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From the Chamber

There is a strong sense of inclusion and diversity when I look back at the many events held in our City over the past few weeks.

We were delighted so many Midsumma Festival events were held in Port Phillip during this amazing annual celebration of LGBTIQA+ arts and culture, which also enhances the economic life of our City.

It was fantastic to see the Port Phillip Council contingent proudly participating in the Midsumma Pride March after we hosted the traditional curtain-raiser – a flag-raising ceremony at St Kilda Town Hall. We have been a major sponsor of the March since it began and greatly value its important message of inclusion.

It was also my privilege to attend the We-Akon Dilinja (Mourning Reflection) dawn ceremony on 26 January. Presented by the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council in partnership with our Council, it's a very meaningful opportunity to reflect on the past in the spirit of reconciliation. A recording of the event is available for those who were unable to attend and want to experience the wonderful performances and heartfelt acknowledgments.

Later on Australia Day there was a sense of joy and excitement when I conferred Australian Citizenship on people from 43 countries. Read on in this issue of Divercity to meet Raniya and Camilla and learn why they love being part of our community.



We're opening some of our grants earlier than usual in 2024 so make sure you don't miss your chance to make our community an even better place to live, create and play. Our Community Grants, Community Development Fund and Love My Place grants will be open for submissions on 27 February. Visit our website for more information.

Our 7 February Council Meeting was the first for 2024 and there were several issues on the agenda of keen interest to members of our community. One of these was a discussion about the feedback received on our Village Model proposal to change how we deliver services to older people.

I'd like to thank the clients, community groups and members, staff, advisory committees and unions who took the time to provide their views during the community consultation. We will be considering this feedback very carefully before making a decision at our 21 February Council Meeting.

We also discussed a Notice of Motion about the Captain Cook statue which was vandalised in Catani Gardens on 25 January. Council Officers are continuing their work for the reinstatement including engagement with Heritage Victoria.

We anticipate having a plan for the reinstatement in the next couple of weeks. Conversations to understand the views of Traditional Owner groups will continue, including ways in which our Council could better recognise the perspectives, experiences and history of First Nations people.

Last, but not least, I want to invite everyone to enjoy the amazing free celebration of Australian live music showcased at our St Kilda Festival from 17-18 February. First Peoples First will again kick off the Festival on the Saturday with an incredible line-up of First Nations artists.

Then it's Big Festival Sunday with fantastic acts and activities for all ages. There's too much to include here so please dip into the St Kilda Festival program to plan two great days of free fun. There really is something for everyone to enjoy.

Proudly Port Phillip

Cr Heather Cunsolo

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



Curtain rising for St Kilda Festival

There's something for everyone when the fabulous - and free - St Kilda Festival returns from 17-18 February.

More than 60 acts are taking to multiple stages for the 43rd year of Australia's most popular free music festival. Adding to the fun, roving performers and buskers will be on hand and there are plenty of family entertainment and activities on offer.

Proudly presented by City of Port Phillip, this two-day celebration of Australian music kicks off with **First Peoples First** on 17 February from 10 am - 9 pm. The incredible line-up of First Nations artists includes **Mo'Ju, Birren, Charlie Needs Braces, Pirritu, The Merindas** and **Ziggy Ramo** and the event concludes with a sunset ceremony Kummargii Yulendji Gadabah (together we rise up with knowledge).

We're delighted the Victorian Government is joining with us to celebrate the significant talent of First People's artists at this unique event by providing a \$40,000 grant.

Thousands are expected to flock to the foreshore and beyond the next day for **Big Festival Sunday** from 10 am to 10 pm.

The Main Stage will feature **Bag Raiders, Budjerah, Mallrat, Thandi Phoenix, Mark Seymour & the Undertow, 1300** and last year's New Music Competition Winner, **Julian Munyard**.

Singing Our Futures, presented by the Archie Roach Foundation, returns to both days of the Festival.

Other Sunday programming includes:

The Cointreau Summer Stage (18+) at Catani Gardens featuring performers

including **Northeast Party House, Gut Health, J-MILLA and Forest Claudette.**

The Triangle Stage playing host to **RVG, Platonic Sex, Cool Sounds, Chikchika, The Slingers** and **Big Words.**

The Locals Stage at Acland Plaza showcasing performances from artists including **JHM, Bailey Judd, Tanya George,** and **The Miffs.**

The family friendly fun on Big Festival Sunday includes the O'Donnell Gardens Stage, with a dedicated program of children's entertainment from morning until early afternoon. There are also plenty of other fun activities to keep the kids entertained, including a silent disco and CLIPPED Karaoke at Shakespeare Grove.

