

Welcome back!

With the cautious easing of COVID-19 restrictions, we can now welcome you back to our libraries, community facilities and halls, Monash Gallery of Art, our Monash Youth Services and playspaces.

It will be great to see you again!

Restrictions are still in place around 1.5m social distancing and the number of people who are allowed in our libraries and other facilities at any one time and it's important to continue safe hygiene practices.

We've got signage in place to help you understand what's required and a concierge service

at our libraries to assist in maintaining social distancing.

Hand sanitising stations have been set up, please make sure you use them as you enter and exit.

It's important that anyone visiting Council facilities and centres follows the government guidelines on social distancing and hygiene to avoid the further spread of COVID-19 and to keep you, your families and our staff safe.

We have continued to operate our service counters at the Civic Centre and Oakleigh and the Waste Transfer Station during the crisis with modifications in place, and these will continue.

It has been a tough time for the community and we want to

thank everyone for their patience and commitment during these restrictions. It's because of this collective willingness to follow the government's guidelines that we can move forward to getting back to as much normality as possible.




Please continue to do the right thing by everyone, follow the social distancing and hygiene measures and let's all work together to stay safe.

The government has flagged indoor fitness and recreation facilities will open from 22 June if community transmission rates continue to be low.

More information as it comes to hand will be available on our website, social media and newsletters.

The Coronavirus pandemic is a rapidly changing situation and the information in the June Bulletin is current at the time of going to print.

The best way to keep up-to-date about changes to our services is through:

 www.monash.vic.gov.au  Facebook @cityofmonash  Twitter @MonashCouncil



ORC REDEVELOPMENT close to completion

The \$25million redevelopment of the Oakleigh Recreation Centre is in its final stages, with the centre due to reopen to the public in October.

The project includes construction of five new indoor basketball courts, a larger gym with a number of smaller rooms for fitness classes, and conversion of the previous basketball stadium to a state level gymnastics facility for the Waverley Gymnastics Club.

Work is currently underway on laying the floor for the five basketball courts which will feature retractable seating for the main show court. The gymnasium, separate fitness rooms and bathrooms are being completed. Reclaimed wood from the old basketball floor features in the gym and reception counter. Work is progressing on the WGC facility with the mezzanine floor, providing a birds-eye view of the facility, almost complete.

The redevelopment of ORC is an ambitious and important project for Council, one of the largest and most complex undertaken given the challenges of the site which required a complete reorientation of the existing building.

The development will meet the growing needs of our community for local and regional basketball, volleyball, futsal and other indoor sports and provide an impressive gymnastic facility. The project builds on Council's commitment to a healthy and active Monash.

Council is funding the project with contributions from the Waverley Gymnastics Club, and the Federal and State governments (through Sports Recreation Victoria).

Time lapse footage of the construction is available here:

www.oakleighrecreationcentre.com.au/News/ORC-Redevelopment-Update

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FREEZE on Councillor allowances

As a result of the significant coronavirus financial impacts on the Monash community, Council has determined that there will not be an increase to Mayoral and Councillor allowances during the 2020/21 financial year and until such time as Council resolves otherwise.

Under the Local Government Act a Mayor and Councillors are entitled to receive an allowance from the Council. Allowances are reviewed annually.

At its 26 May meeting, Council determined that it would decline any increase set by the government as a gesture of support for the Monash community.

Council recognises the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Monash community are severe, with the long-term impacts still to be determined.

Monash is home to many university students who are significantly impacted by this pandemic. We have a high number of medical staff, including nurses, who live and work in the area and are on the frontline of this pandemic.

We are the second largest employer outside the CBD with a thriving restaurant and café culture. We know our many wonderful businesses are struggling at this time.

We have been there for our community in many ways, offering hardship relief and critical help with other services and support as they have been needed. This is another way to demonstrate that we understand the difficult circumstances people are in and Council believes it is appropriate any increase on allowances are declined at this time.

Council's Executive Leadership Team and Managers have also forgone any wage increases for the 2020/21 financial year.

