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Looking forward to a new decade

Port Phillip has nine elected councillors across three Wards. **Divercity** asked them to share some of their personal plans and dreams for 2020.

Lake Ward (Albert Park, Middle Park and much of St Kilda) is represented by Councillors Andrew Bond, David Brand and Katherine Copsey.

Andrew is planning to ride his trusty bicycle more and keep flying the flag to fix Fitzroy Street.

David is also closely watching Fitzroy Street and is starting to see positive signs of renewal. He's looking forward to hearing the Catani clock chime.

Katherine loves getting her hands dirty at the Mary & Basil Community Garden. She's keen for an enthusiastic local response to the climate emergency, especially through increased energy efficiency and more renewables.

Canal Ward (Elwood, East St Kilda, Balaclava and parts of Ripponlea) is represented by Councillors Tim Baxter, Louise Crawford and Dick Gross.

Louise's personal priority is to be kind, listen more and meet more neighbours. She's passionate about local arts and will keep advocating for flood protection in Elwood.

Tim wants to improve his Spanish and make more time for friends and family. He's hoping to connect more with the emerging digital games industry and help to combat climate change.

When Dick is not advocating for free entry for locals into Ripponlea Estate or lobbying for flood mitigation, he wants to take his latest all singing, all dancing musical comedy to the stage.

Gateway Ward (Port Melbourne, South Melbourne and St Kilda/ Queens Road) is represented by Councillors Bernadene Voss, Ogy Simic and Marcus Pearl.

While Bernadene wants to connect with more people through neighbourhood activities, her main priorities are Fishermans Bend and fixing the eyesore at Waterfront Place.

Ogy is concerned about air quality, especially diesel and sulphur pollution from ships and trucks. He wants to see air quality testing introduced.

Marcus remains focused on ratepayers and residents getting value for their money and Council prudently investing in projects that add value.

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Womin djeka

Council respectfully acknowledges the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.



Play your part this summer

Our beaches and foreshore reserves are popular places to be this summer. You can play your part to keep them safe, clean and fun.

Extra summer services

To help keep our beaches safe and clean for all, Council beach cleaning and rubbish patrols increase over summer. There will also be additional local laws, animal management and police patrols.

No glass on all beaches

Glass is not allowed on our beaches and foreshore reserves. Last summer, thanks to your efforts and the ban on glass and alcohol, beach litter was down by 50 per cent.

Alcohol restrictions including St Kilda beaches

There is a total alcohol ban on all St Kilda beaches and foreshore reserves from 1 November until 31 March every year.

There's also a permanent ban on street and footpath drinking everywhere in Port Phillip, including on nature strips, in laneways and carparks, and on bike paths - all day, every day.

Wider alcohol restrictions also apply on New Year's, Australia Day long weekend and during the St Kilda Festival.

More about alcohol restrictions

portphillip.vic.gov.au/





From nippers to masters, South Melbourne Life Saving Club is thrilled to welcome all comers to their new facility on Beaconsfield Parade. President Dinah Boswell says the new club building promotes participation. 'When you've got dozens of nippers coming through, you appreciate having good facilities. We've also got great storage for life saving kit and vehicles. There's also an observation deck that has panoramic views.'

There are many ways to get involved. Nippers' programs start with preteens, while older youth train for surf rescue certificates, and other members are active in statewide and national competitions. The club also has members competing at masters levels

The facility also has a community room for hire, public toilets and a beachside takeaway cafe.

Get involved this summer

southmelbournelsc.com.au

The redeveloped facilities were funded by Council with financial assistance from the Victorian Government.



St Kilda Festival turns 40

When St Kilda City Councillor MaryLou Jelbart proposed the St Kilda Festival she was motivated to celebrate the local arts community as a way to contrast the vicious tabloid characterisations of the suburb's residents.

A mural painted by children with Mirka Mora at the first festival is proudly displayed in the St Kilda library.

'St Kilda was being pilloried almost daily in the press. It was sad, horrible really. We knew we had a better story to tell and the people to tell it.'

And so the first St Kilda Festival was held over a balmy weekend in March 1980. Focused largely along the Esplanade and Acland Street, the two-day program attracted 30,000 visitors (which amazed organisers who planned for about 5,000).

'The highlight for many was the spectacular fireworks. Families, including children in pyjamas, packed the grassy slopes to watch the display just after sunset,' said MaryLou. 'We were thrilled because people obviously felt good about being in St Kilda.'

St Kilda Festival 2020

Sunday 9 February

Australia's largest free summer music and arts festival. Sixty Australian music acts over five stages, street performers, kids' zone, dance displays, food trucks and people watching - lots of people watching.

