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OAKLEIGH RECREATION CENTRE ENTRANCE



# Awesome

## ORC... opening in January!

**The transformed Oakleigh Recreation Centre is officially opening in January 2021.**

Following a \$25M upgrade, the fantastic facility includes five new indoor basketball courts with retractable seating for the number one show court, a larger gym with multiple rooms for fitness classes, new bathroom facilities and conversion of the previous basketball stadium to a state level gymnastics facility for the Waverley Gymnastics Centre.

Work on the upgrade began in May 2019 with Council planning to open in October 2020 but COVID-19 restrictions delayed work on the site. The redevelopment is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by Council, with the challenges of the site requiring a complete reorientation of the existing building.

Council is pleased to be providing this important facility to the local community to meet the growing need for local and regional netball, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and other sports.

The project builds on Council's commitment to a healthy and active Monash. Council has funded the project with contributions from State (through Sports Recreation Victoria) and Federal governments, and Waverley Gymnastics Centre.

See what it's all about at the Grand Opening event on Saturday 23 January 2021.

To register your interest and to check out the new facility:  
[www.oakleighrecreationcentre.com.au](http://www.oakleighrecreationcentre.com.au)

*Australia Post has recently announced several service delivery delays, which may impact on the delivery of the Monash Bulletin during December. Some households may receive the Bulletin later than Council intends due to this delay. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.*

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and  
Happy New Year

# 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 18, Thur 24 and Thur 31 Dec.**

**Closed Fri 25, Mon 28 Dec and Fri 1 Jan.**

## Waste Transfer Station

380 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill

**Closed from Fri 25** reopening **Tues 29 and Closed Fri 1 Jan.**

Otherwise, open 7.30am-4pm

## Monash Libraries

Thu 24 Dec	10am-4pm
Fri 25 to Mon 28 Dec	Closed
Tue 29 Dec	10am-6pm (Clayton and Glen Waverley only)
Wed 30 Dec	10am-6pm
Thur 31 Jan	10am-4pm
Wed 1 Jan	Closed
Thur 2 Jan	9am-4pm
Fri 3 Jan	2pm-5pm
Sat 4 Jan	Normal hours resume

Mulgrave Neighbourhood Library will be **closed** between **25 Dec and 10 Jan** (inclusive).

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

## Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre\*

626 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley

Thu 24 Dec	6am-6pm
Fri 25 Dec	Closed
Sat 26 Dec	9am-6pm
Sun 27 Dec	8am-7pm
Mon 28 Dec	9am-6pm
Tue 29 & Wed 30 Dec	6am-9pm
Thur 31 Dec	6am-6pm
Fri 1 Jan	9am-6pm

## Clayton Aquatics and Health Club\*

Cooke St, Clayton

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

## Oakleigh Recreation Centre\*

Park Rd, Oakleigh

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

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

HAPPY Christmas  
— and —  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

\*Recreation Centre opening hours may be subject to change.

## JOIN IN OUR CAROLS from home

The countdown is on for our much loved Monash Carols by Candlelight – with a difference.

This year, due to COVID-19, we are bringing the 32nd Carols by Candlelight to you ONLINE on Sunday, 20 December from 7pm to 8.30pm.

MC Pete Smith will once again host this event, which will be shown via our YouTube channel and website and Mayor Brian Little will welcome you all. Artists Belinda Parsons, the Amore Duet (featuring Stephen Coutts and Samantha Robertson), Richard Thomas and rising star Annie Jones (seen on America's Got Talent) will be performing. The Oakleigh Primary School Choir will feature a special Auslan version of some of your Christmas favourites. Bethany Fisher will delight the littlest carolers.

These stars will be joined by the Monash Carols by Candlelight Band - an ensemble of musicians gathered together by Musical Director Bob Moody. Of course, Santa will also make a special appearance.

Watch Monash Carols by Candlelight 2020 on your laptop, tablet or smart TV and sing along to your favourite Christmas carols and songs. Thanks to our sponsors Eastlink, Nine News and First National Real Estate Waverley City. Join us online, from the comfort of your home, for this wonderful celebration of Christmas.

