

## Sensational summer events are here!

### **Sensational summer events are here in Monash with the Clayton Festival and Live at Warrawee just around the corner!**

There's no better time to get together with your friends, family and community to enjoy great food, fantastic music and loads of fun activities for everyone.

The fun kicks off with the Clayton Festival at the Clayton Community Centre and Cooke Street car park on Sunday, 23 February from 12pm until 5pm.

The Clayton Festival is a FREE community celebration featuring live entertainment across multiple stages, market stalls, a food truck alley,

roving performers, community activities and displays.

The festival is a reflection of the vibrant and diverse community living in Monash and we invite everyone to join us for a fun-filled day!

Free parking is available in surrounding streets, including Clayton Road, Dunstan Street, Carinish Road, Haughton Road and Thomas Street.

Clayton Festival caters for patrons of all abilities by providing accessible toilets and parking.

If you need to recharge a motorised wheelchair, power is available at the Information Tent. Accessible parking is available in the Cooke Street car park.

In March, the good times are at Oakleigh with the Live at Warrawee music event at Warrawee Park. This year, ARIA award winning musician, actor, songwriter and author Clare Bowditch will headline the event with her captivating songs and stories. This is a fabulous night of music, food and fun and is not to be missed. Live at Warrawee is from 4pm-9pm. Bring a picnic, pick up a takeaway from a local trader or grab a bite from one of the food trucks on site and get your dancing shoes ready!

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



# CHECK OUT the new PALS program

The new PALS (Positive Ageing Lifestyle program) is out now offering lots of FREE and low-cost events for older adults living, working or visiting Monash.

The PALS program aims to promote healthy and active ageing through social inclusion. The program offers interesting and fun activities and also provides helpful information on healthy living and health concerns.

The latest PALS program continues until April and people can take part in outings, sustainability activities, movie and theatre excursions and health forums.

All you have to do is read through the program and choose the events and activities you're keen to participate in. Use the details under each activity or event to book in. Some events have a cap on numbers and can book out quickly so get in early for your favourites.

For a copy of the program:

☎ 9518 3555

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

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



## HUNTINGDALE PRECINCT Plan consultation

**Council will undertake further consultation on the draft Huntingdale Precinct Plan.**

An information session will be held on Wednesday 26 February at Carmens in Hume Street, Huntingdale, from 6pm until 7:30pm.

Council officers will be on hand to explain the proposed plan and answer questions. Information will be sent to residents inviting them to the information session so please look out for your letter.

For inquiries: Aaron Hewett/Sherry Hopkins ☎ 9518 3555  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/huntingdale-precinct-plan](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/huntingdale-precinct-plan)

## MULGRAVE LIBRARY proposed upgrade

**Council is considering expanding Mulgrave Library to meet its growing needs and provide opportunities for people in the local community to meet and connect. The library is located in the Wellington Reserve Community Centre, Mackie Road Mulgrave.**

This proposal will not involve any change to the overall size of the current building but looks at other ways to expand and improve the service of this highly valued local library.

Council will apply for funding via the State Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Program

to support the library expansion.

Refurbishment of the library is expected to start in early 2021 and be completed by the end of June 2021.

Your feedback will inform our designs for the proposed expanded library space.

### Have your say:

- » **ONLINE:** Survey closes **13 March** 🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/mulgrave-library-survey](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/mulgrave-library-survey)
- » **HARD COPIES:** at all library branches, Neighbourhood Houses and Service Centres
- » **PHONE:** ☎ 9518 3555

### 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)

☎ 9518 3555

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

**National Relay Service** (for the hearing and speech impaired) 1800 555 660

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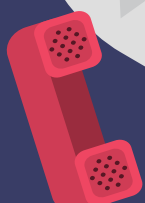
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## MESSAGE FROM Mayor Stuart James

It has been an extraordinary and troubling start to the new decade.

Bushfires in some of the most beautiful parts of Victoria, and other parts of Australia, have devastated communities. The loss of property and wildlife has been horrific.

