



CITY OF
MONASH

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BULLETIN



MEET YOUR new Council

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HOLIDAY *Opening Hours*

WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal, including on public holidays.

COUNCIL OFFICES

Monash Civic Centre and Oakleigh Service Centre

Fri 13 Dec Closing at 2pm
 Tues 24 and
 Tues 31 Dec Closing at 3pm
 Wed 25, Thurs 26 Dec
 and Wed 1 Jan Closed

MONASH RECYCLING AND WASTE CENTRE

Fri 13 Dec Closing at 2pm
 Wed 25, Thurs 26 Dec
 and Wed 1 Jan Closed

MONASH LIBRARIES*

Glen Waverley, Clayton, Mount Waverley, Oakleigh and Wheelers Hill Libraries

Tues 24 Dec 10am-5pm
 Wed 25 and Thurs 26 Dec Closed
 Fri 27 Dec 10am-6pm
 Sat 28 Dec 9am-4pm
 Sun 29 Dec (*Glen Waverley and Clayton ONLY*) 2pm-5pm
 Mon 30 Dec 10pm-6pm
 Tues 31 Dec 10pm-5pm
 Wed 1 Jan Closed

* Mulgrave Library will be closed from Mon 23 Dec to Sun 12 Jan, items can be returned via the afterhours chute.

MONASH AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE

Tues 24 Dec 5.45am-5pm
 Wed 25 Dec Closed
 Thurs 26 Dec 9am-6pm
 Fri 27 Dec 5.45am-9pm
 Sat 28 and Sun 29 Dec ... 8am-7pm
 Mon 30 Dec 5.45am-9pm
 Tues 31 Dec 5.45am-5pm
 Wed 1 Jan 9am-6pm

CLAYTON AQUATICS AND HEALTH CLUB

Tues 24 Dec 6am-5pm
 Wed 25 Dec Closed
 Thurs 26 Dec 9am-5pm
 Fri 27 Dec 6am-9pm
 Sat 28 and Sun 29 Dec ... 8am-6pm
 Mon 30 Dec 6am-9pm
 Tues 31 Dec 6am-5pm
 Wed 1 Jan 9am-5pm

OAKLEIGH RECREATION CENTRE

Tues 24 Dec 6am-5pm
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Merry
Christmas
 and
 HAPPY NEW YEAR

COMMUNITY GRANTS: Helping Monash make a difference

Applications for our 2025/26 Community Grants Program will be open from 9am, Tuesday 28 January until 2pm, Tuesday 4 March 2025.

Last year, our grants program awarded more than \$2.5m through over 200 grants to support local community groups and organisations in delivering projects, activities and events that strengthen, enhance, and benefit the Monash community.

This included Notting Hill Neighbourhood House who received a grant from Council to host a fun and inclusive Pride Evening, which brought the community together to enjoy an evening of trivia and entertainment.

Program information and support sessions and workshops are also available to help applicants prepare and apply for a community grant. The 2025/26 Community Grants Guidelines can be found at monash.vic.gov.au/community-grants

APPLICANT INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SESSIONS:

Several sessions with our Community Grants Program Team will be available between 31 January - 21 February 2025.

Bookings: trybooking.com/CWPUH

Grant Budget Workshops:

Wed 29 Jan
 10am-11am
(in person)
 Thurs 27 Feb
 6pm-7pm
(online)

Bookings:
trybooking.com/CWPUQ

Effective Grant Writing Workshops:

Thurs 6 Feb
 6pm-8pm
(online)
 Tues 11 Feb,
 10am-12pm
(in person).

Bookings:
trybooking.com/CWPNX

Event Plans and Risk Management

Thurs 30 Jan
 10am-11.30am
(in person)
 6pm-7.30pm
(online)

Bookings:
trybooking.com/CWPVB

MESSAGE FROM your new Mayor

It is with great honour and a deep sense of responsibility that I begin my term as your Mayor for the next 12 months.



Mayor Paul Klisaris and family

The first year of a new council term is an exciting time, and I look forward to working alongside Deputy Mayor Cr Brian Little and returning colleagues, as well as getting to know new councillors Cr Elisha Lee and Cr Cameron Little.

I will work to harness the strength of our community to create a Monash that continues to embrace innovation, prioritises sustainability, and celebrates diversity.

