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From the Chamber

As we head towards the holiday season, I want to thank the countless community members who contributed to our City over 2023.

We deeply appreciate our community champions including volunteers, advisory committees, grant applicants, traders and community engagement participants. You all help make our City the vibrant and inclusive place we know and love.

People truly are the heart of Port Phillip so we are looking forward to announcing the recipients of our reinvigorated Proudly Port Phillip Community Awards next year. Nominations can be made via our Have Your Say website.

(Visit: <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/proudly-port-phillip-community-awards>)

There were several key reports considered at the last Council Meeting for the year on 6 December, which ran until about midnight. Decisions included continuing to explore the merits of a proposed 5000 standing capacity live music and performance venue at the St Kilda Triangle.

We will now advocate to the Victorian Government to undertake a business case and we allocated up to \$110,000 for Council Officers to further clarify market interest and potential funding for the concept.

We also endorsed the updated upgrade concept for Gasworks Arts Park to progress to detailed design. This beautiful park is much-loved by our community so we have made sure its unique character is retained while providing improvements including new garden beds and furniture



and lighting upgrades.

We are continuing discussions with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) about changes to the wall between Gasworks Arts Park and the new arts precinct being built by the VSBA.

I am delighted to announce that our Council snapped up a Port Melbourne site which will be transformed into a fantastic open space for our growing Fishermans Bend community. Suitable land for open space is very rare so we grasped this opportunity to help “future proof” Fishermans Bend for its growing community. Full details are in this edition of Divercity.

We officially launched our summer management campaign this month along with Victoria Police and Life Saving Victoria representatives. We all play a part in achieving a safe and successful summer and are urging everyone to be mindful of the summer restrictions, including alcohol bans.

Our family recently welcomed our first puppy and I am making sure I am aware of summer off-leash areas and restrictions before heading out to enjoy our beautiful open spaces.

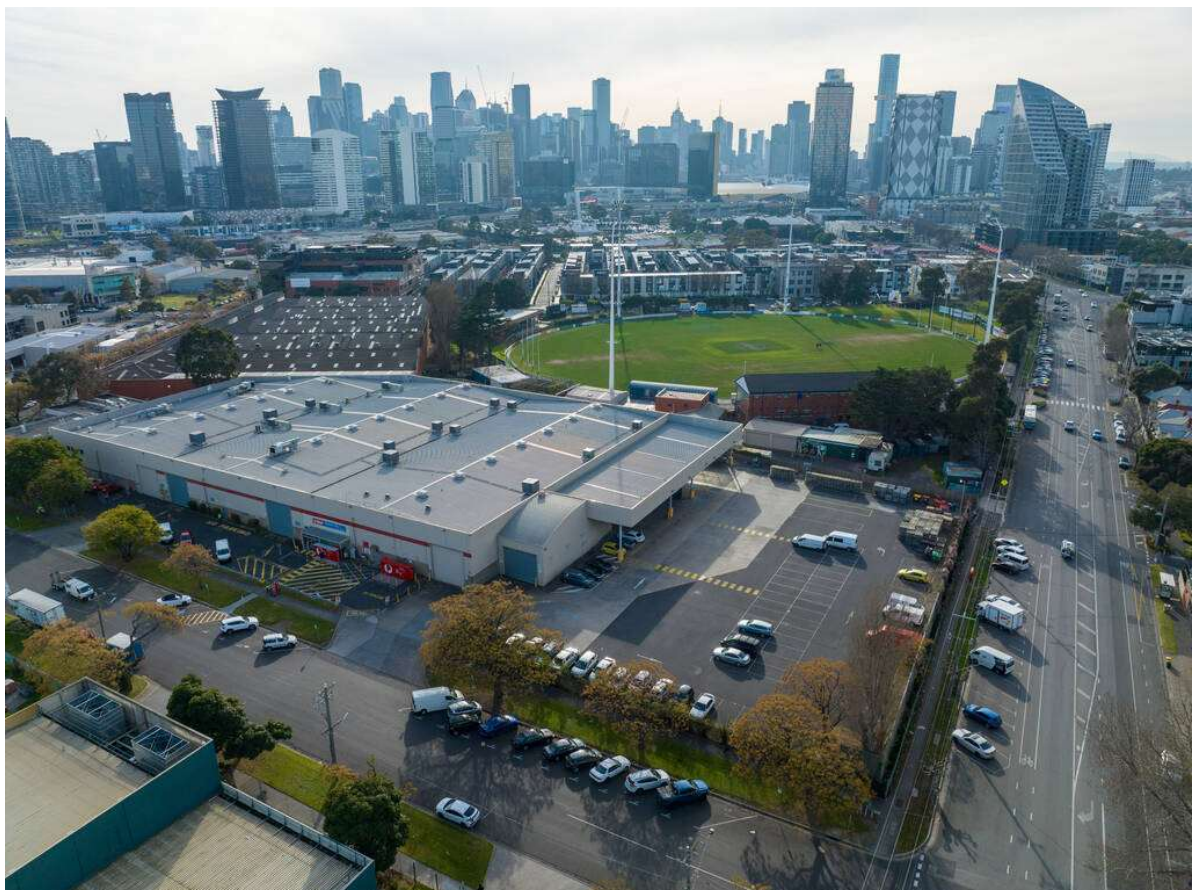
This has been a busy year and we will have lots more to share with you as we enter the fourth and final year of this Council in 2024.

