

Our commitment net zero carbon by 2025

Council has committed to a number of actions and strategies to achieve net zero emissions by 2025 following a detailed report to its February 2020 meeting.

A further report for a whole of Council climate action plan will come before the September 2020 Council meeting.

Council will also work with the Monash community to provide assistance and information on how they can reduce their carbon footprint.

These actions are part of Council's long-term consideration of climate change and its focus on determining a strong and comprehensive response to this issue. It comes after a significant amount of work on GHG emission modelling and is in line with Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2016-2026).

The modelling indicated that 2028 was the optimum time to target carbon neutrality, but Council has decided to be more ambitious and has adopted a target of 2025.

This will require funding for key projects over the next few years however these changes are expected, in the long term, to result in financial and environmental savings.

Key projects identified include:

- » Participating in the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement for up to 100% renewable energy for all electricity use
- » Major roads street lighting changeover to LED lights
- » Major infrastructure upgrades of high energy usage sites, including our aquatic centres, to reduce energy use
- » Investment in solar panels at key sites
- » Expanding the use of electric and hybrid vehicles in Council's fleet
- » Investment in Carbon Offset sourced from local business
- » Developing the use of recycled content materials in council projects
- » A commitment to protecting and enhancing our green spaces and tree canopy
- » The purchase of carbon offsets, when required, from businesses located within the City of Monash, wherever possible.

Council's corporate emissions represent approximately 1% of local emissions so to reduce our carbon footprint, it is critical that residents make changes as well. See our website for tips to help you make a difference.

For more info: 📞 9518 3733

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/climate-target-2025

NOMINATIONS OPEN for Sir John Monash Awards

We all know someone who is the first to step forward when something needs to be done.

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

The awards recognise the achievements of Monash volunteers. This is an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the outstanding work of people in our community.

Nominees and winners will be invited to attend an award ceremony later this year when they will be honoured at a night of celebration. It's a fantastic night and we'd love to see as many nominees as possible there.

In the meantime, get started on those nominations and let's shine a light on our wonderful Monash volunteers!

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
- » Positive Ageing Leadership.

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

Nominations close on Sunday 14 June.

To nominate: ☎ 9518 3619

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/monash-awards

ANI a born leader

A belief in using your voice to stand up for others saw Anirudh (Ani) Prakash named the 2019 Sir John Monash Youth Leadership Award Winner.



Ani has been drawn to leadership opportunities from a young age, starting in primary school. He is driven by a desire to stand up for what is right and give a voice to people who need it most.

Winning the award validated Ani's desire to represent others within the community, but he also felt it was a reflection of the people who encouraged him to get involved.

"I was not collecting the award just for myself but as an agent of the various people and community organisations that have pushed me to get more involved with my community," Ani said.

Ani is an integral member of the Monash Youth Committee and chairperson in 2019/20, and was a big part of the group's advocacy for a headspace service in Monash. After years of campaigning, the Federal Government announced in March 2019 that it would set up a Monash headspace.

Ani wants other young people to know that they have the power for change.

"If you are passionate about an issue and want to improve our community, get involved. We need more young people to get more active in their local communities and fight the bigger issues with a community-focused lens," he said.

High Commendations were awarded to Medhi Juma Khan, for his work in volunteering opportunities including refereeing soccer games for young players, and Lisa Ping, for her decade-long volunteer work, from Conservation Australia to Oxfam.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3619

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/2019-awards

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

✉ mail@monash.vic.gov.au

☎ 9518 3444

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au

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

Language Assist

普通话 9321 5485

Ελληνικά 9321 5482

廣東話 9321 5481

සිංහල 7005 3002

Italiano 9321 5483

हिंदी 7005 3000

Việt Ngữ 9321 5487

தமிழ் 7005 3003

한국어 9321 5484

Bahasa Indonesia 7005 3001



We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

☎ 9518 3678

✉ joanne.robertson@monash.vic.gov.au



MESSAGE FROM Mayor Stuart James

It was terrific to see so many locals and visitors at the Clayton Festival. This event shines a spotlight on the diverse and welcoming multicultural community we have in Clayton. Hope to see many of you at our next big event, Live at Warrawee in Oakleigh on 21 March.