Once again, we see Australians rally together in this time of terrible crisis. Overwhelmingly generous donations of money, food and support to help others in their greatest hour of need.



We moved quickly when the call for help came in and have provided a number of staff to our colleagues in East Gippsland to provide guidance, support and relief on the ground.

What is always encouraging in these times of heart-breaking natural disasters is the resilience, mateship and willingness to lend a hand that is at the heart of the Australian character. It speaks to the hope that communities will rise again. We will continue to reach out to support these communities to rebuild and recover.

We know there is much concern world-wide regarding the Novel Coronavirus and our local community shares that concern.

We are following the latest advice of the government's Chief Health Officer. However, this is a rapidly changing situation and people should keep up-to-date with the latest information from the State Government, including the Department of Health and Human Services, who we are in regular contact with.

We will continue to monitor this issue and provide up to date information through our website [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au)

Anyone who suspects they may have the coronavirus should call [1800 675 398](tel:1800675398).

Council takes action on climate change seriously. On the back of a motion I put to Council last September, officers are due to report to Council this month on costs and timings to achieving carbon neutrality, reducing corporate greenhouse emissions and ways we can assist our community in reducing their emissions. The report will also include budget initiatives and potential additions to our long term financial plan and the Council plan. We're also working towards the delivery of a whole of Council strategy which will be presented later this year.

It was wonderful to meet so many new Australians and Monash residents at our Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January and witness their happiness and emotion. A day I'll remember always and an absolute highlight of my mayoral year so far.

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

## NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 25 February** 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 20 February**. Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 25 February. If you're unable to attend, you can watch from home: [webcast.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/webcast) or watch previous meetings.

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

## Community survey on its way

**Hearing from our community about how we are responding to community needs and what we can do better is important to us.**

In March/April, some Monash residents will be asked to participate in a survey about Council's services and performance.

The survey is being conducted on behalf of residents by Metropolis Research, who will doorknock a random sample of 800 Monash residents to seek their views.

All researchers will have identification and must provide that identification to you prior to any discussion.

If we knock on your door, please take the time to

participate in the survey and have your say.

The feedback we receive in this annual survey is critical to Council as it helps us identify what we are doing well, what we can do better and what is important to you.

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# AN INSPIRATIONAL Woman

**Chrissy Dunienville's focus on building community and inspiring others to achieve their personal best saw her awarded the Sir John Monash Inspirational Women's Leadership award.**

Chrissy helps people improve their fitness and social interaction through the shopping centre walking groups she runs at Brandon Park and The Glen.

What started as a modest five member group in 2008 at Brandon Park Shopping Centre has now turned into a group with more than 100 members, with more on a waiting list. Seven years ago she rolled out the program to The Glen Shopping Centre, which has since shared similar success.

For Chrissy, the idea of bringing people together in a safe indoor environment to enhance their health and

wellbeing without a cost to them is what motivated her to begin the walking groups.

"It's a blessing to be able to provide a service for our community supported by our shopping centres in a non-threatening, non-judgemental, weather safe environment for all fitness levels and abilities," Chrissy said.

She has created an environment where people feel welcome and encouraged no matter their age, ability, gender or culture. Most participants are retired and range in age, with one of the longest running members turning 98 this year.

For many of the participants, this program has not only led to a better understanding between them despite their differences, it has also helped older residents remain connected and build relationships, all while developing good mental and physical health.

High Commendations were given to Konstantina Kouroutsidou, who assists migrant women and youth to support their individual needs as they integrate into the Australian community, and Christiane Mamotte, who volunteers with St Mark's Uniting Church in Chadstone at the Planned Activity Group for older people, including those with dementia.

For more info: [9518 3619](tel:95183619)  
[www.monash.vic.gov.au/2019-awards](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/2019-awards)



## UNIQUE playspace opens

**A unique playspace, the first of its kind in Monash, has opened at Wellesley Reserve (Glen Waverley).**

The new gardens, artwork and play items have been installed to support the existing play pieces. The new equipment adds a sensory play experience that is designed to engage children with additional needs. New items include accessible pathways with varying artworks and textures, sound sculptures, funny mirror and seated spinner.

