

Join our online celebration of Christmas

It's been a year like no other and we are looking forward to celebrating our much-loved Monash Carols by Candlelight - with a difference.

This year, due to COVID-19, we will be bringing the 32nd Carols by Candlelight to you ONLINE on Sunday, 20 December from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Once again perennial favourite MC Pete Smith will host this event, which will be shown via our YouTube channel and website.

Our amazing lineup of artists are Belinda Parsons, the Amore Duet (featuring Stephen Coutts and Samantha Robertson), Richard Thomas, rising star Annie Jones (seen on America's Got Talent) and The Oakleigh Primary School Choir who will be performing a special Auslan version of some of your Christmas favourites.

Your little ones will love Bethany Fisher, much-loved children's entertainer who will also make an appearance with her dancers.

These stars will be joined by the Monash Carols by Candlelight Band - a special arrangement of musicians created by Musical Director Bob Moody.


Of course, our Carols would not be complete without a visit from Santa and this year is no exception. Santa will be making an appearance and may even sing a song or two!

Watch Monash Carols by Candlelight 2020 on your laptop, tablet or smart TV and sing along to your favourite Christmas carols and songs.

Thanks to our sponsors Eastlink, Nine News and First National Real Estate Waverley City.

Join us online, from the comfort of your home, for this wonderful celebration of Christmas. To make it an extra special night consider supporting a Monash hospitality business by ordering your favourite takeaway meal to enjoy while watching the show!

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/carols or
www.youtube.com/MonashCityCouncil

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COUNCIL election results

Three first-time Councillors were elected to Monash Council for the 2020-2024 Council term, alongside eight returning Councillors, in the October Council elections.

The first-time Councillors elected for the four year term are:

- » Glen Waverley ward - Nicky Luo
- » Mount Waverley ward - Anjalee De Silva
- » Mulgrave ward - Tina Samardzija

Councillors who have previously served are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Glen Waverley ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Geoff Lake | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Mulgrave ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Paul Klisaris › Shane McCluskey |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Mount Waverley ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Rebecca Paterson › Brian Little | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Oakleigh ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Josh Fergeus › Stuart James › Theo Zographos |

Following their election, the 11 Councillor-elects were to be sworn in at an online ceremony on **10 November** and determine the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the following year. We will bring you more information about the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the December issue of the Bulletin or you can visit our website at

www.monash.vic.gov.au/council for more information.

Mayor and Councillor columns in the Bulletin will also recommence following the election.

For more info:

☎ 9518 3678

www.monash.vic.gov.au/elections



ANNUAL REPORT out now

The 2019/20 Annual Report is now available, providing a comprehensive account of Council's performance from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Council considered and adopted the document at its 20 October 2020 meeting.

This report documents how we met the objectives set out in the Council Plan 2017-2021 as well as important information on our finances, governance, and our organisation. It also outlines how Council responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and initiatives undertaken to support the Monash community during this challenging time.

The report details our key highlights and achievements for the 12 month period and shows our commitment to transparency, accountability and good governance.

Council performed strongly in the 2019/20 year, in spite of the significant challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Council listed four Major Initiatives to be achieved in 2019/20 in its Council Plan in 2017-2021. Three out of the four Major Initiatives were achieved.

There was a total of 60 Council Plan initiatives in 2019/20 with 55 (92%) achieved and five (8%) progressing (to be carried through to 2020/21).

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the report is only available in a digital format at this time. Once restrictions allow, printed copies will be available.

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www.monash.vic.gov.au/annual-report

Monash Civic Centre

📍 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

🕒 9am-2pm (Mon to Fri)



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

Oakleigh Service Centre

📍 3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh

🕒 9am-2pm (Mon to Fri)

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WELCOME back!

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions we have reopened a number of our services and it's great to be able to welcome you back.

Our **Customer Service counters** at:

- » The Civic Centre (293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley)
- » Oakleigh Service Centre (3 Atherton Road, Oakleigh)

are **OPEN** from 9am until 2pm. Our Specialist Counter is also open at these times.

There are new requirements for visitors to our facilities, including signing in for contact tracing purposes in line with Chief Health Officer Directions and our COVIDSafe Plan. We have a Concierge who will welcome you and assist with these requirements. Please make sure you wear your mask and use the hand sanitiser on entry and exit and observe 1.5m physical distancing at all times.

The **Waste Transfer Station** is also open from 7.30am until 3pm, Monday to Sunday so you can drop off your recycling and waste for collection. We are also now accepting tyres again. COVIDSafe requirements are in place to keep everyone safe.