Popular children's band Team Dream, performers Whistle & Trick, Woody's World interactive ukulele music and storytelling and Riot Baby's punk take on children's books are just some of the acts on offer for younger festival-goers.

Don't miss the New Music Stage where a 2025 St Kilda Festival Main Stage opening slot and \$5,000 cash prize is on the line as part of the New Music Competition. Other stages include the POOF DOOF Pride Patrol stage on Fitzroy Street, the Espy Live Stage on Pollington Street, the Rhythm Quarter at Alfred Square and the Dance Zone near the St Kilda Sea Baths.

St Kilda Festival's diverse program also features dance performances, workshops, sports demonstrations, community group activities, food and market stalls and extended business trading.

Renowned as one of Australia's largest and longest running free music and cultural events, it's no wonder the Festival brings significant economic benefits to St Kilda all while celebrating and promoting fantastic Australian talent.

City News

New citizens welcomed in Australia Day ceremony

About 135 Port Phillip residents from 43 countries became Australian citizens on 26 January at a citizenship ceremony at the St Kilda Town Hall.



The ceremony was officiated by Port Phillip Council Mayor Heather Cunsolo, who became an Australian citizen herself in St Kilda 10 years ago to the day.

There was a sense of excitement as conferees were presented with their citizenship, along with a wattle pin and a native Australian plant. A performance by the Decibelles choir and a sausage sizzle outside on the lawns added to the celebratory atmosphere.

South Melbourne residents Raniya (14), her mother Iftu, brother Mursi (11) and sister Inas (eight) were among the new citizens.

Raniya and her siblings were born in Nairobi, Kenya while Iftu was born in neighbouring Ethiopia. The family arrived in Australia in 2018 as refugees.

Raniya, who described the ceremony as emotional, said receiving Australian citizenship means it will be easier to travel to see family members.

“We’re all feeling so happy,” she said. “It means so much to us to be a part of the Australian community and we are happy to spend the day with friends and family and other members of our community.”

Raniya loves living in South Melbourne and attending Albert Park College.

“South Melbourne is close to shopping for Mum and we like living near the big parks where we go and play,” she said. “At school, I like working with other students, collaborating with my teachers and learning new subjects.”

Fellow conferees and former professional basketball players Camilla and Rasmus arrived in Australia from Denmark in 2016.

Camilla, the former captain of the Danish national basketball team, said their stay was originally intended to be a short trip to enjoy the opportunity to play basketball in a new country.

“We wanted to play in another country before we finished up our basketball careers,” Camilla said.

“We wanted to go somewhere we could speak the language and have a fun experience with basketball as a working holiday. Eight years later, here we are with a dog and a baby!”

After arriving in Australia, Camilla and Rasmus moved to South Melbourne and now live in Middle Park, never straying from Port Phillip.

“We arrived here and never wanted to live anywhere else. It’s a beautiful area, you have everything you could ever need and we like being close to the city,” Camilla said.

Despite taking up the offer for a longer stay, Camilla and Rasmus never envisioned that would turn into an opportunity to become Australian citizens.

“Australia is a country that has given us some massive opportunities for our family and our work,” Camilla said.

“We’re really grateful and proud to be able to give our daughter a dual citizenship where she can go live in Denmark or live here in Australia in two of the best countries in the world.”

Port Phillip Mussel & Jazz Festival

South Melbourne Market's annual Port Phillip Mussel & Jazz Festival is back and better than ever.

The iconic Melbourne event attracts more than 60,000 mollusc and music lovers to South Melbourne for a seafood street party on the Labour Day long weekend.

Enjoy a showcase of local jazz and soul musicians, cooking demonstrations, free family fun, plus plenty of delicious seafood and mussels!

Learn more



Respect, Remembrance and Revival at We-Akon Dilinja

With St Kilda's spectacular foreshore as the backdrop, hundreds of people gathered at Alfred Square on 26 January for the fifth We-Akon Dilinja (Mourning Reflection) ceremony.

Attendees sat or stood quietly as dawn broke to hear the annual ceremony's important message of reflection and reconciliation.



We-Akon Dilinja was presented by the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (BLSC), in partnership with our Council. Support was also provided by the National Australia Day Council.

