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## From the Chamber

It's been a busy month in the Chamber with several reports attracting significant attention.

These included a report discussed at our 15 May Council Meeting on how to improve safety on Inkerman Street. We put two options out for community consultation so we could hear as many views as possible before making a decision.

After careful consideration, Option B was adopted - an on-road bike lane with painted buffers which requires fewer parking spaces to be removed.

While Option A offered extra safety provisions which could potentially have encouraged more riders, Option B will still make intersections safer and deter dooring by reallocating road space as a buffer between cars.

From official submissions to texts, calls and emails, we heard you all and appreciate everyone who took the time to provide their feedback.

The 1 May meeting also attracted some passionate submissions. We understand that EV vehicle owners face obstacles in charging their cars if they rely on on-street parking so we are doing our best to offer accessible solutions. While we deferred a decision on whether to continue our private kerbside EV charger pilot until we have more information for our 5 June meeting, we are forging



ahead with continuing to explore and install on-street public utility pole-mounted and kerbside EV charger technology.

That meeting also saw another step forward in achieving the goals of our St Kilda Live Music Precinct when we decided to send a proposed planning scheme amendment to the Victorian Planning Minister for permission to prepare and exhibit it. The amendment is about achieving a responsive and flexible balance between a vibrant live music sector and amenity for residents and we are proud to be the first Victorian council working on bringing this framework to life.

A Special Council Meeting this month provided a further opportunity to make submissions on our draft 2024/45 Budget and updated Council Plan. By 9 May, we had received feedback from 200 community members. The community consultation is now closed and all feedback will be provided to Councillors in a final engagement report before we adopt these important documents at our 26 June meeting.

There's some fantastic events and promotions coming up, including the 40th anniversary of our much-anticipated St Kilda Film Festival. Adding to the fun, we are running a competition in this issue of Divercity for a double pass to enjoy the opening night and after party.

This issue also includes how to jump aboard the "Bay City Roller" bus for the inaugural Port Melbourne Music Crawl and the return of Acland Street's delicious sweet treats promotion – do drop by our very own 'dessert precinct'!

Proudly Port Phillip

Cr Heather Cunsolo

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



# St Kilda Film Festival: Celebrating 40 years of top shorts

Come and celebrate the St Kilda Film Festival's (SKFF) milestone 40th anniversary with us by entering the draw for two free guest passes for Opening Night on Thursday 6 June.

Opening Night, at The Astor Theatre, kicks off 10 days of a superb selection of Australian short films that will amaze, amuse and astound. As well as enjoying a night of sensational short films, the lucky winner will walk the red carpet and rub shoulders with film makers at the after party.

Selected from a call for entries attracting hundreds of new short films from around the country, this year's Opening Night event features a sensational program of comedies, powerful drama, animation, horror and fantasy, emceed by Brian Nankervis.

Drawn from a call for entries from hundreds of new, short films from around the country, this year's Opening Night event features a sensational program of comedies, powerful drama, animation, horror and fantasy, emceed by Brian Nankervis.

The 2024 SKFF program will take audiences on an incredible journey through some of Port Phillip's iconic theatres including The Alex Theatre and The Astor Theatre, in addition to some unexpected venues such as South Melbourne Market and The Espy.

## Program highlights

### [A Robot's Dream](#)

Director Morteza Halimi

In this animation, two robots, equipped with Artificial Intelligence, roam the post-apocalyptic world looking for humans to give them their purposes.

### [Blame The Rabbit](#)

Director Elena Carapetis

After surviving a horrific assault by her husband, Helen uses the time of his incarceration to painstakingly rebuild herself into the entity that will have the most power over him: a beautiful woman. A modern take on the Gorgon myth about what happens when you disrespect the Divine Feminine.

### [Distant Space](#)

Director Rohan Jones (Australian premiere)

In this sci-fi thriller, Robbie Scott is working for a commercial mining company on Mars. The vicissitudes of the alien Martian world and the commercial space base have dissolved his sense of humanity. He is morally and physically lost. Through an apparition of his daughter, his sense of humanity is restored, and he can be hopeful of rescue and redemption.

