

BULLETIN



2024 MONASH AWARDS WINNERS

Erin Bartleton and Leasyl Richards, winners of the Outstanding Leadership category at the 2024 Sir John Monash Awards

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Have your say...



SHAPE your Monash

Shape Monash is our online engagement platform for people to provide input and feedback for Council projects, strategies and plans.

There were more than 6,000 contributions to Shape Monash during the 2023/24 financial year, including close to 2,000 on the future of Oakleigh Golf Course, nearly 1,500 providing input on our future Glen Waverley Civic Precinct and people from 14 residential streets across Monash choosing their preferred street tree species.

In the coming weeks on Shape Monash we're inviting you to provide feedback or input on:

- Playspaces across Monash that are due for upgrades in 2025/26
- Our Boulevards
- Our Live Music Action Plan

shape.monash.vic.gov.au

SLIDE INTO FUN: playspace draft designs released

Earlier this year we reached out to hear your ideas for upgrades to playspaces at Albany Drive Reserve (Mulgrave), Winbourne Drive Reserve (Mount Waverley), Queens Parade Reserve (Ashwood) and Gladeswood Reserve (Mulgrave).

We also confirmed the scope of the design works for the Gladeswood Reserve playspace, which will include an active recreation space, an outdoor fitness hub and a proposed location for a new public toilet.

We've now developed some exciting draft concept designs, in line with each project's budget and scope, and will be sharing these designs for your feedback starting in late November.

Review the designs before 15 December 2024* at shape.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-2025-26

**End date correct at time of printing. Please check Shape Monash for updates.*



PLANNING CONTROLS for Monash Boulevards

As part of planning for more housing, Council is proposing changes to planning rules for land along Dandenong and Springvale Roads in Monash.

The proposed changes implement the Monash Boulevards Urban Design Framework providing for increased housing height and density, as well as an improved urban environment.

The amendment (Amendment C172) affects all residential land along Dandenong and Springvale Roads within the City of Monash, except for three areas where other strategic work is being undertaken by the State Government – land west of Warrigal Road near Chadstone, and land near the proposed Monash, Clayton and Glen Waverley SRL station locations.

To see the changes proposed in Amendment C172, and to have your say by Monday 9 December 2024, visit shape.monash.vic.gov.au/amendment-c172

AWARDS HONOUR those who give so much

Monash once again paid tribute to outstanding contributions from members of our community with the presentation of the 2024 Sir John Monash Awards at the Museum of Australian Photography (MAPh) in Wheelers Hill.

Every year these awards give us the opportunity to say, “thank you” and give something back to members of the community who work so tirelessly to make Monash the place it is.

The 2024 Sir John Monash Award for Outstanding Leadership has been awarded to Wheelers Hill Primary School Assistant Principal, Leasyl Richards and Year 2 Teacher Erin Bartleton. Both have inspired their school to become a 4-star Resource Smart School that features an indigenous garden, bee hotels and bird boxes to increase native wildlife habitats and pollination.

This year, no fewer than 80 nominees were recognised - the largest number of nominations in the award’s history.

 monash.vic.gov.au/monash-awards


Sir John Monash Awards 2024

- **Outstanding Leadership**
Overall winners:
Erin Bartleton and
Leasyl Richards
- **Active Monash**
Winner: Mark Collins
- **Inspirational Women’s Leadership**
Winner: Forough Derakshan
- **LGBTIQA+ Community Leadership**
Winner: Jesra Garcia
- **Multicultural Champion**
Winner: Monash Interfaith Gathering
- **Outstanding Advocate of People with Disabilities**
Winner: Jacob Walton
- **Positive Ageing Leadership**
Winner: Liangcheng Fu
- **Reconciliation Champion**
Winner: Rebecca Tyson
- **Sustainability Leadership**
Winner: Erin Bartleton and
Leasyl Richards
- **Volunteer of the Year**
Winner: Donna Taylor
- **Young Leader**
Winners: Isabella and
Ryan Xie
- **Youth Leadership**
Winner: Thomas Maguire-
Nguyen




ANNUAL REPORT

Council’s 2023/24 Annual Report is now available to read on our website.

The report provides a comprehensive account of our operations for the 2023/24 financial year including major projects, community advocacy and engagement, and projects building community capacity. It also sets out how we met the objectives in our Council Plan 2021-2025, as well as important information on our finances, governance and our organisation. Read the full report at  monash.vic.gov.au/annual-report

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Voting for local government elections across Victoria closed on Friday 25 October, with Monash results expected to be declared by the Victorian Electoral Commission in the first half of November.

Results were not available at the time of this Monash Bulletin going to print. To find out who your new councillors are and to see when we can expect a first meeting to confirm the results and appoint a new mayor and deputy mayor go to  monash.vic.gov.au/elections



BOGONG CAR PARK extension nearing completion in Glen Waverley

Work to add more than 500 parking spaces to Council's Bogong Avenue car park continues, with all structural steel and reinforcement done, concrete slab pours nearly complete, and façade works underway.