I hope you all enjoy a fun and safe holiday season and a very happy New Year.

Proudly Port Phillip

Cr Heather Cunsolo

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



New open space for Fishermans Bend

A commercial site in Port Melbourne will be transformed into desperately needed open space for the growing Fishermans Bend community by Port Phillip Council.

The 509 Williamstown Road site purchased by Council is adjacent to popular North Port Oval, and currently occupied by Australia Post's Port Melbourne Business Centre, which is set to be relocated nearby. The 15,000-square-metre site will then make way for public space and a modern sport and broader recreation facility.

Fishermans Bend is Australia's largest urban renewal area and is projected to be home to 80,000 residents and 80,000 workers by 2050. Already, there are more than 10,000 housing unit developments delivered, approved, underway or for which planning approvals are being sought.

"This future-proofing investment will allow the Fishermans Bend community to enjoy sport, walk their dogs or simply relax under a tree," Mayor Heather Cunsolo said. "We want to create a special space that helps Australia's largest urban renewal project live up to its amazing potential."

A decision on exactly how the strategic acquisition will be used will be informed by a community consultation. Feedback will be sought from residents and stakeholders including local sporting groups.

As well as delivering critically needed open space, this is an anchor site that can unlock the potential for a sport and recreation precinct to be created for residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come.

The precinct could expand from the existing North Port Oval to include the Australia Post site and, in time, incorporate, the adjoining Bunnings and DHL sites. Bertie Street could also be closed and included in the precinct as new open space.

The vision for the precinct and Council's purchase of the site aligns with the Victorian Government's draft Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area Development Contributions Plan.

Recently released for community consultation, the draft DCP sets out how development contributions, which go to the Victorian Government, will be allocated in Fishermans Bend for infrastructure such as open space including at this site.

"Our Council welcomes the Victorian Government ear-marking the site as open space in the draft Development Contributions Plan. We are looking forward to having talks about the transformation of this strategic site as part of overall discussions about a Masterplan for the precinct." Cr Cunsolo said.

A preliminary submission was endorsed at the 6 December Port Phillip Council Meeting and Cr Cunsolo is encouraging residents to participate by making their own submissions. An independent committee will consider submissions on the DCP when the Government's consultation ends in February.

An independent valuation was undertaken as part of the Council's due diligence before the purchase. The agreed price is within that valuation and, per square metre, is less than half the price paid about seven years ago for land to develop Kirrip Park in South Melbourne. Cr Cunsolo said the Council weighed every option before making a successful offer of \$38.8 million (excluding GST) for the site.

