



Adventure playspace ... COMING SOON

This month, works will begin to create the best playspace Monash has ever had.

Nestled within the bush surrounds of Valley Reserve (Mount Waverley), the playspace will provide nature-based play opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

It will feature adventurous rope climbing courses; a tree house (a popular request from local children); and areas for outdoor classes including bush education.

More than 500 local residents (including the Friends of Scotchmans Creek and Valley Reserve) contributed their ideas and views to help create what will be Monash's first playspace of regional significance.


Responding to the community desire to protect the reserve's bush environment, the playspace will be primarily located on a lawn clearing


near the reserve's existing BBQ area. More BBQ and picnic areas (with shelter) will be created near the playspace, and additional trees and shrubs will be planted in the surrounds.

The playspace - which will cost about \$600,000 - is expected to be completed by late June 2015. It has the potential to be expanded, with plans devised for a second stage. Council

will consider funding the second stage as part of its 2015/2016 budget.

For more info:

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/valley-reserve

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Tree removal beginning soon

Works to remove 20 significant trees in Glen Waverley will begin this month, after the trees were found to be showing signs of major decline.

These are the first of 214 Monterey Cypress trees to be removed from the Avendon Estate over the next 10 years.

The 60-year-old trees will be replaced with a mix of local indigenous trees, shrubs and groundcovers.

Council investigated the health of the trees after residents in adjoining properties raised concerns about tree branches potentially falling and about tree roots spreading into their properties. Council engaged independent arboricultural experts to assess the condition

of the trees. The experts found that the trees were showing signs of significant decline.

The tree removal works will take about four weeks. During the works, there will be some temporary traffic diversions and street closures in the area.

For more info, visit:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/avendon-estate-trees

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Next Council meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 31 March, from 7.30pm. It will be held at the Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley).

Community members are welcome to attend and can submit questions in advance

for consideration at the meeting. The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website on Friday 27 March.

For more info:

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www.monash.vic.gov.au/meetings

Monash Civic Centre

293 Springvale Road
Glen Waverley, 3150
Hours: 8.30am to 5pm
Monday to Friday

Oakleigh Service Centre

3 Atherton Road
Oakleigh, 3166
Hours: 8.45am to 5pm
Monday to Friday

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Deadline for pet registrations

Dog and cat owners are reminded the annual deadline for registering their pet with Council - or for renewing their registration - is Friday 10 April.

All dogs and cats aged three months or older must be registered and microchipped. Registration costs \$45 for most dogs and cats that are desexed, with discounts for pet owners who are pensioners.

The fee amount hasn't been increased this year. The fees were increased substantially last year and several residents contacted Council to voice their displeasure. In response, Council froze the fees at their 2014 level, which means that most pet owners will pay the same amount this year as last year, without any increases for inflation.

For more info:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/animals

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Fast facts

- » About 13,000 dogs and 5,000 cats are registered in Monash
- » The four most popular breeds of dogs in Monash are (in order): Maltese Cross, Labrador, Jack Russell, Golden Retriever
- » The three most popular names of dogs in Monash: Bella, Max and Charlie. The three most popular names of cats in Monash: Molly, Bella and Oscar.



We welcome feedback about the Monash Bulletin. Please give us your comments:

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Message from Mayor Paul Klisaris

As Mayor, I am fortunate to oversee improvements to the local physical environment while also working on social issues.

We are making great progress in implementing our \$27 million annual capital works program, resulting in upgrades to roads, parks and other community infrastructure.

In early April, we will open the first Council-funded synthetic sporting pitch in Monash, at Jack Edwards Reserve (Oakleigh). As it will be more durable than natural turf, the synthetic pitch will increase the amount of playing time available to members of the Chisholm United Football Club (with whom I am pictured). Other sports clubs and schools will also be able to book the facility.

We have started developing a draft Council budget for the 2015/2016 financial year, which we will put out for community feedback in May. Last year, Council increased its capital works budget by \$2.8 million, recognising there was a need to spend more on basic community assets such as drains, bike paths and parks.