### [Edie and Audrey](#)

Director Alexandra Millen (Australian premiere).

An older sister takes her younger sister out of the house for a day of movies, arcade games and bowling as a distraction to a more ominous situation unravelling at home.

The popular [Pride Without Prejudice: LGBTQIA+ Showcase](#) returns highlighting the sparkling diversity of the Australian LGBTQIA+ creative community at the Victorian Pride Centre on Sunday 16 June.

A highlight event as part of the First Nations program will be held at The Espy on Saturday 15 June: [Through the Lens of Protest and Resistance](#). In this special session – MC'd by Tasha James, Manager of Indigenous Collection and Archives for ABC – SKFF presents a snapshot of First Peoples' fight for justice and equality through the moving image.

## About the Film Festival

Proudly presented and produced by the City of Port Phillip, SKFF supports the Australian film industry by turning the spotlight on exceptional films by both emerging talent and short works by accomplished industry professionals.

SKFF is Australia's longest-running short film festival, recognising the genre of short film, including music videos, gaming and immersive forms, celebrating some of Australia's best local short filmmakers and screen artists.

SKFF is supported by major government partners Screen Australia and VicScreen.

For more information on screenings and bookings, visit: [stkildafilmfestival.com.au](http://stkildafilmfestival.com.au)

## Want to win two tickets to SKFF Opening Night & After Party?

To go into the draw to win two guest passes to the St Kilda Film Festival Opening Night & After Party, make sure you're subscribed to our Divercity e-newsletter and visit the website below.

<https://au.openforms.com/Form/f216a68a-257a-449d-8df1-d46acc3bdc9b>



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ST KILDA FILM FESTIVAL 40 YEARS OF TOP SHORTS

Thank you for reading Divercity

Port Phillip residents can use code **LOCALS10** at the checkout to receive a **10% discount** on tickets at the St Kilda Film Festival.



# Daizie makes reading pawsome

Daizie the dog isn't your average library volunteer. She can't help little hands turn pages or offer up a "well done". But Daizie's pawsome presence is helping Port Phillip primary school children develop into confident, lifelong readers.

The six-year-old Schnauzer is a much loved visitor on Tuesday afternoons at St Kilda Library's free Story Dogs Australia (SDA) sessions. The sessions started after Library Customer Service Officer Andrea devised and set up the program and encouraged her neighbour Sue, a retired dog trainer, to bring Daizie along.

SDA is a non-profit reading support program with two and four-legged volunteers visiting mainly schools and some libraries across Australia. Daizie was the first Story Dog to work in a Victorian library, supporting children to read.

After a playful catch-up with Library staff, Daizie knows it's time to hit the books when Sue pops her into a SDA vest.

"A child struggling with reading can feel self-conscious. With Daizie, there's no judgment which is very calming for young readers," Library Children's and Youth Services Team Leader Monica says.

"Sometimes there is one hand on Daizie and one hand on the book as they practice reading. It's incredibly rewarding to see them become more confident as their reading skills improve every week."

Sue sits nearby as each child reads a book of their choice to Daizie for 15 minutes. "I don't teach children to read, that's not my job, As an SDA volunteer, it's about encouraging children to read. I'll ask questions or provide positive feedback about their progress."

The reward for Sue is seeing children walk away with smiles and a love of reading.

Diversity dropped by to see Daizie enjoying an exciting tale about dragons being read to her confidently by nine-year-old Mateo.

"I like coming as I can read all my favourite books to her," Mateo says, book in one hand with the other patting Daizie.

Mateo's mother Claudia is delighted at how his reading skills have grown since signing up for Story Dogs.

"He didn't use punctuation a lot before, he'd just read out big chunks of information. Now he uses pauses and intonation," Claudia says.

"Sue asks him questions about the story, while Daizie is listening without judgment, so he feels comfortable to stop and think about what he is reading.

"He loves dogs. We don't have one at the moment so we get our puppy fix for the week when we come to see Daizie."

While most children – and adults – in the library are drawn to Daizie, it's not always love at first sight. But just like a fairy tale, there's a happy ending.