Monash Civic Centre

293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

8.30am to 5pm (Mon to Fri)

Oakleigh Service Centre

3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh

8.30am to 5pm (Mon to Fri)

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We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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MESSAGE FROM Mayor Stuart James

It's hard to believe that we are already in June, halfway through this turbulent and challenging year. Usually at this time we would be putting together our final budget after widespread community consultation. But this year, nothing is as it usually is. We have heard, very clearly, the feedback from our residents during this tough time. Like many organisations, we are working through how we can adjust our budget to reduce spending whilst also helping to ease the financial stresses that many are feeling. It is not the budget we had planned for a few months ago, but it is a realistic budget for the circumstances we are now in. We will provide you with that draft budget, and more information on what we are planning, in the next issue of the Bulletin.

The last few weeks have seen us re-open some of our facilities, such as libraries, playspaces and community centres, and it has been wonderful to see you again. Whilst our libraries may have been closed to the public, our staff were busy ensuring that when the time was right we could reopen as soon as possible. Books have been cleaned and our facilities prepared with signage and guidelines to assist you with following the requirements set in place by the State Government to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We are following these guidelines stringently, with social distancing measures, sanitising stations and a concierge service to ensure that everyone does the right thing.

We have been, and will be, regularly cleaning our playspaces too. I went out with our cleansing crew, part of the Working for Victoria team, while they cleaned the playspace at Warrawee Park (see pic). You can read more about this initiative below.

We've all done a terrific job in Monash to slow the spread

but we're not out of the woods yet. Whilst our health system is now better placed to deal with COVID-19, we must realise that the threat today is very much as real as it was two months ago, and it is important that we not become complacent.

We know many of you are struggling with the impacts of this crisis, including job losses and business pressures. I was proud that Council supported my motion to decline any increase in Mayoral and Councillor allowances for the 2020/21 year, as a gesture of support to our community. These allowances are set by the State Government, but our position is that we will not accept that increase if allowed. Our Executive Leadership Team and Managers have also foregone any salary increase for the next financial year.

As we move forward, please continue to stay safe, look after each other and be proud, as I am, of how we have all weathered this crisis together so far.

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.



NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 30 June** 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 25 June**. Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 30 June.

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](https://www.monash.vic.gov.au/webcast)

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
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CLEANSING boost for Monash

Cleaning across Monash is being significantly boosted thanks to a State Government program for councils.

Council now has additional cleaning and disinfecting regimes to what it is already undertaking, courtesy of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions as part of the Working for Victoria scheme.

The Visible Street Cleansing Blitz program provides 50 crew members working with our Council teams to provide cleansing of high traffic areas in Monash including shopping precincts, parks and open areas. They will be out and about in Monash in teams of five cleansing twice a day between 7am and 6pm using eco-friendly and non-hazardous products.

For more info: 9518 3555
www.monash.vic.gov.au/cleansing-blitz

FOOD AND GARDEN waste go together

From July food scraps will be able to go in your green waste bin - the same bin you use for grass clippings and garden prunings.

More than half the contents of Monash household general waste bins contain food and garden waste. This waste goes to landfill where it breaks down releasing methane gas, contributing to climate change. By recycling your food waste you can reduce the waste you send to landfill by up to 50 per cent and help protect the environment!

If you have a green waste bin at home, you will receive a free 7-litre kitchen caddy (made of 100 per cent recycled plastic) and a welcome pack. Once your caddy arrives, you can start recycling food waste straight away.

Your caddy and welcome pack will be delivered in July. Depending on your location, your delivery may not be scheduled until the last two weeks of July.

To avoid and reduce waste in the first place, we're providing caddies that do not require liners. Collect food scraps loose or line your caddy with paper towel or compostable liners that meet the Australian Standards for compostability AS4736 - look for this logo.



For more info:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/food-waste

9518 3555 or April.Williams@monash.vic.gov.au

NOMINATIONS OPEN for Sir John Monash Awards

We all know someone who is the first one to step forward when something needs to be done. Who volunteers with a local organisation or group and whose work makes a difference in the lives of other people.

It may be someone who volunteers for a charity, is always lending a helping hand at a local sporting club or someone who is an inspirational leader for young people, women or older residents. We've seen many people step forward during the COVID-19 pandemic to help others in our community and we'd love to hear their story.

You can acknowledge the difference this person makes to others in Monash by nominating them in the Sir John Monash Awards.

