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**Spring Graze Southside serving up
drinks and dining all October**

A major new food and wine event, Spring Graze Southside, is coming to more than 40 Port Phillip venues from 1 October, including five signature Crawl and Bite events produced by Melbourne Food & Wine.

Presented by our City, Spring Graze Southside features an exciting array of unique local dining and drinking experiences at both well-loved established venues and high-profile newcomers.

With a focus on local and sustainable food and wine practices, the diversity and quality of hospitality offerings from Elwood to St Kilda, Balaclava to Ripponlea and South Melbourne to Albert Park and Port Melbourne are firmly on the menu.

Visitors and residents can enjoy a raft of independently produced events including unique dining experiences, tastings, tours and bespoke menus.

Melbourne Food & Wine Crawl and Bite Southside, a signature event series produced by Melbourne Food & Wine and incorporated into Spring Graze Southside, is a program of 'progressive dinners and moveable feasts' based on the successful Melbourne Food & Wine Festival event series of the same name.

Five exciting dining destinations will be showcased - Acland Street and surrounds, Fitzroy Street, Carlisle Street, South Melbourne and Port Melbourne.

For more information go to whatsonstkilda.com



What a feeling! The 80s are back at 2024 Port Phillip Seniors Festival

A record number of diverse events and activities will be showcased at the 2024 City of Port Phillip Seniors Festival from 1 to 14 October. The biggest and most inclusive program yet features 43 Council and community-led events and activities across Port Phillip.

Events include the 80s tribute Show, 80s Enuff! Put down that Rubik's Cube, pull up your acid wash jeans and leg warmers and get down to the 'greaties from the eighties' including What a Feeling.

The Port Phillip Library Service has produced 11 events including Smart Phone Stories Workshops for Seniors, a Seniors Writing Panel and a Multicultural Seniors Showcase series of pop-up performances in library branches.

The Victorian Pride Centre will present An Afternoon with Friends of Dorothy. This event, celebrating older LGBTIQ+ community members, features interactive activities, pop-up stalls, free cake and coffee and a private tour of the Centre.

The Festival also includes a University of the Third Age Port Phillip arts showcase, performances and a seminar, croquet, community gardening, a First Nations artist led art workshop, bowling, live music, discussions, film screenings and joyful celebrations of culture with amazing food, music, videos and dancing presented by several cherished cultural groups. The Port Phillip Writes Awards Ceremony marks the official close of the jam-packed Festival.

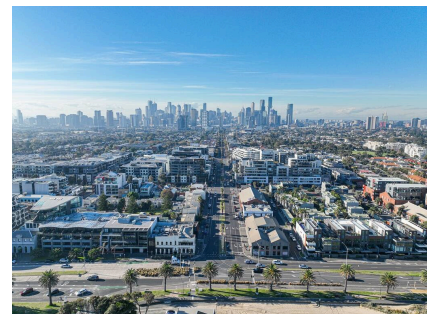
Bookings are essential for most events. For more information and the full program, go to <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/seniors/seniors-festival> or call 9209 6777.

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Port Phillip in 3D

We've launched our 3D Maps at Port Phillip for planning applications – a new 3D web tool that lets you see future developments in the City of Port Phillip from your screen.

This 3D model allows you to explore and visualise future residential developments over two storeys across our City.



Thanks to the Digital Funding Grant from the Victorian Government's Department of Transport and Planning, we've been able to fund the purchase of 3D Building Models for the entire municipality and deliver the 3D Maps for some residential planning applications.

Along with existing buildings, you can see some of our planning permit applications that are in process and those that are approved for development.

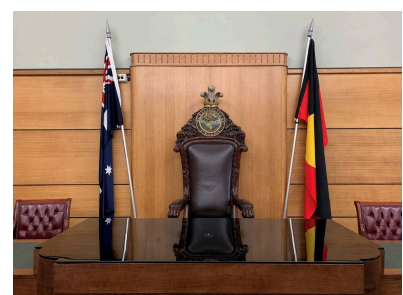
Whether you're a resident curious about local changes or an investor looking for insights, the 3D Maps for planning applications is your gateway to understanding the evolving cityscape of Port Phillip.