This year's theme of Respect, Remembrance and Revival was delivered through First Nations song and music. The BLSC's Parbinata Dr Carolyn Briggs AM and N'arweet Jason Briggs were among the speakers. If you missed the ceremony, you can watch a video of the event on our website.

Watch We-Akon Dilinja

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/first-nations-community-information/we-akon-dilinja>

Guided Walks: Discover Port Phillip's rich history

From its iconic old buildings to a feast of underground music, Port Phillip has an exciting and vibrant history to explore. Let us take you on a journey through what made this city a unique place to live, work and play with our February to June 2024 Guided Walks program.



Upcoming walks in February

Our 2024 free Guided Walks program is off to a fabulous start which a blockbuster line up this February starting with a journey through the storied St Kilda underground music scene from 1979 to 1987. The walk for 11 February is already booked out. But we still have spots at two amazing walks available on Friday 16 February.

Kicking us off from 2 pm to 4 pm, Rob Wellington talks to special guest Fred Negro of 'I Spit On Your Gravy' fame to discuss the bands, promoters, fashion and artists that made this period such a significant decade in Australian music history. The tour includes a live music stop, featuring, the fabulous 'Folk Bitch Trio'.

And we're just warming up - next up Melynda Von Wayward will be in conversation with Paulie Stewart from Painters and Dockers to discuss the iconic decade. And if you missed the previous walk (or you just want more), this one also features a live music stop, featuring, the 'Folk Bitch Trio'.

If you're after a bit of local storytelling, our Lost Port Melbourne walk on Sunday 18 February will take you through historic Port Melbourne with its many 'lost' pubs, cinemas, homes, shops, trees, places of worship, education and commerce. The walk starts at 10 am at Beacon Cove tram stop.

Port Phillip has proud LGBTIQA+ history, and amongst the many ways we're showing our pride this year is with our 'Queer Connections': Celebrating LGBTIQA+ history in Port Phillip' exhibition at St Kilda Town Hall from 2 February to 26 April 2024. To coincide with this, we've called on AQUA archivist Graham Willett to host a walk on 25 February from 2 to 4 pm exploring iconic St Kilda venues, and to learn about the trailblazers, entertainers, issues, organisations, glamour and humour that exemplify LGBTIQA+ history in Port Phillip.

Other upcoming walks

And that's just for February. We have a stellar line-up of excellent walks led by experts on the history and culture of this incredible city. We have something for everyone from celebrating notable women of St Kilda to an exploration of Acland Street to the greening of South Melbourne. Our full February to June 2024 program is available here: [Guided walks and things to do - City of Port Phillip](#).

All walks are free, but book early - they reach capacity fast.

Learn more

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/explore-the-city/history-and-heritage/guided-walks-and-things-to-do>

Vape recycling to launch at St Kilda Town Hall

The use of e-cigarettes, also known as vapes, has been steadily increasing, leading to an increase in plastic and electronic waste. Our new vape recycling trial allows residents to dispose of vapes safely while saving minerals like lithium from landfill.



Whilst we know there are issues of significant concern in our community due to vaping, we also acknowledge that the increased incidence of vaping has created a need for better management of waste associated with this habit. Council is therefore trialling a six-month vape recycling program that allows residents to dispose of vapes safely.

Although originally designed as a harm reduction tool for smokers, the increasing prevalence of vapes has created new social and environmental problems. In the City of Port Phillip, we are finding vapes discarded in our environment and as contamination in our garbage and mixed recycling bins.

Because vapes contain many different parts and materials, they cannot be recycled in kerbside mixed recycling bins, nor can they go inside garbage bins. When they do, they can cause fires and injury as well as environmental damage. Vapes can only be disposed of safely through specialised recycling programs.

How you can recycle vapes

From Monday 19 February, residents can drop off vapes and vials / pods (empty or full) at St Kilda Town Hall. Residents will find a dedicated bin in our reception area, alongside our other

waste and recycling bins, near the entrance to our gallery. Vapes will then be safely transported and recycled by our processor.

Three types of waste in one

There are many types of vapes, but most fall into two categories, rechargeable and disposable. Both these varieties contain three main types of waste, and all of these are harmful if they reach our environment.

Electronic waste (batteries and circuit boards)

If vapes are discarded as litter, they will eventually start to degrade. In the process, toxic compounds from the circuit boards and batteries leach into the environment, polluting soil and water. When this happens, these highly sought-after compounds are also wasted and prevented from being reused and contributing to a circular economy.