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/carols](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/carols) or [www.youtube.com/MonashCityCouncil](http://www.youtube.com/MonashCityCouncil)  
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## Monash Civic Centre

293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley  
8.30am-5.15pm (Mon to Fri)

## Oakleigh Service Centre

3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh  
8.30am-5.15pm (Mon to Fri)

We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:  
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National Relay Service (for the hearing and speech impaired) 1800 555 660

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廣東話	9321 5481	Việt Ngữ	9321 5487
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Bahasa Indonesia 7005 3001



# MESSAGE FROM Mayor Brian Little

I'm delighted and humbled to be elected your Mayor for the first year of our new Council term, and I thank my Councillor colleagues for their vote of confidence.

I really believe that this is the start of what will be a terrific term for Council. With the world opening up and COVID restrictions easing there is now a buzz around and a sense that everyone wants to make up for lost time.

A warm welcome to our new Councillors – Nicky Luo, Tina Samardzija and Anjalee de Silva - it is wonderful to have more women's voices in the chamber. With new faces comes new skills, new experiences and new perspectives.

The last 10 months have been the most challenging we have faced as a Council and a community. I am incredibly proud of the collective work of Councillors and our organisation in making tough decisions and following them through, to care for our community when many were struggling with the loss of their jobs, anxiety about their businesses and concerns about their future.

These decisions included extending the Hardship Assistance Program to include a rate deferral, suspending footpath trading fees and a 10% waiver on all rates for the 2020/21 financial year.

Economic recovery will take some time but we have proven that, working together, we can achieve great things. I am heartened by the support we are already



Brian with his children  
Kathryn, Cameron  
and Andrew

seeing for our businesses and the many stories of kindness to others that are being shared.

Monash has held firm in not letting staff go. It is a tribute to the commitment of staff, and their willingness to be flexible in what they do, that Council has been able to continue to provide services across almost the full spectrum of Council activities.

As we move into recovery from COVID there will, of course, be challenges ahead, but also much to look forward to including the long-awaited reopening of our fantastic Oakleigh Recreation Centre, incorporating the gymnastics centre for Waverley Gymnastics Club and many other projects.

As your Mayor, I give my commitment that I will work with each Councillor for the betterment of this wonderful city and to make the next 12 months the very best they can be for the Monash community.

You can contact me on:

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✉️ [Brian.Little@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:Brian.Little@monash.vic.gov.au)

Merry  
Christmas

## NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 15 December** from 7pm. The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.30pm on **Thursday 10 December**.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 15 December.

Under the restrictions introduced by the State Government to slow the spread of Coronavirus, Council meetings will not be open to the public to attend. However, the meeting remains a public meeting with the community able to watch via our livestreaming service at

🌐 [webcast.monash.vic.gov.au](http://webcast.monash.vic.gov.au)

During this time the Mayor will act as the representative in reading out any public questions and providing a response over the livestream. A written response will also be provided.

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/meetings](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/meetings)

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## Helping Monash recycle right

We understand recycling can be confusing at times and that our residents want to recycle correctly.

Following the great takeup of the food and green waste service, we want to understand what is still going in the general waste bin and if more education and information is needed.

Bin inspections will begin mid-December. If your bin has been inspected, we'll leave a tag on your bin and a note in your letterbox with feedback.

Using your bins correctly is important to help make sure your recycling can be sorted and turned into new products, and that food and garden waste can be composted for use on the farms that grow our food. The data will be aggregated and the selected households will not be identified.

For more info: Senior Sustainability Officer April Williams

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# WORK TO START on child and family hub



**Construction of the Wellington Child and Family hub is to start, delivering a state-of-the-art facility for the Mulgrave community.**

The new facility is expected to be ready for the 2022 kindergarten year.

Council's Early Years Services Plan has identified Wellington Park kindergarten and the Mulgrave maternal and child health project as a priority for renewal and upgrade given the demographics of the local community, the identified needs of children and their families, the age of the building and the poor condition of both buildings. The integrated hub is the first of its kind in Monash.

At its November 2020 Council meeting, the tender for the facility was awarded to Alchemy Construct P/L. The State Government, through the Department of Education & Training, is contributing \$1M towards the \$3.3M project.

## The scope of work includes:

- » Demolition of the existing kindergarten and maternal child health buildings
- » A two room kindergarten with outdoor learning environment
- » A two room maternal and child health service
- » A playgroup room and outdoor learning environment which can also be a multipurpose area
- » Additional car parking and landscaping.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/wellington-hub](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/wellington-hub)



Keep Victoria Beautiful  
**SUSTAINABLE CITIES 2020 AWARDS**

Overall 2020 Sustainable City Winner  
**MONASH**

## MONASH WINS Sustainable City of the Year Award!

**Monash is Keep Victoria Beautiful's (KVB) Overall 2020 Sustainable City of the Year.**

KVB's Sustainable Cities Awards recognise and celebrate positive actions taken by communities in urban areas to protect and enhance their local environments.