The eight categories in the Sir John Monash Awards are:

Multicultural Champion; Active Monash; Outstanding Advocate of People with Disabilities; Sustainability Leadership; Youth Leadership Award; Volunteer of the Year; Inspirational Women's Leadership and Positive Ageing Leadership.

One of the winners from all these categories will be named the Sir John Monash Award for Outstanding Leadership winner.

We've extended nominations until Sun 12 July.

To nominate: 9518 3619

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www.monash.vic.gov.au/monash-awards

POOL REGISTRATION time extension

Pool owners now have until 1 November 2020 to register their pools and spas with Council.

The State Government has extended the deadline by five months to acknowledge increased pressures from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government introduced new regulations in December 2019 to make swimming pools and spas safer and prevent young children from drowning, requiring owners to register pools and spas with a \$79 fee.

Once registration is complete, Council will inform the pool owner of the date by which they must organise their first inspection and certification of their barrier - the deadline for owners to lodge their first barrier certification will also be extended.



In addition, pool owners must have a registered building surveyor or inspector certify the continuing compliance of their safety barrier every four years.

To register: www.monash.vic.gov.au/Building-Planning/Building/Swimming-Pools-Spas

For more info: 9518 3555

mail@monash.vic.gov.au

FURTHER CONSULTATION on cat curfew

Council will undertake further consultation on the introduction of a night time cat curfew.

In 2017, Council consulted on its Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan 2017-2021, and there was community support for an education program outlining the benefits of keeping cats in at night.

The curfew was to be introduced in December 2020, giving cat owners three years since Council's initial decision to plan for the new requirement to keep their cat inside at night. With the COVID-19 pandemic, an extension was considered by Council at the May 2020 Council meeting with the new introduction date proposed to be April 2021, to coincide with the annual registration process for pets.

Council has now determined to hold off on the introduction of the curfew until April 2021 and in the interim believes it is important to further consult with the community, including affected registered cat owners, inviting their feedback on the introduction of a cat curfew.

Nuisance and feral cats are a threat to wildlife and native habitats in Monash and it's important that birds and wildlife are protected.

What Council is seeking with the possible introduction of any curfew is simply for cats to be kept inside from sunset until sunrise. There is no requirement for people to do anything special other than keep their cat inside, whether that be their house, garage or shed, until morning.

Further information on when the consultation will take place will be available on www.monash.vic.gov.au and in the Monash Bulletin.

www.monash.vic.gov.au/cat-curfew
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VIOLENT behaviour is never ok

What must it be like if your home is not a safe place, but a place of fear, abuse and violence?

At this time of COVID-19 social distancing, isolation and restrictions, being at home is not always the safest place for those in our community who are at risk of family violence.

Some people may be experiencing abuse and control from a loved one or family member.

Council is supporting the Together for Respect at Home social media campaign, championing messages of respect, gender equity and prevention of violence against women.

Stress, anxiety and frustration are all normal responses during this pandemic, however they are never an excuse for violence. All people deserve to live free from fear and family violence and #TogetherForRespectAtHome is asking us to choose kindness, compassion and respect while we get through this crisis together.

Everyone has the right to feel safe and be respected in their own home. Whatever the circumstances, there is never an excuse for violent behaviour resulting in physical, emotional, financial or sexual abuse.

Support services are always available and continue to operate during COVID-19. Some even have alternative ways to make contact, such as webchat or an email back service to protect those reporting violent behaviour.

Services that can help include:

- **1800 Respect:** [1800 737 732](tel:1800737732)
Options for accessibility and available in several languages
- **Safe Steps 24/7:** [1800 015 188](tel:1800015188)
safesteps@safesteps.org.au
- **For a specialist LGBTIQ family violence service:** W|Respect on [1800 542 847](tel:1800542847) www.withrespect.org.au
- **Eastern Domestic Violence Service (EDVOS):**
[9259 4200](tel:92594200) or edvos@edvos.org.au
(Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm)
- **For support for men:** Men's Referral Service
[1300 766 491](tel:1300766491)
- **For confidential support for 5-25 year olds:** Kids Helpline
[1800 551 800](tel:1800551800).

If you are in immediate danger call: Police on [000](tel:000).

