

## Carols by Candlelight

**The wait is nearly over so pack your picnic rug, warm up the vocal chords and prepare for a fantastic celebration at the 2019 Monash Carols by Candlelight!**

Once again perennial favourite Pete Smith will host this free event on Sunday 8 December in beautiful Jells Park. The main concert starts from 8pm and features an amazing line-up of soloists including Dan Hamill, Bella Paige, Belinda Parsons, Keenan Te and the Amore Duet (featuring Stephen Coutts and Samantha Robertson).

These stars are joined by the Monash University Chorale and the Monash Carols by Candlelight Band, a special arrangement of musicians from the Monash Concert Band and Oakleigh Band.

The little ones will love the Tinsel Town fun from 4-7pm which includes a jumping castle, face painting and activities and a photo opportunity with Santa (bring your camera along) and pre-show entertainment with Bethany Fisher.

Weather permitting, fireworks will light up the night sky at 10pm. Please leave your four-legged friends at home as the fireworks can distress animals.

Monash Carols by Candlelight is a drug, smoke and alcohol free family-friendly event. The event is sponsored by Eastlink, Nine News, The Glen, First National Real Estate Waverley City and Light FM.

Come join us for a wonderful celebration of Christmas.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

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



## NEXT COUNCIL Meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26 November** 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 21 November**.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 26 November. If you're unable to attend, you can watch from home: [webcast.monash.vic.gov.au](http://webcast.monash.vic.gov.au) or watch previous meetings.

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

### 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)

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We welcome your feedback about the Monash Bulletin:

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## MULTICULTURAL Champion leads the way for inclusion

**Years of dedication to fostering positive cross-cultural relationships saw Dr Hui Yang awarded the 2019 Sir John Monash Multicultural Champion Award.**

During the past decade, Dr Yang has trained more than 200 Chinese doctors who have come from China to Melbourne for advanced learning activities in Monash University. Taking them under his wing and wanting to build bridges between other cultures, he has even shared with them some cultural experiences that are very Australian like enjoying barbecues and watching AFL footy!

Drawing inspiration from his own experiences in moving from city to countryside in his childhood, and then from China to Australia in 2001, Dr Yang understands the importance of embracing and promoting diverse cultures.

He talks about Chinese culture with his medical colleagues and has undertaken cross-cultural studies on topics including positive ageing, food security and eating habits.



"My attitude towards culture is to inherit and develop, to generate new culture with merging, and to contribute and benefit to the development of the community. I like to be a multicultural ambassador, like a bridge of culture, to pass culture in and spread it out," Dr Yang said.

Dr Yang is also involved in delivering community education to the Chinese community to learn about issues like mental health and how to reduce the stigma around discussing this concern with family and friends.

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

## ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19 now out

**Every year Council produces a comprehensive account of its operations that includes major projects, challenges and what we hope to achieve in the year ahead.**

We see this report as a key document for our community, providing a detailed account of how we performed over the last year. The 2018/19 Annual Report is now available.

### ONLINE:

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

### PICK UP A HARD COPY:

- » Civic Centre (293 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley)
- » Oakleigh Service Centre (3 Atherton Rd).

**Copies are also available at any of our library branches at:**

- » 9-15 Cooke St, Clayton
- » 112 Kingsway, Glen Waverley
- » 41 Miller Cres, Mt Waverley
- » 36-42 Mackie Rd, Mulgrave
- » 148 Drummond St, Oakleigh
- » 860 Ferntree Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3618  
 ✉ [Emily.Webb@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:Emily.Webb@monash.vic.gov.au)



# MESSAGE FROM Mayor Shane McCluskey

I can hardly believe that this is my last column as your Mayor. As I reflect on the last 12 months the take away for me is how fortunate I am to have had this opportunity and what I have learned in the last year.

I've learned that there are always new and unexpected challenges that face local government, issues like homelessness and the recycling crisis, that are challenging and require support from all levels of government to address. I've had it confirmed that our community comprises passionate, thoughtful and proud residents who are also incredibly inclusive and welcoming to those from other cultures. I've been proud to work with our fantastic young people on important campaigns like headspace and see this five year campaign for a youth mental health facility come to fruition, the result of an enormous amount of work by many, including former Mayors Paul Klisaris and Rebecca Paterson and Council staff.

As I said when I became Mayor a year ago, I love living in Monash. I love it because of its diversity and the amazing food and culture that brings, our remarkable sporting clubs who help to connect people to their community, our neighbourhood houses, community groups and our volunteers who are the lifeblood of Monash. I've met some wonderful people who have turned 100 this year and listening to their stories was a highlight. This year has only reinforced my connection to this place and this community and I'm grateful to every one of you who has welcomed me to events, shared a laugh or a tear, opened up about your concerns and given me honest and frank feedback about how we as a Council can do better.