This year, we're also having to start thinking about the State Government's rate capping policy, which they are planning to bring in for the 2016/2017 financial year. Rate capping is where any increases in rates are capped at the level of inflation or a similar measure. Monash - like other Victorian councils - is worried about the impact that rate capping could have on our ability

to maintain community assets. At Monash, we pride ourselves on keeping our rates as low as possible. We've worked hard to ensure Monash has the lowest rates of all 79 Victorian councils. We will continue to keep our rates low but we need the flexibility to be able to increase our rates above inflation if required and justified.

There are many social issues that continue to concern me: none more so than violence against women. I have invited the 2015 Australian of the Year Rosie Batty to be the keynote speaker at a local forum later this year on prevention of violence against women. Rosie is an outstanding, courageous role model for us all and I hope she is able to accept my invitation. Council has also pledged to make a submission to the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence, once submissions are sought.

I am also worried about the loneliness that many people out in our community feel. That's what is so great about events like the Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival (pictured), which brought thousands of people to Kingsway in a spirit of celebration at the start of this month. Thank you to the Monash Chinese Events Organising Committee for putting on a great day, with Council's support.

In a similar vein, I'm planning to hold a free event at Eaton Mall in Oakleigh



this Greek Orthodox Easter (Sunday 12 April). People will be able to come together, celebrate this special time, eat delicious food, and make new friends.

For details of this event, please check Council's website:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/events

If you have any local issues you would like to discuss, I encourage you to contact me:

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Council votes 'no' to land sale

After listening to strong objections from Oakleigh residents, Council has voted against a land sale in the suburb.

Council had been proposing to sell a piece of land - at the corner of Hanover St and Atherton Rd - to a developer for \$5.05 million.

The land currently provides public car parking and is where the Oakleigh Rotary Sunday Market is held. Many local residents and the Rotary market organisers were opposed to a sale, with Council receiving a petition with 3000-plus signatures.

At its February meeting, Council voted against the sale, demonstrating that Council places high importance on community views.

It is important to clarify that Council never intended that the Rotary market be closed down. If the sale had proceeded, Council would have ensured that an alternative location in Oakleigh was identified for the market. Having said that, it is understandable that there were concerns that a land sale could have disrupted the market.

For more info:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/decision-hanover-street-sale

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Future of libraries

We are seeking community views on what Monash libraries can do to improve or expand their services.

A new three-year strategic plan is being developed for the Monash Public Library Service, with a focus on opportunities for life-long learning, social interaction, and cultural exchange.

The plan will build on the strengths of the library service, which records about 1 million visits per year. In annual surveys, Monash


residents regularly rank our libraries as one of Council's highest performing services.

Opening a neighbourhood library in Mulgrave was one of the major achievements reached during the life of the current strategic plan.

We are also seeking community views on how the libraries can best promote safe use of online technology.

Ideas and feedback are sought by Thursday 2 April. Everyone who participates will go in the draw to win an iPad mini. You can have your say by:


FILLING IN AN

ONLINE SURVEY  www.monash.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

PICKING UP

a hard copy survey at one of Monash's six library branches, the Monash Civic Centre or the Oakleigh Service Centre.

CONTACTING

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Library Operations Coordinator

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Creative ideas wanted!

We'd like local residents to join us in developing a plan for arts and cultural activities in Monash.

Come along to a FREE community forum to share your ideas and give us feedback:

Sat 11 April,
from 1pm-3pm

Oakleigh Carnegie RSL,
95-97 Drummond St,
Oakleigh

Please RSVP by calling:
 9518 3555

If you're not able to attend but have some ideas to share, contact:

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Caring for our environment

We'd like community members to help us develop a new environmental sustainability strategy for Monash.

This will involve a review of the Monash Environmental Sustainability Road Map, which Council adopted in 2011. One of the objectives of the Road Map was to reduce Council's greenhouse gas emissions by 20% by 2020 (compared to 2010 levels). This target is expected to be close to being achieved when Council installs energy efficient light globes in 8,200 street lights this year.

We'd like to know what local residents and businesses think are important areas of sustainability that Council should focus on into the future. Come along to some FREE information sessions to tell us what you think the priorities should be.

You will also be able to find out more about the actions Council has taken to make Monash more sustainable including: introducing rainwater harvesting for irrigation and use in community buildings; installing solar panels and hot water systems on Council buildings; and biodiversity plantings.