If you are concerned about someone you know, further information and advice available at:

www.dvrcv.org.au/help-advice/guide-for-families-friends-and-neighbours

[9518 3555](tel:95183555) www.monash.vic.gov.au/prevent-violence

COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cr Rebecca Paterson



In 2010, I was on maternity leave when mail arrived from Monash Council advising me of a potential large development near me. Unhappy with the proposal, I worked with my neighbours to advocate for changes. Fast forward to 2012 and that experience of being introduced to planning, and working closely with community, saw me run for Council.

My focus was the liveability of our city, changes to reduce the impact of developments, and retaining and increasing the tree canopy. I'm pleased Council has made huge strides in addressing these issues. Yes, we still have some way to go but these changes are significant. They include:

Reducing site coverage; increasing building setbacks; greater restrictions around tree removals; focus on prosecuting illegal tree removals; targeting 30% canopy tree cover by 2030 (from 22%) and increasing street trees in the city by more than 10%.

I'm also proud that after three years of lobbying for a Headspace for young people, this support will be there to help our community for generations. Some other initiatives include:

- » An optional additional hard waste collection
- » The introduction of a food waste service
- » A new playground at Montpellier Estate and an almost completed one at Electra Reserve
- » An upgrade to Mt Waverley Community Centre, and a new art gallery Track Gallery
- » New bike paths. A synthetic pitch for Gardiner's Reserve
- » Designating Damper Creek and Valley Reserve as conservation reserves.

I've loved being a Councillor and Mayor, I've enjoyed helping people and meeting so many community members and I continue to be amazed by volunteers that are helping others. I've seen the beauty and connection in our city fostered through festivals and events.

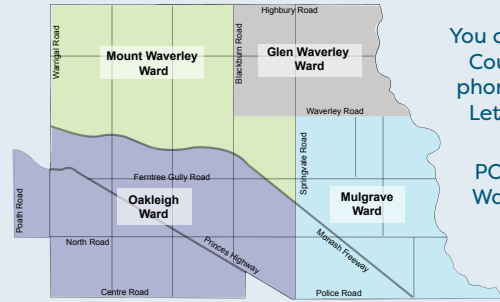
As we approach October Council elections, please consider running for Council. No special qualifications are needed, just a passion for the Council and its community. The potential to impact others in a positive way is enormous.

To learn more, go to www.vlga.org.au They run regular workshops, including many aimed at increasing the participation of women, who represent 50% of the population but at Monash make up only two of our 11 Councillors.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve. I hope that some of our collective work has had a positive impact on you.

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YOUR Councillors



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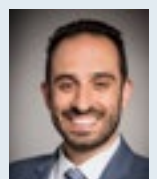
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DRAFT PLAYGROUND and playspace strategy

Council's network of 136 playgrounds across the municipality provide so much more to children than being a place to 'play'.


Play provides children with physical, cognitive and social development and helps them in critical life skills such as risk taking, interacting with others, imagination, socialising and self-expression. Playspaces are where children learn, about themselves and others.


Council's draft playground and playspace strategy is an aspirational document that sets out a vision for a broad range of high quality, creative play opportunities for different age groups and abilities and looks at identifying future demand for playspaces and potential gaps.

Council previously consulted with the community and key stakeholders on a draft strategy from July to September 2019 with 204 responses to a community survey and three written submissions.

The Playground and Playspace Strategy is aspirational, and Council acknowledges that not all of the recommendations will be able to be implemented in the life of the strategy. Any new playspaces rely on a number of factors including available budget, the pace of redevelopment and population growth, site suitability and the availability of land acquisition in appropriate locations.

Have Your Say until Fri 3 July

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/playground-strategy

 recreation@monash.vic.gov.au

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HAVE YOUR SAY Draft Active Monash Sports Club Development Framework

We value our sports clubs in Monash and the work they do within the community to stay active and socially connected.

The Active Monash Sports Club Framework has been developed as a tool for clubs and Council to work together to achieve a shared vision for community outcomes through sport.


The Framework is a proposed five-year program (2021-2026) that intends to build the capacity of community clubs to become more sustainable, inclusive and welcoming, as well as achieve good governance and management.