Full details are at <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/3d-development-activity-model>

A guide to the upcoming Election Period

As we approach the 2024 local government elections, Council will enter caretaker - also known as the Election Period.

In this time the material produced by councils must not contain



matter that will affect voting at the election. There will be a reduction in the amount of content distributed by Council channels, including e-newsletters and social media. This means you won't receive a Divercity newsletter until November.

Caretaker starts at midday Tuesday 17 September continuing until 6 pm on election day, which falls on Saturday 26 October 2024.

Garbage trucks aren't battery bins

Our waste contractor has seen a significant increase in fires in garbage trucks caused by batteries. Incidents like this used to occur annually but are now happening weekly.



Fires are mostly occurring in garbage trucks, but they've also been found in trucks collecting recycling. Of particular concern are lithium batteries found in various devices including vapes, e-bikes, e-scooters and other light electric vehicles.

Under pressure and heat, all batteries can explode and cause injury. No type of battery should ever be placed in your kerbside bins or any public place bin.

On top of being highly dangerous, disposing of batteries in garbage bins means that finite metals like lithium are lost. If batteries end up in landfill, the lithium can no longer be recycled into new batteries needed to power electric vehicles, among other devices.

Disposing of batteries safely:

Residents can safely dispose of batteries and items containing batteries as follows:

Drop them off at our Resource Recovery Centre – we accept car batteries too.

Drop smaller batteries off at supermarkets or other outlets participating in the B-cycle recycling program.

Drop vapes off at St Kilda Town Hall during business hours – they will be recycled by a specialty recycler.

To market, to market

Everyone loves a market and there's plenty happening in St Kilda and Southside year round.

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



Markets include Bourne Local, Elwood, Summer in the Glade, Albert Park, Carlisle Street Market, South Melbourne Market, Elwood Community Market, The Trust Makers Market, Ripponlea, St Kilda Esplanade Market, Veg Out St Kilda Farmers' Market, Elwood Farmers' Market and Gasworks Farmers Market, Albert Park.

More information: <https://whatsonstkilda.com/article/14146-a/the-best-markets-in-st-kilda-and-southside>

Flood preparation

Flooding can occur quickly and without warning. City of Port Phillip is at a high risk of flood as the landscape is flat and low lying. To keep yourself, your family, your pets and property safe, follow these life-saving steps:

1 Be prepared by making a plan, checking your insurance cover, storing items off the ground and

cleaning gutters.

2 Be neighbourly, check in on vulnerable neighbours during extreme weather.

3 Be safe, don't drive through flood waters - it only takes 15 cm to float a vehicle.

4 Be informed, for emergency information call the VicEmergency hotline (1800 226 226) and download the VicEmergency app from the Apple Store or Google Play. For a storm or flood emergency call VIC SES on 132 500.



More information:

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/health-and-safety/emergencies-and-extreme-weather/preparing-for-extreme-weather>

Father Bob fund-raising festival

Father Bob's Foundation is celebrating what would have been Father Bob's 90th birthday with a big Bob Fest fund-raiser from Friday 13 September to Sunday 15 September.



All ticket sales go back to the Foundation to continue his legacy and the work he was so passionate about.

Bob Fest boasts music at The Espy Basement, STEAM activities for children, a lively panel conversation, documentary screening, comedy show, dog parade and community meal.

