



Headspace WIN!

The long campaign by Monash youth and Council to see a headspace youth mental health service in Monash has been won with support from both political parties for this critical facility.

The Federal Government announcement that it will fund a headspace in Monash follows a commitment from the Federal Labor Opposition in October last year.

It's a huge win for the young people of Monash, who have campaigned long and hard for this important service to support the mental wellbeing of young people up to the age of 25.

The news was greeted with delight by the Monash Young Person's Reference Group and Council.

The campaign had included a gathering of more than

4,000 postcards signed by the community in support of a headspace and a number of meetings over the past few years between Mayors, young people and Federal politicians, including a trip to Canberra to meet with the ministerial advisor for Minister for Health Greg Hunt.

Last year the advocacy included the 'Raise Your Hand 4 Monash Youth' campaign featuring a powerful video of young people speaking about the effect of mental health issues on the youth of Monash.

Having greater access to help for issues relating to

youth mental health, like a headspace service, will make an enormous difference in the lives of young people in Monash, assisting them to live happier and healthier lives and reach their full potential.

Former Mayors Rebecca Paterson and Paul Klisaris, and current Mayor Shane McCluskey and a dedicated team of officers across Council have advocated for more than five years to get the funding for this centre.


For more info:
☎ 9518 3900



🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/headspace

NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30 April**, from 7pm. The meeting will be held 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 **Wednesday 24 April** (a day earlier than usual due to Anzac Day). Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 30 April.

If you're unable to attend the meeting, don't forget you can now watch from home:

 webcast.monash.vic.gov.au or watch previous meetings.

For more info:  9518 3555
 www.monash.vic.gov.au/meetings


Monash Civic Centre

 293 Springvale Road
Glen Waverley

 8.15am to 5.15pm
(Mon to Fri)

Oakleigh Service Centre

 3 Atherton Road
Oakleigh

 8.15am to 5.15pm
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We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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TIRELESS CHAMPION for the community

An unwavering dedication to improve the quality of life of older residents saw Ms Zhang Hu awarded the Positive Ageing Leadership Award at the 2018 Sir John Monash Awards.

Ms Hu established the community group Zhangzhou Senior Club of Victoria in 2010 in Mount Waverley to provide a service for elderly people to improve their quality of life and reduce social isolation.

She coordinates a support group of volunteers to help in the group activities, such as organising transport, interpreter services, financial support and tailored activities, including home visits to seniors who are unwell.

Another initiative by Ms Hu was the development of a successful three-year VCE program with Monash University, based on a one-to-one learning approach to help VCE



students improve their learning of Chinese as a second language.

Her commitment to help her community has remained strong, even while caring for her husband who had a significant health issue.

High Commendations were given to John Jarvis who has been an outstanding volunteer for South East Volunteers and Liming Cao, who founded the Clayton Mandarin Friendship Association.

For more info:  9518 3619
 www.monash.vic.gov.au/awards

Lest We Forget

Services to commemorate ANZAC Day will be held across Monash and residents are welcome to attend.

The ceremonies are organised by local Returned Services League (RSL) branches. On **Thursday 25 April** (ANZAC Day) services include:

- » A Dawn Service (6am) at the site of the original Glen Waverley Cenotaph, Springvale Road (adjacent to Central Reserve), Glen Waverley with a traditional Gunfire Breakfast at the Waverley RSL sub-branch with a gold coin donation
- » A Dawn Service (6am) at the Remembrance Gardens (246 Clayton Road, Clayton) with members of the Australian Defence Force present for the Catafalque Party
- » A Dawn Service (6am) at The Cenotaph (cnr Drummond

Street and Atherton Road, Oakleigh) with a Guard of Honour by the Australian Great War Association and a Gun Salute. Breakfast (gold coin donation) at the Oakleigh Carnegie RSL sub-branch (95-97 Drummond Street, Oakleigh). A Fly Pass by RAAF Williams Museum will occur at 10.50am over Oakleigh.