I will strive to ensure our community services continue to be accessible and equitable for all. This means supporting programs that foster social inclusion, ensuring our libraries, community centres, and recreational facilities continue to be welcoming to everyone, and breaking down barriers that prevent people from fully participating in community life.

Environmental sustainability is one of the defining challenges of our time. We will continue to reduce our carbon footprint, become a leader in climate resilience and achieve our net zero ambitions by exploring renewable energy options and improving energy efficiency.

As Monash grows, it is essential that our infrastructure keeps pace with the needs of our

residents – both current and future. With a strong history of delivering major projects and facilities, Monash sets a standard that others admire in local government. I'm especially excited about the Glen Waverley library project, which reflects our commitment to progress.

We'll continue to advocate for the best community outcomes in Monash from the Victorian Government's Suburban Rail Loop project and its proposed housing and planning reforms. It is crucial that local voices and local government has input into these.

I want to acknowledge Cr Nicky Luo, the final Mayor of the previous Council term. I have known Nicky for several years, and it has been my privilege to watch her grow as a Councillor – she was an outstanding Mayor.

I thank the residents of Wellington Ward for choosing me as their councillor and my fellow councillors for electing me as Mayor. I look forward to meeting many of our residents over the coming 12 months.

I hope all residents have a wonderful Christmas and new year spent with family and friends.

MEET YOUR new Council

Your new Council includes two new councillors and nine councillors returning for another term. Elected councillors are (in alphabetical order by ward):

1. BANKSIA WARD

Cr Cameron Little
(new councillor)

2. BLACKBURN WARD

Cr Rebecca Paterson
(returning councillor)

3. GALLAGHERS WARD

Cr Geoff Lake
(returning councillor)

4. GARDINERS CREEK WARD

Cr Anjalee de Silva
(returning councillor)

5. JELLS WARD

Cr Elisha Lee
(new councillor)

6. MAYFIELD WARD

Cr Brian Little
(returning councillor)

7. SCOTCHMANS CREEK WARD

Cr Nicky Luo
(returning councillor)

8. UNIVERSITY WARD

Cr Josh Fergeus
(returning councillor)

9. WARRIGAL WARD

Cr Stuart James
(returning councillor)

10. WAVERLEY PARK WARD

Cr Shane McCluskey
(returning councillor)

11. WELLINGTON WARD

Cr Paul Klisaris
(returning councillor)

Contact details for your Councillors are on page seven.





DAY OF FUN for the family


It was amazing to see a crowd of more than 5000 people enjoying the festivities at our Family Fun Day in November.

The near-perfect weather at Chadstone's Batesford Reserve created an ideal atmosphere for a day filled with live entertainment, rides, children's activities and

delicious food from a variety of vendors.

Attendees also enjoyed workshops and experiences provided by Waverley Woodworkers, Sanderrific and Aussie Wildlife, as well as face painting and rides.

Community stalls added to the atmosphere, with participation from the RSPCA, Victoria Police, SES and other community groups.

 [monash.vic.gov.au/
Festivals-and-
Events](https://monash.vic.gov.au/Festivals-and-Events)



SAT 15 FEBRUARY

4PM-9PM

WARRAWEE PARK
OAKLEIGH

FREE *Live at Warrawee*

TAYLOR HENDERSON
THAT GOLD STREET SOUND
AUSTRAL • BLANCO TRANCO
MR MUK • SUPERHOODZ CREW



Free ticketed event

◆ monash.vic.gov.au/festivals



CRICKET NET construction

Construction of new cricket practice facilities at Mount Waverley Reserve got underway in early-November.

Works, expected to be completed by May 2025, will include:

- Construction of a fully enclosed facility with five synthetic cricket wickets and six turf strips
- Building of a maintenance shed to serve both the Council's horticulture team and the tenant cricket club.

The cricket practice facility, delivered as part of the Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan, will add to the completed oval reconstruction, perimeter pathway, sportsground lighting upgrades, and the under-construction pavilion. The project will support the growth of the Mount Waverley Cricket Club, the largest cricket club in the municipality, as it expands its cricket program.



shape.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-reserve-masterplan



OAKLEIGH LEADS million-hour smash

Oakleigh Tennis Club has been recognised as the top-performing Book-a-Court venue, nationwide, by Tennis Australia.