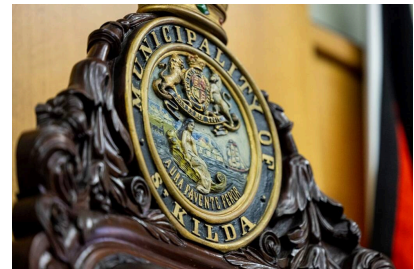
Full details:

<https://www.fatherbobs.com/bob-fest>

Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Actions at our 4 September Council Meeting included:

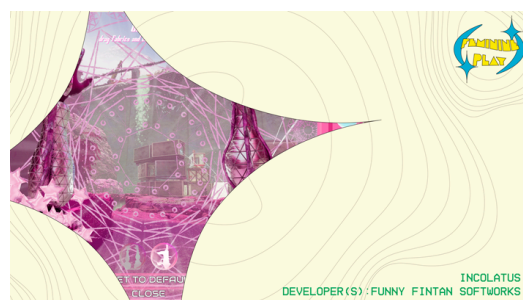
- endorsing the Reconciliation Action Plan 2024-26
- entering a funding agreement with the Port Phillip EcoCentre
- discussing how to support food relief services, including continuing to advocate to the Victorian Government for funding.



Full details:

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-4-september-2024>

Arts in Focus



Gem of an art exhibition

The Emerald Hill Art Group has attracted local talented artists for 39 years.

The Group's annual exhibition at Gasworks Arts Park showcases an eclectic mix of paintings.

The exhibition runs until 22 September. Each contributing artist has developed their personal creative style with their preferred medium.

Exhibits at the free event include watercolours, oil paintings and pen and ink artworks.

Image: Neil Whalebone

Full details: <https://gasworks.org.au/whats-on/emerald-hill-art-group-annual-exhibition-at-gasworks-arts-gallery/>

Feminine Play

Pink is punk, crafting is radical, and nurturing is not regressive.

Feminine Play reimagine games and play and account for experiences and perspectives that have gone unnoticed. This interactive public exhibition draws on Stephanie Harkin's research on feminine games and play cultures.

This free event is at the St Kilda Town Hall's Carlisle St. Art Space from 4 to 18 October.

Opening hours are 8.30 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday, with special opening hours on Saturday and Sunday, 9 to 5 pm.

More information:

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

Help Shape our City



Youth Soundcheck - experiences of live music for ages 15-25!

Are you aged 15 - 25? Take our brief survey for a chance to win awesome live music prizes! We want your help to understand what would help young people attend local live music. Give your feedback by Monday 16 September <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/youth-soundcheck>

Our Coastal Future

Win \$200 and show off your photography skills! Enter our photography contest and capture the beauty of Port Phillip. There are four categories: Professional, Amateur, Youth, and Children. The overall winner, based on the most likes, will receive a \$200 gift voucher. Each category winner will also receive a \$200 voucher. Submissions close 15 December 2024 and winners will be announced 19 December 2024. <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/our-coastal-future>

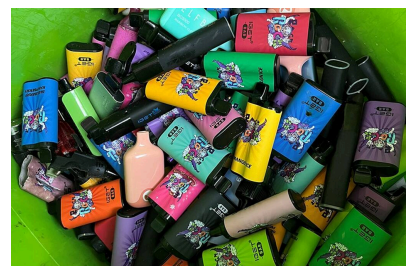
During the Election Caretaker Period, community engagement on Council projects will be closed. You can subscribe to our community engagement newsletter to stay in the loop when projects start to open for consultation again via <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au>

Sustainability

Recycling trial exceeds 2000 vapes

In February 2024, our Council launched its first vape recycling trial – and we're thrilled with how our community has embraced the program.

By the end of July, 128kg of vapes had been dropped off at our collection point at St Kilda Town Hall to be specially



recycled. This equates to over 2000 vapes.

As vapes contain many different parts and materials, they cannot be recycled in kerbside recycling bins or go in garbage bins. When they do, they can cause fires and injury as well as environmental damage.

The program will continue in Port Phillip, and we are planning to increase drop-off points by the end of 2024.

More information:

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/vape-recycling-trial-collects-over-2000-vapes>

Library Visit

Learn more about changes to aged care

We're partnering with the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care and the Australian Library and Information Association in a community engagement initiative to promote aged care reforms.



We are hosting aged care information hubs across four of our libraries where you can find out about changes to aged care and access information and engage in conversations about services for you or your family.