The sale provides for the Australia Post Port Melbourne Business Centre to maintain operations for its customers while arrangements are made over the next one to two years to transition the facility to a new location.

Council is also making progress with broader land acquisition priorities including in the Balaclava and St Kilda East areas, with more news on this in coming months.



Play Your Part for a Happy New Year

Our annual summer restrictions are in effect to ensure the summer period remains safe, clean and fun for everyone.

Local Laws Officers are supporting Victoria Police in enforcing local alcohol bans including a total alcohol ban along St Kilda foreshore as well as upcoming citywide alcohol bans across the key public holiday periods of New Year's and Australia Day.

Council officers are also enforcing other summertime restrictions, such as changes to dog off-leash restrictions and reinforcing a year-round glass ban.

We urge visitors to the foreshore to respect the alcohol and glass bans as non-compliance can result in the confiscation of prohibited items and a \$192 fine.

Our Mayor Heather Cunsolo joined Victoria Police Port Phillip Superintendent Divisional Commander Adrian Healy and Life Saving Victoria Manager Life Saving Operations Hannah Tzimokas at St Kilda Beach on 5 December to address our summer management campaign.

Cr Cunsolo urged residents and visitors to play their part in respecting these bans. She said our Council is playing its part in delivering a safe and clean summer by providing an extra 48,000 litres of bin capacity across foreshores, parks and retail precincts.

Victoria Police also launched Operation Summersafe which will see a heightened police presence in locations including St Kilda's foreshore, parks, entertainment precincts and public transport hubs over the summer.

New Year's Day restrictions

The annual citywide alcohol ban comes into effect at 8 pm 30 December and runs until 12 midday 2 January. During this time, unsealed containers of alcohol are banned from all public spaces across the City but can still be enjoyed at any licensed venues and events.

The alcohol bans are enforced by Victoria Police with support from our Local Law Officers.

There will be extra patrols during summer and over important public holiday periods such as, New Year's, Christmas, Boxing Day and Australia Day.

City News

Acland Street activation

Port Phillip Council is encouraging businesses to set up shop in vacant premises in its latest initiative to draw more residents and visitors to Acland Street.

The Acland Street Vacant Shop Project aims to fill between five to 10 vacant shops on this high-profile St Kilda high street by 30 June 2024.



Following a competitive Request for Quote call-out, Plan 1 and Ginnane & Associates have been appointed to deliver the project over the next 12 months.

They are working with the Acland Street Village Business Association (ASVBA), landlords, local stakeholders and operators to offer eligible tenants up to 12-month leases at below market rates.

Plan 1 and Ginnane & Associates' previous successes include delivering the vacant shopfront program in Melbourne's CBD which resulted in some participants later signing long-term leases.

Mayor Heather Cunsolo said factors including the COVID-19 pandemic had contributed to high vacancy rates in Acland Street.

"We are looking forward to newcomers joining Council and traders as we enter a new era for Acland Street. Two exciting new shops are already on the verge of signing and we are looking forward to more applications arriving," Cr Cunsolo said.

ASVBA President Janet Rosenberg said traders are excited about the multi-faceted approach to reinvigorating Acland Street.

"Acland Street has always been a vibrant precinct we, as traders, are all very passionate about," she said. "We welcome the vacant shops being filled with more fantastic shopping opportunities to complement what is already on offer."

To be considered as an Acland Street Vacant Shopfront tenant go to: <https://plan1pmc.com/acland-street-activation>

Other Port Phillip Council initiatives for Acland Street include:

- a community consultation held in November 2023 to inform a Retail Mix Mapping project for Acland Street. The consultation explored shopping behaviour at Acland Street and what kind of businesses shoppers would like added to the mix
- Colourful new lighting to be projected into the plaza to add vibrancy to the precinct
- progressing Council's St Kilda Live Music Precinct, which includes Acland Street
- continued support for festivals and events
- plans to invigorate Acland Plaza and the surrounding area
- a parking audit to ensure adequate parking is provided and visitors can access parking easily
- regular local laws joint patrols with Victoria Police at Port Phillip locations including Acland Street
- daily street sweeping, manual litter removal, rapid response services, waste collections and spot high pressure cleaning, including on public holidays. Waste collection is increased over summer.