I also met many people at our recent Meet Your Street event in Glen Waverley. We are trialing this innovative project in small neighbourhoods within Monash and hope to roll it out across Monash in the future. It's a program to help people in local neighbourhoods meet each other and build social connections. This project has really struck a chord with our community and it was great to see so many

people enjoying spending time getting to know each other.

It was great to turn the first sod (see pic) on the new multi-sport pavilion at Caloola with Member for Oakleigh Steve Dimopoulos and sporting club users. See more at

www.monash.vic.gov.au/caloola-pavilion

At the February Council meeting, Council committed to a number of actions in response to climate change. A substantial amount of work over a number of years has gone into determining the best way forward for Monash, to get our modelling right and to commit to strategies that will make a difference. Our view was always that it was not about just speaking

words on climate change, but about investing in real actions and strategies that will reduce emissions. We also recognise the loss of vegetation in Monash

and commit to protecting and enhancing our green spaces and tree canopy. Our team at Monash have undertaken significant work to help us set ambitious targets that are also achievable and I want to acknowledge their outstanding work.

We welcome the State Government's announcement of a Container Deposit Scheme, something Council has been strongly advocating for over many years. The government also announced plans for households to get a new fourth bin for glass recycling. Disappointingly, increased landfill waste costs have also been announced. We are awaiting more information to understand the impact of these costs to Council. We will keep you informed when we know more.

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.



GREAT SPACE for Monash Youth

A fantastic new space for Monash youth is open for business.

Every Tuesday there is an open invitation to the Tuesday Hangout at Monash Youth Services from 3.30-5.30pm for anyone aged 10-25 years. Join in music, art or games, enjoy hot food and snacks or find a quiet corner to study.

The Monash Youth Services hub is now co-located with Wavecare on level one of the Euneva car park creating a central point for these important services in the heart of Glen Waverley.

The new youth hub includes a chill out space with a drop down screen for movies and info sessions, an outdoor terrace, kitchen, office space and private support and consulting rooms. The design of the space had input from young people.

We also consulted with the Glen Waverley Traders Association and users of Wavecare and Link Health and Community to ensure the facility met everyone's needs.

With Link Health and Community operating from the ground floor of Euneva, this change creates an accessible health hub for people seeking these services.

The \$2.8 million refurbishment was funded by the sale of two Glen Waverley properties.

For more info:

[9518 3900](tel:95183900)

www.monash.vic.gov.au/monash-youth-services



NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 31 March** 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 26 March**. Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 31 March. If you're unable to attend, you can watch from home: webcast.monash.vic.gov.au or watch previous meetings.

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

CARING for your four legged friends

Monash's 5712 registered cats and 12,086 registered dogs are much loved members of the Monash community.

One way you can show you care about your pet is to register them, to make it easier to find them if they ever go missing.

All dogs and cats aged three months or older must be registered and microchipped as a legal requirement by 10 April 2020. It is the pet owner's responsibility to ensure their pet is safely contained at home and doesn't wander.

If your pet is registered and does go missing and is picked up by Council, we can contact you straight away and reunite you with your beloved pooch or feline if we have your registration details.

Registration costs \$48.90 for most dogs and \$41.60 for most cats that are desexed. There are discounts for pensioners.

Cats need to be desexed before they are registered for the first time but some exemptions apply. Compulsory cat desexing was introduced for newly registered cats in Monash in 2015 to reduce the number of cats being born.

For more info:

📞 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/animal-regulations



FOOD WASTE RECYCLING is coming...

There's an exciting change happening for disposal of your household food waste in Monash. Starting July 2020, food scraps can go in your green waste bin that's currently used for grass and garden prunings. Things like fruit and vegetables, meat and fish, coffee grounds, eggs, bread and dairy, rice, pasta, cooked leftovers and paper towels can be recycled.

As part of this change, households with a green waste bin will receive a kitchen caddy and information booklet to help you collect your food scraps for recycling – these will be delivered to you in the coming months.

