

Announcing

the 2019 Sir John Monash Award winner

The 2019 Sir John Monash Award for Outstanding Leadership winner is Deborah Upstill, recognised for more than 25 years of selfless community service.

A surprised and emotional Deborah had the audience at the Monash Gallery of Art in tears as she described her disbelief at winning the prestigious award and the joy volunteering brings to her life.

Deborah has selflessly contributed through volunteer roles at various organisations over the past 25 years, usually taking on multiple activities at a time. She has made a significant difference to the lives of others, and has done so in a very personal, caring way. Some of her many volunteer roles are with Monash's Meals on Wheels service where she has volunteered since 1997. Deborah was a volunteer at Monash Gallery of Art for more than a decade and helps with the Monash home library service collecting clients on bus rounds to bring to library locations, and also delivering bags of books to their homes when clients are not able to travel.

"I love to read so I know that the simple task of taking books to people brings them a lot of pleasure," Deborah said.

"When I've been out taking meals or books to older people or visiting them in hospital, I come home and just feel invigorated and happy because I get so much back from them. It really is something that adds so much to my life and I would encourage everyone to get involved in their local community."

This is the sixth year the Sir John Monash Awards have been held. This year, 27 nominations were received with awards given to nominees across eight categories. An overall winner for Outstanding Leadership is chosen from among the winners of the individual award categories. Deborah, our overall winner, also won the Volunteer of the Year category. A high commendation was awarded to Rosemary Ng in this category for her dedication to helping migrant women in Monash.

We will feature all winners in upcoming issues of the Monash Bulletin.

For more info: Elysia Singam ☎ 9518 3619

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/2019-awards



NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 29 October** 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 24 October**.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 29 October. 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](tel:95183555)
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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Cat Curfew coming in 2020

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

Cats are great companions to many residents in Monash, however they are also natural predators and can do enormous damage to native wildlife when left to roam at night.

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

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.

Keeping cats indoors also lessens the risks of fights with other cats and animals, being injured by cars and contracting diseases. Agriculture Victoria advises that cats who remain contained in your property can live up to three times longer than those who roam.

Currently, there are 5,142 registered cats in Monash. 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. We'll be letting you know more about the cat curfew in 2020.

For more info: [9518 3555](tel:95183555)
www.monash.vic.gov.au/animalplan

KINGSWAY REVITALISATION project to start

The design for a mixed-use multi-level car park in the heart of Glen Waverley is underway as part of Council's long term vision to revitalise Kingsway and the Glen Waverley Activity Centre precinct.

Council awarded the detailed design of the car park at 31-39 Montclair Avenue to Warren and Mahoney Architects.

The project is the first phase in the transformation project for this area, providing a minimum of 1004 spaces (including 499 new spaces).

The new car park also allows for an exciting opportunity to remove 99 car parks from Kingsway to create a much improved pedestrian and outdoor dining experience and remove traffic congestion.

In developing the car park, Council is responding to feedback through community consultation, listening posts and our Community Satisfaction Survey from residents, visitors and traders about the current lack of parking availability.

Our vision is for Glen Waverley to be a place where people feel confident about finding a car park close to the action, and for Kingsway to be a destination food and shopping precinct.

We will be seeking further community feedback on the project early next year when we will share the design concept with the community and invite your views.

For more info: [9518 3025](tel:95183025)
www.monash.vic.gov.au/montclair-project

MESSAGE FROM Mayor Shane McCluskey

The privilege of being mayor of the great city of Monash brings with it some extraordinary experiences. Just when I think I've experienced the year's highlight, another interaction with our community comes along that gives me a new perspective on our wonderful people and organisations.

On this page you can read about the Bush Kinder initiative which is providing some of our youngest citizens with the experience of being out in nature, getting their hands dirty and encouraging their natural curiosity. I joined one of these explorations this month and the children's joy and excitement was infectious. Congratulations to everyone involved in this project.

I've also spent some time this month with our wonderful Monash volunteers. Our Community Grants Program event brings together those organisations in Monash who have received funding from Council for their community programs. This year we dispensed \$2.5M in cash and kind to more than 200 organisations (see below two worthy recipients). Monash has one of the biggest community grants programs in Victoria and we are proud to support the work of these groups who are making such a difference in the lives of others.

Our Sir John Monash Award winners and nominees are also making a significant contribution to the Monash community. The award ceremony at the Monash Gallery of Art was a fantastic celebration of the people in Monash who I believe make our community unique and thank you to all for your contribution to our city. Special congratulations to the overall winner Deborah Upstill who epitomises in spades the qualities we seek in our award winner.

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Bush Kinder a joy for children

Two new Bush Kinder spaces have been created for Monash children in two of our sporting reserves (Fregon and Brandon Park).