Toxic liquids

'E-liquids' inside vapes contain several hazardous chemicals including nicotine. If they enter our waterways, they can harm aquatic life and contaminate water.

Plastics

Plastics used in vapes cause several problems. Firstly, they aren't designed to biodegrade. If they do find their way into our environment, they simply break down into smaller pieces known as microplastics. These find their way into storm drains and pollute our waterways and wildlife. If discarded as litter, the plastic may also leak nicotine and other chemicals into the environment or be eaten by wildlife or pets, causing harm or even death.

New vaping regulation

We are aware that changes to vape regulation have recently come into effect. We are trialling a vape recycling service so that any vapes in circulation can be recycled safely at their end of life.

Disposable vapes: The Australian Government has banned the importation of disposable vapes starting 1 January 2024. Those that were imported before this time can still be sold until stocks run out.

Re-chargeable vapes (intended for therapeutic purposes only): These will continue to be legally sold through pharmacists after 1 March 2024. Eventually, these refillable vapes will also reach the end of their life as the batteries inside them wear down. These will need to be disposed of and recycled appropriately.

For more information on changes to vape regulation, please refer to the Therapeutic Goods Administration's website.

Learn more

<https://www.tga.gov.au/news/media-releases/new-regulation-vapes-starting-january-2024>

A new forum for community safety

We're co-hosting a series of forums focusing on individual neighbourhoods, where you can learn about important community safety matters from Victoria Police and share your concerns.

Each of the four forums planned for 2024 will be led by local police station commanders, who will share key insights about what is happening within these particular communities.



The first forum is focused on South Melbourne. We are aware of community concerns about anti-social behaviour in Acland and Fitzroy streets and a subsequent forum will be dedicated to St Kilda East and Balaclava. There will also be forums relating to Albert Park and Middle Park and Elwood.

Regardless of location, if you see a crime in progress call 000. Non-urgent crime can be reported to Crime Stoppers.

There will also be a Q&A session at the end of each forum, where you can raise any questions or concerns you may have relating to the particular neighbourhood that forum is focusing on.

Bookings are not required.

Learn more

<https://www.port Phillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/a-new-forum-for-community-safety>

Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Actions at our 7 February Council meeting included:

- Noting of the Aged Care Reform Engagement Report. A decision on whether to adopt the proposed Village Model will be made at the 21 February Council Meeting.
- Discussion of a Notice of Motion about the vandalised Captain Cook statue.
- Draft South Melbourne Structure Plan endorsed to be released for community consultation.
- Presentation of November CEO Report.



Learn more

<https://www.port Phillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-7-february-2024>

Arts in Focus

St Kilda Blues Festival

Born of a love of the blues and our hometown, the St Kilda Blues Festival is a showcase of local blues talent with a sprinkling of international acts.

The annual festival is back with its rhythmic vengeance on 1 – 3 March for a free weekend

celebrating the spirit of the blues.

More than 20 venues will host 70-plus gigs along Acland Street, Fitzroy Street and the Blessington Street Precinct.

International award-winning artists Dom Turner, Geoff Achison and Mike Rudd's Spectrum headline the jam-packed festival.

Visitors to St Kilda will experience street performances from bands such as Hoodoo Mayhem - second line parade, Heavy Medicine, Mission Brown, Paulie Bignell and the Thornbury Two, Smokestack Rhino, The Black Molls, Alex Burns, Jarrod Shaw and many more.

The St Kilda Blues Festival is presented by the Fitzroy Street Business Association and the Acland Street Village Business Association.

Our Council proudly supports the St Kilda Blues Festival through our Cultural Development Fund and Locals Playing Locals initiative, which directly supports home-grown performers.

Visit the St Kilda Blues Festival website to learn more.

<https://stkildabluesfestival.com.au/>



St Kilda Festival fun starts on a Friday

Can't wait for St Kilda Festival? We've got your pre-Festival fix covered when St Kilda comes alive with live music gigs on the eve of Australia's biggest free music festival.



St Kilda Live Music Precinct Friday will take place on 16 February with more than 20 venues set to host free live music gigs in a perfect curtain raiser to the beloved St Kilda Festival.

Iconic venues including The Espy, Memo Music Hall, the National Theatre, The Bowlo (St Kilda Sports Club), The Vineyard, 29th Apartment, Freddie's and many more will host performances featuring local talent.

Whether it's the surf guitar sounds of the Vibrajets at the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, St Kilda's take on Nashville country with Keep the Circle Unbroken with Row Jerry Crow at the National Theatre, or the high energy pirate punk of Burn in Hell at The Bowlo, there will be something for every music lover.