Full program

stkildafestival.com.au

Green loans for business

With over 70 per cent of local greenhouse emissions coming from the commercial sector, Council is pleased to support a new Environmental Upgrade Finance (EUF) scheme.

Businesses can now borrow money on competitive terms so they can upgrade their buildings to save on energy, water and waste. Repayments are made together with council rates, with no upfront capital or security requirements.

Finance your green upgrade

sustainableportphillip.com

Grant programs open

Free information sessions about grants for community events, programs and services will be held in February.

The sessions will explain the categories, application process and deadlines for submissions.

Watch the Council website for dates or, to be kept informed, email your details.
Grant applications open from 10 February 2020.

Be informed about grants

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grants@portphillip. vic.gov.au

Living with live music

Feedback is wanted on a draft Live Music Action Plan developed by Council to support and sustain live music while balancing amenity challenges.



haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au

Trees are cool

Planting many more trees is a practical response to the climate emergency.

Council planted 1,325 trees in 2018/19 and supported community planting days when 21,067 Indigenous plants were placed along the foreshore.

The Liardet Street urban greening project (pictured) has seen 29 new canopy trees and 3,500 native ground covering plants along the median strip.

Chosen because they will provide a shady canopy that can significantly lower air temperatures, the new Dwarf Yellow Bloodwood trees will grow to a height of six to eight metres.

These and the other 45,000 trees in streets and parks provide food and habitat for the birds, mammals and insects that greatly enhance biodiversity.

Council will plant over 1,000 new trees in parks and on streetscapes this financial year.



what's happening in your city

FORESHORE

2XU Triathlon

Sunday 12 January Catani Gardens, St Kilda

Sunday 2 February Elwood Park

This summer's triathlon series has something for everyone, from beginners and kids to professional triathletes.

- \$\$\$30+
- 2xutriathlonseries.com.au

Beach ballin'

Tuesdays and Thursdays 14 January to 28 January, 3 pm to 6 pm Tuesdays in February, 5 pm to 7 pm St Kilda Foreshore near St Kilda Life Saving Club

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament for those aged 12 to 19, with big prizes to be won.

stkildapcyc.org

Twilight Beach Polo

Saturday 15 February 4 pm to 10 pm St Kilda West Beach

Two games played before a spectacular St Kilda sunset, culminating in the final played under lights.

- \$ From \$79/pp
- twilightbeachpolo.com.au





Pride March: Celebrating 25 years

Sunday 2 February, 11 am, Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

Melbourne's LGBTQIA community marches along Fitzroy Street, soon to be home of the new Pride Centre.

midsumma.org.au

Latin Festival

Saturday 22 February to Sunday 23 February 12 noon to 10 pm

O'Donnell Gardens, St Kilda

Enjoy Latin American food, music, dance and culture.

- \$ Free
- stkildalatinfestival.com.au

Cheers for beer

Saturday 29 February Catani Gardens, St Kilda

Leap into the last day of summer with everything beer at Beer Fest.

melbourne.beerfestivals.

Book a breast screen

Monday 16 March to Friday 3 April St Kilda Triangle

Breast Cancer Victoria is providing free breast cancer screening for women 50-74. Be sure to make a booking.

- breastscreen.org.au
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FESTIVE



Festive laneway market

Sunday 1 December, 10 am to 2 pm Laneway behind 144 Chapel Street St Kilda

Featuring gifts, music and food from around the globe.

space2b.com.au

Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday 5 December to Sunday 8 December Holy Trinity 175-177 Chapel Street, Balaclava

Trees are decorated by schools, families, individuals and local businesses. There's also a concert on the Friday night.

christmastreefest@hotmail.com

Gifting history

Saturday 7 December 10 am to 2 pm

333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne

Do some of your shopping at a Christmas gift stall in Bay Street near Coles. Favourites include the popular calendar and the limited edition 1925 panorama.

pmhps.org.au

Alliance Française Christmas market

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December 10 am to 5 pm

51 Grey Street, St Kilda

The annual Marché de Noël showcases a variety of French products sold or made by French designers and creators living in Australia.

- \$ Free
- afmelbourne.com.au

All Saints' Church

2 Chapel Street, East St Kilda

allsaints.org.au

Sunday 22 December 7.30 pm

'Nine Lessons and Carols', sung by All Saints' Choir and directed by John O'Donnell.

Tuesday 24 December 5 pm and 11.30 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service and Midnight Mass.

Wednesday 25 December 8.30 am

Christmas Day Low Mass.

