are exploring new ideas to make it as engaging as possible. Whilst we cannot release program details at this stage, we look forward to sharing them with you as soon as we can.

We are working to capture the spirit of our carols in a new way, and to ensure we continue to celebrate together.

For more info: 📞 9518 3555

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



# THANK YOU FOR SHOPPING

## AND SUPPORTING LOCAL JOBS

To help traders prepare for when the lockdown eases, Council has created a suite of signs and posters that can be downloaded and used by businesses for free.

The signs and posters help businesses promote what they are doing, provide reminders to customers on mask wearing, physical distancing requirements decals, banners for use across shop windows and personal hygiene posters.

Designed by Council staff, the colourful signs can be accessed

for business via Council's website. It's just another way Council is supporting our local traders during this challenging time for businesses.

Local businesses have shown great initiative and resilience during the lockdowns, selling their products online, cafes and restaurants creating meal packs for people to take home or picnic packs to enjoy.

We encourage all businesses to log on to our website and download the free signs.

To the Monash community, please continue to Back Our Businesses and Shop Local.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/back-our-businesses](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/back-our-businesses)



## COMMUNITY CONNECTOR supporting you

**If you are feeling lonely or disconnected from your usual social support network due to COVID-19, you can receive support from the Australian Red Cross and local community organisations with just one phone call.**

Call the COVID-19 hotline (1800 675 398) and select "option three", to be connected to an Australian Red Cross volunteer trained to help callers who may be feeling distressed or anxious about COVID-19.

They are available to talk with you, provide a friendly ear and identify your support needs. The Australian Red Cross will then link you in with local support and information by referring you to Monash Council through the Community Connector. The Community Connector is someone who can help you connect with local services and social support.

Community Connector can assist people to find local support and join in with social activities, such as video chats, online book and film clubs or fitness groups.

For specific assistance for Seniors, a Social Support Hub has been set up as a way to help stay connected and participate in social activities during the pandemic: 🌐 [seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)

You can find out what services and activities are available via the Hub. The Hub will be regularly updated with information and links to other community based organisations offering support and activities to older Victorians, including information about phone line support and local community connectors.

Residents can contact the Monash Community Connector directly on ☎ 9518 3555

## NICKY an outstanding advocate

**An eagerness to help others, and always with a smile on her face, saw Nicky Surie awarded the 2019 Sir John Monash award for Outstanding Advocate of People with Disabilities.**

Nicky has been volunteering, for almost five years, with Waverley Industries – a Notting Hill based not-for-profit organisation with the aim of providing Supported Employment Opportunities for people with special needs. The Mount Waverley resident of more than 30 years initially decided to try volunteering there for a few weeks as a test run and has not looked back since.

"I love the fact that I can contribute and help people" Nicky said.

In her role, Nicky helps support the employees with a disability to complete packaging work and has previously worked in the canteen.

Most recently she has also been supporting the Human Resources team with administrative tasks, such as assisting the organisation in going paperless. While she was "gobsmacked" to have been nominated, Nicky said it was a "great honour" to have won the award.

Please note: This year's Sir John Monash Award ceremony has been delayed due to COVID-19. A ceremony to recognise Monash volunteers and their outstanding contribution will be held at a future date.

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





## PICK UP AFTER your dog

We've been receiving an increasing number of complaints about dog poo in our parks and on nature strips.



No one likes stepping in dog poo so please, show courtesy by picking up after your pet when you're out and about in Monash.

People who don't pick up after their dogs risk a \$200 fine.

Make sure you've got some bags with you when you're walking your dog and dispose of these in a bin, whether it's one of our rubbish bins or your general waste bin at home.

Just in case you forget to bring a bag, Council has dog poo bag dispensers at many reserves across the municipality.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/picking-up-after-your-dog](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/picking-up-after-your-dog)

## PLEASE KEEP E-WASTE out of your bins

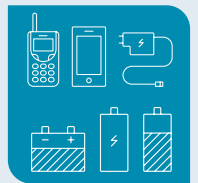
Batteries, mobile phones and any electronic item with a battery, plug or power cord can't go in your general waste, recycling or green waste bins.

When these items mix with other items in the collection truck, it can cause smouldering or start a fire and this puts the collection driver and the public in an unsafe environment.

You can dispose of most e-waste items for free at the Monash Waste Transfer Station.

(Note: at the time of printing the Transfer Station is closed to the public except for the disposal of green waste. Please hold on to your e-waste for future disposal when the WTS reopens to the public).