Thank you to my Council colleagues for this opportunity, to the Monash team who work so diligently for the community and to you all. We are truly fortunate to live, work and play in this great city. Let us continue to work together for a bright future for Monash.

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## Supporting youth mental health

**Specialist youth mental health first aid training is being rolled out across Monash thanks to a \$200,000 Pick My Project grant from the Victorian Government.**

The joint initiative of Monash's Youth Services and the Rotary Club of Glen Waverley is to support youth wellbeing across the municipality. The training gives adults who have contact with young people including teachers, coaches and parents, the skills to identify the

signs of poor mental health, open up communication and support the young person to access appropriate professional help.


Mental health first aid training specifically for teenagers is also being provided so that they can better support their peers.

So far in 2019 the project has been delivered to around 100 staff at Brentwood Secondary College, Wheelers Hill Secondary College, Oakleigh Grammar, Mount Waverley Secondary College, Ashwood School and Berengarra School.

There's also been 32 teen mental health first aid courses delivered to groups of Year 10 students at Brentwood Secondary College, Wheelers Hill Secondary College, Oakleigh Grammar and Mount Waverley Secondary College, reaching 708 young people.

Expressions of interest are also being accepted from community members and groups who would like to be trained.

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Put your hand up for community grants

**Are you a community group or organisation with a great project, activity or event you are planning but you need some additional funds to make it happen?**

The Monash Community Grants program provides funding to support community groups and organisations to deliver projects, activities and events to strengthen, enhance and benefit the Monash community.

Applications for the next round of grants are for activities taking place between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021. Applications for cash and in-kind funding for local community groups and organisations open on Tuesday 28 January 2020 and close on Friday 28 February 2020.

The 2020/21 Monash Community Grants Program is anticipated to have a budget allocation of \$2.5 million, if adopted as part of Council's budget in June 2020.

All applicants must contact a member of Council's grants team to discuss their project before completing an application.

In 2019/20 Council allocated about \$2.5 million in cash and in-kind allocations to local community groups whose projects have provided great benefits to the Monash community.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3649  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-grants](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/community-grants)

# Planning update

Here is an update on several developments proposed, approved or refused in Monash.

- » Council has refused an application for a six storey building (including basement) to be used for restaurants, a place of assembly and offices at 73-75 Kingsway Glen Waverley. Key issues for the refusal related to the scale of the building, inappropriate design and that it would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the activity centre.
- » Council has approved a \$13 million construction at the Robert Bosch (Australia) Pty Ltd complex on Centre and Westall Roads, Clayton. The two storey addition will provide office space and warehouses.
- » Council has granted an extension of two years to a permit for development of land at the Sienna Estate, Mount Waverley (426-452 Highbury Road). The development and subdivision comprising 118 dwellings has been largely completed with only the final stage to be completed.
- » Council has approved a plan for a four storey building for student accommodation and convenience shop at 71-73 Beddoe Avenue, Clayton with 30 conditions attached. Community feedback was sought on this proposal and 14 objections received.

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



## Recycling and green waste calendar

**Keep your eye out for the 2020 Monash Recycling and Green Waste Calendar that is being delivered to Monash households in the next few weeks.**

You'll notice a difference with this year's calendar – it will only go for six months not the usual 12. That's because we are introducing our Food Waste in the Green Bin service in July 2020. This exciting program will see you be able to put food scraps and waste in the same bin as your garden waste. It's then turned to compost and reduces the amount of food waste that gets sent to landfill. We'll be keeping you informed about this new service in the lead-up to its introduction.

If you don't receive a calendar by Christmas, let us know and we'll send one to you.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555



# How do I...

## Update the Community Directory?

We are updating the information in our Community Directory as we prepare for print of the 2020 edition and we'd love to hear from you!

If you are a member of a club or service that's listed and there has been any changes to the information in the directory, please let us know.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3618 ✉ [Emily.Webb@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:Emily.Webb@monash.vic.gov.au)

## CHANGES IN DOMESTIC swimming pool and spa safety

**The State Government is introducing changes to safety barriers and fencing around private swimming pools and spas to reduce incidences of young children drowning.**

Between January 2000 and May 2019 there were 27 fatal drownings of young children in private swimming pools and spas in Victoria.

The Building Amendment (Swimming Pool and Spa) Regulations 2019 will introduce mandatory requirements for owners of private swimming pools or spas to register their pool or spa with Councils. Owners will also be required to engage a registered building surveyor or building inspector to inspect and certify their safety barrier compliance every three years. The regulations also include relocatable swimming pools and spas erected for more than three consecutive days.

The new regulations were intended to start from 1 December 2019 with all owners of existing swimming pools and spas to have taken action on the mandatory requirements. Council is awaiting the State Government's decision to adopt the new regulations.

Council currently has responsibility under Building Act 1993 to administer and enforce the Act and regulations. We also undertake about 170 pro-active random swimming pool inspections per year.