Book-a-Court, Tennis Australia's online court booking system, recently reached a remarkable milestone, with more than one million hours of court bookings recorded in just over a year.

Oakleigh Tennis Club was honoured for its significant role in the achieving of the milestone, receiving a visit from Grand Slam doubles champion and Davis Cup winner John Fitzgerald OAM.

Oakleigh is one of four Monash clubs using the on-line booking system, and its courts have been open to the community with Book-a-Court since the redevelopment of the facility in 2019, welcoming players of all levels and making tennis more accessible to the Monash community.

Under the new leasing arrangements with Council, all tennis clubs on Council land are required to allow non-member access to their facilities.

play.tennis.com.au/OakleighTennisClub

IT'S AN ACTIVE SUMMER in Monash

Beat the heat this summer and spend the school holidays at our three Active Monash Aquatic and Leisure Centres!

Get ready for a variety of fun family activities from December to February – test your balancing skills on our water inflatables, have your face painted, enjoy free snow cones, plus more.

Feel the rhythm at Oakleigh Recreation Centre

For those who love to 'move to the rhythm', join us for a Zumba Mega Party where we intend to fill the Oakleigh Recreation Centre stadium across five courts.

JOIN THE PARTY

Friday 20 December
6pm – 7.30pm

For more info visit activemonash.vic.gov.au



BEYOND THE GREEN: New life for old golf balls



SEDIMENT REMOVAL in Gardiners Creek wetland



We'll be conducting works in the wetland at Gardiners Creek Reserve in Burwood to remove accumulated sediment, litter and debris.

The wetland captures most of the sediment, litter and debris that washes off our streets and helps to filter that runoff and protect the health of Gardiners Creek.

A recent assessment estimated that the pond is 90 per cent full of sediment which needs to be removed before it washes further into the creek and clogs the system.

While we conduct the sediment removal works, the Gardiners Creek Trail shared user path will be closed between Highbury Road and the Ashwood Drive access. Traffic management will be in place to detour pedestrian and bike traffic via Montpellier Road and Ashwood Drive.

Works are expected to commence in early-January and be completed by mid-April 2025.

For more info: Mihai Florea 📞 9518 3555

Monash Council has partnered with Notting Hill's Golf Ball Recycling to set up collection points for old golf balls at Glen Waverley Golf Course, Oakleigh Golf Course and Monash Recycling and Waste Centre.

Since the trial began at Glen Waverley in May 2023, more than 12,000 golf balls have been recycled by Monash community members.

The collected balls are shredded and can be repurposed for various uses, including making golf course bridges and stormwater pit lids. In a testament to local collaboration, Mount Waverley Primary School is trialling these porous pit lids, which allow water to seep through while preventing leaves and litter from clogging the drain.

Find golf ball drop-off points:

🌐 monash.vic.gov.au/golf-ball-recycling



PLAYSPACES WIN state and national awards

Monash playspaces have added another feather to their cap with Oakleigh South's Cameron Avenue Reserve and Progress Park Reserve recognised by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA) at its national awards in October.

The project won at the AILA state-level awards in August 2024, advancing it to the national awards, where it earned the Landscape Architect Award.

Cameron Avenue Reserve and Progress Park Reserve are two complementary playspaces with a link across Pitt Street, upgraded in 2022 by Council and contractors Playce and Warrandale Industries, with partial funding from the Victorian Government's Suburban Parks Program.



Slides and monkey bars are complemented by more challenging features like the pump track, social swings and climbing walls, encouraging varied play experiences for children of different ages.

Credit: PLAYCE and Land Media



FESTIVE SEASON recycling

Whether it's disposing of packaging, reducing food smells, or making more space in your bins, our Christmas recycling guide can help.

monash.vic.gov.au/christmas-recycling

Visit the Recycling and Waste Centre

Open year-round except some holidays*, the centre (380 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill) accepts items like cardboard, expired batteries, old electronics, and certain polystyrene (check online what type, fees may apply).

Reduce food scrap smells

Freeze scraps in an airtight container until bin night. Sprinkle bi-carb soda on food waste and layer with garden waste in the green bin.