It's gift-giving season at your local market

There's plenty of markets happening in Port Phillip in the lead up to the holiday season and throughout summer.

Save the date for these recurring local events, offering everything from locally-made gifts and fresh produce to vintage gems and pre-loved bargains.

Visit your local market's website for upcoming market dates or go to whatsonstkilda.com



Changes to waste collections this Christmas

As usual, our kerbside waste collections will be modified in the week commencing 25 December 2023.

- There will be no kerbside waste collections on Christmas Day (25 December).
- Collections will resume on Boxing Day, 26 December and will run through to Saturday 30 December.



All waste collections will be pushed forward by one day. If you normally receive a waste collection on a Monday, you'll receive it on a Tuesday – and so on.

How to dispose of your Christmas tree

Once the festivities are over, it's important that Christmas trees are disposed of thoughtfully in our City.

If you live in a house or townhouse, you have a couple of options:

- You can book a free hard / green waste collection – note this is an extra service and won't detract from your four, free, annual hard and green waste collections.
- You can dispose of your Christmas tree using your FOGO bin – cut the tree into pieces so that it fits neatly inside your bin. It will then be recycled into nutrient rich compost to be used on Victorian farms.

If you live in an apartment or unit block, we request that you book a hard / green waste collection. This is an extra service and won't impact on the six free collections that apartments are eligible for each year. Please contact your owners corporation or building manager to make a booking on your behalf.

We request that those in apartments do not use our FOGO communal hubs to dispose of their Christmas tree. They take up a lot of space and may cause an issue for those wanting to use the bins for food and garden waste.

Mayor meets Environment Minister

Our City's advocacy in November included Mayor Heather Cunsolo meeting Victorian Environment Minister Steve Dimopoulos to discuss a range of Port Phillip sustainability and environmental concerns and updates.



This included our Council's ongoing concerns about the time it takes to seek Coastal Consent approvals for Council foreshore works through the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action. This often hinders project timeframes for works from installing lighting and beach showers to constructing a new building.

We are also eager for the release of the Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment as this will guide future planning of our municipality as it will provide projections about flooding and sea level rise inundation. The Minister was very receptive and committed to these concerns being raised with the Department.

The Minister was pleased to hear that work is progressing on the Port Phillip EcoCentre under a partnership between our Council and the Victorian Government. When the redevelopment is completed, which we expect in 2024, this sustainably designed building will house scientists, educators and volunteers under one roof. This will allow more students and locals to participate in short courses, community gardening and for the repair café to continue to give new life to damaged objects, diverting them from landfill.

Cr Cunsolo congratulated the Minister on the Government's introduction of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). Since November 1, Victorians have been able to return eligible drink cans, bottles and cartons for a 10-cent refund at refund points across the State. We have already received positive feedback about litter reduction.

In the City of Port Phillip, CDS locations are at:

- Woolworths Port Melbourne, 477 Plummer Street
- IGA Middle Park 19-21 Armstrong St
- Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC), 30 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park,

For opening hours and more information, visit cdsvic.org.au

Regular meetings with Ministers are valuable opportunities to promote our priorities and maximise our chances of policy and funding successes for our community.

Play it forward with our Youth Access Grants

Youth Access Grants help young people aged 12 to 18 in our community enjoy more recreational activities. We're open for submissions from 24 November.



The purpose of the program is to increase the number of free or affordable activities for young people in our City.

We heard from young people in the community who said they want more chances to do sports, arts, and social activities like meditation, environmental work, and group gaming sessions.

Young people also like activities that help positively reflect their identity, reduce loneliness, and protect the environment.

Grant categories

There are two types of grants:

- Get Involved (Category one): individuals aged 12 to 18 can get up to \$500 per application.
- Recreation Programs (Category two): organisations can get up to \$15,000 to provide programs for groups of young people aged 12 to 18.

