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Great things ahead... in Monash

As we look forward to a new year and a new decade, it's a good time to update you on the great things happening in Monash.

Work is progressing on the redevelopment of the Oakleigh Recreation Centre, transforming the facility into an integrated multi-purpose sports precinct. The facility will feature five new basketball courts and a gym upgrade. It will also be the new home for a regional level gymnastics facility for the Waverley Gymnastic Club. While work continues on the redevelopment, the Oakleigh outdoor pool has re-opened for the summer season.

We'll be undertaking further upgrades of playspaces across Monash creating fun and interesting places for children to explore. The Wellesley Road Reserve playspace in Glen Waverley is due to open mid next year and is a first for Monash, featuring sensory play activities to stimulate young children's sense of touch, smell, taste, sight and hearing.

Other playspace upgrades include Carlson Reserve (Clayton), Danien Street (Glen Waverley) and Wilma Avenue (Mulgrave).

And we're continuing with our core work of upgrading drainage, footpaths and roads across Monash and maintaining our valued parks and reserves.

The new multi-sport pavilion at Caloola Reserve (Oakleigh) is at the design phase and work on this project will start early next year, featuring hot shots tennis courts and a basketball court creating a new sporting precinct in this well-used local area.

We'll also be embarking on some upgrades to the Glen Waverley library toilets, change rooms at MARC and introducing a food waste recycling service in July that will allow for food scraps disposed of in the green lid bin to be turned into compost.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Council-Projects



HOLIDAY Opening Hours

Waste & Recycling Collections

Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal through the Christmas period, including on public holidays.

Council Offices

CIVIC CENTRE

293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley

OAKLEIGH SERVICE CENTRE

3 Atherton Rd, Oakleigh

The centres will be **closing** at 4pm on **Fri 20, Tue 24 and Tue 31 Dec.**

Closed Wed 25, Thur 26 Dec and Wed 1 Jan.

Waste Transfer Station

380 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill

Closed Wed 25, Thur 26 Dec and Wed 1 Jan.

Otherwise, open 7.30am-4pm

Monash Libraries

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| Fri 20 Dec | 10am-4pm (Mulgrave 9am-1.30pm) |
| Sat 21 Dec | 9am-4pm |
| Sun 22 Dec | 2pm-5pm (Clayton and Glen Waverley only) |
| Mon 23 Dec | 10am-9pm |
| Tue 24 Dec | 10am-4pm |
| Wed 25 & Thur 26 Dec | Closed |
| Fri 27 Dec | 10am-6pm |
| Sat 28 Dec | 9am-4pm |
| Sun 29 Dec | 2pm-5pm (Clayton and Glen Waverley only) |
| Mon 30 Dec | 10am-6pm |
| Tue 31 Jan | 10am-4pm |
| Wed 1 Jan | Closed |
| Thur 2 Jan | Normal Hours |

Mulgrave Neighbourhood Library will be **closed** between **21 Dec and 12 Jan** (inclusive).

In addition to the public holidays, the Monash Federation Centre will be closed between 24 Dec and 8 Jan (inclusive).

Return chutes will remain open at all of our branches except Mulgrave.



Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre

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| 626 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley | |
| Tue 24 Dec | 6am-6pm |
| Wed 25 Dec | Closed |
| Thur 26 Dec | 9am-6pm |
| Fri 27 Dec | 6am-9pm |
| Sat 28 & Sun 29 Dec | 8am-7pm |
| Mon 30 Dec | 6am-9pm |
| Tue 31 Dec | 6am-6pm |
| Wed 1 Jan | 9am-6pm |

Clayton Aquatics & Health Club

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| Cooke Street, Clayton | |
| Tue 24 Dec | 6am-5pm |
| Wed 25 Dec | Closed |
| Thur 26 Dec | 9am-5pm |
| Fri 27 Dec | 6am-9pm |
| Sat 28 & Sun 29 Dec | 8am-6pm |
| Mon 30 Dec | 6am-9pm |
| Tue 31 Dec | 6am-5pm |
| Wed 1 Jan | 9am-5pm |

Oakleigh Recreation Centre

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| Park Road, Oakleigh | |
| Tue 24 Dec | 6am-6pm |
| Wed 25 Dec | Closed |
| Thur 26 Dec | 9am-6pm |
| Fri 27 Dec | 6am-9pm |
| Sat 28 & Sun 29 Dec | 8am-6pm |
| Mon 30 Dec | 6am-9pm |
| Tue 31 Dec | 6am-6pm |
| Wed 1 Jan | 9am-6pm |

From Thur 2 Jan **all centre** hours return to normal.

NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28 January** 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 23 January**.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 28 January. 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)

Oakleigh Service Centre

3 Atherton Road
Oakleigh

8.15am to 5.15pm (Mon to Fri)

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MESSAGE FROM Mayor Stuart James

I'm humbled by the vote of confidence in me by my Councillor colleagues in electing me your Mayor for the final year of this Council term.

When I took on the role of Councillor in 2016, I didn't fully appreciate the range of services that Council provides. The teams at Monash do an outstanding job to deliver the best for residents and take enormous pride in what they do.

What drives me in life is my belief that everyone is born equal, should be treated equally and have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

A passion of mine has been focussing on providing support for parents so that they are able to give their children the best start in life. This includes assisting

with anxiety, depression, addictions, reducing social isolation, and sometimes just being there to lend a hand in tough times.

Monash has a strong record of standing up for critical issues including gender equality, mental health services, prevention of violence against women and increasing female participation in sport.

As a Council we can, and must, be leaders in achieving generational change in the attitudes towards women, driving home the message that respect for women is paramount.

These are some of the issues I am passionate about and will focus on during my mayoral year.

As the father of two daughters under the age of five, I also understand the importance of playspaces. I'm pleased that as a result of my budget bids last year, a playspace upgrade is underway in Evelyn Street Clayton and we have begun consulting on the Wilma Avenue upgrade in Mulgrave. Council is also undertaking work on Wellesley Drive (Mulgrave), Danien Street (Glen Waverley) and Carlson Reserve (Clayton).

I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had wonderful role models in my parents, who have taught me that family is everything. These values resonate now in my own family, with my wife Donna and my three daughters (L-R Mara, April and Zoe).

I love this city and I'm incredibly excited about the year ahead.

If you're interested in finding out more about what I've been up to around our city, like my [Facebook](#) @crstuartjames or follow me on [Instagram](#) @crstuartjames and join me on the journey.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and
Happy New Year

Household recycling secure in Monash for another three years

Household recycling in Monash is locked in for the next three years (to April 2023) after Council secured its contract with provider Visy Recycling.

While many Councils have been forced to dispose of their recyclables in landfill or stockpile the collections following the closure of recycling operators, Monash is pleased to have been able to maintain its service throughout the recycling crisis.

Monash has maintained a longstanding partnership with Visy for the past eight years and the new contract gives the community assurance that their recycling will not go to landfill.

The recycling landscape in Australia has changed dramatically in the past 18 months and there has been much uncertainty for Councils and the communities they serve.

We are pleased we can let you know that you have security about your recycling being picked up every

fortnight and that it is being processed for recycling.

We encourage Monash residents to keep recycling and look at ways to reduce their household waste and adopt more sustainable practices, no matter how small, in their daily lives.

Council will continue to advocate to the State Government for the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme to reduce litter, improve recycling quality and minimise glass bottles from the recycling bin.

Approximately 14,300 tonnes of recycling is collected from Monash household recycling services each year.

Solo Resource Recovery will continue to collect our kerbside bins, including recycling that will be delivered to Visy's facility in Springvale.

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





It's events season!

Monash has a vibrant events and festivals program and there's nothing better than enjoying great music, food and festivities in some of our beautiful parks and reserves.

Bring your family and friends along to some of the fantastic celebrations in Monash this summer.

Australia Day is recognised in Monash with a flag raising and citizenship ceremony at 10am at the Civic Centre (Glen Waverley) on Sunday, 26 January. This will be followed by a free community barbecue and entertainment in the upgraded Glen Waverley Library forecourt with its inviting spaces to sit and watch the festivities.