"One boy cried during his first session with us and said 'I can't read'. I said 'let's look at the pictures and make a story up.' Now he loves coming," Sue says.

Sue and Monica remember being deeply touched by a heart-felt gift from a young Story Dogs participant.

“Monica asked me to come in as a girl regularly attending Story Dogs had made a gift for Daizie and I. It turned out she wrote a story about us. It was all tied up and had pictures with diamantes on Daizie. I was teary, it was so beautiful.”

At the end of the session, Daizie jumps off her blanket and is rewarded with a well-deserved treat from Sue. You get the feeling Daizie would do it for the pats alone - and the fun of hearing stories from her new friends.

“She really is attentive, she’ll look up and cock her head,” Monica says

“She’s like a working dog with words,” Sue laughs.

For more information or to book, go to <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/story-dogs>

## City News

### Port Melbourne Music Crawl

Join the inaugural Port Melbourne Music Crawl on Sunday 9 June with 15 fantastic live acts on offer across 10 venues.

Things of Stone and Wood, Henry Wagons (pictured), Queenie and Black Jesus Experience lead a stellar lineup for the inaugural music crawl.



The local tourist bus, nicknamed the Bay City Roller, will transport live music lovers between free shows while acting as a venue. Other venues include pubs, breweries and distilleries.

This celebration of live music is being run by the Port Melbourne Business Association with support from our Council and the Australian Venues Group.

Visit: <https://www.3207port.com.au/blog/music-crawl-2024>

### New venues serving it up in South Melbourne

South Melbourne has seen a flurry of new openings lately. From chic rooftop bars with stunning views, to new craft breweries and must-try Italian, add these to your must-visit list.



#### Lucia, South Melbourne

The team behind suburban gems Riserva, Baia Di Vino and San Lorenzo, has recently opened [Lucia](#), a new Mediterranean restaurant and wine bar in South Melbourne. Located in the Eleven Building on Eastern Road, expect warm, old school hospitality, seasonal dishes and a 400+ bottle wine list. The elegant dining space accommodates up to 80 people and there’s also marble-clad bar, perfect for casual drop-ins. Headed by Jordan Clavaron, formerly of Cutler and Co, the kitchen presents a diverse menu, from snacks to share plates, from Fremantle octopus skewer with red pepper sauce, beetroot ravioli to a 1 kilogram dry-aged rib-eye steak with chimichurri.

#### Brewmanity, South Melbourne

[Brewmanity](#), a new artisan brewery and rooftop bar, has just opened in South Melbourne . Sip on a locally crafted ale while taking in panoramic views on the Next Level rooftop, which accommodates up to 400 guests. With a retractable roof, it is also completely weather proof. On the ground-floor, their industrial-style Beer Hall offers a closer glimpse of the brewing process. The drinks list includes 12 house-made brews and two blenders on tap, Australian wines and classic cocktails. The contemporary food menu caters to a wide range of dietaries with plenty of vegan and gluten-free options. But it's not just about beer and views. Giving back is also an essential part of [Brewmanity's mission](#). A portion of all beer sales goes towards Fight MND, while their 'Sip and Sizzle' initiative offers fundraising opportunities for local community groups. Cheers to that!

### **Pirate Life, South Melbourne**

Acclaimed South Australian brewer, [Pirate Life](#), unveiled its first Melbourne location last month, around the corner from South Melbourne Market. Housed in a revamped mechanics' garage with exposed bricks, greenery and industrial finishes, it has room for up to 220 patrons. There's 14 house brews on tap to try, ranging from the popular South Coast Pale Ale to limited releases like Vanilla Malt Thickshake Nitro IPA. The menu highlights fresh, locally-sourced ingredients, offering market fish, prime meat cuts sold by weight, and bar snacks including wood-fired flatbread, fresh Pacific oysters, and pickled octopus carpaccio.