With work expected to be finished in March 2025, the re-opening of the car park will create 1,000 car parking spaces in the heart of Glen Waverley, with EV charging bays, specialist lighting and wayfinding signage.

monash.vic.gov.au/bogong

JACK EDWARDS RESERVE pavilion taking shape

The redevelopment of Jack Edwards Reserve in Oakleigh is on track to be completed in the second half of 2025, with new lighting poles in place around the reserve, and concrete slab pours underway for the pavilion.

When completed, the home of the Oakleigh Cannons Football Club will have a 500-seat grandstand and National Premier League standard facilities that will help the club grow its programs for women's and girls' teams.

shape.monash.vic.gov.au/jack-edwards-pavilion



LEND A HAND in your neighbourhood

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Monash's 10 neighbourhood houses. These vibrant community hubs offer a range of social, educational and recreational activities, providing opportunities for local connections.

Volunteers help with a variety of roles, including preparing food at community lunches, fundraising, community gardening, office administration or sharing a cuppa at a Chatty Café morning tea.

Learn how you can get involved at monash.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-houses

1 Amaroo Neighbourhood Centre
34 Amaroo St, Chadstone

2 Dixon House Neighbourhood Centre
2 Dixon St, Clayton

3 Fusion Oakleigh Youth and Community Centre
185 Warrigal Rd, Hughesdale

4 Kerrie Rd Neighbourhood House
36 Kincumber Dr, Glen Waverley

5 Mackie Road Neighbourhood House
36-42 Mackie Rd, Mulgrave

6 Mount Street Neighbourhood House
6 Mount St, Glen Waverley

7 Notting Hill Neighbourhood House
37 Westerfield Dr, Notting Hill

8 Power Neighbourhood House
54 Power Ave, Ashwood

9 Waverley Community Learning Centre
5 Fleet St, Mt Waverley

10 Wavlink
36 Myrtle St, Glen Waverley

ROAD SAFETY

the responsibility of all road users

This holiday season we're urging all road users to take care. The streets of Monash will be busier than ever as we enjoy the festive season, travelling to and from celebrations as well as shopping for the busiest time of year.

Sadly, Victoria has seen a dramatic increase in pedestrian fatalities this year with 42 pedestrians (as of late-October) losing their lives on the state's roads – an increase of 27 per cent on the same time last year. Including here in Monash.

Road safety is the responsibility of all road users.

Failing to give way, whether in car, on a bike or as a pedestrian, is a major cause of pedestrian deaths and pedestrians are urged to “stop, look, listen and think” and avoid distractions such as looking at and texting on phones.

To help make our roads safer, Monash Council's 2024/25 budget provides \$7.5 million for footpath and cycleway projects, including \$1 million for new footpaths and crossings, and a \$4.7 million Footpath Renewal Program.

Make our roads safer:
🌐 <https://transport.vic.gov.au/road-rules-and-safety>

STAY SAFE from bush and grassfires this summer

Bush and grassfires pose serious risks in both urban and regional areas, including here in Monash near areas like Jells Park.

Fire Rescue Victoria is urging Monash residents to understand their fire risk at home and on holidays and take proactive measures to be prepared.

- Assess your risk and prepare your property before and during fire season.
- Know what to do if a fire starts and have a plan.

If you live near grasslands or parks and a fire starts, walk at least two streets away from the fire—don't drive, as smoke makes driving unsafe. If you live two or three streets away, stay where you are.

Stay informed by:

- Downloading the VicEmergency app.
- Knowing your Total Fire Ban District, whether at home or travelling.
- Checking the fire danger rating for your area.

Never travel to fire-prone areas when the fire danger rating is extreme or catastrophic.

Always call Triple Zero if you see a fire and stay updated through the VicEmergency app.

🌐 frv.vic.gov.au/bushfire-safety

FROM little things

During summer, we collect seeds from more than 150 different native plant species growing in Monash to use in our annual planting programs.

While most of these plants are in our bushland reserves, some important species are found along railways, roads and other open spaces. One of these places is Coleman Parade in Glen Waverley.

We'll be pausing mowing along Coleman Parade in December to collect valuable seeds from these rare plants. While we'll work to keep the footpath clear, you may see more plants than usual growing in the area.

Council plants up to 100,000 indigenous trees, shrubs, and groundcovers throughout the city every year to foster biodiversity, provide places for local wildlife to thrive and natural areas for the community to enjoy.

For more information, contact Rish Benda:

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THE GREAT CLOTHING Exchange!

Do you or your family have good quality preloved clothing you have outgrown or no longer wear?

Sustainable Monash is hosting a mega exchange event for kids, teens and adults.

Get along to the Monash Civic Centre on Saturday 30 November from 10am – 1pm to exchange or donate your good quality preloved items.

Reusing clothes and accessories means we are keeping these items in circularity rather than going to landfill, helping to create a more sustainable Monash.

This is a FREE ticketed event. Register and find out what you can exchange at

 monash.vic.gov.au/clothes-swap




SCHOOLS take environmental action

Congratulations to Clayton North Primary School, which has been named the inaugural Hero School for the 2024 Actions for Earth: Schools Sustainability Challenge.