On 23 February our popular Clayton Festival gets underway, featuring awesome food to sample and lots of interesting and unique activities to try. The festival is held at the Clayton Community Centre and Cooke Street car park, offering lots of space for market stalls, food trucks, roving performers and great live entertainment.

In March, we're off to Oakleigh for the Live at Warrawee music festival. This fabulous night of live music, food and fun is the place to dance under the stars in our beautiful Warrawee Park. We'll share more info in our February bulletin about who will be headlining the event for 2020!

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/events

Wildlife through a lens

A focus on nature saw longtime Monash resident Ian Moodie named the 2019 Sir John Monash Sustainability Leadership award winner.

Ian is a passionate wildlife photographer whose work engages people in nature so they get to know the amazing animals that share our urban environment.

Growing up on the rural fringes of Melbourne, Ian spent his days in the bush or by the creek and “developed a deep and abiding love of the bush and an appreciation of the diversity of life that surrounds us all.”

He generously shares his images free of charge, with the aim of connecting people to the incredible beauty that is right on our doorstep.

“With the urbanised life most of us lead these days, we are becoming less and less connected with the natural world,” Ian said.

“In a small way, I hope that my photos may help to restore some of the connection, especially if the subject is local.”

By bringing these creatures to life, Ian shares his love of wildlife with the residents of Monash and through this raises awareness of their existence and the need to protect their habitat. His imagery has featured in numerous Council publications, as well as those by other organisations.

“It has been said that people will not be interested in preserving something if they don't care about it, and they won't care about it if they don't know about it, and they probably won't know about it if they don't have the opportunity to learn. Helping people to learn is what I want to do,” Ian said.

Ian hopes the recognition from this award will help in his efforts to continue to raise awareness.

High Commendations were given to 11-year-old Hiruka Kularatne, who wrote to Council to request a sign at his local lake to tell people of the dangers of feeding the ducks, and to Jenny Lindholme who spearheaded a popular sustainable garden project at Glen Waverley South Primary School.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3619
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/2019-awards



Register your pool and spa

All owners of existing swimming pools and spas now need to register their pool with Council.

The State Government has introduced changes to safety barriers and fencing around private swimming pools and spas to reduce incidences of young children drowning.

The new regulations started on 1 December 2019 and you have until 1 June 2020 to register.

Visit the Monash Council website for more information and to start the registration process.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/swimming-pool-spa-regulations

Changes to

kindergarten provider from 2021

Kindergarten provider bestchance has decided to cease its early years service in Monash from 2020, leaving 18 community based kindergartens without a service manager.

Council is extremely disappointed with the decision. Other kindergartens across the state are also impacted with bestchance announcing it will no longer provide management for around 34 kindergarten services across the eastern region. bestchance has advised Council that it will not continue managing the service as it is no longer seen as core business in Monash.

bestchance operates the 18 kindergarten services in Monash under a service agreement with the Department of Education and Training. Council does not run the kindergarten service.

Council's only involvement is operating the central enrolment process and providing buildings to bestchance at a peppercorn rental. The operation of the service, employment of staff and financial management all sits with bestchance.

Council had already been in discussion with bestchance about its provision of service at one local kindergarten and is disappointed that bestchance did not advise earlier of its change in direction for the service.

To be told so close to the end of the kindergarten year and with so little warning is understandably

disappointing and unsettling for our Monash families.

bestchance has agreed to continue the service in Monash for all 18 kindergartens until the end of 2020. This provides some short-term certainty for families and buys Council some time to find an alternative provider. There is considerable work to be done but Council and the Department of Education and Training are working together to find a new Early Years Service provider.

Council's priority is to provide certainty that a secure and viable service will be provided in Monash in the future and that there will be minimal disruption for families.

However, what this decision by bestchance has revealed is that the provision of kindergarten services is changing and we must as a community adapt to this change.