The design of the playspace by Council's City Design team, with input from the community, was to create an inviting and playful environment full of sensory design elements, inspired by the existing elements of the site, such as the mature Eucalypt trees and resident birds, and further reinforced

with the addition of sensory play elements, such as tyre sound bouncers, a wavy mirror and a sound flower.

The playspace includes selected ornamental and sensory plants and trees, with a variety of colours and textures to stimulate the senses of touch, smell and sight.

Thank you to local residents who provided ideas and feedback to create this new playspace.

### Play features include:

- » Sensory garden trail and planting of new flowering trees, shrubs and groundcovers
- » Sound sculptures and funny mirror
- » Squeeze gate
- » Seated spinner
- » Existing play pieces to remain.



### Other elements of the project include:

- » Picnic table and bench seating
- » Removal of a small tea tree and one sick black wattle tree (both to be replaced with more appropriate tree species)
- » Open grassed area at southern end of the park to remain
- » Drinking fountain.

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





## CLAYTON PRECINCT Plan underway

**Council has adopted a Precinct Plan for the Clayton Activity Centre that will create a new identity and sense of place for this significant employment, research and residential precinct.**

The Precinct Plan, adopted at the January 2020 Council meeting, sets out a major transformative, long term vision to revitalise and grow Clayton.

The Clayton Activity Centre, one of the key areas in the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster (MNEIC), is a location for a Station Super Hub as part of the recently announced Suburban Rail Loop project.

Council, in collaboration with TRACT Consultants, have developed a draft Precinct Plan for the Clayton Shopping Centre, Medical Precinct and surrounding residential areas.

### **Key actions in the plan include:**

- » Improved transport and movement connections into Clayton
- » Creation of a new identity and sense of place for the Precinct, as a CBD level employment, research and residential destination
- » An expanded retail, medical research and residential role for the Clayton Precinct
- » Greater connectivity to Monash Health's Monash Campus and the Monash Heart Hospital (currently being constructed)
- » Developing a car parking strategy (once the Suburban Rail Loop Clayton Super Hub Station has been determined).

Council will wait until the Suburban Rail Loop Authority identifies the location of the Clayton Super Hub Station before proceeding with some elements of the plan.

### **For inquiries:**

Aaron Hewett/Sherry Hopkins ☎ 9518 3555

## MOUNT WAVERLEY draft structure plan released

**Council has endorsed and released a draft Structure Plan for the Mount Waverley Activity Centre that outlines the future directions for the centre to help it maintain its village feel while accommodating some future growth and change.**

Feedback from the community is that people want the Mount Waverley Activity Centre to be a place that encourages development, and that retains and promotes the much-loved village feel enjoyed by the community.

Council's vision for Mount Waverley is a place for all ages, a local place that is easy to get to but is also a destination for visitors, a place for social interaction, convenient shopping, that is green, and with high quality accommodation.

### **A number of improvements to the activity centre are proposed in the draft Structure Plan including:**

- » An improved central pedestrian path - A north-south pedestrian path connecting retail, car parking, public plazas and community facilities to the train station
- » New public plazas - A proposed streetscape and public area upgrade near the Railway Station and an expansion of the plaza near Winbourne Road.
- » Community centre precinct - Future improvements to the spaces and connections between the library and community centre buildings.
- » Central car park improvements - Simplifying traffic movements in this highly utilised car park to improve its efficiency and to make it safer.
- » Stephenson's Road improvements - Opportunities to enhance the 'front door' of the activity centre.

### **Have your say**

**DATE:** 17 February - 20 March

Information about the draft structure plan and how to comment will be available on Council's website at [www.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-structure-plan](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-structure-plan)

### **For inquiries:**

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# COUNCILLOR NEWS

## Cr Josh Fergeus

This has been a difficult summer. It's hard not to be acutely aware of the devastating bushfires raging around the country, including recent fatalities. These terrible events are highly distressing and will continue to have major long term impacts. More than 10 million hectares of Australia have burned so far this fire season, which began in winter last year. Council has recently provided staff to assist with the recovery effort. Fires around the country have claimed lives and thousands of homes. Estimates suggest that more than 1 billion Australian animals have died including 30% of the world's koala population.