To get a grant for an individual, they must be 12 to 18, and a parent or carer needs to apply. The parent or carer will manage the funds if the application is successful.

Organisations can apply for up to \$15,000 to run programs for young people. The programs can be new or expand on existing ones. Youth participation is important in planning these programs.

For more about the Youth Access Grant program and to apply: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/funds-grants-and-subsidies/youth-access-grants-program>

Acland Plaza gets a Sunset Market makeover

Soak up the evening sun as you explore St Kilda's newest pop-up makers market.

The Sunset Market is set to land at Acland Plaza for a short trial period in the new year and will offer market-goers unique treasures and locally made wares.

Presented by the talented makers and traders of the St Kilda Esplanade Market, it promises an array of unique arts and crafts creations including candles, accessories, home goods and much more.

The market will run on Thursdays between 4 to 8.30 pm with three dates set for early 2024, including 11 January, 8 February and 14 March.

Different stallholders will be featured at each of the three markets, meaning that you can expect to discover something new upon every visit.

Plus, the adventure doesn't need to end there. At Sunset Market, the night is just beginning.

Centrally located at Acland Plaza - 160–193 Acland Street, St Kilda - you'll be in the ideal spot to not only peruse the market's open-air stalls but also explore the nearby stores, restaurants, and bars.

Need some inspiration on where to head next? Check out our What's On website for a list of the hottest entertainment, restaurants and events happening in St Kilda and surrounds.

And remember, the St Kilda Esplanade Market is on every Sunday from 10 am for anyone who wants to have double the market fun!



Council services over the festive period

Over the holiday season, there will be changes to some of our services including our operating hours. Read on to learn about changes to customer service, waste management and library operations.

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All waste collections will be pushed forward by one day. For example, if you normally receive a waste collection on a Thursday, you'll receive it on a Friday.

Resource Recovery Centre operating hours

Our Resource Recovery Centre will be closed on public holidays, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. On other days, opening hours are as normal:

- Monday to Friday from 7.30 am to 3.30 pm
- Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm

ASSIST summer operating hours

Over the Christmas and New Year period, there will be some changes to our ASSIST counter services. However, our contact centre will remain open Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 5 pm – including public holidays.

St Kilda service counter hours:

- Monday 18 December to Friday 22 December – 8.30 am to 5 pm
- Wednesday 27 December to Friday 29 December – 12 midday to 4 pm

Closed: Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January 2024.

Port Melbourne service counter hours:

Monday 18 December, Tuesday 19 December, Friday 22 December – 12 midday to 4 pm

Closed: Wednesday 20 December, Thursday 21 December, Monday 25 December through to Friday 29 December and Monday 1 January 2024.

Library summer hours

From Monday 18 December 2023 until Friday 5 January 2024, our libraries will be operating on reduced hours.

They will return to their regular operating hours after the first week of January 2024 to continue serving you with a full range of library services and resources.

Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Actions at our 6 December Council meeting included:

- Decisions to continue exploring a proposed 5000 standing capacity live music and performance venue at the St Kilda Triangle
- Endorsement of the updated concept plan for the Gasworks Arts Park to progress to detailed design
- An update on our Council's 10-year Financial Outlook
- Endorsement of a preliminary submission to the Victorian Government's draft Fishermans Bend Development Contributions Plan consultation



Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-6-december-2023>

FOGO and glass recycling hub rollout complete

Since July 2023, we have more than doubled the number of communal glass and food and

garden organics (FOGO) recycling hubs across our City.

We are pleased to announce that there are now 76 dual purpose FOGO and glass recycling hubs across the City of Port Phillip – and four FOGO only hubs. This completes our planned rollout as outlined in our Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy. Our communal hubs enable residents to divert food and garden waste from landfill – and minimise glass contamination in our recycling streams.



Community feedback about the hubs was overwhelmingly positive right from the beginning. One group of Port Melbourne residents even petitioned to have an additional FOGO hub installed on the corner of Ingles and Garton streets, which we delivered in March 2023.

