

Celebrate

Online 2021 CLAYTON FESTIVAL

Celebrating originality and community spirit through visual art, food and intercultural exchange is the focus of this year's online Clayton Festival 2021 program.

Due to restrictions around COVID-19, the eight-day program is online from Saturday 20 February to Saturday 27 February and is completely FREE to book.

There are over 40 workshops, activities and participatory experiences for people of ALL AGES to explore...there really is something for everyone!

Explore some of the Festival's most exciting projects including global music with top Australian artists, comedy, intergenerational cooking experiences and chess tutorials and tournaments.

Learn new skills through original art and sustainability workshops for everyone to enjoy at home.

Get cooking with live demonstrations, podcasts and a virtual dinner party to celebrate the diverse flavours of Monash.

The event is designed to appeal to all ages and all interests, so if you want to try your hand at Bollywood, explore cooking, dip into crafts or tap into comedy, it's here!

The program is online now to explore and book sessions at www.monash.vic.gov.au/claytonfestival

For more info: [9518 3636](tel:95183636)

events@monash.vic.gov.au



HEADSPACE TO OPEN in Syndal early 2021

Monash is celebrating the announcement of the location for the long-awaited headspace service that will provide young people in the municipality with better access to mental health support.

headspace Syndal is planned to open in March at 265-267 Blackburn Road and will be operated by a consortium led by Alfred Health. The consortium includes Monash Youth Services, Access Employment Services, EACH, Gateway LLEN, Hawthorn Football Club and Launch Housing.

The site is located close to public transport and schools, to make it easier for young people to access support for mental health, physical and sexual health, alcohol and other drug problems and work and study.

headspace has been a service that Monash young people and Council has worked tirelessly towards for several years through advocacy and heartfelt pleas to the Federal Government to fund this facility locally.

The advocacy of the Monash Youth Committee had been instrumental in approval for the service. The young people on the Committee led the push for this service for several years, culminating in the powerful #RaiseYourHand4MonashYouth campaign (supported by Monash Leader).

Former Mayors Rebecca Paterson, Shane McCluskey, Paul Klisaris and Stuart James and Council staff had also lobbied hard for the service.

Young people can currently access other available mental health services by contacting the free Australian Government-funded HeadtoHelp service. This provides assistance to Victorians of all ages, including those affected by the pandemic, to find the best mental health support for them, by visiting a hub site headtohelp.org.au/our-locations or [1800 595 212](tel:1800595212).

For more info: [9518 3555](tel:95183555)

www.monash.vic.gov.au/Headspace-in-Syndal-to-open-2021

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION Survey to start

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

The survey seeks to gain feedback from a random sample of 800 Monash residents who are aged 18-plus. It is being conducted on behalf of Council by Metropolis Research who will be doorknocking more than 800 households to seek the community's views. All researchers will have identification, and will provide that information to you prior to any discussion. Researchers will follow COVIDSafe plans for your safety and theirs.

We encourage you to take the time to participate in the survey and have your say. The feedback we receive in this annual survey is valuable to Council as it helps us to identify what we are doing well and what we need to improve. All survey data and participant information remains anonymous.

For more info: Diana Bell [9518 3675](tel:95183675)

Monash Civic Centre

[293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley](https://www.google.com/maps/place/293+Springvale+Road,+Glen+Waverley,+VIC+3150)
8.30am-5.15pm (Mon to Fri)



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National Relay Service (for the hearing and speech impaired) [1800 555 660](tel:1800555660)

Oakleigh Service Centre

[3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3+Atherton+Road,+Oakleigh,+VIC+3166)
8.30am-5.15pm (Mon to Fri)

We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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MESSAGE FROM Mayor Brian Little

It was my great honour as Mayor to officiate at a citizenship ceremony held in the Monash Council chambers on Australia Day.

Seeing the joy and pride on the faces of our newest citizens as they stepped forward, their families watching on, is a highlight of my Mayoral year so far and one I expect will be hard to top.

It was terrific to be able to undertake this ceremony in person at last, as we experience a return to normal, albeit in a COVID safe way.