More than half the contents of Monash household garbage bins is food waste. When food is sent to landfill, it rots and produces greenhouse gas methane that contributes to harming the environment. Recycling food in your green waste bin will mean food waste is kept out of landfill and turned into high quality compost which will be used by local farmers to improve soil health and crop productivity.

We'll be here to support you through this change. We are developing education materials and will provide further information across social media, your Monash Bulletin and our website.

If you have any questions or don't currently have a green waste bin but would like to recycle your food waste: contact Senior Sustainability Officer, April Williams 📧 april.williams@monash.vic.gov.au or 📞 9518 3555.

CAT CURFEW to start this year

A cat curfew to ensure cats are safely contained at night and protect local wildlife will start later this year.

With the introduction of the curfew, cat owners are not required to do anything complicated or expensive. They simply need to ensure their cats are safely contained at night, preferably in their house or garage.

Cats are great companions to many residents in Monash. There are currently 5712 registered cats in Monash.

However, they are also natural predators and if they are left to roam at night they can do enormous damage to native wildlife and be a nuisance to residents.

Animal welfare organisations and professional bodies like the RSPCA

and the Australian Veterinary Association recommend that cats should be kept indoors as much as possible for their safety and wellbeing as this reduces the risk from fights with other cats and animals, being injured by cars and contracting disease. Agriculture Victoria advises that cats who remain contained in your property can live up to three times longer than those who roam.

The cat curfew is one of a number of measures in Council's Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan.

For more info:

📞 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/animalplan

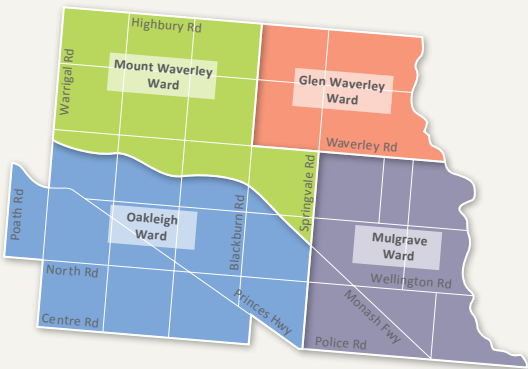


MONASH COUNCIL ward boundaries under review

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is reviewing the ward boundaries of Monash Council and is seeking your input.

Ward boundaries are adjusted so that the number of voters represented by each councillor is within 10% of the local council average.

The review only considers adjustments to the location of ward boundaries. It will not consider the number of councillors or wards.



The VEC proposes adjustments to the boundaries of the following wards within Monash Council:

- » Glen Waverley Ward
- » Mount Waverley Ward
- » Mulgrave Ward
- » Oakleigh Ward

The report is available:

- » vec.vic.gov.au
- » **CALLING:** ☎ 131 832
- » **INSPECTION:** at Monash Council offices during business hours (Monash Civic Centre, 293 Springvale Road Glen Waverley and Oakleigh Service Centre, 3 Atherton Road).

The VEC is encouraging all individuals and groups in Monash Council to have their say. You can take part in the review by making a submission to the VEC on the proposed ward boundaries. Public input is a vital part of the review

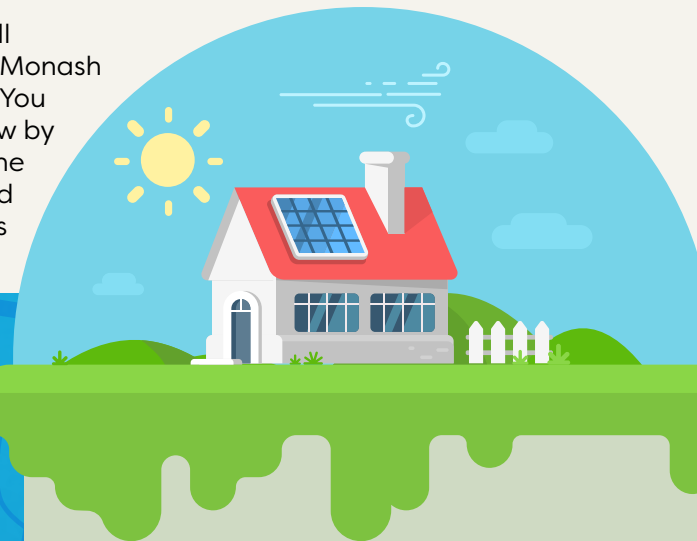
process, providing valuable local perspectives and knowledge.