The Bush Kinder program allows children from nearby children's centres to regularly venture out to explore the local environment, interact with natural materials and animals, and enjoy a whole host of wellbeing benefits that come from being out in nature.

Large tree trunks and rocks have been relocated into the Bush Kinder spaces, much to the excitement of the children who use them to balance and play and learn about what animals feed and live there. The children have also grown indigenous plants and planted them into the spaces with their families and local residents, helping to improve the habitat for local wildlife.

At Brandon Park Reserve, more than 300 native plants were established with children joining in with Mayor Shane McCluskey, the Monash horticulture and Sustainable Monash teams, Volunteering Monash and NAB staff who donated \$4500 towards the project.

For more info:  9518 3792

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/green-shoots



ILLEGAL poisoning of trees

Monash Council has successfully prosecuted an owner over the illegal poisoning of 10 significant trees at a property in Wheelers Hill.

Following a complaint from a concerned resident, Council officers undertook an in depth investigation testing the 10 trees for poisonous substances. Laboratory results found the material taken from the trees to contain glyphosate commonly known as 'Roundup', a weed and grass killer.

The property owner was subsequently charged with 10 counts of damage or destruction of vegetation protected under the Monash Planning Scheme's Vegetation Protection Overlay. The owner appeared at Dandenong Magistrates' Court in August 2019 and pleaded guilty to all 10 charges.

The Court fined the owner of the property a total of \$60,000. There was no conviction recorded. The owner was also ordered to pay Council costs of \$4,701.60. This is one of the larger cases of destruction of trees that we have seen and it's extremely disappointing.

We know trees are important to our community and Council will pursue multiple forms of enforcement when we find people doing the wrong thing.

This case sends a strong message to developers and property owners that the illegal removal or poisoning of protected trees will be strongly enforced.

Alongside pursuing criminal charges, Council also obtained an enforcement order from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to require the owner to not only re-plant 10 advanced trees, but to also provide ongoing reports by an arborist on the health of the new trees, submit a Landscape Revegetation Plan, and to ensure the trees were maintained a minimum of 10 years.

The owner was also ordered to pay Council's costs of \$6000, costs of the application filing fee of \$1213.30, and costs for the preparation and lodging of the enforcement order to be registered on the land title for future landowners to be aware.

To report illegal tree removals: Council's Planning Investigations Team on ☎ 9518 3555

SHARE YOUR IDEAS for our 2020/21 Budget

Is there a Council service you think could be improved, facilities that could do with a boost or a new project you think would be fantastic for Monash?

If so, we would love to hear from you! Share your ideas with us to help shape the 2020/21 Budget.

To add some context:

- » Monash continues to have the lowest average rates of all Victorian councils and is debt free
- » This year (2019/20) we have a \$64M capital works program, our largest ever. You can view the projects planned for this year in our 2019/20 Budget at www.monash.vic.gov.au/2019-20-budget

If your project idea is not already one we're undertaking, you can provide your ideas for the 2020/21 Budget by:

- » **PARTICIPATING** in our online survey at www.monash.vic.gov.au/budget-survey
- » **CALLING** ☎ 9518 3621

The survey closes Friday 22 November. Once the survey is closed, we will report back to the community on the feedback received. We will publish a report on the feedback received on the Monash Council website in December 2019.



COME CHAT with us!

Council continues to hold 'Listening Posts' in local neighbourhoods, on weekends and weeknights, to make it easier for residents to raise local issues with us.

If you're available, please visit us when we are in the following neighbourhoods:

- » **DATE:** Sunday 20 October
WHERE: Mulgrave Farmers Market, corner of Wellington & Jacksons Rd, Mulgrave (Council will have a marquee)
TIME: 8am-1pm Drop in any time.
- » **DATE:** Saturday 2 November
WHERE: Glen Waverley Library, during its special event "A Night at the Library" in the library forecourt off Kingsway, Glen Waverley
TIME: 10.30am-12.30pm

Council representatives will be there to listen to your feedback on Council services or facilities or assist with other local issues.

If you are not available to visit us on the day but have an issue you would like to discuss or any feedback on Council services, please contact: ☎ 9518 3678

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Glendi Festival

**Saturday 2 November, noon-10pm and
Sunday 3 November, noon-7pm**

Now in its 6th year, the Oakleigh Glendi is a celebration of cultural diversity through music, performance and food. Held in Warrawee Park, this FREE event will include cooking demonstrations, traditional Greek dancing, rides and even a Greek donut eating competition! This event is organised by the Greek Orthodox Community of Oakleigh & District and Oakleigh Grammar and everyone is welcome.