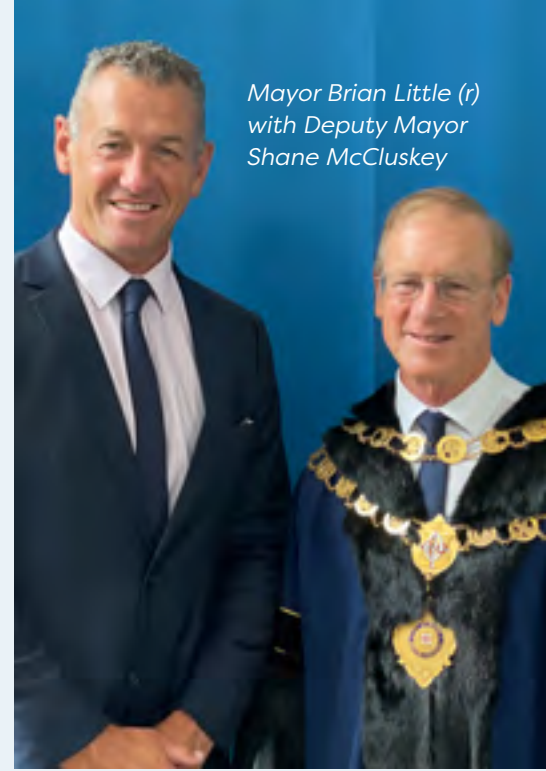
In this issue of the Monash Bulletin, you will find a number of opportunities for you to become more involved with Council as a community representative on one of our advisory committees. We're also seeking feedback on a number of actions including the Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan and our Active Monash Recreation strategy. Our Health and Wellbeing Plan is also an opportunity to contribute. Using your voice to have your say, whether it's in the

form of feedback or putting your name forward in an ongoing role, is critical. It provides us with direction, to ensure we are meeting your needs and understanding your priorities. It's your community, so please take the opportunity to have your say.

It was with great delight we welcomed more than 2000 visitors to our Oakleigh Recreation Centre open day last month. This has been a huge project for Council and we are very proud of this outstanding facility, now offering a fantastic gym, a state of the art basketball/netball/volleyball stadium, exercise, yoga and Pilates rooms and an excellent gymnastics facility for Waverley Gymnastics Centre.

Next month our long awaited headspace centre opens in Syndal, offering much needed mental health support for young people in Monash. The campaign to have a dedicated headspace service in Monash has been a long one but our young people, working with Council, have persevered and it

Mayor Brian Little (r)
with Deputy Mayor
Shane McCluskey



is a credit to their tenacity and dedication that this service will open. No doubt it will help many of our young people into the future. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

You can contact me on:

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✉️ Brian.Little@monash.vic.gov.au

NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23 February** from 7pm. The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.30pm on **Thursday 18 February**.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 23 February.

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

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
📞 9518 3555

NOMINATE for a Monash Advisory Committee

Are you passionate about social and cultural issues impacting the Monash community? Council is seeking nominations from residents interested in joining one of our advisory committees.

We currently have vacancies on the Multicultural Advisory Committee, the Disability Advisory Committee and the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.

These committees play a vital role in providing community insights, sharing lived experience and offering ongoing feedback on the work of Council. Our committees also help to guide the implementation of Council's

health and wellbeing strategy, A Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021.

If you're a resident with a good understanding of local issues as they relate to women, people living with a disability and their carers, or culturally and linguistically diverse communities, we are keen to receive a nomination from you.

For more info about the advisory committees and to download a Nomination Form
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/advisory-committee

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday 1 March 2021.

Shortlisted nominees will be required to attend an interview in early March.

OVERHANGING VEGETATION clean-up

With our wetter and warmer summer providing excellent growing conditions, it's important that we give our gardens a little extra attention to ensure that low and overhanging branches are not getting in people's way.

Under Council's Community Amenity Local Law No.3, trees that overhang footpaths and streets from private property must be at least 2.5 metres high to allow easy access underneath. At ground level, there should not be any vegetation that spreads onto the footpath.

It's Council's responsibility to ensure street trees and other vegetation from public areas does not encroach onto footpaths, but it is the responsibility of property owners to ensure their vegetation does not get in the way of people using the street. Every street tree in Monash is inspected and pruned, if necessary, once a year.