At the time of going to print (5 November) we were still awaiting the State Government's announcement of further easing of restrictions. It was anticipated that our library services would resume with limited numbers, gyms would reopen and community facilities and halls and the Monash Gallery of Art would be able to reopen to the public.

It's critical that everyone visiting our facilities and service centres continues to follow the government guidelines on social distancing, mask wearing and hygiene to avoid any cases of COVID-19 and to keep everyone safe and well.

It has been a very challenging and confronting time for us all and the virus is still active. 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.

For the most up-to-date advice on what's open please visit our website at: www.monash.vic.gov.au

We will continue to provide updates on our website, social media and through our newsletters and the Bulletin.

COMMUNITY Directory

We are updating the information in our Community Directory as we prepare for the 2021 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](tel:95183618)
Emily.Webb@monash.vic.gov.au

NEXT COUNCIL meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 24 November** from 7pm. The meeting's agenda will be published on Council's website from 5.30pm on **Thursday 19 November**.

This will be the first Council meeting of the new Council following the 2020 Council elections.

Monash residents and ratepayers can ask questions at the meeting, with questions to be submitted to Council by 2pm on Tuesday 24 November.

Under the restrictions introduced by the State Government to slow the spread of Coronavirus, Council meetings will not be open to the public to attend.

However, the meeting remains a public meeting with the community able to watch via our livestreaming service at webcast.monash.vic.gov.au

During this time the Mayor will act as the representative in reading out any public questions and providing a response over the livestream. A written response will also be provided.

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



Lisa and daughter Tammy were one of the first customers through the doors when we reopened.

#MYaction2020



YOUTH AMBASSADORS continue to do Monash proud

Support for Monash youth has continued during the COVID-19 pandemic, with Monash Youth Ambassadors (YABS) working together to amplify the voices of local young people.

YABS launched the #MYAction2020 campaign this year, providing education, advocacy and community action in response to our young people's needs.

Environmental group Keep Victoria Beautiful spotted the campaign online and invited the ambassadors to submit an entry into its annual Sustainable Cities awards.

The YABS were then invited to present the campaign to a panel of judges, with ambassadors Ewa Pluciennik and Tanna Reynolds speaking to the vision and importance of the campaign for Monash youth.

The campaign was picked as a finalist for the Keep Australia Beautiful Social Well-being Award – a category celebrating projects that contribute to an accessible community with resilient, healthy and happy people. Winners will be announced in November 2020.

To find out more and view the presentation given by the ambassadors, go to:

www.monash.vic.gov.au/my-action-campaign

MOVING forward

Monash's activity centres and shopping strips are coming back to life with locals and visitors returning to experience the new way of dining out and shopping.

Enhanced Outdoor Dining spaces have been created in these areas with increased use of footpath trading and car park spaces made available to enhance the number of diners that can be seated.

The temporary extended outdoor dining permits approved by Council allow eligible hospitality venues to:

- » expand onto footpaths
- » use some on-street car parking space outside their business for outdoor dining, where appropriate
- » join with neighbouring businesses to use sections of footpaths and (in some cases) street space for dining
- » use some pockets of adjacent/ adjoining green space where practical

We are now looking at the second stage of our Enhanced Outdoor Dining project, beautifying these spaces to make them not only safe and functional, but also attractive.

We are working with local businesses on ideas that complement their specific areas, using art and plants to create inviting and welcoming spaces. We are also working on a parklet program that will create some open space within our activity centres that can be used as casual places to safely sit and relax.

Council is committed to helping businesses as the COVID recovery begins. We've suspended all footpath trading fees from 1 March 2020 until June 2021.

We introduced a 10% waiver on Council rates for the 2020/21 financial year for all ratepayers in order to provide relief and help people get back on their feet.

Council's hardship policy has also been adjusted to further assist the community. Anyone experiencing difficulty paying rates and/or charges due to the impact of COVID-19 can defer their rate payment up to 30 June 2021 without any penalty interest being charged.

To find out more about enhanced dining, how we are supporting local businesses and what other government assistance is available: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au





LAND ACQUIRED for open space

Council has compulsorily acquired part of a parcel of land (2,720m²) that abuts Scotchmans Creek in Mount Waverley to preserve it as open space and to ensure the continuation of a section of the Scotchmans Creek Trail.