The information sessions will be held:

Mon 23 March
6pm-7.30pm
Monash Civic Centre
(293 Springvale Rd,
Glen Waverley)

Fri 27 March
10.30am-midday
Batesford Hub
(94 Batesford Rd,
Chadstone)

Wed 25 March
6pm-7.30pm
Clayton Community
Centre (Cooke St)

Wed 1 April
6pm-7.30pm
Mulgrave Community
Centre (357 Wellington Rd)

There is no need to RSVP: just turn up.


For more info:

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

To discuss:

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Damper Creek Reserve



How do I...?

...join the Monash Bicycle Users Group?

Cycling is getting a higher profile in Monash, with Council establishing a Monash Bicycle Users Group. This group will provide local cyclists with an avenue to share information and to advocate to Council and the State Government for bike path upgrades. If you'd like to join the group, please come along to its first meeting at the Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley) on Wednesday 22 April, from 6.15pm (for a 6.30pm start).



RSVPs are essential:

 Chris McEwan,
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...be a responsible dog owner?

Taking your dog for regular exercise is really important but please make sure you pick up after your dog. People going for walks along local streets or exercising in parks don't want to step in dog poo. To make it easier, Council has installed dog poo bag dispensers in several parks including: Hinkler Reserve (Glen Waverley), Homes Glen Reserve (Ashwood), Federal Reserve (Mount Waverley), Lum Reserve (Wheelers Hill), and Southern Reserve (Mulgrave), with more locations to come. People who fail to pick up after their dogs can be fined \$200.

For more info:

 9518 3555

Protecting our 'garden city'

In late April, Council is expected to begin consulting with the community on the first stage of proposed changes to Monash's residential zones.

The proposed changes, flowing from the Monash Housing Strategy, aim to protect Monash's 'garden city' character. This is in response to concerns raised by residents about potential overdevelopment and the loss of neighbourhood character and vegetation.


Under the changes, more of Monash would be zoned Neighbourhood Residential (NRZ), a zoning which limits opportunities for increased residential development. Currently, heritage precincts in Oakleigh and Hughesdale are the only parts of Monash that are zoned NRZ.

Council is proposing to introduce the NRZ zoning across the Dandenong Creek Escarpment (taking in the majority of Wheelers Hill plus parts of Glen Waverley and Mulgrave). It is also proposed that properties abutting or interfacing with the Gardiners, Damper and Scotchmans creeks (in Burwood, Ashwood and Mount Waverley) be rezoned Neighbourhood Residential.


Stronger guidelines are also being proposed in areas zoned General Residential (which covers the majority of Monash). For example, Council is proposing guidelines to increase the rear and side setbacks of new buildings, and to require canopy trees, on sites undergoing redevelopment.

Council will consult widely before deciding whether to go ahead with the proposals. Affected residents and property owners will receive a letter explaining the proposed changes and how they can provide feedback. Public meetings will also be held across Monash.

For more info, visit:

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

Enquiries:

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Advocating for smoking ban

Council has asked the State Government to give priority to introducing a ban on smoking in outdoor eating areas.

When in Opposition, the Government committed to introducing a statewide ban on smoking in outdoor eating areas.

The Monash community is strongly in support of a ban, with 75% of surveyed residents saying they approve. Local parents often contact Council to express concern that their children are exposed to second hand smoke when their families eat out at local cafes.

Monash Mayor Paul Klisaris has recently written to Health Minister Jill Hennessy,

encouraging her to begin a consultation period with businesses soon, with a view to implementing a ban as soon as possible.

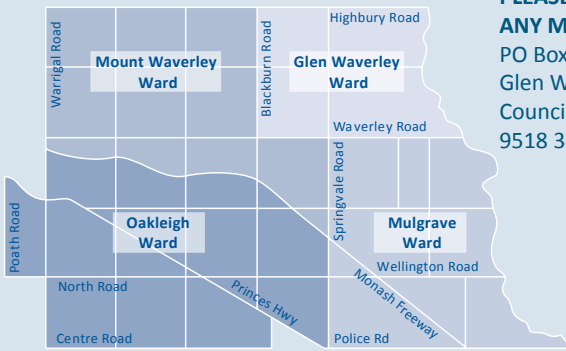
Victoria is far behind the rest of the country when it comes to introducing this ban. For example, smoking has been banned in outdoor eating areas in Queensland since 2006.