To report overhanging vegetation: ☎ 9518 3555
🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/request

NEW LOCAL LAW AND FOOTPATH TRADING Policy update

Council will undertake consultation on a revised draft Local Law and draft Footpath Trading and Access Policy and is inviting the community to provide feedback.

Council's current Local Law No.4 - Prohibition on Smoking expires on 30 September. The proposed Smoke Free Areas Local Law will revoke the current Local Law and provide a mechanism for Council to prescribe areas within the municipality to be smoke-free from time to time.

Council also resolved to update its Footpath Trading and Access Policy so that for any public footpath areas available for trade, there is a requirement that food must be made available for consumption at all times when these areas are in use. Consistent with the Tobacco Act, as long as food is commercially available, smoking would be prohibited.

In determining areas within Monash to be smoke-free, the draft Local Law provides that Council must consider:

- The size of the proposed Smoke Free Area
- Proximity of the proposed Smoke Free Area to a public place, part or all of which is not in a Smoke Free Area
- The views of any person who is the owner or occupier of any part of the proposed Smoke Free Area
- The extent and outcome of any community engagement on the proposal to prescribe the Smoke Free Area
- Any benefits to the community which would be achieved by Council prescribing the proposed Smoke Free Area
- Any detriment to the community which would be caused by Council prescribing the proposed Smoke Free Area.

Following community consultation, Council will consider the feedback to the draft Local Law and Footpath Trading and Access policy prior to any changes being implemented mid this year.



SUPPORT FOR LGBTIQA+ community

Monash Council will establish an LGBTIQA+ advisory committee and action plan.

Council will also display the rainbow flag at the Civic Centre and at a number of locations across Monash on LGBTIQA+ awareness days. These include the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia, Wear It Purple Day, World AIDS Day, Bi Visibility Day, and Intersex Awareness Day.

Council will work towards the Rainbow Tick accreditation, a quality framework for accreditation developed by Rainbow Health Victoria, recognising organisations that offer safe, inclusive and affirming services and are employers for the LGBTIQA+ community.

These actions support Council's Healthy and Resilient Monash: Integrated Plan 2017-2021.

Council has supported the LGBTIQA+ community for many years, including conducting a needs assessment in 2018, and we undertake these actions to better recognise, represent and connect with members of this community in Monash.

The establishment of an LGBTIQA+ advisory committee will provide insight and information, and assist in the development of an action plan for Council to consider that has important input and advice from this community in Monash.

Note: LGBTIQA+ represents lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer and asexual communities.

HAVE YOUR SAY AT: 🌐 shape.monash.vic.gov.au/smoke-free

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Have your say

Take our survey at
shape.monash.vic.gov.au/active

Survey closes 26
February 2021

MONASH ACTIVE RECREATION

Opportunities Strategy

What would encourage you to be more physically active in our parks and reserves?

The restrictions we experienced during COVID-19 saw increasing participation in non-organised recreation, highlighting the vital role that local parks and reserves play in improving health.

Council is partnering with Sport and Recreation Victoria to develop an Active Recreation Opportunities

Strategy for the City of Monash to guide the future enhancement of parks and reserves to encourage healthy physical activity.