Monash also won an award in the Environment (Council) category for the native bees and seeds kits that the Sustainable Monash team put together and hand delivered to 600 residents during the COVID-19 'stay at home' restrictions.

The kits were used by residents to build little bee homes in empty food cans, to attract Australian native bees to gardens and encourage pollination. Residents also grew indigenous plants from seeds to create a habitat garden while in lockdown.

The overall award recognises the commitment of Council and our local community groups in protecting and enhancing Monash's local environment:

- » The Clayton Zone Project – education about litter prevention and how to recycle and dispose of waste correctly for people living in Clayton was Highly Commended in the Litter (Council) category.
- » The War on E-waste free public event, held in August

2019 with ABC personality Craig Reucassel and a panel of experts, was Highly Commended in the Waste (Council) category. More than 800 people attended this event.

To win the overall Sustainable City award Council needed three strong projects from Council but also three strong entries from the community. The Waverley Garden Club, and Brentwood Secondary College were among those who entered supporting projects.

The Monash Youth Ambassadors (YABS) were also finalists in the Social Well-being category for their #MYAction2020 campaign.

## Other projects included in Council's submission:

- » Mackie Road Neighbourhood House Sustainability Hub
- » Corporate Gardens for Wildlife program at Dame Nellie Melba Retirement Village
- » Waverley Garden Club's City of Monash Open Gardens.

Monash joined the City of Bayside, City of Casey, City of Moonee Valley and City of Port Phillip - as a finalist in the overall Sustainable City Award.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3733

🌐 [www.kvb.org.au/city-of-monash-voted-most-sustainable-city-of-the-year](http://www.kvb.org.au/city-of-monash-voted-most-sustainable-city-of-the-year)



# COMMUNITY GRANTS program to open

**Each year Council provides funding to support community groups and organisations to deliver projects, activities and events to strengthen, enhance and benefit the Monash community through the Monash Community Grants Program.**

In 2020/21 Council allocated funding in excess of \$2.4M across nine categories to many important and valuable community groups and organisations within the city and expects to do the same in 2021/22.

Applications for the 2021/22 round of the Monash Community Grants Program will open on Thursday 28 January 2021 and close on Thursday 4 March 2021. Local community groups and organisations are invited to submit applications for cash and in-kind funding to support activities taking

place between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 within these categories:

- » Active Projects
- » Arts & Cultural Projects
- » Community Events
- » Community Strengthening
- » Community Strengthening – Hall Only
- » Major Festivals
- » Neighbourhood Houses
- » Positive Ageing
- » Specialist Services.

Applicant Guidelines are now available online.

Council will be holding Applicant Information & Support Workshops throughout February 2021. These will provide a one-on-one opportunity to meet with a member of the Monash Community Grants team for advice on the program.

In addition to these sessions, Monash Council will be holding two Effective Grant Writing Workshops via Zoom on Monday 1 Feb and Thursday 4 Feb 2021.

All sessions are subject to current State Government advice and bookings are essential.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-grants](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-grants)



# SUBURBAN RAIL LOOP project update

**The State Government has announced more detail on the next stage of the Suburban Rail Loop project and the three station locations in Monash.**

The State Government has announced \$2.2 billion for initial and early works on Stage One of the project. Works will start in 2022.

This is a significant project with three stations in Monash at Clayton, Monash University and Glen Waverley, recognising the importance of Monash as a thriving and economically significant community and in particular the significance of the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster.

As part of the project, there

is opportunity to build on the strategic planning work already undertaken by Council in the Clayton and Glen Waverley activity centres, to further transform these centres, to improve the public spaces where people gather and to encourage investment in two of our major activity centres.

Council is seeking further information on government funding to assist in future planning processes and the provision of additional infrastructure that we anticipate will be required to meet the expected growth around the new Suburban Rail Loop stations.

Council is concerned how it is expected to fund the additional demand on its services.

Council is also keen to work with the government to minimise impact on local businesses during the construction phase and to ensure they are fully consulted and supported during the project.

Stage one of the project is Cheltenham to Box Hill taking in stations at Clayton, Monash University and Glen Waverley.

