

MONASH | OCTOBER 2024

BULLETIN



NATURE IN FOCUS

Monash through the lens

Photo by Sudhir Patil.
An Australian Darter swoops
on a meal at Jells Park

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SAFETY IS the word at October events

Every October, Community Safety Month is an annual reminder that we all have a role to play in keeping our community safe.

This year's program features a wide range of FREE events and get-togethers where people of all ages can learn fun, engaging and practical ways to keep themselves and Monash safe all year round.

Enjoy story time with your children, get your number plate fitted with free anti-theft screws, learn how to protect yourself

and your loved ones from scams, accidents and emergencies and join us at our family friendly events and activities where you can meet our dedicated emergency services officers.

Events attended by emergency services, including Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and the State Emergency Service, will offer you the chance to speak directly to them about how they support the community, what people can do to keep themselves safe and show their appreciation for the vital work they do.

Browse our Community Safety Month program:
www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-safety-month



TALKING SAFETY over a cuppa

Coffee with a Cop is a monthly casual catch-up where residents can grab a free cuppa and discuss community safety issues.

Hear about proactive steps you can take to keep yourself, your loved ones and your belongings safe, and learn more about what police do to support the community.

No need to register, just drop in for a free cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

COMING SESSION:

When: Thursday 10 October

Time: 10am-12pm

Where: Orange Bean at Oakleigh Central (39 Hanover St, Oakleigh)*

**Date and times subject to change. For latest updates, check Victoria Police's Facebook page, Eyewatch-Monash Police Service Area:*

[f eyewatchmonash](https://www.facebook.com/eyewatchmonash)



VICTORIA POLICE



COUNCIL ELECTIONS are on their way

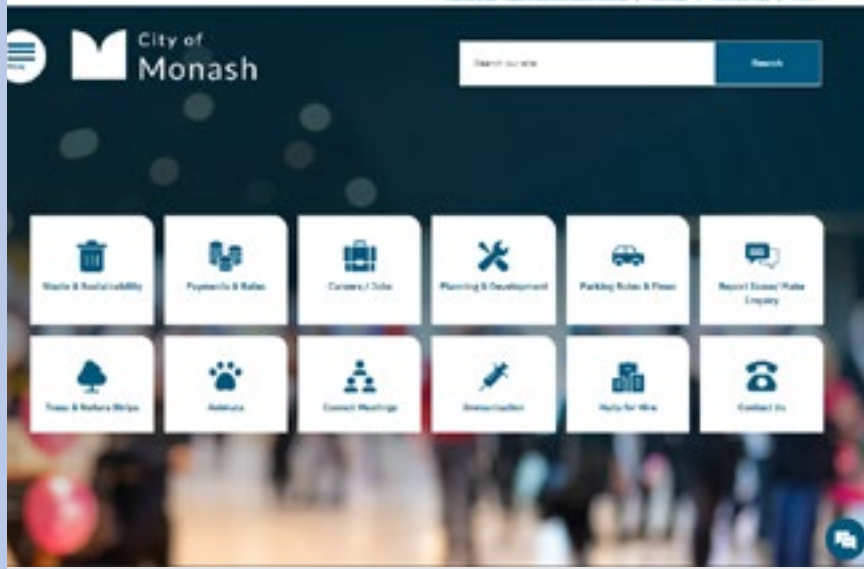
The four-year term of Monash's current councillors is coming to a close, with Council elections to be held in Monash (and across Victoria) in October.

Previously, Monash was represented by 11 councillors across four wards: Glen Waverley, Mt Waverley, Mulgrave and Oakleigh – but, in February 2024, the Victorian Government introduced changes to the ward boundaries and Monash will now have 11 wards with a single councillor representing each ward: Gardiners Creek, Blackburn, Gallaghers, Mayfield, Scotchmans Creek, Jells, University, Warrigal, Banksia, Wellington and Waverley Park.