These include:

St Kilda Library

From Monday 9 September to Sunday 20 October

Port Melbourne Library

From Monday 21 October to Sunday 27 October

Emerald Hill Library

From Monday 28 October to Sunday 3 November

Albert Park Library

From Monday 4 November to Sunday 10 November

These information hubs will be staffed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11 am to 1.30 pm by Council's Aged Care team.

You can also fill out an enquiry form at one of the information hubs if you require further information about aged care services for yourself, or someone you care about. We will also be hosting information sessions at our library branches.

For more information about the Department of Health and Aged Care's community engagement initiative, visit agedcareengagement.health.gov.au

Community Connector Service

The City of Port Phillip has a new Community Connector role. This role supports older people living in Port Phillip to access and navigate the Aged Care system and information about carer supports.

The Community Connector can also help to find local community-based services and groups that provide social opportunities to connect to others and can provide information about food services

and transport options.

The Community Connector can be contacted on 9209 6882. You can also speak to one of our Customer Service teams at St Kilda and Port Melbourne Town Halls, who will pass on your request.

Community Spirit

Upcycle4good

Upcycling and repurposing is a fun and eco-friendly way of breathing new life into old items. The workshops provide a safe and caring mateship environment.

The Well at St Kilda Chapel is holding free workshops every Wednesday from 9 am to 1 pm to encourage upcycling of timber pallets and old wood fence palings into inspiring creative pieces.

A facilitator will share his skills and lunch is included for participants. The City of Port Phillip is a proud supporter of this program. For more information contact The Salvation Army's Community Development Officer Major Narelle Jacobsen on 0408991334 or email narelle.jacobsen@salvationarmy.org.au

The Well at Chapel at 12B Chapel Street is a non-profit community organisation for people to pop in for a coffee and meet other community members on Wednesdays and Fridays in a caring environment.



What's On



Scare Kilda

25-27 October 2024
St Kilda

Love a freakishly good time? Then Scare Kilda – the BIGGEST Halloween celebration in Melbourne - is ready to thrill you.

Acland and Fitzroy Street Trader Associations, plus many of the organisations and businesses in the two precincts, will be hosting horrifying events across this weekend, that will appeal to kids, families, over 18s and more – something for



Balaclava Boogie

Friday 21 November -
Sunday 23 November

Balaclava Boogie is again taking over the Carlise Street Precinct in Balaclava.

Get ready for an electrifying line-up of artists performing across live music venues, bars, cafes and restaurants.

The unforgettable weekend for music enthusiasts includes soulful blues, dynamic rock, hypnotic jazz and infectious beats for all



Fitzroy Street food

Wednesday 18 September
6 pm to 9 pm

A global gastronomic journey will soon get underway in the Fitzroy Street Precinct.

Around the World in One Night is an epic restaurant crawl where you have the opportunity to taste the delicious cuisines of about 17 restaurants.

From India to Italy, West Africa to Thailand, France to Scotland, China to America

everyone!

In many instances you'll be able to hop from one event to another – or visit multiple over the course of the weekend.

Events on offer include:

- Acland Street's Family-Friendly Ghoulish Ghost Tours
- Nightmare on Fitzroy Street on-street trick or treating and family fun
- Luna Park - Luna Dark
- Bowls of the Damned St Kilda Sports Club
- Acland Shopping Centre Hideous Halloween Hunt
- St Kilda Zombie Pub Crawl.

Full details from 12 September at the Discover St Kilda website.

ages.

Adding to the fun, the Carlisle Street Market in Dianella Lane, Balaclava, is operating from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday 23 November.

Save the date, spread the word, and prepare to boogie like never before!

The Carlisle Street website will post more information as it becomes available.

and more, there's something to tempt every palate!

Bookings close Monday 16 September at 5 pm.

Musicians will be dotted along the street to entertain you on your global food adventure.

To book and see what's on the menu, check out the Fitzroy Street website.

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