Christmas trees

Cut real trees into small pieces for the green bin. Save fake trees for next year or, if broken, put in the red bin. Both can be taken to the Recycling Centre (fees may apply).

* Check holiday opening hours and accepted items at monash.vic.gov.au/recycling-centre

SPREADING Christmas Cheer



It's the lead up to Christmas, and Monash's busy shopping precincts are preparing for the holiday rush.

We'll be decorating Monash's bustling activity centres with Christmas trees, large baubles, gift boxes, bright flags, banners and recyclable decorations on our tree guards and bins.

Stop by Eaton Mall to take in our grand seven-metre Christmas tree that sparkles at dusk, and snap a selfie as Santa or one of his reindeer or elves at Mount Waverley Village (Hamilton Walk), Pinewood Shopping Village (Centreway, Mount Waverley), Syndal shops (Blackburn Road), Clayton shops (Clayton Road) and Huntingdale Road shops.



Why not enjoy Glen Waverley's Kingsway and surrounding streets, always beautifully illuminated by our stunning tree lights and perfect for a magical evening out.

So, if you're out supporting your local businesses, look around and get into the spirit of the season!

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monash.vic.gov.au/Councillors



What's on ^{IN} *Monash*

WOMEN'S BUSINESS Network

Hear from Carman's Kitchen founder Carolyn Creswell and celebrate International Women's Day. Learn about creating employee-friendly workspaces and being an employer-of-choice. Sponsored by PARKROYAL Monash Melbourne.

WHEN: Tuesday 4 Mar 2025, 11.30am - 2.30pm

WHERE:  PARKROYAL Monash Melbourne
872 Blackburn Road, Clayton

\$70 (includes two-course lunch)

RSVP: Monday 24 Feb 2025

BOOKINGS:  trybooking.com/CWEVW

LIBRARY Membership

Become a member of Monash Public Library's 129,000+ strong community!



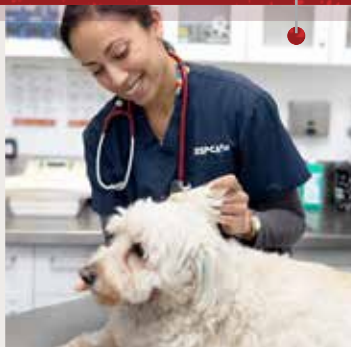
We have social groups; print and digital collections; computers and wi-fi; plenty of free events.

 Branches at Clayton, Glen Waverley, Mount Waverley, Mulgrave, Oakleigh and Wheelers Hill

Join online:  monlib.vic.gov.au/join

LOW-COST PET vaccinations

In January, through Council's partnership with RSPCA Victoria, you can get your dog or cat vaccinated by a registered vet for just \$20. Appointments must be pre-booked.



WHEN: Wednesdays - 15 Jan (cats only) and 22 Jan (dogs only) 2025

WHERE: Black Flat Community Hall, Glen Waverley, and Notting Hill Community Hall, Notting Hill.

HOW:  monash.vic.gov.au/pet-vaccination

BOOK BINDING Series

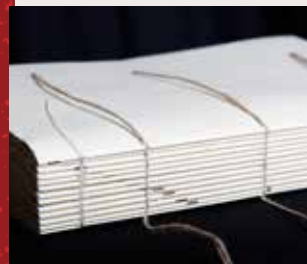
Interested in creating your own hardcover book? Go through the basic steps in this two-part workshop.

PART 1: Creating the Text Block


Create signatures, hand sew the text block and glue the spine.

PART 2: Creating the Hard Cover

Create the hard cover and glue both parts together.



WHEN: Thursday 13 and 20 Feb 2025, 6pm-8pm


WHERE:  Mount Waverley Library, 41 Miller Crescent


 monash.vic.gov.au/book-binding




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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For text version of the Bulletin:  monash.vic.gov.au/news

We welcome your feedback:  mail@monash.vic.gov.au

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:

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



Monash Interpreter Service

普通话	4713 5001	සිංහල	4713 5020
廣東話	4713 5002	தமிழ்	4713 5021
Việt Ngữ	4713 5003	Other languages	4713 5000
Ελληνικά	4713 5004		
हिंदी	4713 5005		
Italiano	4713 5008		
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