The Amendments to the Act require Council to establish and maintain a swimming pool register that must contain information such as date of construction and the applicable barrier standard in place.

The proposed new regulations now make the owner the primary person responsible for registering their pool or spa, with a requirement to engage a qualified person to perform inspections, and lodge proof of compliance resulting from that inspection with Council within the required timeframe. Periodic mandatory inspections will also be required.

Council is waiting on the final decision of the State Government to approve the new regulations. In preparation, we are putting together useful information for property owners who have pools and spas to assist them in registering with us once the State Government has confirmed its approval.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/swimming-pool-spa-regulations](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/swimming-pool-spa-regulations)



# MEET your street?



## C'mon! Meet Your Street

**Over the warmer months we are encouraging people to get to know their neighbours, welcome newcomers and encourage healthy, safe and well connected neighbourhoods.**

We are supporting this project by providing grants of up to \$500 for Meet Your Street activities from now until April 2020.

Initially the Meet Your Street Grants are open to residents living within four pilot areas in Ashwood, Glen Waverley, Clayton and Wheelers Hill and potentially be expanded across the municipality in the future.

There are many ways to get to know your neighbours and we encourage you to be creative about how to connect with your neighbours. These grants are about getting to know your neighbours and turning streets into neighbourhoods. It is not about large scale events, but rather smaller localised events that bring the local community together.

Ideas include celebrating a cultural event like Christmas or Chinese New Year, to play or host a 'cake bake off' or holding a cleaning up your street together event. The possibilities are endless!

Read our Meet Your Street Guide online or pick up a copy from your local Neighbourhood House or Monash library for more ideas on how to Meet Your Street.

To apply online:  
☎ 9518 3531  
🌐 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/MeetYourStreet](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/MeetYourStreet)



# COUNCILLOR NEWS

## Cr Paul Klisaris

Last year I championed a project to find out what the community thought about the Mulgrave library. What the community loves about the library but also what we could do to enhance the experience of visiting our Mulgrave library. We know from our Community Satisfaction Surveys that our libraries consistently are one of the most popular services we offer – this year’s survey saw libraries top the list of favourite services at 8.5 points out of 10.

The feedback from the library survey gave us some great insights and helped us plan for more space for this valuable community asset. Libraries are fantastic places for connecting people to information and learning – it’s not just about books anymore!

One of the key points that came up in the survey was extending the opening hours of the library. I’m pleased that Council at its meeting on 29 October voted to continue offering the extended hours at Mulgrave library.

We’re also working towards expanding the Mulgrave library. Scoping and design for that project is underway and we will keep you informed through the Bulletin and on our website at [www.monash.vic.gov.au/councilprojects](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/councilprojects) about how this progresses.

Work is also progressing on the Mulgrave Reserve Pavilion with construction planned from next year with the project due for completion in 2022.

These are both fantastic projects benefiting the local community and encouraging greater connection between community members and these are the types of projects we want to hear about from you, as part of our budget planning process.

This month – until 22 November – we’re asking you for your ideas about what could be improved in Monash so we can consider it as part of our budget for 2020/21. Whatever your idea, we’d love to hear about it and see what we can do. Find out more here [www.monash.vic.gov.au/budget-survey](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/budget-survey)

With 2019 nearly at an end, the standout for me was finally getting the commitment from the Federal Government for a headspace facility. I was overjoyed at the announcement, knowing the difference this facility will make in the lives of young people and proud to have played a role in making this happen.

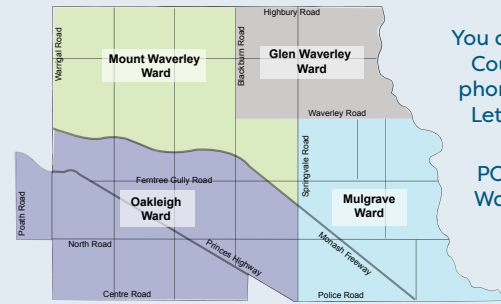
With the festive season approaching, from my family to yours, best wishes for the season and for the new year.

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## Eaton Mall Pedestrian improvements

**Bollards have been installed at the three intersections of Eaton Mall (Oakleigh) at Chester and Portman Streets and Atherton Road to improve pedestrian safety and deter vehicle entry, including motorbikes.**


Eaton Mall is one of Monash's busiest destinations, attracting not only locals but people from all over Melbourne and beyond who come to enjoy the cosmopolitan foodie atmosphere.

The project was funded by the Department of Justice Public Safety Infrastructure Fund (\$250,000) and Monash Council.

Overall, Council has invested more than \$5.8 million into reconstruction and streetscape works on Atherton Road and surrounds, including the installation of the bollards.