Helen, who led the petition, said: “The best part about having our FOGO hub is knowing that all our food and organic waste is going to be reused in compost, rather than going to landfill. It’s certainly reduced our waste by about 50 per cent.”

The residents have come to see the hub as more than just a recycling drop-off point. “It’s a community gathering place, it’s quite social. We go down with our little bins (kitchen caddies), and we all have a chat and have a bit of a laugh.”

About our communal glass hubs

When glass is placed in recycling bins, sometimes it can shatter – and broken glass contaminates other materials like paper, cardboard and plastic, making them harder to recycle. This is one of the reasons why we and other local governments are providing a separated glass recycling service to our community.

Kerbside glass trials carried out in 2020 demonstrated that many households don’t generate enough glass to make a kerbside service viable. This is why we have provided separated glass recycling through our communal hubs.

About our communal FOGO hubs

The City of Port Phillip has a unique housing demographic, with the majority of our dwellings classified as medium or high density compared to Greater Melbourne. In addition to this, many of our standalone houses have limited outdoor and garden space with no room for additional kerbside bins.

This is why we have established communal FOGO hubs, to allow residents that don’t have room for a FOGO bin to drop off their FOGO materials for recycling. The service is also designed for those in apartments that have not yet received their own kerbside service – and for those who are not on a Council waste collection. Any resident can use our communal FOGO hubs.

Communal hubs near you

Our communal hubs are located at various locations across the city. The best way to find your nearest hub is by referring to our interactive [map](#). If you would like a communal hub closer to where you live, please let us know via submitting a request [here](#) to contact a Council officer.

FOGO for apartments and unit blocks

In November of this year, we started the roll out of kerbside FOGO recycling to eligible apartments and unit blocks:

- This first phase delivered the service to residents who receive a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday collection.
- Those on a Wednesday and Friday collection will receive FOGO recycling in 2024. We encourage this group of residents to use our communal hubs in the meantime.

Arts in Focus



Midsumma Festival

The Midsumma Festival returns in 2024 as Australia's premier LGBTIQ+ arts and cultural organisation hosts 22 days of pride summer celebrations from 21 January to 11 February.

The iconic Midsumma Pride March will turn Fitzroy Street into a sea of colour and solidarity for gender and sexual diversity.

The March takes place on Sunday 4 February and is one of many Midsumma events taking place in Port Phillip.

Our Council is a proud supporter of the Midsumma Festival and a strong Council contingent will be among the thousands of marchers.

In the lead up to the Midsumma Pride March, the pride flag will fly high over St Kilda Town Hall to demonstrate our commitment for Port Phillip to be an inclusive City for all members of the community.

The Midsumma Festival programming is made up of diverse art forms and genres, including visual arts, live music, theatre, spoken word, cabaret, film, parties, sport, social events, and public forums.

Visit the Midsumma website for more information.



Linden Postcard Show

Linden New Art is hosting the annual Linden Postcard Show and this time they are mixing things up.

This year, Linden is drawing from the past to reshape the future to give the Postcard Show a refresh.

Now into its 33rd year, the Postcard Show provides a unique opportunity for all of us to celebrate creativity, and a platform for artists to showcase their work to a large and eager audience.

The Postcard Show is a celebration of our diverse, complex, and vibrant artistic community.

The iconic exhibition will again offer several cash prizes up to \$1,000. Artworks are available for purchase online and in the gallery.

The Linden New Art gallery is a Council-owned facility, run by an independent incorporated board of management. It receives annual funding from our Council to deliver artistic and cultural programs that enhance the life of Port Phillip.

Visit the Linden New Art website for more information.

Help Shape our City

Victorian Government consultations

Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area Development Contributions Plan

The Department of Transport and Planning is seeking your views on the proposed approach to funding essential infrastructure for urban renewal in Fishermans Bend.

Provide your feedback to Engage Victoria by 23 February 2024.



February 2024.

Visit: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/fishermans-bend-urban-renewal-area-development-contributions-plan>

Engage Victoria: 'Making Montague' Precinct Implementation Plan

The Department of Transport and Planning has released the draft 'Making Montague' Precinct Implementation Plan for public consultation and engagement.

