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From the Chamber

There's no doubt that Port Phillip has passionate pet owners.

Home to the highest density of dogs of any greater Melbourne municipality, there was no surprise when we received pro-canine petitions and feedback after seeking input for our draft dog off-leash area guidelines.

As with any consultation we also heard differing views, including concerns about unruly dog behaviour and amenity impacts on increasingly in-demand public spaces.



The guidelines adopted at our 21 August Council Meeting are designed to achieve the best possible balance. While we have restricted dogs from three expensive premier surface sports fields to avoid costly repairs, there is the opportunity to transform three on-leash reserves into fenced dog-off leash areas.

Updating summer restrictions on stretches of beaches in Elwood and Port Melbourne, improving signage and actively looking for new dog-off leash spaces are also embedded in the guidelines.

An action plan will help us start addressing these changes and proposals, including consulting with our community in 2025 about a new off-leash area to be designed in 2025/6 and delivered in 2026/27, if not sooner through State grants. We received very positive feedback at the meeting about the guidelines and thank everyone who provided feedback.

This month we also endorsed our updated Urban Forest Strategy and adopted new Footpath Trading Guidelines. The footpath guidelines open up exciting opportunities for traders including fairy lights, outdoor cooking stations and outdoor speakers, where appropriate.

I'd like to congratulate another group of passionate Port Phillip residents – the Elwood Canal Action Team (ECAT).

ECAT volunteers' great efforts in retrieving waste from the canal section of Elster Creek has seen them

shortlisted in the litter category of the 28 October Tidy Towns & Cities Sustainability Awards – Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria. Fingers crossed they have a well-deserved win for all they do to help keep our patch in Port Phillip beautiful and the Bay cleaner.

We offer grants to organisations and groups across our diverse City to recognise and support their fantastic work and initiatives. We handed out almost \$500,000 in a grants at our 7 August Council Meeting.

A total of about \$262,470 will be allocated to 29 successful 2024-25 Community Grant Program applicants. Thirteen recipients will benefit from a pool of \$125,142 from the Cultural Development Fund and two Love My Place recipients will each receive \$40,000. Our 2025-26 Rupert Bunny Foundation recipient will receive \$30,000 to further their artistic career.

As always, the standard of applications was very high. We are looking forward to seeing some amazing outcomes for our City and community and will share more in upcoming Divercity issues.

I am disappointed our Council had to cancel the 5 August St Kilda Safety Forum at short notice after Victoria Police informed us they would no longer be attending. Previous Community Safety Forums in our municipality have been very successful connecting residents and traders with the local police. The reason given was the higher echelon did not want to risk any overlap with their own Neighbourhood Policing Forums (NPF).

We know that members of our community are keen to attend an update on crime and anti-social behaviour and have the opportunity to ask questions so we are encouraging police to announce a St Kilda NPF soon.

Proudly Port Phillip

Cr Heather Cunsolo

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



Acland Street activity

Residents and visitors are spoilt for choice with a host of new businesses arriving in the Acland Street Precinct.

These include fun bubble tea outlet Pop! Tea, Hello Harry burgers, JuliAn Nails and Lashes and the re-opening of the former Veludo, with Dr Jekyll (downstairs tavern) and Mr Hyde (upstairs late-night venue).

Loud Mouth Bar is offering live music as a side serve to great food and beverages and the Humble Spud Irish chippie is a stone's throw away in Shakespeare Grove.

Historic Acland Court Shopping Centre is curating two distinct precincts which are attracting new traders to set up shop next to old favourites. Food and fresh produce is the focus on the ground floor with upcoming beauty and well-being services upstairs including a nail salon, brow bar and Pilates studio.

Our Council's Acland Street Vacant Shop Program recently welcomed The Naughty Vegan chocolate shop and the Wheelhouse pop-up ceramic store in nearby Barkly Street. Sustainable active wear company Lunae Active will also be opening in Acland Street very soon.

Acland Street is aglow at night with stunning lighting, including fairy lights twinkling on palm trees, co-funded by Council and the Office for Suburban Development. We are also supporting several Acland Street Village Business Association initiatives, from brightly coloured safety bollards to fun events.

Why not check out the new traders when dropping by to enjoy a favourite Acland Street venue or fun-filled event?

Keep up with the Acland Street news at <https://aclandstreetvillage.com.au/>



Multicultural Storytimes bringing a world of fun to Port Phillip

We're working with Space2b to bring you a new series of Multicultural Storytimes in four languages - Amharic, Arabic, Hindi and Mandarin.

Each of the Storytimes are held fortnightly, offering fun stories read by native language speakers.

It's the perfect place for children aged five and under to develop their language skills while exploring and connecting with both their own and other cultures. Plus, families have the chance to connect with one another and access important Council support services.

We spoke with the storyteller running Storytimes in Hindi, Rohini. Rohini has more than 12 years' experience as a storyteller, so when she moved to Melbourne from India just over a year-and-a-half ago, she knew she wanted to bring her passion for stories and culture with her.

When she and her family arrived in Melbourne, she noticed that her youngest child stopped speaking their native language – Hindi.