### **Mirror Mirror Rooftop Lounge, South Melbourne**

A new rooftop bar, [Mirror Mirror Rooftop Lounge](#), recently opened above the historic Clarendon Hotel. The ambiance is impeccable, offering stunning views of the city skyline. A selection of Snow White-themed gin and rum-based cocktails on the drinks list has high novelty value - they're also really good. Get started with the the Evil Witch Spritz (Creme de violette, Campari, lemon, gin, prosecco) or The Huntsman (Bacardi white rum, ginger liqueur, lime and apple). Pair your drink with Asian-inspired dishes such as soft-shell crab, pork dumplings, or the pan-grilled barramundi in Thai-style chili dressing for a perfect summer experience.

### **Ugo Burrata Bar, South Melbourne**

New at South Melbourne Market, [Ugo Burrata Bar](#) is a must-visit for foodies craving the classic Italian delight from Puglia – burrata, a creamy blend of mozzarella and cream. Options include burrata with toast (served with avocado, bacon jam, chilli), a bagel (heirloom tomato, chilli), or focaccia (eggplant caponata or porchetta). If you prefer burrata as the star, standalone combos like Finnochia (fennel salami, rockmelon, capers, parsley salsa) and Peperonata (braised peppers, basil, breadcrumbs) are also available.

### **Coming soon:**

#### **The Clarendon**

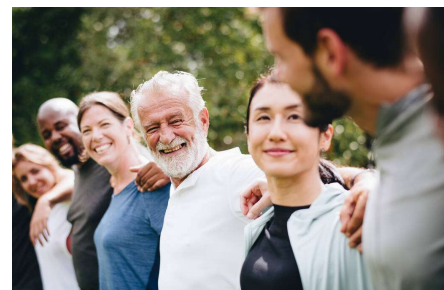
The team that behind Mirror Mirror Rooftop Bar, are expanding their South Melbourne footprint to include a new restaurant on the ground floor of the historic Clarendon Hotel. [The Clarendon](#) will offer a Asian Fusion culinary experience, along with a globally-focused wine list. Doors open on 30 April.

Visit: <https://whatsonstkilda.com/article/16001-a/six-must-visit-new-bars-and-restaurants-in-south-melbourne>

## **Ageing Gracefully**

Bookings are open for Ageing Gracefully, a free 90-minute public forum produced by City of Port Phillip's Older Persons Advisory Committee (OPAC).

The event is on Saturday 15 June from 1.30 pm to 3 pm at the South Melbourne Community Centre. This forum is for members of our Port Phillip community, their families and



loved ones who want to learn about options to plan for the later years of life.

Hear from CaSPACare CEO Wesley Smith along with a resident about lived experience in aged care. Retired intensive care specialist Ann Whitfield will also speak alongside Council's Community Services Manager, Bridget Monro-Hobbs and more.

Visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1210902>

## Stand for Council

Find out more about becoming a Councillor at the City of Port Phillip

Do you want to have a role in shaping the future of City of Port Phillip? Are you passionate about making a positive contribution to your community? Then now is the time to put your hand up to take on one of the most important leadership opportunities in Australia that enables you to make a difference.

Committed, motivated and passionate people that reflect the diversity of our community are encouraged to put their hand up for election to Council in City of Port Phillip.

Get inspired through the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) Stand for Council campaign. To support potential candidates, City of Port Phillip, in partnership with the MAV, is hosting regional-based information sessions to provide answers to frequently asked questions, conversations with Council CEO's and help potential candidates understand what the work of a Councillor looks like day to day.

Date and time: Wednesday 31 July, 6 pm to 9 pm

Location: St Kilda Town Hall auditorium or online

Register link: <https://mavevents.cventevents.com/event/SFCInformationSessions/summary>

The MAV will also be providing a Citizen to Councillor Guide 2024 – a guide for prospective candidates to further understand the roles and responsibilities of a councillor and the importance of this elected position.

The MAV is also hosting a range of other Stand for Council events, including sessions targeted at women, youth and First Nations peoples. For more information, please visit the MAV website.

### Candidate information

If you are considering running for Council, it's a great idea to read through the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) candidate page to familiarize yourself with key roles and responsibilities of nominating for council elections.

### Candidate Training Sessions

Under the Local Government Act 2020, all candidates for election must attend a candidate training session prior to nominating. If you do not attend a training session, you will not be eligible to nominate.