For more info:

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/smoking-bans
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Councillor News

Cr Katrina Nolan

An aspect of being a Councillor that I've found to be particularly rewarding is having the opportunity to be involved with a number of Council's Committees and Advisory Groups.

I'm one of the Councillor Representatives on the Environmental Advisory Committee and enjoy working with a team of knowledgeable and dedicated community members and Council staff to achieve targets set out in Council's Environmental Sustainability Road Map. The current road map was developed back in 2011 to guide Monash's sustainable journey over four years.

As the road map expires this year, the committee is now working on developing a new ten-year environmental sustainability strategy. If you'd like to know more about this strategy and provide any feedback you are welcome to attend one of the four information sessions that are running from 23 March-1 April. For more info, see pg 4.

We are fortunate to have many community groups in Monash that contribute to making our city a more sustainable place to live. One of these groups is the Monash Permaculture Group (who I am pictured with below). This group is made up of Monash University students and staff and members of the wider community who have an interest in permaculture and gardening and have created a memorable garden and farm. Volunteers can harvest and take home food, garden waste is composted and there is a focus on using sustainable products for all purposes.

The Monash Awards Committee was so impressed with the work of the Monash Permaculture Group that it awarded them the Sustainability Leadership Award at the Sir John Monash Awards Ceremony in 2014.

If you know of a volunteer or group that is giving so much to the Monash community (like the Permaculture Group), then you have the chance to give something back to them by nominating them for a Sir John Monash Award. Nominations close on Friday 27 March and winners will be announced at an award ceremony on Wednesday 13 May. For more info, see pg 8.

If you'd like to discuss any local issues with me or have any questions or feedback about Council services, please don't hesitate to call or email me using the contact details at left.



Preventing disease

Children can receive FREE vaccinations at local immunisation sessions run by Council's nurses.



FREE vaccinations are available for babies, toddlers, pre-school and school-aged children who have an Australian Medicare card (or are eligible for one).

The aim is to prevent diseases such as poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough. Eligible adults are also able to access some FREE vaccines. Bookings are required for evening sessions but not for morning sessions.

Bookings for evening sessions can be requested online. To book or for more info:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/immunisation

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April session times

Wed 1 10am-midday	Mount Waverley Community Centre (47 Miller Cres)
Wed 8 10am-midday	Monash Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley)
Mon 13 10am-midday	Ashwood Hall (21A Electra Ave)
Tue 14 5.30pm-7.30pm (Bookings required)	Monash Seminar and Training Centre (1A Atherton Rd, Oakleigh)
Fri 24 10am-midday	
Fri 17 10am-midday	Mulgrave Community Centre (355 Wellington Rd)

Tackling theft in sports grounds

A program targeting theft in and around sports grounds is about to kick off in Monash.

Recently, there has been an increase in theft from cars parked at sporting grounds. Phones, laptops, wallets and jewellery have been stolen. Tradesmen's vehicles have been a particular target, with expensive tools and work equipment taken.

In response, Council and police are holding workshops to help sports clubs and their members develop strategies to reduce theft. This program is being funded with a \$10,000 Victorian Government grant.

Interested people are invited to one of these FREE workshops:

Wed 25 March
6.30pm-8pm
Mulgrave Reserve
(Garnett Rd,
Wheelers Hill)

Wed 15 April
6.30pm-8pm
Batesford Hub (94 Batesford
Rd, Chadstone)

Wed 1 April
6.30pm-8pm
Clayton Community
Centre (Cooke St)

Wed 29 April
6.30pm-8pm
Monash Civic Centre
(293 Springvale Rd,
Glen Waverley).

A light supper, prizes and giveaways will be provided at each workshop. Please RSVP by contacting:

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Get composting

Autumn is a good time to start composting, with a special deal available for Monash residents.

Council is a subscriber to Compost Revolution, an online program that supports the home composting of food and garden scraps.

Through Council's subscription, Monash residents can participate in FREE online tutorials about composting. Once residents have completed a tutorial and quick quiz, they can buy a discounted compost bin or worm farm. There will be a 50% discount off the recommended retail price of the first 30 compost bins or worm farms ordered by Monash residents before Thursday 30 April, with FREE home delivery also provided.