This may mean changes for how kindergarten services are offered in the future in Monash. A review of the demand for the services and the service model will be undertaken to consider how best to ensure that all families can access kindergarten services locally.

Council is not currently an early years' manager and does not intend to take on this role as there are other providers more suited to deliver kindergarten services.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/kindergartens

Planning update

Here is an update on several developments proposed, approved or refused in Monash.

- » A new application has been received for 445-467 Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley (The Bruce County site) proposing a multi-level building up to seven storeys in height with two basements (252 car parks) for a retirement village and childcare centre.
- » An application has been lodged for a five storey building including two shops and 15 apartments at 55-59 Portman Street Oakleigh.
- » A proposal for the staged development of an aged care and retirement village, including a medical centre, has been lodged for 62-94 Jacksons Road, Mulgrave.
- » A planning permit was issued for development of an aged care facility at 161-171 Jells Road, Wheelers Hill. The applicant is seeking an amendment to reduce the bedsits, increase building height and parking and vary setbacks.
- » An application has been made to VCAT against Council's refusal to issue a planning permit for development and use of a six storey building at 73-75 Kingsway Glen Waverley.

If you wish to provide feedback on any of these proposals, you can do so by contacting our Planning Department on ☎ 9518 3555

COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cr MT Pang Tsoi

It was my great honour and privilege to be elected as Deputy Mayor of the City of Monash on 11th November 2019. I look forward to continuing to work very hard for our community and in the best interests of our Monash ratepayers, families and communities.

As your Deputy Mayor and Councillor of the City of Monash, keeping our Council services efficient and exploring new economic development opportunities, both of which deliver better value for money and increase job opportunities, are important for the prosperity of our city.

That's why I support smart city ideas. Council has successfully applied to receive \$700,000 from the Federal Government's Smart City funding program. Smart City ideas aim to improve the livability, productivity and sustainability of Australian cities, suburbs and towns by an efficient data communication network, advance sensing technologies, improving recycling and waste services, reducing energy usage via improved technology as well as protecting the environment.

In a major milestone for Monash, I was pleased to be part of the "Reading and Walking: International Library Bookmarks Arts Exchange 2019". It is the first time that Monash public libraries have taken part in an international bookmark exchange alongside Guangzhou Library (China), Los Angeles County Public Library (USA), Lyon Library (France) and the National Foreign Language Library and Yekaterinburg Mayor Library (Russia).

Monash young people showed their creativity and talents with many of their fantastic ideas and excellent designs and art work. Through this program they can share their art work with others around the world.

I am a member of Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee and I would also like to congratulate the Monash Multicultural Settlement Services

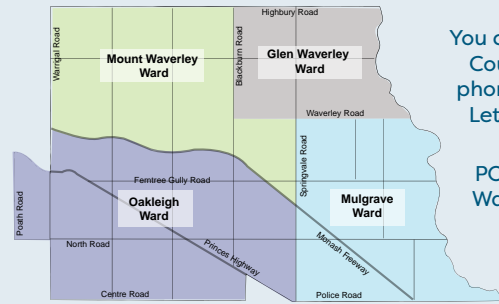
Network and public library services for including a series of the very successful Chinese Community Information sessions in 2019.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish all Monash residents a happy and safe new year for 2020. I will continue to work hard to serve our community and always welcome your feedback on:

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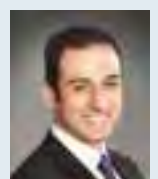
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New hub for Monash youth

An exciting new co-located office space for Monash Youth Services (MYS) and Wavecare will open in the New Year.

Located at level one of the Euneva building, the new space will open from Tuesday 28 January 2020 and is just 200m from Glen Waverley Station making it a central point for these important services in the heart of Glen Waverley.

With Link Health and Community operating from the ground floor of Euneva, this change creates improved accessibility to a health and wellbeing hub for young people and the wider community seeking these services.

The new space was co-designed with young people, for young people, providing a more engaging and welcoming space for Monash youth.

It's a place where young people can come together in a safe environment to hang out, learn, share and connect and includes a chill space with a drop down movie screen, an outdoor terrace, kitchen, office space and private support and consulting rooms.