For more info:  9518 3555
 www.monash.vic.gov.au/anzac-day



MESSAGE FROM Mayor Shane McCluskey



It's official! We are thrilled and relieved that after many years of hard work by so many, Monash will finally get its own headspace facility.

Headspace is a dedicated facility for young people aged up to 25 years that provides support and help with mental health issues.

The announcement by the Federal Government that it would provide funding for this service, coupled with a commitment from the Federal Labor Opposition in October, means we now have bipartisan support for this facility. We couldn't be prouder of our amazing young people in Monash, particularly the Monash Young Person's Reference Group, that has led an outstanding campaign over more than

five years supported by Council officers, Councillors, former Mayors Rebecca Paterson and Paul Klisaris and the *Monash Leader*. It's taken plenty of dedication, hard work, and focus to make this happen. There is no doubt that having greater access to help for issues relating to youth mental health, like a headspace service, will make an enormous difference in the lives of our young people, assisting them to live happier and healthier lives and to reach their full potential. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this facility for Monash happen. We did it!

Whilst we are delighted with the headspace announcement, like many of you our thoughts are still with those impacted by the tragic and terrible events in Christchurch.

On behalf of Council, I have written letters of condolence and support to the Mayor of Christchurch and the Victorian Islamic Council of Victoria.

Christchurch is a proud multicultural community, as is Monash. Hatred, violence and intolerance of other cultures and beliefs have no place in our communities.

We mourn with Christchurch and New Zealand and extend our love, compassion and condolences to all those affected by this tragedy.

A condolence book is available for our community to sign at the Monash Civic Centre and the Oakleigh Service Centre over the next few weeks, and will be then sent to the City of Christchurch.

Feel free to contact me on: ☎ 0466 345 406
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Have your say on LOCAL PLAYSPACES

**Council is upgrading several
playspaces in Monash to
make them more interesting
and fun for local children.**

We are updating playspaces in Evelyn Street (Clayton) and Electra Avenue (Ashwood) based on community feedback. Electra Avenue will include a multiplay unit, a flying fox, basketball key and fitness equipment. Valuable shade trees will be retained. At Evelyn Street, an ant-shaped adventure play unit will create much fun for children. We hope to complete these projects in 2019/20.

We are also asking for the community's ideas on upgrades to playspaces in Danien Street (Glen Waverley), Wilma Avenue (Mulgrave) and Madison Court (Mount Waverley).

Have your say by:

- » Filling in an online survey or
- » Completing a hard copy survey (we can mail one to you).

We would like your ideas by Friday 26 April. Once we've considered the feedback we will develop a draft design and seek the community's further feedback on our plans for the playspaces.

To find out more and complete the survey:
☎ 9518 3527
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/playspace-upgrades



Oakleigh Recreation Centre REDEVELOPMENT



Anticipation is building about the \$23.3 million redevelopment of Oakleigh Recreation Centre – the biggest project undertaken by Monash Council in more than 20 years.

The project will see the transformation of the existing centre into an outstanding integrated multi-purpose sports precinct, featuring five new indoor basketball courts, a gymnasium upgrade and conversion of the existing stadium to a regional level gymnastics facility for the Waverley Gymnastics Club.

The new ORC will deliver top-class facilities for the community and meet the growth of participation in sport amongst our local community, particularly females.

The new home of Waverley Gymnastics Club will allow hundreds

of children who are on the club's waiting list to join classes.

Council is contributing \$17.2M to the project, the Federal Government \$2.1M and the State Government \$3M through Sports Recreation Victoria.

Waverley Gymnastics is funding \$1M and will move from Dorrington Drive, Mount Waverley to the Oakleigh Recreation Centre at the completion of the project.

The redesign of the facility has been a complex project due to the challenges and constraints of the site, delaying the start of the project. All works will now be completed in one stage so the project can be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The gym and stadium will close for the duration of works. The outdoor

pool area is unaffected and will continue as a seasonal facility.