Council has three inter-related projects within the Glen Waverley Activity Centre that are likely to be impacted by the preferred station location and associated works including:

- » The detailed design for a mixed use multi-level car park at 31-39 Montclair Avenue
- » The Kingsway Streetscape Renewal works (the design for which was planned to commence following completion of the mixed use multi-level carpark)
- » The marketing and sale of Council-owned properties at 14 Bogong Avenue and 155 Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley.

The Suburban Rail Loop is a State Government project.

For questions contact the information help line on:  
☎ 1800 105 105  
🌐 [www.suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au](http://www.suburbanrailloop.vic.gov.au)



# COUNCILLOR NEWS Cr Nicky Luo

It is my great honour to be elected as one of the Councillors for the Glen Waverley Ward for the 2020-2024 term.

As this is my first contribution to the Monash Bulletin since being elected to Council in October, I would like to use this opportunity to thank my family, friends and Glen Waverley residents who helped and encouraged me throughout the campaign. I am grateful for the trust placed in me by those who voted for me and by the many who contacted me to offer their support despite not being able to vote. I would also like to congratulate my fellow first time Councillors and those who were re-elected.

“Why do you want to be a Councillor?” I’ve been asked many times since I decided to run for Council. I can thank my parents; both of whom made substantial contributions to the community and are responsible for my passion about serving our city and making it an even greater place to live.

As someone who grew up, went to school and now lives with her family in Glen Waverley, I am very excited to represent the area I love at a Council level. I am also proud to be the first Australian Chinese Councillor elected to the Glen Waverley ward. Having experience of both Australian and Chinese cultures will allow me to understand the needs of our community from different perspectives and hopefully enhance communication between residents and the Council.

I am looking forward to gaining a deeper understanding of our community needs by participating in a number of committees including Disability Advisory, Monash Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing, Positive Ageing, Youth, as well as the Multicultural Advisory Committee. It will be fantastic to meet with these different groups to learn about their perspectives and listen to their valuable ideas.

Despite the challenges across 2020, Monash has been named the 2020 Sustainable City of the Year by Keep Victoria Beautiful. This is a proud achievement made

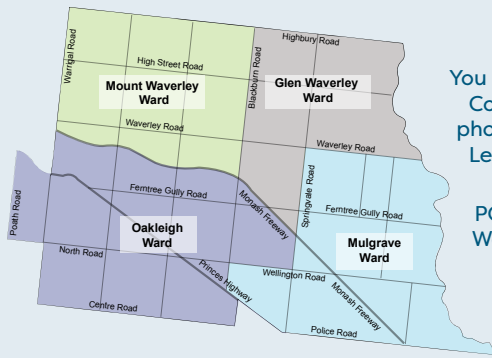
possible by our community’s commitment to getting involved in the sustainable programs run by Council and community groups around the city, so well done to you all!

Lastly, I wish you all a happy festive season and please stay safe.

I would love to hear from you; I encourage you to contact me if you would like to discuss an issue or provide feedback.



## YOUR Councillors



You can contact Councillors via phone or email. Letters can be mailed to:  
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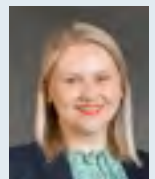
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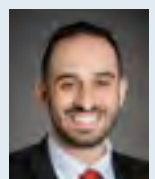
### Oakleigh Ward



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## REMINDER

### swimming pool registration

**Registrations of private swimming pools and spas were due by 1 November 2020.**

Council will send a follow up letter this month to property owners who have not yet registered their pools and spas.

Council has a simple and easy online registration process through our website.

The new rules requiring registration were introduced in 2019 by the State Government to make swimming pools and spas safer and prevent young children from drowning.

All permanent pools and spas, and most relocatable ones capable of holding water to a depth greater than 30cm must be registered. These include: inflatable pools, above ground pools, indoor pools, hot tubs, bathing or wading pools.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/swimming-pool-and-spa-registration](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/swimming-pool-and-spa-registration)

## NETBALL COURTS

upgrade to start



**The upgrade of the Waverley Women's Outdoor Netball Court is to start with Council awarding the tender for the work to Turf One Pty Ltd.**

The State Government committed \$2M through Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) towards the improvement of the outdoor netball courts at Waverley Women's Sport Centre. The new courts will be compliant with Netball Victoria Facility Guidelines and cater for all levels of competition.