The Victorian Government provides this compulsory training for all Victorians who wish to nominate as a candidate in any council elections. For further information on candidate training, please visit Local Government Victoria.





Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/stand-for-council>

## Reconciliation Week Events

City of Port Phillip is hosting a series of events for Reconciliation Week 2024 featuring First People's artists, performers, and community leaders.

Presented in support of local reconciliation, an expanded program will run from 27 May to 14 June, including events at St Kilda Esplanade Market, the St Kilda Film Festival and St Kilda Town Hall.

Reconciliation Week (26 May to 3 June) encourages Australians to learn about the country's shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and explore how to contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The 2024 theme, 'Now More Than Ever', is a reminder that the reconciliation process and the fight against discrimination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples is ongoing.

Save the dates for these Reconciliation Week events:

### Reconciliation Week Flag Raising Ceremony, Monday 27 May

The opening of Reconciliation Week will be marked with a Flag Raising Ceremony on the front lawn of St Kilda Town Hall on Monday 27 May at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome.

### Mabo Day celebration at St Kilda Esplanade Market, Sunday 2 June

Experience the rich cultural heritage of Australia's First Peoples and celebrate Mabo Day at St Kilda Esplanade Market. This special edition of Melbourne's favourite beachside market will feature captivating performances from First Nations musicians John Wayne Parsons and Amos Roach, and dance performers Haryne Uta and Bandok Tati Bunurong Dancers. Market stalls from First Nations artists and makers will also feature.

### St Kilda Film Festival: Reconciliation Week screenings, 14 and 15 June

Two dedicated First Peoples film sessions will run as part of the St Kilda Film Festival.

Screening on Friday 14 June at the Alex Theatre, First Nations Storytellers brings together deeply personal tales of gender, poetic political statements, and provocative social commentary told through bold storytelling that runs the cinematic gamut. The session will also include a live Q&A with the filmmakers.

On Saturday, 15 June, Through the Moving Lens of Protest and Resistance will take the screening out of the cinema and into the Espy Hotel's iconic Gershwin Room. Don't miss these powerful films that provide an important perspective on Australia's history and peoples. The screening will be followed by an 'In Conversation' Q&A facilitated by Tasha James with Lisa Maza, Richard Frankland and Jungaji followed by very special song and storytelling performances from Richard Frankland and Jungaji.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/reconciliation-week-events>



## Saints set to play ball in the Premier League

St Kilda Baseball Club will return to the Victorian Summer Baseball League's (VSBL) Premier League for the first time in 62 years following the Club's State League premiership in March.

The Saints' Firsts team triumphed over Ormond-Glen Huntly, winning 2-0 in the best-of-three grand final series cementing the team's promotion to Victoria's highest baseball division.



St Kilda will now aim to capture its first Premier League premiership since 1953.

St Kilda Baseball Club President Matthew Turnbull spoke to Divercity to share what the big win meant for the club and its former players.

“We had a great show of support from some of our life members who came down to cheer on the team,” he said.

“One of the life members burst into tears he was that happy. And these are guys who are in their 70s, 80s and almost 90s who wanted to show their support.”

The Saints enjoyed a successful summer season with multiple teams making the finals in their respective divisions. This consistency was rewarded as St Kilda was named as State League Club Champion, an award that recognises the combined success of all teams competing for the Club.

“At the end of the day it's a reflection on the Club as a whole and what we have achieved. It's the cherry on top after taking out the State League premiership and earning the promotion,” Turnbull said.

Founded in 1879, St Kilda Baseball Club has a rich history, including being recognised as Australia's oldest baseball club. The team was one of the founding clubs of the Victorian Baseball League which formed in 1890.

“The Club was formed initially to play against the American navy when they would arrive by ship and dock in Melbourne,” Turnbull said.

“People would see the Americans playing baseball and join in until our Club was formed to be the main team to play against the navy.”

Turnbull said the Club is proud of its history but also has a keen eye on a promising future.

“We have all of our premiership flags displayed in our clubhouse and they all hang from the walls,” he said.

“We have quite a few flags from the minor divisions but at the end of the day we want that top Premier League flag.