Teams who have competed in stadium competitions have been advised that these competitions will no longer be offered or managed by Monash Council at the end of the current season. Instead, Waverley Basketball Association, Waverley District Netball Association and Volleyball Victoria will be managing competitions in the stadium when it re-opens in late 2020.

The Oakleigh outdoor pool will be open during the 2019/20 summer period. The project is expected to be completed in October 2020.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/oakleigh-rec-centre

WARM WELCOME FOR Meet Your Street project

The 'Meet Your Street' project is underway. The project aims to foster stronger connections between residents within local Monash neighbourhoods and to positively impact residents' perceptions of their own safety (personal and property), the safety of their neighbourhood and their safety within Monash.

We've determined the four precincts in the suburbs of Ashwood/Chadstone, Wheelers Hill, Glen Waverley and Clayton where the project will start and have surveyed the neighbourhoods. We have also delivered the distinctive 'Meet Your Street' postcards and letters and

have begun visiting households in these local neighbourhoods.

The visits are about sharing what the project is about, finding out about local social connections and encouraging people to talk, engage and meet their local community.

Next steps are to help the community plan and take part in fun activities and get to know each other.

There will be support from Council to help with activities, whether it be a street party, neighbourhood

gathering or community activity to improve neighbourhood connections.

Council will evaluate the project to gauge its success through surveys and neighbourhood feedback.

For more info:
☎ Colin Bostock on 9518 3214
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/meet-your-street



HOW DO I ...

...report a dumped trolley


It's illegal to dump shopping trolleys on local streets and other public land, with a \$200 fine applying. Supermarkets and other retailers run trolley collection services so if you see an abandoned trolley please contact the relevant company:

» **Woolworths, Dan Murphy's and Big W**  1800 641 497
 www.trolleytracker.com.au

» **Coles**  1800 876 553
 www.coles.com.au/customer-service/abandoned-trolley

» **Target**  1800 163 900

You can also contact Council to ask for our help in getting trolleys removed:  9518 3555

 mail@monash.vic.gov.au


...know what the regulations are for blackberry bushes?

Did you know blackberries are a noxious weed, considered one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness and destruction of other plants?

If you see a blackberry bush in Monash, please report it to Council. If it's on public land, we will remove it. If on private land, we give the property owner four weeks to poison it or dig it out.

As the blackberry is a 'mirror' plant, whatever is growing and can be seen above ground is matched by what is underneath. In some cases, it may take more than four weeks to remove the plant. Council will work with property owners to assist with removal in these cases.

For more info:  9518 3555

 mail@monash.vic.gov.au

IT'S OFFICIAL...

We're a Child and Young People Friendly City Council has been officially endorsed as a Child and Young People Friendly City (CYPFC) by the Victorian Local Governance Association.

A year ago, Council began working towards becoming recognised as a CYPFC by actively encouraging and supporting engagement with children and young people and developing strategies to ensure that we interact with children as active citizens of Monash and that they have a voice across Council.

Some of the activities undertaken with young people include the Junior Advisory Group, made up of Grade 4 children from schools across Monash, who send in questions for Councillors and then come and ask those questions of our Councillors.

We are also producing a dedicated newsletter for young people, written by a committee made up of children and young people.

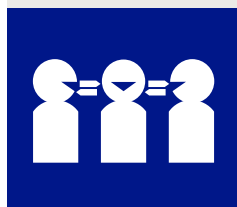
We have had great feedback from those children who have had access to the newsletter and we are already planning the next edition.

Becoming a CYPFC is a key focus of Council's 2017-2021, A Healthy & Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan.

For more info:  9518 3635  www.monash.vic.gov.au/child-friendly-city



LANGUAGE AIDES to help out



A new service to provide assistance to people who may not speak English or prefer to converse in another language is being offered by Council.

A number of Monash staff have undergone accreditation training and will now be providing translator assistance through our new Language Aide program.

This is an exciting new venture for Monash to extend our customer service delivery to our residents, business owners, and visitors across the municipality.