Clubs achieve levels of accreditation, the highest being a gold-level accreditation. Through the accreditation process Active Monash clubs will have access to a range of incentives and benefits.

We want to hear from everyone who has an interest in the health of community sporting opportunities in our municipality.

Have your say

The Draft Active Monash Sports Club Development Framework is from Mon 1 June to Fri 10 July.

 www.monash.vic.gov.au

 9518 3555 Recreation team



MONASH NUMBER 1 for mobile phone recycling

It's official - Monash is the best

Council in the state for recycling mobile phones and not sending them to landfill.

Each year MobileMuster, the not-for-profit, mobile telecommunications industry recycling program, recognises the top mobile phone collecting councils from around Australia in the MobileMuster awards. The awards acknowledge the hard work and dedication undertaken by local government and its staff to support mobile phone recycling within their community. This year Monash topped the list at number one.

Through the MobileMuster program, 95% of the material from old phones and accessories are used to manufacture new products through an advanced recycling program. All the metal, glass and plastic in a mobile phone has the potential for a second life.

In the past year local councils across Australia have collected just over 5.5 tonnes of mobile phones ready for recycling.

With e-waste growing at three times the rate of general waste in Australia and 24.5 million old mobile phones stockpiled in drawers across the country, it is important that providing locations to drop off phones are accessible. Monash residents can visit the Civic Centre (293 Springvale Road Glen Waverley) and Waste Transfer Station (380 Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill) to drop off their phones in the marked bins.

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

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND SUPPORT

Victorian Government Emergency Relief

📞 1800 657 398

💻 www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19#emergency-relief-packages

Monash Oakleigh Community Support and Information Service

25 Downing St, Oakleigh
(Mon, Wed & Fridays: 10am-1pm)

📞 9568 4533

✉️ admin@mocsis.org.au

🌐 www.mocsis.org.au

Waverley Community Information and Support Service

📞 9807 9844 or 9807 5996

✉️ wavcis@bigpond.com

🌐 www.monashwaverleycis.org.au

Leave a phone message and one of the volunteers will call back as soon as possible.

CRISIS HOUSING

If you need further advice or assistance, contact Bill Kendall at Monash Council on

📞 0412 787 850 ✉️ bill.kendall@monash.vic.gov.au

Crisis After Hours 📞 1800 825 955

During business hours this number will direct the appropriate housing service (determined by location).

Uniting Harrison (Suburb: Mulgrave)
321 Ferntree Gully Rd, Mount Waverley

📞 1300 277 478

Community Housing Limited (Suburbs: Glen Waverley, Wheelers Hill & Burwood)

19-23 Prospect St, Box Hill 📞 1300 245 468

Salvo Care (Remaining Monash Suburbs)

317 High St, Kew 📞 9853 5680

AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

If you, or someone you know, is at risk of losing their current tenancy, the Private Rental Assistance Program (PRAP) has funding which can support at-risk households to sustain affordable and appropriate housing in the private rental market. PRAP funding can be applied for through Salvo Care or Uniting Harrisons.

Salvo Care 📞 9853 5680 **Uniting Harrisons** 📞 1300 277 478

USEFUL CONTACTS

Health Services

Monash Health – COVID-19 Screening Clinic

📞 1800 675 398

🌐 monashhealth.org/patients-visitors/coronavirus#screening-clinics

Check website for further instructions before attending the clinic.

Refugee Health & Wellbeing Clinic

Monash Health - Dandenong

📞 9792 8100

Health clinic for asylum seeker and refugee patients who require non-urgent medical care.

Carers Victoria

📞 1800 514 845 🌐 www.carersvictoria.org.au

Provides advice or assistance to carers.

Disability Information Helpline

📞 1800 643 787

Mon-Fri: 8am-8pm, Sat-Sun: 9am-7pm, Not available public holidays.

Working for Victoria initiative

🌐 www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria

Links for more information for businesses

Australian Government:

🌐 www.business.vic.gov.au

and search for the information you need.

🌐 www.aus.gov.au/whatsapp

and then follow the instructions.

Victorian Government:

🌐 www.business.gov.au and search for the information you need

🌐 www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/business-sector-coronavirus-disease-covid-19

City of Monash

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/business-resident-support

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Hardship-Policy