For more info: 🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Rubbish-Recycling](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Services/Rubbish-Recycling)



## YOUR TOP FOOD WASTE RECYCLING questions answered

**Thank you to our community for the support and appreciation shown for the food waste recycling service we introduced in July. We've also been receiving some great questions and wanted to share these answers with you.**

### Where can I purchase compostable bin liners?

Certified compostable bin liners are available from major supermarkets – look for GLAD or Multix brands and the AS4736 certified compostable logo.



### Can I recycle pet waste and cat litter in my green waste bin?

Pet waste and cat litter cannot go in your green waste bin. Your food and garden waste is turned into compost for



use on farms to grow food so it's important that the compost is high quality and free from disease or pathogens. You can compost your pet waste and cat litter at home (in a separate compost bin if you already compost) or put it in your general waste bin.

### Can I recycle coffee pods in my green waste bin?

Not all coffee pods are compostable and unless each individual pod has the AS4736 certification logo, we are unable to separate compostable coffee pods from non-compostable ones. Please put coffee pods in your general waste bin.



### Can teabags go in my green waste bin?

Most tea bags can be recycled with your food waste. Remove the label



before you put the tea bag in your caddy. The labels often have a thin plastic film on them and these need to go in your general waste bin. Fabric and silk tea bags cannot go in your green waste so put these in your general waste bin.

### Can I recycle food that is mouldy or past its use-by date?

Yes. Wrap the food in paper towel before putting it in your green waste bin to prevent fruit flies. Any food packaging needs to be removed and either put in the general waste bin (if it is a plastic bag, cling/plastic wrap, rubber band or sticker) or recycling bin.



For more info: ☎ 9518 3555  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/Rubbish-Recycling](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/Rubbish-Recycling)





# be kind

MONASH CAMPAIGN

**A campaign to Be Kind to yourself, your neighbours, business and kids during the COVID-19 pandemic has kicked off in Monash.**

The campaign has gained widespread support in other areas as people look for ways to show support and empathy for each other and their community during the pandemic.

Monash has jumped on board to encourage people to treat others with kindness during this challenging time. Some of the ways in which people can Be Kind include supporting local businesses by getting a takeaway coffee or meal, buying a voucher that can be used in the future, looking out for neighbours, being patient as we all navigate the “new normal” and taking time to care for yourself.

Find out more:

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/be-kind](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/be-kind)

## WATCH OUT for scams

**Scamwatch, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission’s (ACCC) scam watchdog, has received thousands of complaints from Australians reporting coronavirus-related scams since COVID-19 measures have been in effect.**

Scammers have recently been targeting individuals by pretending to be tradesman and offering to do work on homes or gardens.

In these uncertain times, scammers are targeting people who may be feeling vulnerable. You can protect yourself by never, under any circumstance, providing your personal, banking or superannuation details to strangers who have approached you either via text messaging, emails, mail, telephone or in person.

Scammers want to steal money or identity by obtaining personal details (your name, date of birth or family information), account details (such as PIN, credit card details or other account numbers) or by tricking you into clicking on a link in an email or text message that looks genuine and appears to have come from a bank or government organisation.

To report a scam or suspected scam, or for further information and assistance, visit the ACCC’s Scamwatch [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)

☎ 9518 3555 (Community Safety Officer)

✉ [Travis.Hearn@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:Travis.Hearn@monash.vic.gov.au)

## SHARE YOUR #petsofmonash with us

We know Monash residents love their pets. Share your pets of Monash with us and tell us what they mean to you! What do you love about them? How have they helped you during this difficult time?

You can share your pets with us by posting your favourite picture of them and tagging #petsofmonash on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, or email us at [mail@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@monash.vic.gov.au)



## SIR JOHN MONASH Lecture 2020

*Making the Invisible Visible*



Panel  
**Dr Peta Clancy**

Panel  
**Dr Brian Martin**



Event is **FREE** (bookings essential)



Panel  
**Jefa Greenaway**



Moderator  
**Rhoda Roberts AO**

**Date:**  
Friday 27  
November  
at 7pm

**Panel:**  
Dr Peta Clancy,  
Dr Brian Martin  
and  
Jefa Greenaway  
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**Moderator:**  
Rhoda Roberts AO

**For more info and bookings:**

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/SJML2020](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/SJML2020)

Join us online for the 2020 Sir John Monash Lecture to hear an exciting panel discussion on Indigenous Country and culture through the prism of contemporary art, design and architecture practices.

Our panel members will discuss their individual practices and their shared interest in revealing the layers of history and memory that reside in place through Indigenous art and design action.