The Victorian Electoral Commission is conducting Monash's election, which will be held by postal vote, with people to complete their ballots and put them in the mail by 6pm on Friday 25 October 2024.

The current Council will go into caretaker mode from Tuesday 17 September, meaning the Council will avoid making significant policies or decisions that could unreasonably bind a future Council. During the caretaker period, Council will continue to decide upon statutory matters, such as planning permit applications, and carry out its normal everyday services.

If you have any questions or would like more information contact the Victorian Electoral Commission: www.vec.vic.gov.au or 1300 805 478



PROBLEMS solved online

Did you know you can access a wealth of information about Council services online?

Some of the areas we get the most questions from our community about are:

- **Waste services:** www.monash.vic.gov.au/Waste-Sustainability
- **Animal management:** www.monash.vic.gov.au/Animals
- **Horticulture and trees:** www.monash.vic.gov.au/Trees-and-Nature-Strips
- **Community laws:** www.monash.vic.gov.au/Laws-Rules

You can also report issues like damaged roads or footpaths; graffiti; hard waste; litter; parking; trees and more via the Snap Send Solve free smartphone app: www.monash.vic.gov.au/snap-send-solve



RATES PAYMENT reminder

For ratepayers who wish to pay their 2024/25 rates in four (4) instalments, we remind you that the due date for payment of the first instalment is Monday 30 September 2024. Please ensure payment is received by Council on or before that date to qualify for the four-instalment plan.

Rates can be paid via Council's website; Australia Post; BPAY; at Council's offices; or by mail. How to pay details are on the back of your rates notice.

Annual rates notices were issued on 11 July 2024. If you haven't received a notice, please contact Council [9518 3555](tel:95183555).

The Monash OP SHOP TRAIL



Embark on an exciting thrifty adventure whenever you're in the area!



- 1 Monash Rotary Op Shop**
13 Barlyn Road, Mount Waverley
- 2 Waverley Lions Club Op Shop**
55 Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley
- 3 Brotherhood of St Laurence**
11 Hamilton Walk, Mount Waverley
- 4 Salvos**
3/9-11 Hamilton Place, Mount Waverley
- 5 Amaroo Neighbourhood Op Shop**
34 Amaroo Street, Chadstone
- 6 Vinnies**
20 Crewe Road, Hughesdale
- 7 Salvos**
50 Atherton Road, Oakleigh
- 8 Vinnies**
2/370 Clayton Road, Clayton
- 9 Red Cross Shop Monash**
Shop G09, Chancellors Walk, Monash University, Clayton
- 10 Salvos**
204 Brandon Park Drive, Mulgrave
- 11 Salvos**
251 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

OP SHOPS: a Monash treasure trove

Purchasing items or clothes from op shops is one of the easiest ways you can switch to more sustainable and affordable alternatives when shopping.

Discovering second-hand treasures in your local op shop is not only a great choice for the environment, but a fun activity that saves you money and contributes to local charities.

There are plenty of op shops in Monash where you can find pre-loved delights or thrifty upcycling projects, and the shopper with a keen eye can discover a rare gem with almost every purchase.

- **Lend a hand**
Op shops also provide a unique way to make a difference to your community, ask your local store how you can get involved as a volunteer.

- **Donating goods**
Clothing can be donated to op shops but it's important that donated items are of good quality. Ask yourself: "Would I consider buying it for myself, or give it to a friend?"
- **New lease on life**
A number of companies take old clothing and textiles and recycle the fabrics or upcycle them into new clothes www.recyclingnearlyou.com.au/clothing

UPPAREL provides a collection service to repurpose or recycle clothing and textiles. New or fit-for-wear items are passed on to charity and op shops while the remaining items are upcycled into new products or recycled into new materials. Costs apply and all items must be cleaned before sending. Find out more www.upparel.com.au

Search online for store opening hours
www.monash.vic.gov.au/op-shops



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TAKE CARE

it's swooping season again

If you've ever had the misfortune to be on the receiving end of the attentions of a dive-bombing magpie or noisy miner, you can probably vouch for it being a frightening experience.