Sunday 9 February 3 pm

Organ recital by internationally renowned organist Hans Hielscher.

Lakeside carols

Thursday 5 December 5 pm to 9.30 pm Gasworks Arts Park 21 Graham Street, Albert Park

Come together and sing your heart out to your favourite Christmas tunes.

- \$ Free
- lakesidecarols.com.au



what's happening in your city

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

100 Paintings for Peace

Tuesday 3 December to Friday 31 January Space2b, 144 Chapel Street St Kilda

An exhibition of art about peace, with proceeds supporting newly arrived migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum.

space2b.com.au

Montague: Lost and Found

Wednesday 4 December to Wednesday 15 January St Kilda Town Hall

An exhibition from the Port Phillip City Collection that explores the social history of Montague, a small but distinctive locale within

South Melbourne.



Gasworks Midsumma

Gasworks, 21 Graham Street Albert Park

gasworks.org.au



Jinxed

Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 January 9.30 pm

Cabaret Abnormal: the glam clowns, vaudevillians and circus trash are all unleashed.

Queen Bette

Tuesday 21 to Saturday 25 January 7 pm

This one woman show retraces the steps of a movie legend, from fledgling stage actress to a glittering movie career.

The Campaign

Tuesday 21 January to Saturday 1 February 8.30 pm

The story of what happened after more than 100 arrests were made at Salamanca Market in 1988 when the Tasmanian Gay Law Reform Group defied a ban.

Asylum Seekers Comedy Benefit

Saturday 7 December, 6 pm St Kilda Town Hall

A night of laughter not to be missed, starring Judith Lucy, Dave O'Neil and Damian Callinan.

(\$) \$35 / \$40

trybooking.com/560273

Taming of the Shrew

Saturday 7 December to Sunday 22 December, 7 pm

The Rose Garden St Kilda Botanical Gardens

A fast paced and unique Shakespearian performance. The actors don't know who is the shrew and who is the tamer until the audience decides.

\$\$ \$20 / \$25 / \$30

melbourneshakespeare.com

Remembering Jacka

Sunday 12 January, 2 pm to 3 pm St Kilda Cemetery Dandenong Road, East St Kilda

Pause to remember Albert Jacka, former St Kilda Mayor and the first Australian to be awarded the Victoria Cross in WWI.

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Science and Summer

Monday 13 January to Friday 24 January

Gasworks, 21 Graham Street Albert Park

Arts and science-based workshops and classes for kids of all ages.

gasworks.org.au

COMMUNITY

Small, smaller, smallest

Ends Friday 31 January Port Phillip Heritage Centre 195 Bank Street, South Melbourne

A community exhibition featuring treasured miniatures, knick knacks and ornaments.

- \$ Free
- heritage.portphillip.vic.gov.au



Linden Postcards

Ends Sunday 9 February 26 Acland Street, St Kilda

The popular exhibition is back. Browse the postcard sized artwork and shop - all works are for sale.

lindenarts.org

Even more Midsumma

19 January to 9 February

Theatre Works, Red Stitch and Temperance Hall are also hosting Midsumma programs.

www.midsumma.org.au

Pushing boundaries

Sunday 1 December, 10 am to 5 pm Jewish Museum of Australia 26 Alma Road, St Kilda

Learn how Jews have forever changed the art, politics and identity of Melbourne.

- \$ Free
- pjewishmuseum.com.au

Let's get enviro-mental

Saturday 7 December 11 am to 4 pm

St Kilda Botanical Gardens

Bring a picnic rug and enjoy live musical performances, a short film screening, an art exhibition, and so much more.

ecocentre.com

Suitcase rummage

Saturdays 14 December, 11 January and 15 February, 10 am to 3 pm South Melbourne Town Hall

Come for a bargain, a swap, or an old fashioned haggle.

suitcaserummage.com.au



Feels Good New Years Day

Wednesday 1 January 7am to 10 pm

12-18 Yarra Place, South Melbourne

Yarra Place laneway party presented by ST Ali.

- \$ Free entry and open to all ages.
- stali.com.au

Snorkelling sessions



Thursdays 16, 23 and 30 January, 10 am to 1 pm Point Ormond, Elwood Beach

Between 12 to 25 years old? Join the crew at the Port Phillip Ecocentre for a snorkelling adventure.

- (\$) Free
- ecocentre.com

Selwood Striders

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 am Elsternwick Park Bent Avenue Brighton

Prospective walkers are encouraged to join and get moving.

0412 449 655



Port Phillip has a new Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) to give advice on multicultural issues, refugees and asylum seekers.