For more info:

 [www.monash.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Council-Projects](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/About-Us/Council-Projects)




**From 1 November 2019 retailers and businesses in Victoria can no longer supply lightweight plastic bags to customers, so people are being reminded to carry reusable bags with them when they are out and about.**

This move by the State Government is to reduce the impact of plastic on the Victorian environment. The ban includes but is not limited to supermarkets, pharmacies, greengrocers, cafes, restaurants, takeaway food outlets and clothing stores.

Make a reusable bag an essential in your day – just like your wallet, keys and phone.

For more info:  9518 3555

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

**BRING  
a bag!**

## Have Your Say Sustainable Water Use


Water is vital for ensuring the City of Monash maintains its “garden city character”, caring for its many recreational and natural assets and ensuring that the municipality remains an attractive place to live and work. Like many municipalities, Monash is facing challenges to its water supply through climate change and population growth. We are experiencing a drying climate with less rainfall. At the same time, Monash is growing by 3,000 to 4,000 additional residents each year. In 2019, the population is approximately 200,000 and this is expected to grow to 250,000 by 2041.

As part of future planning, Council has been looking into its water use and how that can be more efficiently used across the municipality. Our review has found that our water use is comparable to other councils our size. However, a drying climate and population growth will likely trigger the need for more water in the future. The increased demand for water could be met by ensuring water is used more efficiently in aquatic centres, open space irrigation and council buildings, and by accessing new sources of water, such as stormwater.

We'd like to hear from you about your ideas for more sustainable water usage.

Have your say by completing this survey:

 [www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZDYSJS](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NZDYSJS)

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# Christmas Community Celebrations

## CAROLS IN THE PARK

Fri 6 December, 6pm-9pm

📍 Warrawee Park, Oakleigh 🌐 <https://rotaryoch.org.au>

## Mt Waverley Carols by Candlelight

Fri 13 December, 6.30pm-8pm

📍 Mount Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Cres  
🌐 [www.mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au/events](http://www.mtwaverleychadstonechurches.org.au/events)

For more info:

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

## Book BuZZ!

Mon 9 December, 10.30am-12pm

A fun and interactive session where you can enjoy hearing about new titles, recommended reading, book news, watch book trailers and borrow new books. Morning tea will be provided.

📍 Wheelers Hill Library  
860 Ferntree Gully Rd

FREE. Bookings essential:

📞 9561 6211

🌐 [www.trybooking.com/BGEJY](http://www.trybooking.com/BGEJY)



## Fashioning black identity: Africa and the African diaspora

23 November to 9 February

*Fashioning black identity: Africa and the African diaspora* explores ways in which contemporary black African artists are using fashion, photography and portraiture to redefine personal and cultural identity. The exhibition brings together works by seven prominent artists from Africa and the African diaspora. A Cairns Art Gallery Touring Exhibition.

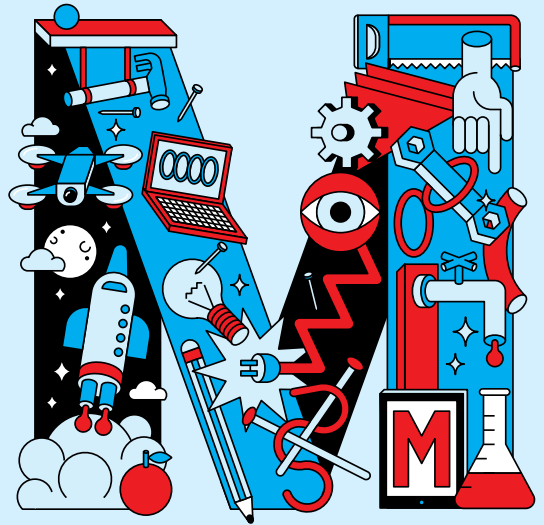
📍 MGA, 860 Ferntree,  
Gully Rd, Wheelers Hill

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

Namsa LEUBA, *Untitled III* 2011 from the series *Cocktail*, courtesy of the artist



## Monash Mini Maker Faire®



Sun 1 December, 10am-4pm

A FREE event by Monash Council and Monash Tech School for families and curious minds. Come and be amazed by the talents of the exhibitors and get involved with the hands on activities.

📍 Monash University Clayton Campus,  
29 Ancora Imparo Way, Clayton

Registration required:

🌐 [monashmakerfaire2019.eventbrite.com.au](http://monashmakerfaire2019.eventbrite.com.au)

## Gardens for Wildlife Workshop

Thurs 5 December, 6.30pm-8.00pm

Your garden can play an important role in helping wildlife to survive in the suburbs. Come along and learn from the Monash Bushcrew how to create a healthy indigenous garden which can become a haven for wildlife.

📍 Wheelers Hill Library  
Meeting Room  
860 Ferntree Gully Rd

To book: 📞 9518 3555  
🌐 [monashg4wdec.  
eventbrite.com.au](http://monashg4wdec.eventbrite.com.au)