Clayton North Primary, along with many other schools in Monash, was able to achieve fantastic environmental results at their school throughout the year. Some of these actions included introducing compost bins, planting a native garden, starting Nude Food Day and raising school funds by selling plants and chicken eggs.

The Sustainable Monash initiative saw 16 Monash schools sign up to the challenge which is designed to encourage, acknowledge and celebrate local schools and their environmental actions. Actions focus on general sustainability, waste and recycling, water, energy and biodiversity and gardening.

It was fantastic to also spent time at participating schools to congratulate them on their hard work and deliver a host of prizes!

See participating schools and learn more at  monash.vic.gov.au/actions-for-earth

CAFE'S NEW lease on life

Sustainable Monash is partnering with Mount Street Neighbourhood House to host a new Repair Café on Sunday 15 December 2024 from 10am-2pm.

Repair Café is a place for residents to have their valued items assessed and repaired by skilled community volunteers, while also learning how to repair items themselves, to extend their overall use and life.

Our Repair Café is only possible because of incredible volunteers who give up their valuable time.

Volunteer or register for our next Repair Café at  monash.vic.gov.au/repair-cafe

THANK YOU and Farewell

This is the hardest column I have ever written. After 12 years in office and 16 since I first stood for Monash Council as a 19 year old in 2008, I made the decision to retire from local government so my time could be focused on my community involvement in the federal seat of Chisholm.

Serving in local government has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience for me, working alongside many of you to achieve tangible results that will last for decades into the future.

However, it wasn't always pleasant. Petty politics can sometimes push people to engage in petty behaviour.

It has taught me about pressure, but (over time) also to always maintain a dialogue with one's adversaries.

I know local councils probably don't take up too much of

your time, juggling family commitments, work pressures and just the everyday grind, why would you waste that time thinking about a local council?

For me, it's been my whole adult life, and a childhood dream. I have put everything into it, taken the job seriously, many times at the expense of my family and my own career.

I am grateful you elected me three times and allowed me to fulfill that dream. The sense of purpose has motivated me to keep going albeit in a different level and I feel I can do more in the federal parliament in the future.

My phone number won't change. It's the only phone number I've had since I was 11. You are welcome to call me at any time on **0430 316 911**.

At the time of writing, I will have more to say in my final council meeting on October 22 at 7pm.



Theo Zographos and Lily Presti, Positive Ageing Award High Commendation.

Like all council meetings, the recording will be available on the council website.

On that note, I wish Monash only the best for its future, your future and whoever is unlucky enough (just joking) to succeed me.

Thank you and farewell

Theo Zographos retired from Council ahead of the 2024 Council election

Festive season is here!

Eaton Mall in Oakleigh will once again welcome the spirit of Christmas with the installation of the Monash Christmas Tree on Tuesday 19 November.



The installation of the tree at the Atherton Road end of Eaton Mall signals the commencement of the festive season each year and is a wonderful place to stop for a few photos or selfies while enjoying the authentic food and dining available in Oakleigh.

We also look forward to seeing the community once again at Jells Park on Saturday 7 December for the 2024 Monash Carols by Candlelight!

Learn more and get your FREE Carols tickets at [monash.vic.gov.au/carols](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/carols)

CELEBRATING volunteering in Monash!

On 5 December we will celebrate International Volunteer Day!



Across Monash we are fortunate to have so many community volunteers who give their precious time and energy to various organisations, groups and causes.

We thank our volunteers and recognise without these amazing people our city would not have such a broad and diverse number of organisations and groups to deliver the vibrant community activities and initiatives so unique to Monash.

This year we invite those who are interested in volunteering to reach out to the many sporting clubs, community groups, not-for-profits, charities and organisations within Monash to learn more about their volunteering opportunities.

[monash.vic.gov.au/community-directory](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-directory)

What's on IN Monash

Monash Carols & Candlelight

Saturday 7 December | 5.30pm - 9.15pm
*9pm Fireworks Finale**
 Jells Park, Wheelers Hill

www.monash.vic.gov.au/carols

* Weather permitting

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Eastern Battle of the Bands, a youth-led initiative, is back with incredible performances by local young artists!

🕒 Saturday 7 December, 5pm - 10.30pm



📍 Hawthorn Arts Centre,
 Level 1, 360 Burwood Road,
 Hawthorn

🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/battle-bands

Supported by the Victorian Government's FReeZA program. This fully supervised all-ages event is alcohol, drug, and smoke free.

BIG SUMMER READ

Children of all ages, keep your reading up over the summer holidays and take part in the state-wide Big Summer Read.

Register at your local library branch or online, collect your reading log and activities, and record everything you read between **1 December** and **31 January**. There are some exciting prizes to be won.

🌐 monlib.vic.gov.au/big-summer-read



Contact us



🕒 Mon to Fri, 8.30am to 5pm

📍 Monash Civic Centre 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley, 3150

📍 Oakleigh Service Centre 3 Atherton Rd, Oakleigh, 3166

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Monash Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land that makes up Monash, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.



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SNAP SEND SOLVE is a great app to report to us what needs fixing:

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/snap-send-solve



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