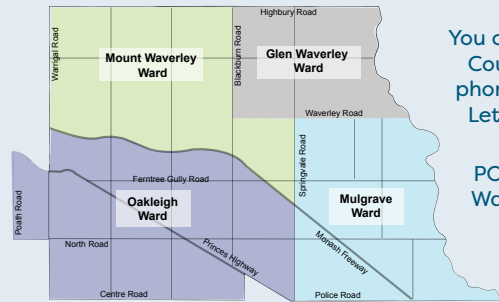
In my view we are clearly experiencing a climate emergency. The link between current extremes and anthropogenic climate change is scientifically indisputable. Global warming is making Australia drier, with more extreme weather more often. Bushfires will continue to become ever larger and more frequent unless we act. We know that human activity has caused approximately 1°C of global warming since the dawn of the industrial age, and warming is likely to reach 1.5°C by as early as 2030. If we fail to limit warming to 1.5°C we will face even more common extreme heat, further sea level rise and associated flooding, species loss, threats to food security, an exponential decrease in the availability of fresh water, and the death of the Great Barrier Reef.

Local governments across the world are contributing to solutions by taking huge strides in cutting greenhouse gas emissions. I believe that Monash can too by building on our work to date through a broad range of measures, including dramatically increasing our canopy tree cover, assisting residents and local businesses to access solar energy, prioritising walking, cycling, public transport and electric vehicles, improving our procurement practices, and reducing emissions generated from new developments and waste.

In recent years Council has shifted to 100% renewable energy, creating a sustainability hub at Mackie Road Neighbourhood House (I'm there in the pic above) and worked with local businesses to undertake Environmental Upgrade Agreements across the municipality. But we can and must do more. Monash has the opportunity to join with more than 1,300 other jurisdictions around the world and acknowledge that we are experiencing a climate emergency. I believe we must acknowledge the extent of the challenges ahead and take urgent, ambitious action to reduce emissions from Council operations and across the broader Monash community. This summer has made that crystal clear. Stay safe. We're all in this together.

 @ JoshFergeusGreens
 
 @ JoshFergeus  
 [www.joshfergeus.com.au](http://www.joshfergeus.com.au)

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## HAVE YOUR SAY on our gambling policy

**Last financial year over \$110 million was lost within Monash from poker machines.**

Gambling can have a terrible impact, often on the most vulnerable members of our community.

Monash has a long history of advocating on the harm caused by poker machines and we are currently putting together a new Gambling Policy to be implemented later this year.

We are keen to hear from the community about what they want the policy to address and their priorities.

Residents are invited to complete our current 'Have Your Say' on the perceptions on gambling and gambling-related harm. The information from the survey will be used to inform the way the updated policy may be structured and outlined, and to improve the health and wellbeing of our local community.

**Have your say:** The survey will be open from 20 February until 20 March.

» **ONLINE:** [www.monash.vic.gov.au/gambling-policy-survey](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/gambling-policy-survey)

» **HARD COPIES:** Available in libraries, Neighbourhood Houses and Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd Glen Waverley) and Oakleigh Service Centre (3 Atherton Rd)

» **PHONE:** Simon Harrex  
 9518 3046

## CLEAN UP Australia Day

Monash residents are encouraged to pull on some gloves and join their neighbours, friends and family to help spruce up Monash this Clean Up Australia Day, on Sunday 1 March.



There are many registered sites within Monash where people can volunteer to pick up rubbish to support the local environment. You can register to join a site near you by visiting the Clean Up Australia Day website and search by postcode.

This year, Council is hosting a clean-up activity at the home of the Skink Link Project, along Scotchmans Creek in Chadstone/Oakleigh.

Join us in helping clean up the habitat of our native flora and fauna. Meet us at the Oakleigh Golf Course between 10am-12pm to pick up some litter and after the clean-up enjoy a free BBQ.