For more info: ☎ 1300 663 450 🌐 www.oakleighglendi.com.au

Former Oakleigh South School site plan rejected

Council resolved at its September meeting that it cannot support the approval of a development plan for 89 townhouses on the former Oakleigh South Primary School site at Beryl Avenue, Oakleigh.

The Development Plan outlines a broad master plan for the future development of the site. It is a requirement of Development Plan Overlay 5 (DPO5) in the Monash Planning Scheme.

Council rejected the Development Plan for a number of reasons including the size and scale of the project, the negative impact on the local amenity, removal of existing vegetation, car parking provision and impact on traffic in the area.

The Development Plan proposes 89 townhouses ranging in size from 120 to 215 square metres including 48 two storey attached four bedroom townhouses, 16 two storey attached two bedroom townhouses, 18 three storey

attached three bedroom townhouses and 7 three storey attached four bedroom townhouses.

During community consultation on the proposal, Council received 1493 objections and more than 100 people attended two community information sessions.

An appeal has been lodged with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) by the developer against Council's failure to determine the application within a reasonable time. Council has now formed a position to not support the plan.

The school occupied the land from the late 1950s until the end of 2001 when the land was sold by the State Government. A previous development plan proposal was refused at Council's meeting on 29 September 2015.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3463
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/beryl-ave-school-site

Have Your Say on tennis in Monash

Council has a strong commitment to sport and recreation across Monash's 47 sporting reserves, 18 tennis facilities, three stadiums, three aquatic centres, two athletics complexes, four bowling clubs, two golf courses and one hockey centre.

This year, Council began holding forums with local clubs across the major sporting codes to identify challenges and opportunities facing these clubs.

The Tennis In Monash Discussion Paper was developed following the Monash Tennis Forum held with clubs and Tennis Victoria earlier this year. The Discussion Paper considers issues and opportunities identified by clubs, Tennis Victoria and Council officers at the forum.

Sixteen tennis clubs in Monash operate under a lease arrangement with Council. In 2018, Council collected data on the condition of tennis facilities and club memberships and participation. Key findings from this process are in the paper, as well as a series of discussion questions.

Council is keen to hear from the community and tennis club members on questions in the discussion paper. All submissions and feedback received will be reviewed and used for future planning of tennis in Monash.

Have your say by:

PARTICIPATING in our online survey at
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/monash-tennis

The survey closes Friday 15 November. Once the survey is closed, we will report back to the community and clubs on the feedback received.

If you would like a hard copy of the survey, contact Active Monash, on
☎ 9518 3527



COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cr Lynnette Saloumi

The opinions that follow are mine, and not necessarily reflective of others in Monash Council.

Excitement and relief was expressed when Hon. Greg Hunt MP promised a 'local' Headspace. Should Council, which has tirelessly advocated for a Monash mental health service, provide the conveniently located Monash Youth Services building at 14 Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley, to expedite this commitment? Council could delay implementing its 2018 resolution to sell this property. Its sale, and that of 155 Coleman Parade, is to finance retrofitting offices within Level One of the Euneva carpark. With interest rates at record lows, I question the prudence of selling real estate assets for this purpose.

Although hundreds of constituents indicated their support for the Central Car Park to be transformed into a beautiful public park, with underground parking below, alas design work is progressing for an 8-10 level Montclair carpark. Its build assumes the sale of the carpark behind Mocha Jo's, and the forfeiture of many existing car parks, including Kingsway kerbside, as 'acceptable' trade-offs.

Presenters at the Governor's 2019 Environmental Science Public Lecture encouraged local governments to be courageous with strategies for climate adaption, and to commit to quantifiable actions to secure future liveability. Monash's Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy set municipal targets that could be accelerated by introducing urban forests into activity centres. Air quality could be improved by trees capturing carbon, thereby reducing pollutants. I believe that open space levies imposed on developers should be used to increase passive parkland within built-up areas, rather than be prioritised for distant synthetic sports fields.

My proposals to refurbish Bogong Hall, and to engage a Glen Waverley Place Maker to increase community engagement between Council, residents and traders, have been actioned. My 2016 campaign desire to upgrade the library in situ is eventuating with officers working on a Civic Centre Precinct Plan. In a Sound Off program Council subsidised, Link Health implemented my suggestion to offer rapping to young people to improve their mental health through creativity. As an Eastern Innovation Board Director, and recent graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, I urge you to participate in events driven by EI's dynamic CEO, Danielle Storey (pictured). Contact eibc.net.au

My wishes? A 24/7 technology hub sunken underground below a transparent dome, reminiscent of an iconic Fifth Avenue fruit store, that could foster a hive of activity and employment opportunities at the Springvale Rd end of a



magnificent Glen Waverley Central Public Park. And, towards a sustainable Australia, all personal contributions to maintain public parks should be tax deductible. See www.centralparknyc.org
More suggestions? Let's chat! Cheers Lynnette

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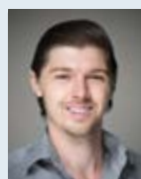


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WAVERLEY PARK open space update

Council will write to Waverley Park Estate developer Mirvac and the Minister for Planning Richard Wynne expressing disappointment about changes proposed by Mirvac to its promised and approved local park upgrade package for existing parks in the Waverley Park estate.