Provide your feedback to Engage Victoria by 23

Visit: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/montague-precinct-implementation-plan>

Sustainability

Five ways to be waste-wise this Christmas

Whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hannukah or simply the prospect of time at the beach – the festive season usually involves lavish meals, gifts and decorations. And if we aren't careful, all this excitement can result in unwanted gifts, wasted food and more stuff that just ends up in the bin.



The good news is, there are ways to minimise the environmental impact of our celebrations. Here are some simple tips to have a waste-wise festive period this year:

Use a living Christmas tree

It's always better to buy a plant instead of a plastic tree – even if you do intend to reuse your plastic one. This is because a plant is a renewable resource, 100 per cent compostable and easily recycled. Plastic Christmas trees are generally made of non-recyclable, non-degradable plastics and metals. They can't be easily disassembled and recycled and so they're likely to eventually end up in landfill.

For an ultra-sustainable option, consider a homemade arrangement of branches, or a potted plant such as an Australian native pine. And when it comes to decorating your tree, use LED lights if you can as they use less energy and last longer.

Choose reusable dinnerware

If you're entertaining this year, and you don't have enough crockery, consider buying second-hand plates and bowls or even renting them – instead of purchasing plastic or paper ones.

The Elwood Kitchen Library allows you to rent everything from plates to cutlery to appliances – and many liquor stores rent glassware too. Use cloth napkins that can be washed and reused instead of paper ones.

Avoid food waste by planning ahead

During the festive period, it's easy to buy too much of everything and end up with a lot of waste. The best way to reduce food waste is to avoid creating it in the first place. This involves planning your shop, shopping mindfully and storing food correctly to reduce waste and save money.

If you think there will be a lot of leftovers, ask guests to bring their own containers for taking food home. This will avoid the need to use throwaway containers or plastic wrap. Sustainability

Victoria has many resources to help you more effectively plan, shop, cook and store food for minimal wastage.

Buy food loose

You might be surprised by how much food can be bought free of packaging – and this is of course something that can be done year-round. Check out these stores and market options within our City for package free food:

- The Source Bulk Foods is located on Carlisle Street in Baclava. The Source is a zero-waste food store where you can buy items that usually come in packaging, like beans, rice or nuts. Just bring in your own containers, and they'll help you get everything you need.
- The Pre-cycle Pantry is a mobile zero waste shopping van that deliver to your door. They operate in several suburbs in our City.
- Destination Markets – these markets, including farmers markets like Veg Out usually offer food to buy in minimal or no packaging at all – just don't forget your reusable shopping bag.

Gift sustainably

Choosing sustainable gifts can be a challenge. This is because many different aspects of an item need to be considered when assessing its sustainability, including what it's made from to how it's packaged and transported – to name just a few.

Sustainability Victoria suggests that if you are purchasing a product, to ask yourself five key questions when considering a gift for someone in order to make as sustainable a purchase as possible. But one way to avoid having to navigate this problem is by buying an experience for someone instead, such as a cooking class – or by making a charitable donation on their behalf.

Visit: <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/recycling-and-reducing-waste/at-home/avoid-waste/shop-sustainably/gifts>

To make gifting as easy as possible, we've created a guide to sustainable gift ideas in the City of Port Phillip.

And remember – when wrapping gifts, consider using left over wrapping paper, newspaper, recycled paper or even fabric that can then be kept and used again.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/sustainability-and-climate-change/take-action/shop-local-this-festive-season>

Preparing your home for summer

Nine out of ten homes in Victoria have unwanted draughts, which often leads to using air conditioning and pushing up the price of your energy bills. Here are some simple tips to make your home feel more comfortable, lower your energy bills and reduce your greenhouse gas emissions this summer.



Many temperature records have been broken this year, and the trend is continuing with the Bureau of Meteorology predicting Victoria will experience a hotter than average summer this year. Heatwaves can be dangerous to our health and wellbeing, particularly older people, infants, and young children. These simple tips can help keep your home cool and protect those you love.