The Language Aide program can provide interpreters in a number of languages including Hindi, Punjabi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Italian and Greek.

People seeking this service can contact us by phone or visit the Monash Civic Centre for assistance. Language Aide staff can assist by helping customers communicate with a Council officer, understand a letter or form they have received or provide instructions or directions.

For more info:  9518 3555  www.monash.vic.gov.au/language-aide

Councillor News

Cr Rebecca Paterson

People often ask me what it is like to be a Councillor, and whether it is more difficult because I am a woman, a mother or because of my age. It's a good question, but demonstrates to me that we still grapple with how women and younger people manage leadership.

That's why I was so excited in 2016 when Monash Youth Services developed and introduced the Young Women's Leadership Program for women between 15-20 years. Since 2016, 80 young women have completed the program, gaining the skills and confidence to be leaders in their own community whether it's by becoming School Captain, gaining part-time employment or successfully applying for university scholarships. One graduate trekked Mount Kilimanjaro to raise awareness of violence against women.

In March, I hosted Monash Council's annual International Women's Day event at the stunning Monash Gallery of Art, with guest speaker Jamila Rizvi talking to the packed room about women and luck. Jamila facilitated a fascinating discussion with six graduates of our Leadership Program highlighting the world through their eyes.

After this discussion, I was privileged to announce that Monash Council has VicHealth funding to take the Young Women's Leadership Program across Victoria. It's clear this expansion is going to result in great outcomes for the wider community.

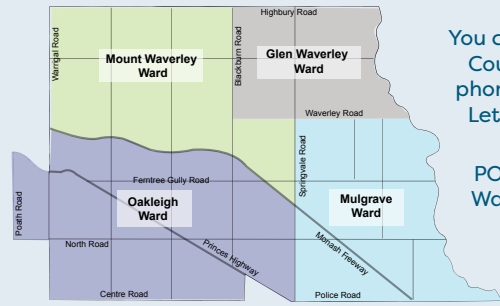
In Mt Waverley, and across Monash, residents continue to worry about tree removals on development sites. This has been one of the big issues that I have been trying to progress over the last six years. Though it has been far slower than I would have liked, Council approved the Monash Urban Landscape and Canopy Vegetation Strategy in October 2018. This commits Council to increasing tree coverage from the current 22% to 30% by 2030.

Council has a lot of work to do to meet this target and will consider this year precisely how to do it. We may consider changes to overlays on properties. The changes we undertake to meet this target will affect many residents, so I encourage you to check the Bulletin for information about this later in the year. We will consult with you on any changes, and your feedback will be an important part of any decision we make so please tell us your thoughts about our plans to meet the target of 30% tree coverage across our city.

Of course, I am always happy to hear your feedback on this or any other issue, so please get in touch using the following details: [✉ Rebecca.Paterson@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:Rebecca.Paterson@monash.vic.gov.au)
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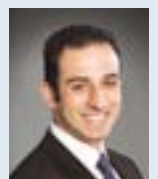
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CHECKMATE

for the Clayton Clarinda Leadership Group

The Clayton Clarinda Leadership Group recently applied for a Neighbourhood Matching Grant. The grant was to encourage local residents and users of the Clayton Community Centre to learn and play chess. With Council support they approached the Monash Men's Shed who created two handmade chess boards and chess pieces.

One of the boards will be held at the Clayton Library with the two sets of chess pieces. The other board will be fixed to a table at the Clayton Road Plaza. The model will be very much like the ping pong table at Glen Waverley, with the chess board and pieces available for loan on presentation of a library card or photo ID.

To launch the initiative the Clayton Leadership Group held a chess tournament at the Clayton Festival. The group invited along a chess master who played multiple games against a variety of players, young and old, throughout the day. There was also a large chess set which also attracted many players during the festival. The group were overwhelmed with the success of the venture and are already planning to run the event again at next year's festival.