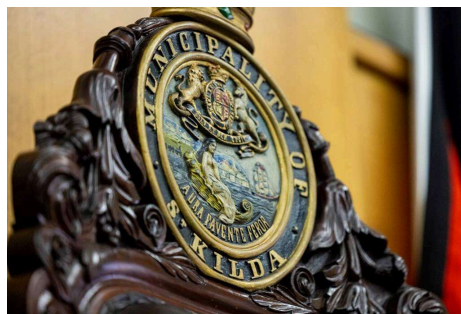
“Baseball may not be the biggest sport, but we've got a proud history. It's an exciting time for the Club and we can't wait to see where we go.”

St Kilda Baseball Club is based in Albert Park and features men's, women's and junior teams welcoming players of all abilities and ages.

**Did you miss our last Council meeting?**

Actions at our 15 May Council Meeting included:

- Councillors adopted Option B for the Inkerman Street Safety Improvement Project to see the installation of an on-road bike lane with painted buffers between cyclists / moving vehicles and between cyclists / parked vehicles.
- Councillors adopted a Notice of Motion by Cr Cunsolo to extend the current legacy Foreshore Community Service permits valid from 1 November – 30 April to a year-round permit. This includes reducing the fees and increasing the cap for Lifesaving Clubs in Port Phillip.



Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-15-may-2024>

## Arts in Focus



### Cinema Chronicles

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of St Kilda Film Festival.

To celebrate, we're giving an exclusive look at the last 40 years of the Film Festival using pieces curated from our personal collection, showcasing how it evolved from a weekend add-on to an Academy Awards qualifying event.

Learn about the last century of local film history, going all the way back to the very beginning of cinema in Port Phillip.

Follow the evolution of local film from its silent era to its boundary breaking present and discover what led us to being the home of Australia's longest-running short film festival.

We're proud to support local filmmakers and Australian cinema by incubating new film talent and bringing greater awareness and accessibility to the short film format for the past 40 years.

The exhibition is displayed at the Carlisle



### Port Phillip Writes

Are you 55 years or more and have a story to tell?

Applications for the 2024 Port Phillip Writes competition are open until Friday 28 June.

Entrants must live or work in Port Phillip or be a library member in our City.

This annual event, which is part of our Seniors Festival, showcases imagination, writing skills and creative expression.

Several awards are up for grabs including \$1,200 in book vouchers across categories for fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

Applications are available online or at St Kilda Town Hall, Port Melbourne Town Hall Assist and Port Phillip Libraries.

If you would like the application form posted please call Assist on 9209 6777 and ask to speak to the Community Building Team or email [portphillipwrites@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:portphillipwrites@portphillip.vic.gov.au)

Street Arts Space until 16 June and is open to the public from 8.30 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/explore-the-city/arts-and-entertainment/carlisle-street-arts-space>

Stay tuned for another jam-packed Seniors Festival program to run from 1 to 14 October.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/seniors/seniors-festival>

## Help Shape our City



### Reconciliation Action Plan

Share your feedback on our draft Reconciliation Action Plan. Reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between First Peoples and non-Indigenous peoples for the benefit of all Australians. Our third Reconciliation Action Plan sets out steps we will take to improve outcomes for First Peoples who live, work in, or visit Port Phillip.

[Give your feedback](#) by Thursday 30 May.

### Safe Crossings - Williamstown Road

Share your feedback on a concept plan for a safer pedestrian crossing and bike lane on Williamstown Road in Port Melbourne. Council is advocating to the Victorian Government for a pedestrian-controlled light crossing and a dedicated bike lane to improve connections for walkers, bike riders and drivers.

[Give your feedback](#) by Sunday 9 June.

### Help Shape Our Coastal Future

Share what you love about our coast. Your stories and ideas will help shape how we manage and adapt to our coastal future.

- Learn more about the program, coastal hazards (erosion and coastal flooding) and our coastal communities.
- Tell us what you love about our coast and any concerns or challenges you may have.
- Take part in our interactive activities, such as our photo competition and interactive map.

[Take part in the program](#) by Sunday 30 June.