1. Stay informed - there will be warnings on the television, radio, social media and the Bureau of Meteorology website of a heat wave event. <http://www.bom.gov.au/>
2. Check your fans or air conditioning – make sure these are in good working order and organise for your air conditioner to be serviced and the filters to be cleaned. Buy a

- standing fan you can plug in. Moving air, even a little, can make a big difference.
3. Seal up gaps in your home – place 'snake' draught stoppers at the bottom of doors. These are a budget friendly way of keeping out hot air.
 4. Install blinds or heavy curtains over your windows. A lot of heat comes through glass.
 5. Place external shading on the hottest parts of the home. Shade cloth, plants or external blinds on west and north-facing walls can prevent the home heating up.
 6. Get to know you neighbours! If you don't already know your neighbours this is a good time to introduce yourself and find out whether they might need a little help in case of a heatwave.

Library Visit

Movie Night at Emerald Hill Library

Get ready for a paw-some family movie night as Emerald Hill Library hosts a thrilling "DC League of Super Pets" adventure on Saturday 20 January.



Popcorn, lolly bags, and caped canines await. Don't miss the excitement - grab your seats and experience the magic together at the library!

Visit: Movie Night: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/movie-night-dc-league-of-super-pets>

Community Spirit

Become an environmental leader in your community

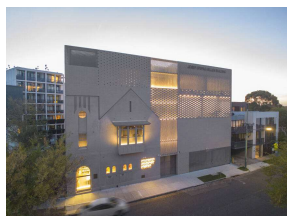
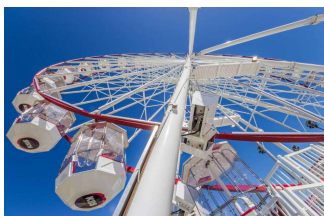
Are you passionate about climate action? Have an idea but not sure how to make it happen? Or have a strong interest in environmental sustainability?

Wherever you are at, our Environmental Leaders course will develop your leadership skills, improve your knowledge and introduce you to like-minded people in the local community.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/sustainability-and-climate-change/take-action/environmental-leadership-course>



What's On



KIIS Eye returns

The summer fun has arrived at Catani Gardens with the return of the popular KIIS Eye Ferris Wheel.

Take in the stunning 360-degree views of the coastline, St Kilda and surrounds and Melbourne's skyline from 35 metres in the air.

In a bonus for Port Phillip residents, you can receive up to 30 per cent off ticket box prices by showing any form of identification with a Port Phillip address.

For more information, visit the [Skyline Attractions](#) website.

Melbourne Holocaust Museum

The Melbourne Holocaust Museum officially launched in November.

The building, located in Elsternwick, has already received an architecture award for its outstanding design by Kerstin Thompson Architects and now it's time to open the doors and welcome visitors to experience the world-class museum with state-of-the-art exhibits and experiences.

The new permanent exhibition *Everybody Had a Name*, has a uniquely Melbourne perspective of the six million lives lost during the Holocaust, memorialised through individual stories.

For more information, visit the [Melbourne Holocaust Museum](#) website.

Beguiling

25 November - 5 January

St Kilda resident Professor Dr Lisa Anderson's latest exhibition, *Beguiling*, is on display at the Victorian Pride Centre's Pride Gallery.

Beguiling is an evocative, multimedia exploration of changing landscapes and environmental collapse casting an important spotlight on our approach to the ongoing climate emergency.

Dr Anderson's photographs hint at the measures we use in the Doomsday Clock made by scientists to demonstrate human impacts on Earth, which is now set at 90 seconds to midnight.

For more information, visit the [Victorian Pride Centre](#) website.

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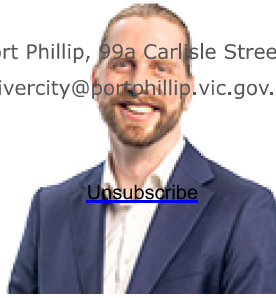
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