Over the coming months, during breeding season, birds might be swooping to protect their nests and their young.

Not all birds will display this behaviour. Most magpies don't swoop, and of those that do, only a tiny minority make contact. Most of the time, they will make a harmless (though terrifying) near miss, accompanied by beak clicking.

Here's some tips to help you avoid swooping birds:

- Know the local swooping hotspots
- Avoid the area if you can
- Wear sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat
- Move quickly and calmly, as running might provoke further attack
- If riding a bike, hop off and walk your bike through the area
- Do not harass birds as this will only provoke them. Magpies have been known to remember people and attack over successive seasons.

Find out more and see the **Victoria Swooping Bird map**  www.monash.vic.gov.au/swooping-birds



Join urban ecologist Dr Jacinta Humphrey
(picture: Sui Lay)


HOW TO HELP the birds in the 'burbs

We're inviting you to join urban ecologist and postdoctoral researcher Dr Jacinta Humphrey for an event titled: **Birds in the 'burbs: How to improve habitat for native birds in urban areas.**

We've invited Dr Humphrey to share her research findings on what makes a residential street, parkland, or suburban garden, bird-friendly.

You can attend this hybrid event on **Wednesday 23 October 2024, 6.30pm-8pm:**

▪ IN PERSON

 the Wheelers Hill Library Meeting Room, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

Bookings:  events.humanitix.com/birds-in-the-burbs-monash

▪ ONLINE

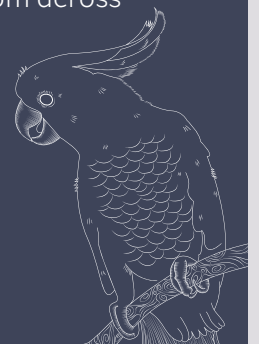
Bookings:  events.humanitix.com/webinar-birds-in-the-burbs-monash

Aussie Bird Count

Celebrate National Bird Week by taking part in one of the biggest citizen science projects to hit Aussie shores.

Join thousands of people from across the country, heading out into their backyards, local parks or favourite open spaces to take part in the Aussie Bird Count from 14–20 October 2024

Get ready to join the count  aussiebirdcount.org.au



NATURE in Focus

Nature in Focus wildlife exhibition photo gallery launched

More than 300 photos were received as part of an inspirational community photo exhibition held at The Track Gallery recently, showcasing the unique and diverse native wildlife found in Monash.

We were overwhelmed by our community's response, each photo capturing their passion and individual connection to nature. A selection of photos from the exhibition can now be viewed at

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/photo-exhibition

CONNECTION to country walk

Together with Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve, we'll be holding a Connection to Country Walk, led by Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Ian Hunter, at Mount Waverley's Valley Reserve in October.

Along the way he'll share Indigenous history and culture as we walk through the beautiful bushland area around the reserve. Caring about the environment and community starts with an understanding of the place where we live, its history and stories of Aboriginal culture, land management practices and knowledge systems going back tens of thousands of years.


The walking component is of moderate difficulty as weather can affect the track.

Our cultural walks usually prove extremely popular, and bookings are essential.

Where: Valley Reserve, Waimarie Drive, Mount Waverley (meet at the visitor information centre)

When: Sunday 13 October

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Bookings:  events.humanitix.com/connecting-to-country-monash



CELEBRATE Children's Week

Join us for a week of fun and learning as we celebrate Children's Week from 19 to 27 October.

Children's Week is an annual, nationwide celebration of the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

This year's theme is 'Children have the right to a clean and safe environment', and we'll be running special story times, visits from our recycling and waste collection trucks and more.

As part of the festivities, our officers will also be visiting local schools and Council's playgroups during the week.

Places are limited so please check our website for more details and bookings.