Composting is easy to do and prevents food scraps having to be transferred to landfill where they produce harmful greenhouse gases.

For more info, visit

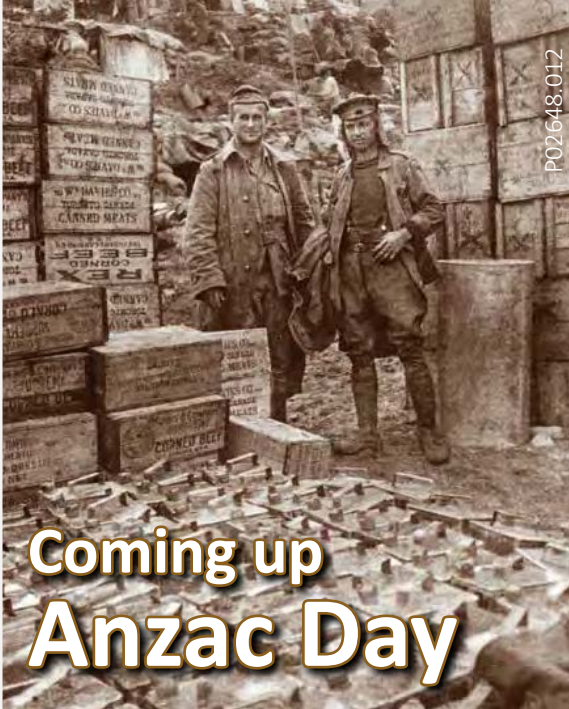
compostrevolution.com.au

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Coming up Anzac Day

Events will be held across Monash to mark Anzac Day (25 April), with the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli being commemorated this year. Event details will be included in the April edition of the Monash Bulletin but are available online now at:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/events

Enquiries: ☎ 9518 3555

...at Monash libraries

Monash libraries continue to offer FREE training in how to use popular technology. Book into one of these FREE classes on how to use an iPad:



Thurs 16 April
2.30pm-4.30pm

Clayton library
(9-15 Cooke St)

Bookings:

☎ 9541 3120

✉ eventbookings@monlib.vic.gov.au

Tues 5 May
6pm-8pm

Mt Waverley library
(41 Miller Cres)

Bookings

☎ 9807 5022

✉ eventbookings@monlib.vic.gov.au

...at Monash Gallery of Art Earth matters...

Exhibition runs until 3 May

The "Earth matters: contemporary photographers in the landscape" exhibition was developed by MGA for ART+CLIMATE=CHANGE: a state-wide arts festival exploring ecological ethics. MGA's contribution to this festival highlights the immersive and experimental ways that many contemporary photographers engage with the landscape. Don't forget it is FREE to visit MGA (860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill).



Tony HEWITT

Red coast 2014

*from the ND5 project Shark Bay - Inscription
reproduction courtesy of the artist and ND5*

For more info: ☎ 8544 0500 www.mga.org.au

We're listening

Council wants to make sure we are providing our residents with the services and support you need.

We are visiting local neighbourhoods on weekends to make it easier for you to raise any local issues with us. Please come along to a Council "listening post" and tell us how we can serve you better.

For more info visit:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

To raise an issue:

☎ 9518 3678

Hamilton Place, Mount Waverley

Sat 28 March
10.30am-12.30pm

Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre, Mulgrave

Sat 11 April
10.30am-12.30pm

Hinkler Reserve, Glen Waverley*

Sat 18 April
10.30am-12.30pm

* A FREE community BBQ will be held at this event.

AWARDS

SIR JOHN
MONASH

Get your nominations in...

Nominations are closing soon for the Sir John Monash awards which recognise people who are making a positive difference in our community. People can be nominated in one of eight categories: Volunteer of the Year; Women's Leadership; Youth Leadership; Positive Ageing Leadership; Sustainability Leadership; Active Monash; Outstanding Advocate of People with Disabilities; and Multicultural Champion. Be part of thanking Monash volunteers for their tireless work by nominating your Monash hero today! Nominations close on Friday 27 March.

For nomination forms or more info:

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

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