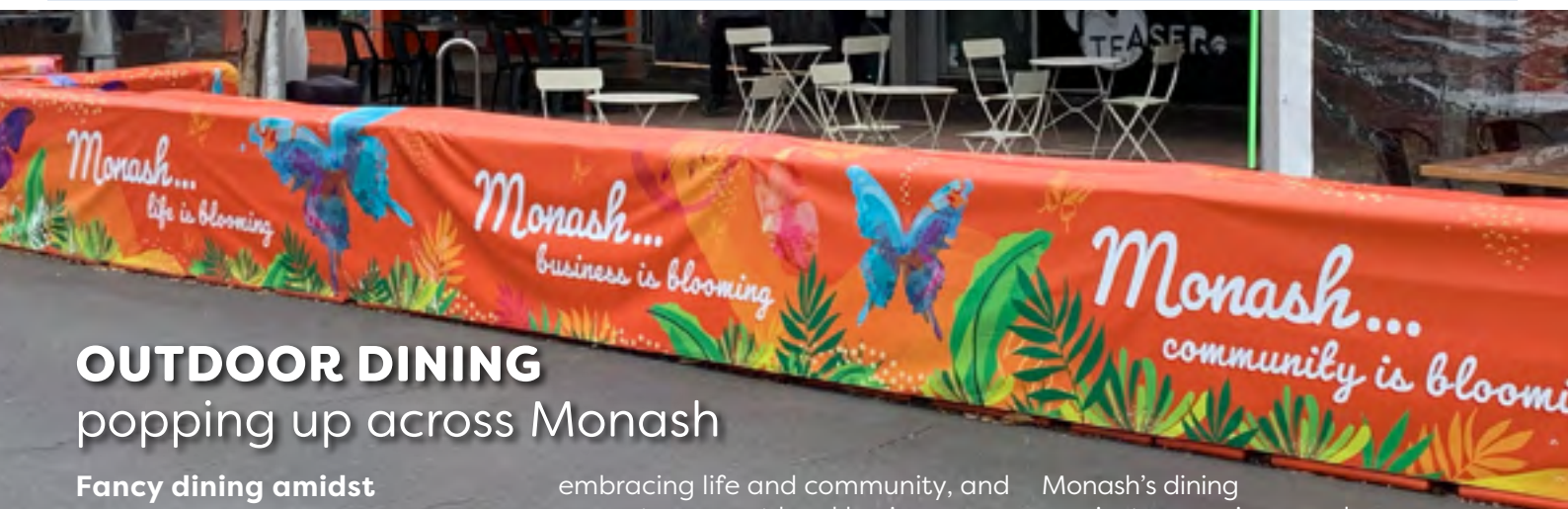
The strategy will focus on non-organised recreation (casual and informal activity) in parks and reserves by developing environments that encourage residents to get active in their local communities.

Council officers will conduct over 40 site assessments of parks and reserves to identify opportunities to introduce active recreation infrastructure and enhance the existing environment. Facilities such as outdoor fitness equipment, walking circuits, bocce courts, basketball courts, skate parks, tennis walls, climbing walls and other infrastructure that encourage residents to engage in healthy physical activity will be considered.

This project is being jointly funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria and Monash Council, and focuses on giving people more opportunities to enjoy being physically active in the beautiful parks and reserves that Monash has to offer.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Active-Recreation-Opportunities-Strategy



OUTDOOR DINING

popping up across Monash

Fancy dining amidst butterflies? Or quirky and bold street art?

Monash has taken its outdoor dining precinct to new heights, with individually designed art adorning each outdoor dining area.

In Clayton it's sassy and street-smart walkers depicted on the concrete barriers, echoing the busy and vibrant precinct. Head over to Hughesdale and its soothing blues and greens, featuring leaves and flowers. In Kingsway (Glen Waverley) and Hamilton Place (Mt Waverley) there's a bounty of butterflies recognising that after a difficult year, businesses and residents are emerging from the cocoon of lockdown and

embracing life and community, and eager to support local businesses.

Street artists Carla Gottgens created the street feet (in Haughton Rd, Clayton), and flower and leaf design (Poath Rd, Hughesdale) and Monash Council's Lead Graphic Artist Fari Malek designed the butterflies.

For several businesses in Oakleigh, the concrete safety barriers have been painted white with a strip of black, blue, or purple to match the exterior of the buildings they are in front of.

Council wanted to use art elements in its outdoor dining to create a point of difference for diners and to support and showcase artists and their work.

Monash's dining precincts are unique, and our treatment of the outdoor dining precincts reflect that difference.

This is a time when people have emerged from lockdown and are returning to the things they love to do, and in Monash dining out at our fantastic restaurants and cafes is enjoyed by many in our community.