Spanning across genres of punk, country, jazz, and surf rock, the Friday night program includes established and emerging acts.

The famous music suburb's legacy will be celebrated with St Kilda Underground Music Walking Tours with guest co-hosts Freddy Negro and Paul Stewart, and Jack Howard's Epic Brass celebrating classic St Kilda rock and punk songs of the 70s and 80s at Memo Music Hall.

Some of St Kilda's most exciting young bands, such as Better than Sex will play at the Vineyard.

Most shows will be free, and others cheap, with performances staggered so audiences can

take in as much live music as possible in one night.

The Friday night program will be the warm-up before hundreds of thousands of revellers descend onto the foreshore for a huge weekend of live music and entertainment.

First Peoples First takes place on Saturday (17 February) headlined by renowned neo-soul artist Mo'Ju. Then Big Festival Sunday (18 February) will see popular electronica, hip hop and indie-pop musician, Mallrat, and the much-loved Sydney electronic musical duo Bag Raiders take to the stage.

St Kilda was officially declared a Live Music Precinct last year as a celebrated home of live music. The St Kilda Live Music Precinct is a strong first step in reinforcing St Kilda as a leader of live music locally and across the globe.

St Kilda Live Music Precinct Friday is supported by St Kilda Festival and presented by our Council.

For more information on St Kilda Live Music Precinct Friday including participating venues and acts, visit the St Kilda Festival website.

<https://www.stkildafestival.com.au/explore-st-kilda/live-music-precinct-friday>

Help Shape our City



Help us improve FOGO recycling for houses and townhouses

If your property received kerbside food and garden organics (FOGO) recycling in early 2023, we want to hear from you. We are seeking your input so that we can make this service the best it can be.

Provide your feedback by 10 March.

Learn more

<https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/reviewing-food-and-garden-organics-fogo-services>

Help Shape St Kilda Pier Foreshore

Parks Victoria is reconstructing St Kilda Pier with works expected to be completed by late 2024. To improve the connection of the new pier to other attractions in St Kilda create an iconic visitor experience, we have developed a Draft Concept Plan. This proposes extending the pier to meet Jacka Boulevard.

Share your feedback on the Draft Concept Plan to make sure it meets your needs.

Provide your feedback by 28 February.

Learn more

<https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/st-kilda-pier-entry-precinct-upgrade>

Supporting Positive Ageing in Port Phillip

Last year we heard feedback from approximately 650 community members on proposed changes to our Aged Care services in Port Phillip.

We heard that our community would like:

- Support from Council to change over to a new provider
- New providers to offer quality services that are cost effective and tailored to individual's needs
- More opportunities for social connection
- A single point of contact with Council and support to navigate aged care services.

This report was presented at the Council Meeting on 7 February. A decision on the future of aged care in Port Phillip will be made at a meeting on 21 February.

Visit the Council Meetings page on our website to learn more about how you can view the meeting in person or online.

View the full Engagement Report

<https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/supporting-positive-ageing>

Sustainability

Getting off gas – free online session

Ready to replace your gas heating or another gas appliance? Then now is the perfect time to get off gas and transition to electric appliances. Learn more at our online session.



Like many Victorians, you probably have lots of gas appliances. A healthier, cheaper and more environmentally friendly option is moving your home to all-electric appliances.

Be ready for when your heating, cooling, hot water or stove may be ready for replacing and have a plan to move to electric appliances.

To find out more about transitioning your home to all electric, come along to this online event – presented by energy experts Renew on behalf of the City of Port Phillip.

Event details

Thursday 14 March – Online via Zoom

Time: 7 pm to 8.30 pm AEST

Register here

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_82GrsJuFRI6EUoHc6IJe8Q#/registration

Over 200,000 containers collected through Container Deposit Scheme

The Victorian Container Deposit Scheme (CDS Vic) launched on 1 November last year.

It's transforming drink containers into high-quality products while reducing litter in our streets, parks and beaches. In December alone, 200,000 containers were dropped off at return points in our City.



On top of providing individuals with a ten-cent refund, CDS Vic handles a variety of containers, including some that aren't currently accepted in kerbside recycling. One example of this is small liquid paper board containers, often used to house flavoured milks or juices.

Now that a staffed, CDS Vic depot has opened in South Melbourne, we expect to see even more containers be returned by our residents.