Please wear sturdy shoes and bring your gloves, sunscreen, hat and water. Registrations essential for catering purposes.

For more info: 9518 3555

[www.monash.vic.gov.au/clean-up-day](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/clean-up-day)

## FREE VACCINATIONS to prevent disease

**FREE vaccinations for children are available at local immunisation sessions run by trained Council nurses.**

The vaccinations are available at no cost for babies, toddlers, pre-school and school-aged children.

Immunisation is the safest and most effective way to eliminate preventable diseases such as mumps, measles and whooping cough. Some FREE vaccines are also available for eligible adults.

Bookings are not required for morning vaccination sessions but are essential for the evening sessions.

For more info: 9518 3534

[immunisation@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@monash.vic.gov.au)

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

### Morning Sessions 10am-11.30am

Tuesday	17 March 21 April	Monash Civic Centre
Wednesday	4 March 1 April	Mt Waverley Community Centre
Wednesday	11 March 8 April	Mulgrave Community Centre
Thursday	27 February 26 March 30 April	Monash Civic Centre
Friday	28 February 27 March 24 April	Mt Waverley Community Centre
Friday	6 March 13 March 3 April	Monash Seminar and Training Centre

### Evening Sessions 5pm-7pm

Monday	24 February 23 March 27 April	Monash Civic Centre
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## GameAware PARENT evening

Taking gaming from  
habit to hobby

Wed 11 March, 6.30pm-8pm

Come and learn about what makes gamers tick, find the elusive sweet spot for sustainable gaming and learn where the line blurs between passion and compulsion.

📍 Wheelers Hill Library,  
860 Ferntree Gully Rd,  
Wheelers Hill

RSVP by 2 March:

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

## Portrait on Monash: the ties that bind

Until 12 April

In celebration of MGA's 30th anniversary, the gallery commissioned four leading Australian artists to explore the City of Monash by responding to key issues facing the community – a reflection of the city as a microcosm of the nation.

📍 MGA, 860 Ferntree Gully Rd,  
Wheelers Hill

For more info:

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



Lee Grant

Godfrey Clay (UK) in a playful moment, at home in Wheelers Hill, Melbourne 2019

from the series From there to here: migrant journeys to Monash  
courtesy of the artist

## International Women's Day, Women's Business Network Lunch

Celebrating Women in the Australian SPACE Industry

Wed 4 March, 12.30pm-2.30pm

Carley Scott is leading the development of Australia's first commercial spaceport and has secured a world first with NASA planning to launch from the site in 2020. She is passionate about opportunities for women in STEAMM and is known for building strong businesses in fast changing environments. Join us to hear about Carley's journey and how women are influencing the Australian space industry. Tickets are \$60.



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

Bookings essential:

🌐 [womeninausspaceindustry.eventbrite.com.au](http://womeninausspaceindustry.eventbrite.com.au)

For more info: ☎️ 9518 3577 or

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## Youth Mental Health First Aid: Training for Adults

Learn to identify and support young people experiencing: Depression, Anxiety, Eating Disorders, Psychosis & Substance Use Problems.

3 COURSES RUNNING  
IN TERM 1, 2020:

### Course 1:

Saturdays 22 & 29 February  
9am-5pm, Glen Waverley

### Course 2:

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 March  
6pm-9.30pm, Glen Waverley

### Course 3:

Saturdays 21 & 28 March  
9am-5pm, Clayton

Courses cost \$20. Bookings essential:

🌐 [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com)  
and search for "Monash Youth Services".

For more info: ☎️ 9518 3900

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

## Active Youth Programs

Looking for fun activities for your kids to get involved in while getting fit at the same time? All sessions are \$6.

- **Active Kids** (ages 6+)  
Mondays 4.15pm
- **Activeabilities** (ages 6+)  
Wednesdays 4.45pm
- **Teen Fit** (ages 12+)  
Thursdays 4.45pm

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

For more info:

🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/active-youth](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/active-youth)