### Parking Smarter with Digital Parking Permits

We are introducing a new digital parking permit system to replace the traditional physical permits, making it easier and faster for you to get your parking permit. We're here to help with this transition, online or in person.

[Find out more](#) or ask a question by Sunday 26 June.

Visit: <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/>

## Sustainability

## Living the High Life

If you live, own, or have a management role in an apartment building or unit, the High Life Expo on Saturday 1 June is for you.

Come along for sustainability and resilience solutions for your apartment or strata community. A full day event in Melbourne, sponsored by our Council, the free Expo includes a seminar program and Supplier Showcase.

Choose the topics that matter most to you, including: EVs and charging, electrification, energy efficiency, solar and renewable energy and much more.

Visit: <https://www.highlifeexpo.au/>



## Library Visit

### Chatty Cafe

Come along to St Kilda Library and meet some new friends over a cuppa.

Chatty Cafe brings the community together for friendly conversation and social connection. No need to book, just come along and join the chat!

Chatty Cafe is a weekly event commencing on Thursday 6 June at St Kilda Library.

Visit: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/chatty-cafe>



## Community Spirit

### Golden moment for South Melbourne Life Saving Club

South Melbourne Life Saving Club has taken out two gold medals at the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.

Known as the Aussies, the youth championships were held on the Sunshine Coast in April. Millie Andrich, Katherine Hargest, Lexi Lamrock, Aurora McBride and Silvana Mandile won the 5-person rescue and resuscitation (R & R) event. Aurora and Silvana also took gold in the 2-person R & R competition.

R & R is a competition based on the simulated rescue and resuscitation of a patient from the surf using the traditional belt and reel.



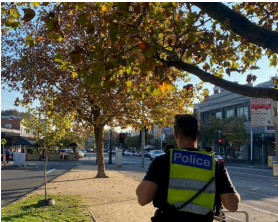
Coach Christine Cardwell said: "The team had been training since last October and showed tremendous resilience and determination on the day, despite two team members sustaining minor foot injuries just before the event."

The team's medal winning efforts were supported by several local businesses and a Council Quick Response grant.

Learn more about upcoming courses, the Nippers program and how to join the Club.

Visit: <https://southmelbournelsc.com.au/>

## What's On



### Community safety forum

**Monday 27 May**  
**5.30 pm to 7 pm**  
**Mary Kehoe Community Centre, Albert Park**

The latest in a series of community safety forums across our City focuses on issues specific to Albert Park and Middle Park.

South Melbourne Police Station Commanders and Prahran Highway Patrol will share local information and be available for a Q&A to discuss community concerns and provide feedback on neighbourhood issues.

For more information, visit our [website](#).



### Shakespeare Grove Artist Studios

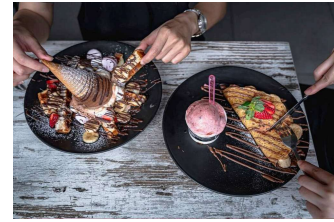
**24 May and 25 May**  
**10 am to 4 pm**  
**VegOut Community Gardens**  
**2 Spenser Street, St Kilda**

Meet some of the exciting creatives at Shakespeare Grove Artist Studios during Melbourne Design Week.

The resident artists and designers will showcase their work in a group exhibition and welcome visitors into their studios to chat about their working process.

Their practices span fashion, costume design, jewellery making, photography, glass making, craft, digital design and public art as well as fine art practices.

For more information visit the [Melbourne Design Week](#) page on the National Gallery of Victoria's website.



### Acland's Sweet Side

**Saturday 9 June**  
**12 pm to 3 pm**  
**Nine participating shops in Acland Street, St Kilda**

Acland's Sweet Side promotion is back!

With its decades old cake shops, with windows filled to the ceiling with cakes and slices, and delicious and varied ice cream and yoghurt shops, Acland Street has to be Melbourne's dessert precinct!

A \$10 booked ticket allows you to try four delicious cake shops, four icecream shops and one yummy yoghurt outlet.

To find out how it works and which shops are offering these delectable desserts, visit our [What's On](#) website.

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