The Clayton Clarinda Leadership group are supported by Monash Council and meet at the Clayton Community Centre bi-monthly.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3214

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Back Your Neighbour

CAMPAIGN

Monash Council is a member of the Back Your Neighbour campaign, run by the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum.

The taskforce is made up of a group of Australian Councils who are speaking out against Federal Government cuts to the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) program, leaving thousands of asylum seeker families living in Australia destitute and homeless.

The SRSS Program provides vital support to individuals and families living in the Australian community while they await a decision about their refugee status. It provides help with the basics of life like housing, food, clothing, medical services and the costs of putting kids through kinder and school. It also provides access to counselling and mental health support.

The campaign underlines a belief that Australians support each other during hard times and the taskforce is advocating for the Federal Government to do the same.

You can show your support by signing a petition, writing to your Federal MP and telling others about this campaign, whether it's in person or via social media.

For more info: Fee Harrison on ☎ 9518 3526

🌐 <http://backyourneighbour.com.au>



Monash Open

GARDENS DAY 2019

Expressions of interest are now open for gardening enthusiasts in Monash to open their gardens to the general public for the Monash Open Gardens Day later this year.

Monash Open Gardens Day is run by the Waverley Garden Club, is supported by Monash Council and will be held on Saturday 9 November.

Anyone interested in showcasing their garden or wants more information on the event: ☎ Peter on 0418 110 345

✉ info@waverleygardenclub.com

Women's Business Network Lunch

Fear Is Your Future

Tuesday 28 May, 12.30-2.30pm

How often do you let fear stop you from pursuing something you really want? Imagine our happiness, creativity and innovation if fear did not hold us back.

Join us and listen to Penny Locaso as she seeks to provoke curiosity and demonstrate how fear is the greatest lever available to us, in making impactful and meaningful change in a future of unknowns.



📍 Riversdale Golf Club,
Cnr Huntingdale &
High Street Roads,
Mount Waverley

Bookings essential:

🌐 [https://
fearisyourfuture.
eventbrite.com.au](https://fearisyourfuture.eventbrite.com.au)

MONASH MUSIC BATTLE

call for performers

Are you in a band, group or a solo performer? This year's Monash Music Battle is coming up in June, with the winner taking out great prizes such as recording studio time and merchandise. All genres and levels of skill are welcome to apply.

For more info or to apply: ☎ 9518 3900
✉ YRCR@monash.vic.gov.au

Lounging around with skinks

Saturday 4 May, 10am-12pm

The skinks along Scotchmans Creek have a new place to hang out in Oakleigh. We need your help to establish habitat around the skink lounge and the banks of Scotchmans Creek towards Warrigal Rd.

Bring the family along for some fun tree and shrub planting activities. We'll also be talking about chemical-free weed control before we enjoy a complimentary BBQ.

📍 Playground cnr Drummond St and Allen St, Oakleigh.

To book or for more info: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/skink-link-project



MGA exhibition-Swell

9 March-12 May

Swell highlights our current state of urgency in the environmental field. Contemporary photographer Katrin Koenning has made haunting images of nature, people and animals, all seen through the mysterious lens of dreamlike distance.

MGA presents this exhibition as part of the CLIMARTE Festival: ART + CLIMATE = CHANGE 2019.

For more info:
🌐 www.mga.org.au

📍 MGA
860 Ferntree Gully Road
Wheelers Hill.
Free entry.



Katrin Koenning
Sasha with balloons 2018, pigment ink-jet print, courtesy of the artist, Reading Room (Melbourne) and East Wing Gallery (Dubai)

Breaking The Cycle

10am-12pm
Thursdays 9 May - 27 June

Breaking The Cycle is an 8-week program developed by Anglicare Victoria that supports mothers, fathers, stepparents and carers of adolescents aged 10-17 that are abusive or violent in the home. Cost: free.

📍 Mount Waverley Youth Centre, Meeting Room 2
45 Miller Cres, Mt Waverley

For enquiries or to book:
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