Council installed water or concrete barriers in all its outdoor dining precincts as a safety precaution to ensure diners using the areas had greater protection from passing traffic.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Outdoor-dining-popping-up-across-Monash

COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cr Anjalee de Silva

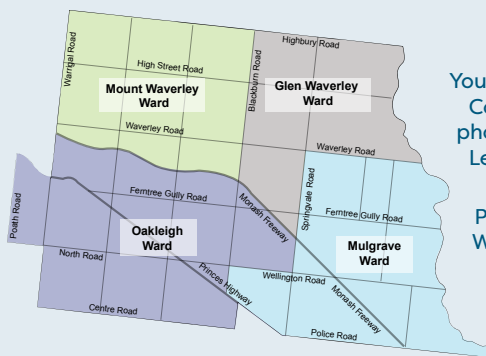


We are only a few weeks in, but what a year it has already been! The year began with the distressing news that several locations in Monash had been identified as new hotspots for potential Coronavirus transmission. Though the clusters of cases now seem resolved, our second wave in Victoria serves as a timely reminder for all of us; if we are to overcome this pandemic, we must stay vigilant and continue to take special care in protecting our own and others' wellbeing.

As we celebrate the latest days of zero cases of community transmission, there is also much to celebrate about the work that Council has been busy doing. Towards the end of last year, we were able to secure several important wins for the community. In November, Council committed to leading by example through the adoption of an Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy, establishing a consistent approach for achieving best practice outcomes in the sustainable design, construction, and operation of Council buildings and infrastructure. I am proud to have also secured a clause in Council's Street Tree Strategy to ensure that any funds saved through that Strategy are directed to greening efforts. There are now commitments in Council's new Social Housing Framework for increased social housing for those in need, with a focus on quality buildings and environments that serve both those living in them and the wider community. Finally, following on from the LGBTIQ+ community needs assessment led by Cr Josh Fergeus during the last term, Monash Council will establish its first ever LGBTIQ+ advisory committee.

Over the coming weeks, I will be working closely with Council officers to also deliver on several other policy areas I spoke to during my campaign. In particular, I will be meeting with officers to discuss and pursue increased and improved public safety measures for women and girls, increased and improved maternal and early childhood care, services in language for non-English speaking residents, and new and extended cycling infrastructure. My membership of the Monash Gender Equity Advisory Committee and the Monash Multicultural Advisory Committee will greatly assist me in delivering on these commitments. I look forward to keeping you updated on my progress and, as ever, hearing your thoughts on what needs doing and what can be done better. All the very best wishes to you and your families as we continue into 2021. I am thrilled to be able to represent you this year and hope to speak to many of you soon.

YOUR Councillors

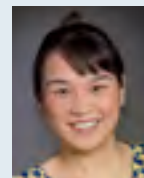


You can contact Councillors via phone or email. Letters can be mailed to:
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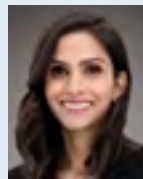


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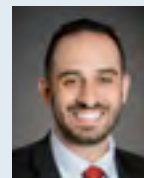
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HAVE YOUR SAY on Mount Waverley Reserve Masterplan

Help us shape the future use, management and development of Mount Waverley Reserve by having your say on a Masterplan for this area.

The development of the masterplan is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Mount Waverley Reserve currently has a public asphalt tennis court and tennis hit-up wall, basketball half court, sportsground, cricket nets, a playground and an off-lead dog area.

It is also home to the Waverley Community Learning Centre; Mount Waverley Tennis Club; Mount Waverley Cricket Club and Waverley Blues Football Club.


We are consulting with a wide range of stakeholders, local residents and the community, together with the development of a reserve masterplan that will support active recreation and the development and delivery of local sport.

When completed, the masterplan will:

- » Provide a clear vision and strategic approach for the future provision of sport and recreation facilities in the reserve based on community needs
- » Consider opportunities and issues at the reserve and determine the suitability, scale and scope of any potential developments
- » Provide a conceptual plan and layout for key development priorities with indicative stages and cost estimates to assist Council attract external funding for future improvements.

A draft Masterplan for further community consultation is expected to be completed by March-April 2021.