South Melbourne CDS Vic depot is here

The South Melbourne CDS Vic depot is the latest return point in our city. You can take virtually any beverage container there – just look out for the 10c symbol on the label for a 10c refund. You can even donate your earnings to a charity or not for profit.

Located at 30 Thistlethwaite Street, opening hours are:

- 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday
- 9 am to 4 pm on weekends and public holidays

It's fully staffed and provides a convenient and accessible experience for everyone. It's perfect for those wanting to return a large number of containers.

Supporting CDS Vic in our City

CDS Vic compliments our kerbside and public place recycling services. It helps our community maximise recycling and reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill in two main ways.

Firstly, CDS Vic accepts items that aren't allowed in our kerbside recycling, such as small liquid paperboard containers. In doing so, it prevents them from ending up in landfill or contaminating our recycling streams.

Secondly, CDS Vic has the potential to divert a significant quantity of CDS eligible material from our public recycling bins where it can be more effectively recycled as a separated waste stream from the point of collection and is free of contamination. At present, our public place recycling bins contain approximately 37 per cent of CDS eligible material.

Eligible containers

Most 150 ml to 3L beverage containers are eligible for a 10-cent refund – provided they are made from glass, plastic, aluminium, steel or liquid paperboard. These are the containers most regularly consumed on the go and found in the litter stream.

Ineligible containers

CDS Vic focuses on beverage containers that are common litter items. It doesn't include wine or spirit bottles – or larger items that are usually found in the home. As the scheme evolves, this may change. These can be placed in your kerbside mixed recycling bin or recycled through your local glass recycling hub.

Learn more

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/waste-recycling-and-rubbish/victorian-container-deposit-scheme-cds-vic>

Library Visit

Author Talk: Robyn Annear

What better defines a city than its street corners? A corner gives you a starting point, a destination and a place to turn. It's furnished with pillar boxes, news-stands and tram stops, and lamp-posts for light and lounging.

Where would you be likeliest to find a pub? At the corner, of course. And who better than Robyn Annear to usher you around the corners of Melbourne, and reveal their bizarre, baroque and mostly forgotten stories?

Hear Robyn speak about her latest book, *Corners of Melbourne*, at Emerald Hill Library on 27 February.

Learn more

<https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/author-talk-robyn-annear>



Community Spirit

parkrun welcomes one millionth participant

parkrun has crossed the finish line on an impressive milestone with one million Australians participating in community running events.

The not-for-profit volunteer organisation hosts free events, where people run or walk five kilometres, across Australia, including in Albert Park. The events are not competitive and are open to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Jason, an Albert Melbourne parkrun participant, celebrated crossing the finish line as the lucky number one million.

He was one of the 1090 runners to lap Albert Park Lake on 27 January which cemented the event as Australia's largest parkrun to date. Albert Melbourne parkrun is one of 481 parkruns across the country.

Joanne Watkins, volunteer Event Director of Albert Melbourne parkrun said she looks forward to welcoming new parkrun participants following the big milestone.



“Some of our regulars take part most weeks, but the beauty of parkrun is that it doesn’t require any commitment,” she said.

“You register once for free on the parkrun website and then you can come along to any parkrun in the world on any Saturday morning if you feel like it.”

“Albert Melbourne parkrun starts at 8 am every Saturday, people meet at Coot Picnic Area, opposite MSAC,” she said.

What's On



Teddy Bears' Picnic

25 February

Rippon Lea Estate is celebrating its 34th annual Teddy Bears' Picnic.

Grab a picnic, some friends, family and most importantly the teddy bears, roll out a rug and enjoy a wonderful family day out under the lush backdrop of Rippon Lea House & Gardens.

Enjoy fairground attractions, face painting, craft activities, market stalls and an array of activities throughout the day. Food trucks will be serving delicious savoury and sweet options.

For more information, visit the Rippon Lea Estate website.



Last chance to visit the Sunset Market

14 March

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

The Sunset Market has landed at Acland Plaza for a short trial period offering 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.

Centrally located at Acland Plaza, 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.

For more information, visit our website.



Clean Up Australia Day in Port Phillip

3 March

Clean Up Australia is calling on all Australians to take part in the upcoming Clean Up Australia Day.

Last year, more than 760,000 Australians pulled on their gloves for the iconic event.

We're hosting our own Clean Up Australia Day event in St Kilda and we welcome the Port Phillip community to come together to help prevent litter from entering the environment and waterways.

For more information about our Clean Up Australia event in St Kilda, visit our website.

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