The project involves the redevelopment of eight acrylic hard courts and relocation of the existing playground.

The Waverley Netball Centre attracts approximately 8000 people per week to play, coach, umpire and spectate at the venue. The improvements to the courts reflect Council's commitment to providing greater opportunities for women's sport in Monash.

The design was developed to be sensitive to the surrounding landscape and infrastructure within Jells Park. As part of the design work, Council arborists undertook an assessment of the trees at the site and found that eight trees in the area were identified as having existing deterioration or issues compromising structural integrity and would require removal.

Council will plant an additional 25 advanced native trees and additional garden beds and shrubs as part of the project.

Materials from the site such as the existing asphalt surface and granular fill will be reused as reclaimed material.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/waverley-womens-netball](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/waverley-womens-netball)

## HAVE YOUR SAY: Your Health and Wellbeing in Monash

**We want to identify the health and wellbeing priorities that are important to our Monash community and what you think we should be focusing on into the future.**

We're asking for your thoughts via an online survey about our Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025.

The Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 requires councils to develop a municipal public health and wellbeing plan every four years, within 12 months of each general election of the Council.

The next municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is due in October 2021.

With this feedback we will be able to identify areas of health and wellbeing to focus on over the next four years and how this is best achieved. The survey will be open from December 2020 to February 2021.

For more info: Simon Harrex,  
Health Promotion Officer

☎ 9518 3555

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/healthplan](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/healthplan)





# MOUNT WAVERLEY YOUNG PERSON

## named ABC program winner

**Council is proud to announce that 16-year-old Mount Waverley resident Evonne Lu has been named one of 31 winners in this year's ABC Takeover Melbourne competition.**

Almost 300 people aged 12 to 18 entered Takeover Melbourne this year, which is a new initiative from the ABC in partnership with VicHealth, Resilient Melbourne and the Centre for Multicultural Youth. Takeover is about showcasing the voices of young Melburnians and helping them shape the future of their city.

Evonne, who is currently a member of the Monash Youth Committee, was named the Monash winner with her story 'I want to continue to show future generations the love my Nana has showed me'.

Her touching story highlights her journey and close bond with her grandmother, who lives in Taiwan.

The winning stories have been featured across the ABC's website, social media and radio channels.

Congratulations also to Enuki and Sneha for their Highly Commended entries in the Monash region.

Read Evonne's story:

[www.abc.net.au/takeover](http://www.abc.net.au/takeover)



## ARTS & CULTURE on the Move

**The Monash Festival Season is in full swing, with some exciting Arts & Culture programs and activities in the pipeline for 2021.**



Plans for Australia Day 2021 are well underway and our cultural program this year will see a day filled with inspiring talks, performances, storytelling and more, all delivered online on Tuesday 26 January 2021, alongside virtual citizenship ceremonies.

We're also excited to announce the launch of our virtual Clayton Festival, from Saturday 20 February to Saturday 27 February 2021.

You'll be able to sign up for FREE kids activities, outstanding crafting workshops, global cooking demonstrations, join singalongs, take in performances, dance along to classic bands and much more.

Developed as a virtual experience for and by the Clayton community, the Festival welcomes everyone to learn new skills and celebrate this creative community.

For more information on our 2020/21 online festivals and events program see:

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals)



## LET'S GET active

Active Communities is the new arm of Active Monash which aims to provide inclusive and sustainable pathways for the community to be physically active in both structured and unstructured physical activity.

The program aims to support Council's priorities for enhancing the health, happiness and well-being of Monash community members; by promoting and delivering increased opportunities for the community to participate in more physical activity, more often. Keep an eye out on our website and social channels for upcoming programs and events that are free to participate in.

For more info: [Healthand.Fitness@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:Healthand.Fitness@monash.vic.gov.au)



## MGA

### The Bowness Prize

**Until 7 February 2021**

In 2020 MGA celebrated 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Bowness Photography Prize marks its 15<sup>th</sup> year. The William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize is an important survey of contemporary photographic practice and one of the most prestigious prizes in the country, providing Australian artists with the opportunity to exhibit at one of Australia's leading public galleries. The prize is a \$30,000 acquisitive award with a \$5,000 People's Choice Award supported by Smith & Singer.

In light of COVID-19 restrictions the exhibition will continue over summer as a physical and virtual exhibition.

View the works by the finalists:

[www.mga.org.au](http://www.mga.org.au)