HAVE YOUR SAY By 28 Feb 2021

 shape.monash.vic.gov.au/mount-waverley-reserve-masterplan

If you need a hard copy or have questions contact:

Recreation Services  9518 3555

 recreation@monash.vic.gov.au

CLEAN UP Australia Day

Monash residents are encouraged to pull on some gloves and join with their neighbours, friends and family to help spruce up Monash this Clean Up Australia day, on Sunday 7 March.

This year, in compliance with COVID restrictions, Council will not be running an official event. However, we are encouraging the community to participate in smaller clean up events of up to 10 people per site.

You can register your group or join an existing group at  www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au

Don't forget to wear sturdy shoes and bring some gloves, sunscreen, a hat and water!

For more info:  9518 3774

 www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au



STEP UP TO CLEAN UP



HAVE YOUR SAY on draft tree policy

Council is seeking community feedback on the draft Tree Management Policy and is keen to hear from you.

The draft Policy aims to form a clear understanding and agreement with the community on how Council will manage its trees located on Council managed land.

The draft policy aims to:

- » recognise the importance of the tree canopy, street trees, bushland and indigenous trees and the ecological and economic role they play
- » increase and enhance the extent of tree canopy through planting of appropriately selected trees in streets, public spaces and bushland areas
- » provide the criteria for the management of trees on Council land e.g. tree removal, pruning and planting
- » meet all legislative requirements and standards relating to the management of Council trees.

The draft Policy provides a set of guiding principles, relevant legislation and operational guidance which will be used by Council to manage its trees on a day to day basis.

We will collate and consider all feedback that you provide and report back to Council with any recommended changes. The final Tree Management Policy will be shared with the community by mid-2021.

HAVE YOUR SAY by 3 March 2021

 shape.monash.vic.gov.au/tree-policy

 9518 3720 to have a survey mailed to you

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Free Event

LIVE AT WARRAWEE

SATURDAY
27 | MARCH
2021 | 4 - 9PM
WARRAWEE PARK,
OAKLEIGH

It's all about the vibe for Live at Warrawee Saturday 27 March as we watch the sun come down with fantastic music, delicious food trucks and a refreshing pop up bar!

This FREE event is live at Warrawee Park, Oakleigh from 4pm-9pm with a great line up of artists:

ALEX LAHEY | Melbourne-based award-winning singer/songwriter who has had four tracks in Triple J hottest 100 and racked up a huge 50 million streams since her gold-certified debut album was released in 2017.

HAYLEY MARY | As front woman of The Jezabels, Hayley Mary has had three Top 5 albums but she is making a name for herself as solo artist with her debut EP released to critical acclaim last year.

HORNS OF LEROY | Inspired by the sounds of New Orleans and fused with Melbourne streets, the group has earned themselves a reputation for delivering raucous shows built on strong foundations and insatiable energy.

Gather your family and friends, bring a chair or rug and enjoy this exciting COVIDSafe event.

To meet COVID Safe requirements, for contact tracing purposes, Live at Warrawee 2021 is a free ticketed event. Admission will only be permitted for ticket holders.

For more info and booking details see: www.monash.vic.gov.au/festivals

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Emerging More Resilient

Join Emma Alberici, one of Australia's most highly regarded journalists, at our International Women's Day event.



Emma was the first Australian mother to undertake a role as foreign correspondent, working for the ABC in Europe, with three children under three years of age at the time. She also hosted national TV program Lateline for six years.

Emma has recently been appointed as Chief Strategy, Government Relations and Communications Officer at Compare the Market Australia. She is the first woman to hold a position on the Senior Executive Team of this global giant.

Join us to get Emma Alberici's take on where the economy is headed in a post-COVID-19 world and how to be resilient despite the impact of external circumstances.

WHEN: Wednesday 10 March, 12pm-2pm

WHERE: Hybrid (watch online or attend in person)
Riversdale Golf Club

COST: Tickets \$30 online, \$60 in person

BOOKINGS: Book online now RSVP by Wednesday 3 March
iwdemergingmoresilient.eventbrite.com.au

For more info: ☎ 9518 3577 ✉ ecodev@monash.vic.gov.au



Cristina DE MIDDEL Iko Iko 2012 from the series The Afronauts courtesy of the artist

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approaches in
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17 Feb - 16 May 2021

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