Submissions must reach the VEC by 5pm on Wednesday 25 March 2020.

Submissions can be made:

- » vec.vic.gov.au
- » monash.review@vec.vic.gov.au
- » **POST:** the Victorian Electoral Commission, Level 11, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000

To find out more about the review process: vec.vic.gov.au or ☎ 131 832



SOLAR SAVERS Program

The Solar Savers Program assists eligible home owners to get access to free advice and checks to make sure that solar is the right choice and that high quality roof top solar is installed by a professional.

The Solar Savers Program is driven by 10 local councils, helping Victorians take charge of their energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint, supporting all members of the community, from low-income households to home-businesses.

To find out more contact Solar Savers directly ☎ 1300 548 598 or

solarsavers.org.au/register-monash

Solar Savers participants may also be eligible for the Victorian Government Solar Rebate up to \$1880. Households are encouraged to register their interest in the State rebate directly by visiting

www.solar.vic.gov.au

Curious COMMUTERS

Book Club

Want to join a book club but can't find the time to attend meetings?

Curious Commuters is an online book club where people can explore ideas through books that are still worth talking about.

Each month the group will explore a book that's left a lasting impression on our culture and discuss how it still relates to us today.

To be part of the discussion, join the Curious Commuters Online Book Club Facebook

group, introduce yourself and in the last week of the month the group will chat about that month's book.

Each book is available as an ebook and as an e-audio talking book for free.

In April the book choice is Dracula by Bram Stoker.

For more info:

www.monlib.vic.gov.au/cc



COUNCILLOR NEWS

Cr Lynnette Saloumi

Council elections occur this October. When Councillors accept office they swear they'll undertake their role in the best interests of the people in the municipal district they represent and impartially carry out their duties to the best of their skills and judgement. I encourage constituents to consider Council candidacy or offer support to candidates who share their values. With Council currently dominated by males, I'd especially welcome increased representation from female residents. Although females make up 51% of our city's population, 82% of Monash's 11 councillors are male. The Gender Equality Act 2020 sadly doesn't include Councillors. I urge potential candidates to diarise 30 April's Local Women Leading Change workshop to be hosted by Monash Council in association with the Victorian Local Governance Association. It has been foreshadowed that training will be a prerequisite for eligibility to contest elections.

After previous attempts had failed to address the threat of climate change, at the 25 February Council Meeting, targets were set for Council activities and procurement that aim to reduce both GHG emissions and energy costs. Prioritising renewables makes financial sense. Consumers can reduce pollution and avoid escalating costs by switching to solar and driving hybrid or electric vehicles. I've discovered electricity bills have plummeted, and car registration is \$100 cheaper and fuel costs are miniscule. To reduce local car trips I've proposed a trial of electric bus shuttles in and around activity centres. Likewise it would be applauded if city planners could minimise built forms which radiate excessive heat, and instead integrate green public spaces within activity centres to combat adverse effects of overdevelopment. Liveability proponents and aspiring entrepreneurs, I suggest you tune in to ARC Laureate Fellow Professor Veena Sahajwalla online. She's a passionate speaker who'll inspire you to rethink recycling and the circular economy.

I'm pictured with Positive Aging Reference Group members who share wisdom and provide advocacy for 60,000+ seniors. I've re-joined the Disability and Multicultural Advisory Committees and debuted with the Gender Equity Advisory Committee.


As a former Waverley Little Athletics Centre committee member I'm looking forward to its AGM and presentation night, and congratulate its tireless supporter and President, Dylan Cooper.