A trail currently runs alongside the fence line of properties that back on to the parcel of land for sale. Council is planning to relocate the path from its current location to move it closer to the creek to sit on the land that has been acquired. Design work is commencing for the path relocation with construction planned for next year.

The whole of the land was advertised for sale through selling agents CBRE via an expression of interest process. Council is entitled to compulsorily acquire the land (or part of) for a public purpose (public open space) under section 7(1) (a) of the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986.

The existing concrete path on the land was constructed by Council many years ago and it is a popular path for biking and walking.

Council believes it is important that this path and access from Waverley Road to Forster Road is

maintained for public use. Acquiring part of the land and moving the trail so that it runs alongside the beautiful natural environment of Scotchmans Creek will not only ensure people can continue to use this pathway for leisure, but also opens the trail up to connect more with the creek environment.

Monash is proud of its significant linear trails, such as the Waverley Rail Trail, Station Trail, Scotchmans Creek, Gardiners Creek, Dandenong Creek and Melbourne Water pipe track, which are used for cycling and pedestrian activity for both leisure and commuter purposes. This acquisition will secure public access to this section of Scotchmans Creek for generations to come.

The remaining land not acquired by Council remains in private ownership (Blue Cross Community Care Services Group P/L) and would require a planning permit should any development be proposed. Any planning application would allow for the normal public notification, objection and appeal provisions as allowed under the planning process.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/scotchmans-creek-land

PARTICIPATE IN SHAPING our 2021/22 Monash Budget

Is there a Council service you think should be prioritised, facilities that could do with a boost or projects and initiatives that you think would be fantastic for Monash?



If so, we would love to hear from you - participate online and help us shape our 2021/22 Budget.

Monash is debt free and continues to be one of the Councils with the lowest rates in Victoria. For the 2020/21 financial year we have a \$46M capital works program. You can view the projects planned

in our 2020/21 Budget at 🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/2020-21-budget

You can also see our Annual Report 2019/20 to see what Council has achieved in the last financial year. There's also the website Know Your Council to see how Monash has performed under statutory requirements 🌐 www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au

The survey opens on Monday, 9 November 2020 and closes Friday, 18 December 2020. We will publish a report on the feedback received on our website in February 2021.

For more info: 🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au

If you don't have online access you can phone Maria Isabella, Coordinator Corporate Performance and Reporting on ☎ 9518 3621 for more information on how you can have your say.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON Oakleigh infrastructure

Oakleigh is a diverse and vibrant community with access to a range of community activities and services.

Council is undertaking a study to explore opportunities to strengthen the connection between community facilities in Oakleigh, to examine whether there are any service gaps and identify accessibility improvements that could be made.

We are keen to hear from the community about the community services, activities and facilities in Oakleigh. You can contribute by taking our survey which will give us useful information to take a strategic and planned approach to community infrastructure in Oakleigh, that balances community aspirations and needs with the resources available.

Be part of planning for future community activities, services and buildings in Oakleigh. Your responses will help Council to identify the services and infrastructure that is needed to support communities to be active, healthy, engaged, confident, connected and inclusive for all.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3555

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/oakleigh-infrastructure



NEW PLAYSPACE at Centre Road under skyrail

Last year, the State Government opened several publicly accessible recreation facilities along the elevated railway strip in Clayton.

We have been working with the Level Crossing Removal Authority on the design of a pocket park playspace to complement these facilities. We've put together some ideas about making this a fun and engaging place and would like to hear from you about what we've planned.

This facility is to be located to the west of the sports courts on the corner of Centre and Carinish Roads.

The proposed key play elements are:

- » Basket swing
- » Toddler swing set, including one expression swing
- » Mound slide
- » Imagination play panels
- » Spinner.

Other elements of the project will include:

- » Picnic setting
- » Concrete path
- » Planting of additional trees.

We welcome your feedback on what is proposed. Please provide your feedback by **Friday 20 November 2020**.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3003

🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au/centre-road-playspace



BIG CHANGES for playspaces

We're planning some new playspaces we think you will love.

Earlier this year, Council sought ideas and feedback from the local community for new playspaces in Botanic Drive Reserve, Glen Waverley, Gardiners Creek Reserve (Octavia Court), Burwood and Garnett Street Reserve, Huntingdale.

We have incorporated some of the community's ideas into exciting draft concept plans and we are keen to hear your feedback on what we are proposing.

We know that playspaces are important places for children to explore, build social interaction and connection. Following COVID lockdowns, these places have never been more important to children and families.