The park upgrade package is part of a larger Community Benefits Package promised to Waverley Park residents following a long-standing dispute between the developer, Council and residents over the undergrounding of high voltage power lines.

The original 2002 permit for the estate required the power lines be placed underground. In 2016, following a series of planning hearings and appeals, the Planning Minister approved an amendment to the 2002 planning permit that no longer required Mirvac to put the power lines underground.

The amended permit also included a requirement for Mirvac to provide an overall \$6.5 million Community Benefits Package to the Waverley Park community.



Family Fun Day

Come and enjoy a fun day out with the family at this FREE event.

The Family Fun Day is on Sunday 17 November from 11am until 3pm at Batesford Reserve, Chadstone. Enjoy great performers showcasing their talents on the stage, say hello to some of your friendly local service providers or get creative at one of the workshops.

Children and families can enjoy interacting with reptiles and farm animals, join in and try their skills at some fun activities and games and of course, there's plenty of festival favourites: 9 hole mini golf, inflatable fun house maze, rides, face painting and much more!

For more info: ☎ 9518 3636 🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/events

Council consulted with the community and approved the Community Benefit Package in August 2017. The package included upgrades to existing small parks in the established section of the estate. However, Mirvac has recently advised Council that due to cost increases since 2017 the improvements would now cost \$696,000, \$84,000 more than was budgeted for. As a result, Mirvac have now requested agreement

from Council to reduce the scope of the approved upgrades to meet the budget of \$612,000.

At its September meeting, Council refused to accept the modifications suggested by Mirvac to cut costs and maintains Mirvac should absorb the cost increase of delivering the promised park upgrades.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3229
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/waverley-park

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
✉ immunisation@monash.vic.gov.au

October/November/December session times

Morning Sessions: 10am-11.30am

TUESDAY 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 17 Dec	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley
THURSDAY 24 Oct, 28 Nov	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley
WEDNESDAY 6 Nov, 4 Dec	Mt Waverley Community Centre
FRIDAY 25 Oct, 1 Nov, 29 Nov, 6 Dec	Monash Seminar & Training Centre (Oakleigh)
FRIDAY 18 Oct, 22 Nov, 20 Dec	Mulgrave Community Centre

Evening Sessions: 5pm-7pm

MONDAY 28 Oct, 25 Nov	Monash Civic Centre Glen Waverley
TUESDAY 12 Nov, 10 Dec	Monash Seminar & Training Centre (Oakleigh)


🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/immunisations
☎ 9518 3555

BOWNESS Photography Prize Exhibition

Until 17 November

MGA is delighted to present the 2019 William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize. The shortlisted works reveal the artists' continued fascination with exploring and pushing the boundaries of the photographic medium, and embracing its capacity to explore a diversity of voices and perspectives.



 MGA, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

For more info:
 www.mga.org.au

Gerwyn DAVIES
Adonis 2019
from the series Deluxe
pigment ink-jet print
110.0 x 90.0 cm
courtesy of the artist




WAR ON WASTE

Transfer Station Tour

Thurs 14 November, 6pm-7.30pm

Interested about what happens to waste and recycling at the Monash Transfer Station? Come on a walking tour of the transfer station and take part of our worm farm and recycling workshops. We will also enjoy a free BBQ at the end. Places are strictly limited. This tour is being held to celebrate National Recycling Week.

Bookings essential:  9518 3555

 www.eventbrite.com.au/e/war-on-waste-tour-tickets-73386499997

MARKETING YOUR BUSINESS: How to get it right the first time

Wed 20 November, 9am-11am

Marketing is a vital tool to establish your brand and build a loyal customer base. Without it, your customers will struggle to find you or even know what your business does. Find out what it takes to make your business stand out from the crowd at this interactive two-hour workshop that will show you how to build your own marketing strategy from the ground up.

 Eastern Innovation, 5a Hartnett Close Mulgrave


Bookings essential:

 marketingyourbizmonash.eventbrite.com.au



Tues 22 October, 10am-12pm

Join us for a day of children's entertainment and activities on the grounds of Jells Park and Waverley Netball Centre. Parents, grandparents, guardians and children under five are most welcome. There's music, face painting, farm animals, info stalls and much more. Hope to see you there!

For more info: speak to our Children, Youth and Family Services team:  9518 3555