The committee is a blend of familiar and new faces. All active in the community, they bring a rich diversity of experience. Familiar faces include Sister Brigid Arthur from the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, Bhakta Dasa from the Hare Krishna (ISKCON) Temple and Bill Tsialtas, a tireless contributor to the community.

Newer faces (featured on our cover) include Kamal Ibrahim, a local footballer from an Eritrean background who lives in Port Melbourne. Kamal started sporting programs to help others thrive in their new country.

James Seow is a trilingual immigrant from Singapore and now a resident of South Melbourne.

A former international student, James now works at RMIT to help international students improve their experiences.

Tina Khabbazian Zanjani recently settled in St Kilda after arriving through Australia's refugee program. Tina is an experienced actor and the creator of theatre for young people in Iran.

Dr Anu Bajwa is an immigrant from India who now lives in Balaclava. Anu is involved with projects at space2b and is keen to reduce isolation felt by new immigrants.

Read more about the committee

nortphillip.vic.gov.au

Winning writers

Brenda Richards and Jan Harper won the major awards in the Seniors Festival Writing Awards 2019. Read the best poems and stories from the awards published in Port Phillip Writes 2019.

Read Port Phillip Writes

nortphillip.vic.gov.au

Backyard nature spotters wanted

You can help compile the first ever catalogue of local species by observing and reporting the animals and plants in your backyard.

The Port Phillip EcoCentre is using community power to identify the flora and fauna across our parks, streets, backyards, schools and on the foreshore. You can participate by spotting animals and plants in your backyard or by joining other NatureSpot volunteers in local parks and gardens.

The next NatureSpot happens in January. No experience is required, and you can enter your results online.

Be a NatureSpot volunteer

18-24 January

ecocentre.com/naturespot

Heat health

Council encourages everyone to take it easy on hot days, drink lots of water and check on vulnerable neighbours.

Hints for heat safety

portphillip.vic.gov.au



Scholarships in Suai

This year 40 students in Timor Leste received scholarships, thanks to donations from the Port Phillip Friends of Suai/Covalima (FoSC). The scholarships helped disadvantaged students continue with senior secondary school, vocational training and university study. The students are learning much needed skills in primary teaching, nursing, community development, agriculture, electrical studies, hospitality, administration and construction.

Next year the FoSC hopes to support more students; making a big difference in the lives of many young people in Timor Leste. It costs between \$200 to \$1,500 per year of training to fully fund a scholarship, but any amount is welcome and will contribute to costs including books, uniforms and equipment.

Encourage more students

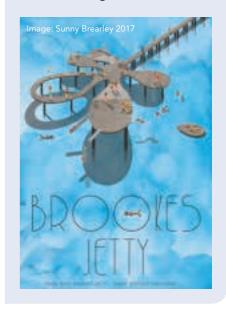
www.givenow.com.au/ foscscholarships

Design ideas for Brookes Jetty

Brookes Jetty off St Kilda Beach was damaged by a storm in 2015. Now Bring Back Brookes Jetty Inc. have organised a competition to reimagine the jetty. The best idea will win the \$5,000 Leighton Prize.

Enter by 31 January

bringbackbrookesjetty. home.blog/





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When musicians from the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) heard that the Homies Homework Club at the Emerald Hill Library needed volunteer tutors they jumped at the chance to get more involved in their community

Musicians Kate, Phoebe and James started to volunteer with Alyssa and others at the library who host the club and help the Homies to feel at home. Each week they spend an hour or so helping with homework or projects.

As the weeks passed, the Homies wanted to know more about what happened in the big building across the street. So the musicians arranged for the Homies to meet the orchestra.

In September, 20 curious Homies crossed the street to ANAM to be special guests at an orchestra rehearsal. Conductor Eduardo Strausser explained that an orchestra worked like a football team, with many people working

together for one goal. He introduced the players, their instruments and their sound before the orchestra combined in full volume.

The sound told the story and the Homies were amazed - not your everyday homework activity.

Learn more about Homies

homiestutoringprogram@gmail.com

Experience ANAM for yourself

Port Phillip residents can become ANAMates for free (saving \$75). Mates get free entry into ANAM recitals, soundbites, masterclasses and talks (about 150 per year) and discounts on other events.

Become an ANAMate

- anam.com.au/anamates
- 9645 7911



Improving how we communicate

Everyone in Port Phillip should feel connected to their local community and have access to services Council offers. We want to understand how useful you find our communication methods and your preferred way to stay connected. Fill out the survey below or complete it online at **(*)** haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au

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