You can view the draft concept plans for each playspace and have your say via our website. Please provide your feedback by **Friday 20 November 2020**.

For more info: ☎ 9518 3003 🌐 www.monash.vic.gov.au

CHANGES TO CLEARWAYS and tow-away zones

The Department of Transport is introducing changes to clearways to keep traffic flowing smoothly on Melbourne's busy roads as part of the Clearways Management Program.

Clearways and tow-away zones help keep traffic flowing and reduce congestion by making sure there are no parked cars blocking roads during peak times.

From 1 December 2020, every existing clearway within 20 kilometres of Melbourne's CBD will become a tow-away zone.

In Monash there are 18 clearways. No new clearways are being created in Monash under this program.

Clearways in Monash that will become tow-away zones are:

- » Centre Rd between Barkers Rd and Westall Rd
- » North Rd between Poath Rd and Princes Highway
- » Waverley Rd between Warrigal Rd and Forster Rd
- » High Street Rd between Warrigal Rd and Westlands Rd
- » Springvale Rd between Highbury Rd and Monash Freeway
- » Huntingdale Rd between Savannah Place and Monash Freeway
- » Blackburn Rd between Highbury Rd and Waverley Rd
- » Clayton Rd between Ferntree Gully Rd and Carinish Rd
- » Stephenson Rd between High Street Rd and Waverley Rd
- » Warrigal Rd between Highbury Rd and Centre Rd

Keeping clearways clear on arterial roads reduces congestion and improves traffic flow.

The Department of Transport is progressively installing new tow-away signs to be ready for this change.

Drivers who park illegally in the signed tow-away zones during restricted times will have their vehicle towed and receive a fine on top of the vehicle release fee.

 www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Keeping clearways clear



JOIN COUNCIL'S community panel

Council is keen to increase community participation in its decision-making and to engage with a broader cross-section of the community and we're looking for people interested in joining a community panel.

The panel includes people of all ages and backgrounds who represent the diversity of our community. They share their views on a wide range of matters from trees and pets to recycling and rates. Council projects thrive when the community is actively involved.

The panel will be regularly asked for views and consideration on a whole range of topics. Sometimes, just a sample of people will be asked to participate. The panel may be consulted exclusively, or alongside the wider community. Participation is always voluntary.

The benefits of being on the Monash Community Panel are:

- » You will become better informed about the Council decision-making process and the matters Council is consulting the community on.
- » As a panel member you will improve outcomes for your community by giving feedback from the perspective of a community member.
- » You will be able to track progress of the projects you participated in.

For Council, having a community panel means:

- » Increased participation
- » More consistent and efficient community engagement
- » More accuracy on the demographic diversity of those being engaged
- » A panel can help us sound out new ideas.

If you are over 16 years of age and you have a connection to Monash (study, work, live) you are eligible to join. To find out more about the panel and to register your interest, go to the Have Your Say page on Council's website.

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/Have-Your-Say

To find out more about Council's engagement with the community, read the Monash Community Engagement Framework:

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/join-community-panel



CLAYTON FESTIVAL Performer Call Out

Are you a performer or part of a performance group?

We are calling out for performers in music, song and dance of all forms and cultures.

Performances will be recorded (pre-recorded or live-streamed) from a venue in Clayton and audiences will watch online.

Applications are now open and will close at 5pm on Monday 30 November 2020.

Apply online:  www.monash.vic.gov.au/clayton-performer

CLAYTON CREATED Online Events and Art Projects

Have you got an idea for an online event or arts project?

Clayton Festival is looking for events, activities and projects to be part of the Festival program.

If you are a Monash based artist, facilitator or community group, we are inviting you to apply for up to \$3,000 to produce an online event/project as part of Clayton Festival.

COMMUNITY ANIMATION with Kutcha Edwards

In celebration of NAIDOC Week 2020, Council worked with Mutti Mutti man and Aboriginal musician Kutcha Edwards on a special Community Animation Project.

The animation was put together by Emily Graham and features images and artwork made by children and families of Monash, set to Kutcha's song Tic Toc - Time Keeps Tickin By.



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and was held 8-15 November 2020.

Watch the special animation:

 www.monash.vic.gov.au/naidoc-week



Applications are now OPEN and will close at 5pm on Monday 30 November 2020.

Clayton Created applications should demonstrate how the event or project engages, connects and interacts with the community.

We are looking for workshops, classes, demonstrations, conversation series and events that promote community connection and have a high level of artistic integrity.

Apply online:  www.monash.vic.gov.au/clayton-created