All existing services who currently outpost at MYS will also be moving across to the new location.

As part of the move, Monash Youth Services will also be getting a new phone number.

Consultation on the new space was undertaken with the young people of Monash, Wavecare,

LinkHealth and Community and Glen Waverley Traders Association.

The \$2.8 million project was funded by the sale of the two properties where Wavecare and Monash Youth Services currently operate from.

For more info:

📞 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Council-Projects



Feasibility study for MARC

Council will undertake a feasibility study to develop and assess options for a significant redevelopment of the Monash Aquatic Recreation Centre in Glen Waverley.

The study follows a needs assessment that has been undertaken. An extensive community and stakeholder consultation was held earlier this year including surveys, staff workshops, Monash reference and advisory groups, and community focus group meetings.

Based on this consultation and the needs assessment, priorities for the redevelopment include increased warm water space, additional car parking and increased general, family and accessible change facilities.

Council is also keen to investigate providing a unique and landmark water play area, including water slides and other water activities to establish the centre as a significant aquatic and recreational facility in Victoria.

Council will seek funding options from State and Federal governments to support the redevelopment works.

A report will come before Council by June 2020 outlining a staged package of works.

For more info: 📞 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/MARC-feasibility



Energy saver programs

Council is supporting programs that encourage our community to become more environmentally friendly and save energy and money on their bills.

The Solar Savers program assists eligible homeowners, including pensioners to get a solar system for their home using a low interest loan. This includes the quote for a system, installation by a trusted technician and finance arrangement.

📞 1300 548 598 🌐 solarsavers.org.au

Summer Savers is a United Energy-run program where people can get cash back on their bills and other incentives if they agree to reduce their energy usage at certain times.

The program runs from 1 December to 31 March.

Participants will receive a letter from United Energy inviting them to participate.

Summer Savers: 📞 1300 131 689

🌐 www.unitedenergy.com.au

For more info: 📞 9518 3555

MGA



DRESSING UP clothing and camera

Until 9 February

As necessity or luxury, to integrate or rebel, in freedom or oppression, dress is the nexus of selfhood. *Dressing up* draws together photographs from the MGA collection that feature dress or clothing as a significant element in their making.



Jeff CARTER
Saturday arvo, Cronulla Beach 1960
courtesy of the artist

THE TUCKER PORTRAITS

portraits from an Australian icon

Until 9 February

Albert Tucker (1914-1999) was one of Australia's most well-known and renowned artists, and a key exponent of Australian modernism. *The Tucker Portraits* explores how Tucker used photography within his practice - as source material as well as creating unique and intimate portraits that explored social, cultural and political life in Australia.



Albert TUCKER
*In the mirror:
self-portrait with
Joy Hester 1939*
collection of
Albert & Barbara
Tucker Foundation
courtesy of Albert
& Barbara Tucker
Foundation



📍 MGA, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill
For more info: 🌐 www.mga.org.au

Summer Reading Club

Mon 9 Dec to
Sat 18 Jan

This is a great way for kids aged 0-15 to read over the holidays while getting involved in some fun activities. Everyone who enters the challenge will be in with a chance to win great prizes!

Register at your local library.

For more info: 🌐 www.monlib.vic.gov.au/SRC



Active Abilities Kids

Held each Wed, 4.45pm for 45mins

Active Abilities Kids is a fun, group exercise class for children aged six and above. The class welcomes all kids and is especially designed for children with disabilities. No bookings needed. First class is FREE.

📍 Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre
626 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley

For more info: 📞 9265 4888 📧 carol.syer@monash.vic.gov.au

MGA

Twilight Art in the Park

Sat 1 February, 4pm

Enjoy a family-friendly fun day at the Monash Gallery of Art, with free art workshops for adults and kids, live music and an outdoor film screening at sundown of 'Mary Poppins Returns'. Presented by The Friends of MGA with support from the Monash Community Grants program.

📍 MGA, 860 Ferntree, Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

For more info: 🌐 2020twilightartinthepark.eventbrite.com.au