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/childrens-week

MAKE WAVES at your next birthday party

If you've done the rounds of indoor party venues and are looking for something different, celebrate your child's next birthday poolside at Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

Parties for children aged between 6-12 involve one hour of supervised aquatic fun with an experienced party leader. Organised games take place in deep and shallow water and include a wave pool session and exclusive use of inflatable activities.

Select from HealthLink Café's delicious party pack menu and

extensive range of platters; from sausage rolls and hot chips, to Asian basket, arancini balls and antipasto. Not forgetting the birthday cake - there are six options to choose from.

Take the hassle out of your next party and dive into the excitement at the Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre (626 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley)

 www.activemonash.vic.gov.au/Swimming/Pool-Parties



FAS AWARDS Exhibition Roadshow!



The inaugural For Arts' Sake (FAS) Awards exhibition is underway at Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre.

With more than 150 art submissions received, the exhibition showcases the very best of community artists and helps champion creative industries within Monash, providing a prize pool worth more than \$6,000 (funded by Waverley Gardens) and an in-kind solo exhibition opportunity at Monash Civic Gallery.

The exhibition will be showing at Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre until Friday 27 September. The works will then move to Monash Civic Gallery and will be exhibited from Friday 4 October – Friday 1 November.

We look forward to announcing our category winners on **Monday 23 September** at www.monash.vic.gov.au/fas-awards

FREE Family FUN Day
SUN 10 NOV 2024
10am - 3pm
Batesford Reserve,
Chadstone



www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals

GET READY for a summer splash

Dive into a summer filled with events and pop-up activities at Oakleigh Recreation Centre, when the outdoor pools open from 1 November 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Check out the 50m pool, multi-purpose pool, toddler pool and splash pad area. There's also plenty of shade on the

landscaped grassed area for relaxing. And, for the more adventurous, there's a dive pool with a 1m and 3m springboard, as well as inflatables operating when warm weather is forecast.

With a great range of facilities for all members of the family, make a splash at ORC this summer.

📍 Oakleigh Recreation Centre,
Park Road, Oakleigh
(not far off Princess Hwy)
🌐 activemonash.vic.gov.au/orc
📱 @activeorc

To stay up to date with events and activities.



What's on ^{IN} Monash

MONASH SENIORS FESTIVAL LAUNCH

The Broadway I Love

Join us as we launch Monash Seniors Festival in style with a spectacular show of Broadway's greatest hits!

🕒 Tues 1 Oct, 10.30am-1pm

📍 South Oakleigh Secondary College, Bakers Rd

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CTHFW

Festival program: 🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival



Melbourne's lost department stores

Melbourne, at its retail peak, once boasted more than a dozen department stores. Names like Georges, Ball and Welch, Buckley and Nunn, and Foys were synonymous with the city.

Join us for a nostalgic look back at some of Melbourne's most iconic department stores. Presented in partnership with the Monash Libraries Family History Group.

🕒 Mon 7 Oct, 10.30am-11.30am

📍 Wheelers Hill Library, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd or Online

Cost: FREE of charge

Bookings: 🌐 monlib.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=72469 or 📞 9265 4877

Author Talk: 'Warra Warra Wai'

Join us for an in-conversation event with authors Darren Rix and Craig Cormick, as they discuss their new book 'Warra Warra Wai'. This book shares an account of what First Nations people saw and felt when James Cook arrived in 1770.

🕒 Thurs 3 Oct, 7pm-8pm

📍 Wheelers Hill Library, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd

Cost: FREE of charge

Bookings: 🌐 monlib.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=82172 or 📞 9265 4877

Next Council Meetings

Tuesday 24 September, 7pm | Tuesday 22 October, 7pm

📍 Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley

Access meeting agendas and watch in-person or online:

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/meetings

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

📞 9518 3555 🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au 📧 mail@monash.vic.gov.au

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



Monash Interpreter Service

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