With reference to my opening paragraph, I don't want to discourage male aspirants but I think from this October Monash deserves a more gender balanced Council. Ladies, there's plenty of songs to choose from for inspiration! From Helen Reddy's "I am Woman" to "Woman" recorded last year by Live at Warrawee's headline act, Clare Bowditch.

I live in Glen Waverley so happy to meet up or chat as convenient.

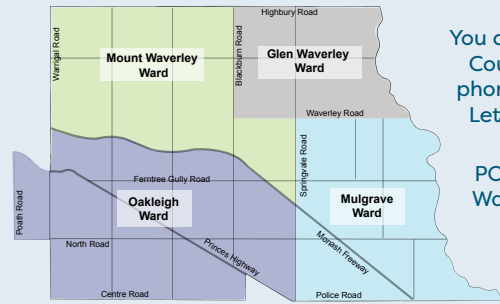


Feel free to contact me on:

 Lynnette.Saloumi@monash.vic.gov.au

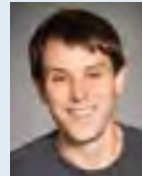
 0466 465 355

YOUR Councillors



You can contact Councillors via phone or email. Letters can be mailed to: PO Box 1, Glen Waverley 3150

Glen Waverley Ward



Cr Geoff Lake
0411 645 281
Geoff.Lake@monash.vic.gov.au



Cr Lynnette Saloumi
0466 465 355
Lynnette.Saloumi@monash.vic.gov.au

Mount Waverley Ward



Cr Brian Little
0407 878 033
Brian.Little@monash.vic.gov.au



Cr Rebecca Paterson
0437 959 163
Rebecca.Paterson@monash.vic.gov.au



Cr MT Pang Tsoi
Deputy Mayor
0466 465 376
MTPang.Tsoi@monash.vic.gov.au

Mulgrave Ward



Cr Robert Davies
0416 000 777
Robert.Davies@monash.vic.gov.au



Cr Paul Klisaris
0412 516 026
Paul.Klisaris@monash.vic.gov.au



Cr Shane McCluskey
0466 345 406
Shane.McCluskey@monash.vic.gov.au

Oakleigh Ward



Cr Josh Fergeus
0466 465 421
Josh.Fergeus@monash.vic.gov.au



Cr Stuart James
Mayor
9518 3524 / 0413 184 250
Stuart.James@monash.vic.gov.au



Cr Theo Zographos
0430 316 911
Theo.Zographos@monash.vic.gov.au



YES This Girl Can!

Council is proud to be partnering with VicHealth for This Girl Can Week to encourage local women to get active – however, wherever and whenever they choose – free from judgement.

This Girl Can Week (23-29 March 2020) aims to encourage more women to give physical activity a go, or return to exercise after a break. It's a great opportunity to try something new, whether it's a walk in the park, a gym session, a swim or a game of netball with friends.

Council received a \$15,000 grant from VicHealth to promote the campaign to local women and host a series of events.

Events include:

- » **Women's Health Seminar at Clayton Community Centre Theatre:** Tuesday 24 March, 7pm-9pm
- » **Active Pride Night at Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre (MARC):** Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm-10pm
- » **Women's Only Day at Clayton Aquatics & Health Club (CAHC):** Sunday 29 March, 6.30pm-9pm

To find out more and to book:

www.activemonash.com.au

Local organisations are also getting involved in the campaign, including a Pram Walking Group from Mackie Road Neighbourhood House, 'Walking Netball' delivered by Waverley Netball Centre, Waverley Hockey Club's Women Hit It Up (WHIP) program, and Bowling with Babies at Mount Waverley Bowling Club.

For more info and opportunities in

Monash: ☎ 9518 3555

www.monash.vic.gov.au/thisgirlcan

NEW CAMPAIGN to tackle Clayton waste



Residents in Clayton are being asked to 'Clean Up or Pay Up' as part of a new campaign.

The campaign is targeting areas in Clayton where there is a transient population due to Monash University and student accommodation.

The campaign follows complaints about rubbish from the Clayton community who are proud of their neighbourhood and want to see everyone doing their bit to keep it clean and tidy. Some of the issues identified include dumping of waste, unsightly properties and contaminated or overflowing bins.



For the last 12 months, Council has carried out bin inspections and door knocked residents to provide information

and education on waste management.

However, the issues have continued. Council is now trialling a dedicated Litter Prevention Officer in Clayton and residents and property owners who ignore the education and warnings provided could face fines up to \$500.

Council will continue to educate residents and property owners to manage their waste but if no effort is made to fix concerns, residents will face fines.

We want residents to know that their waste is their responsibility.

The Clean Up or Pay Up campaign is currently being trialled in Clayton and may be rolled out across the municipality in future.

For more info and opportunities in Monash: ☎ 9518 3555
www.monash.vic.gov.au/cleanorpay

SAY HELLO to new ambassadors!

Say hello to 10 Community Ambassadors who will help Council with advice about opportunities to promote social cohesion, community harmony and feelings of belonging in our diverse city.

The Community Ambassador Project is one of several projects happening this year as part of Monash Council's Meet Your Street and Hello Neighbour programs. These programs will help promote neighbourliness, reduce discrimination and build connected communities across the city.

Hello Neighbour is a State Government-funded initiative delivered by Council in collaboration with local community organisations.

Our Community Ambassadors are:

Tess Marotta (Italian); Eman "Emy" Armanous (Egyptian); Daphne Cheung (Chinese); Amit Patel (Indian); Andreas Bonis (Greek); Manal Tahir (Saudi Arabian); Pui Yin "Jayden" Yu (Cantonese); Helen Wu (Chinese); Lizzy Kouth (Sudanese); Judson Hamsa (Indian)

For more info: **Community Wellbeing Team** ☎ 9518 3555



Rang Barse

Festival of Colours

Sun 29 March, 11am-6pm

Come along to this Indian cultural celebration, where you can learn about and celebrate Indian and international food, music, dancing and art, and enjoy the throwing of vibrant coloured powders. Safe dry powders are provided at the colour stall.

This FREE community event is organised by Sankat Mochan Samiti (an Indian Australian community group) with support from Council and Monash University.

📍 Monash University - Clayton Campus (off Wellington Road)

For more info: ☎ 0427 274 462

✉ sankatmochansamiti@gmail.com

CHADSTONE Food Forest

Link Health and Community has partnered with the Chadstone Food Forest, to showcase this outdoor community space and explore permaculture, gardening and sustainability. Entry to all CFF events is a gold coin donation.

Upcoming events:

- » **Sun 22 Mar:**
"Know Thy Soil" with Adam Grubb
- » **Sun 19 April:**
Herbs from the garden and kitchen with Penny Woodward
- » **Sun 3 May:**
Evergreen Tree Planting:
Avocados and Citrus

For more info:

Belinda Haydon ☎ 0400 967 797

✉ bhaydon@linkhc.org.au

Supported by City of Monash Community Grants Program.

MULGRAVE WETLANDS

Walk and Bee Hotel Building Workshop

Sat 18 April, 10am-12pm

Join us for a family friendly walk through the Mulgrave Wetlands with the bushland crew. Learn about this nature-filled oasis then get busy building your own native Australian bee hotel out of recycled materials. Afternoon tea provided. Places are limited.

📍 Mulgrave Wetlands, Mulgrave Reserve, 136 Garnett Rd, Wheelers Hill

Bookings essential: 🌐 wetlandsandbees.eventbrite.com.au



CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK

Community Lunch

Wed 25 March, 12pm-2pm

Monash Council's Meet Your Street and Hello Neighbour has partnered with Dixon House Neighbourhood Centre to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week. Join us for a free community lunch in Clayton.

📍 Dixon House Neighbourhood Centre, 2 Dixon Street, Clayton

RSVP: ☎ 9518 3555 or 🌐 www.trybooking.com/607914

Monash Libraries programs

21-29 March

Join our regular Storytime program for some special books and activities that celebrate cultural diversity. There will be stories read in multiple languages, stories set in other countries, and characters from all over the world!

For more info: 🌐 www.monlib.vic.gov.au/cdw