Rohini said, "I thought that maybe the work that I do will help me reignite the [cultural] connection for my children."

This experience helped her realise how creating fun learning environments could support children to connect to culture.

Later, when she saw the Hindi storyteller role being advertised on LinkedIn for the City of Port Phillip, she jumped at the chance to apply and to be able to create safe spaces where children from all backgrounds could connect with Indian culture and the Hindi language.

Since being hired as a storyteller, Rohini has completed her training and has begun planning the structure and flow of her storytime sessions. She also participated in training the other storytellers in the cohort, sharing insights on session planning, story structure, presentation, and voice work.

Ultimately, Rohini wants to make it easier for children to read and speak in Hindi and help parents and carers learn how to bring the fun of reading in another language home with them.

One thing that Rohini is especially excited about, is doing more community outreach. She can't wait to build relationships with local families and help them connect with each other. She said, "I see that stories can really bring communities together. They have the power to do that."

If you would like to connect with Rohini and join her storytime sessions. She will be at St Kilda Library on the second and fourth Monday of every month, so pop by and say hi.

If you would like more information about the program or want to view the most up-to-date version of the storytime schedule, check out our Multicultural Storytimes webpage at <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/family-youth-and-children/family-support/multicultural-storytimes>

This program couldn't be delivered without support from Space2b, Better Health Network and FKA Children's Services and the funding provided by the Victorian Government.

City News

Cheap thrills!

Trying to have a life while saving money?

From food to music and comedy and the hugely popular Acland Street Father's Day Car and Bike Show, there's plenty of options on offer:

Fusion on Fitzroy

12:30 to 7 pm, Saturday 31 August, Fitzroy Street, St Kilda.



Some of Melbourne's finest jazz musicians are descending on Fitzroy Street for Fusion on Fitzroy. A street-long jazz takeover, 18 different Fitzroy Street bars and restaurants including George Lane, Bistro Voliere, Milk the Cow, Lady Peacock, Freddie Wimpoles and St Luja. Eat, drink and wander between venues, to a swinging soundtrack, with free gigs from artists including Nina Ferro, The Shuffle Club and Rebecca Barnard. Plus the big brass sounds of New Orleans-inspired Hoodoo Mayhem roving the street.

11th Annual Acland Street Father's Day Car And Bike Show, 10 am to 6 pm, Sunday 1 September, Acland Street, St Kilda

Once a year, car and motor bike lovers converge onto Acland Street, St Kilda, for the 11th Annual Acland Street Father's Day Car and Bike Show. Explore a showcase of classic cars, hot rods and street machines and bikes in this hugely popular free festival. Stay for free entertainment, face painting, carnival rides, giveaways, live music and more.

Nature-Fest on the Birrarung

10am to 3 pm, Sunday 15 September, Westgate Park, Port Melbourne

Explore the hidden natural gem Westgate Park at this family-friendly event during Yarra Riverfest. Discover the park's stunning spring wildflower exhibition, and guided tours and workshops to discover more about the area's ecological significance. There's scavenger hunts, paint stations, and plant-a-seed workshops to entertain the kids. Grab coffee and lunch at food trucks are on site, and meet local community organisations like Gardens for Wildlife, Parks Victoria, and Back to Bikes.

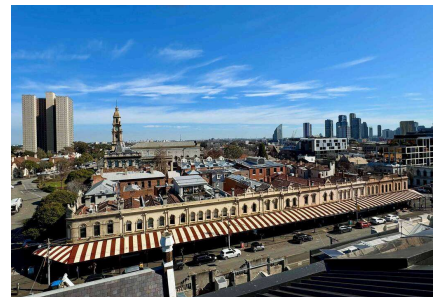
For more great ideas, go to:

<https://whatsonstkilda.com/article/14018-a/free-and-cheap-things-to-do-in-st-kilda-this-month>

Clarendon Street charm lives on

A block of distinctive verandahs in Clarendon Street has been restored to its former glory.

Installed by the Minister of Housing in the 1980s to provide shelter for businesses and shoppers, the verandahs had reached their end of life.

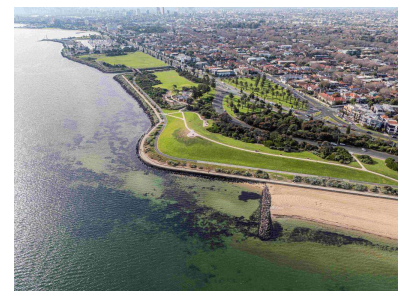


Thanks to support from our Council, delivery by the Clarendon & Coventry Streets Business Association and a \$257,500 grant from the Office of Suburban Development's Living Local Program, the restoration is now complete and this South Melbourne landmark is restored for years to come.

Rates arriving soon

Rates notices for 2024/25 will be soon be appearing in letterboxes and inboxes.

We know the past year has been a difficult one for many people. Rates relief such as payment plans and rates deferment and other resources are available to anyone who is experiencing financial hardship and eligible to receive assistance from our Council. We are also one of the few Victorian councils offering a rebate for pensioners.



The notices will include a significant increase to the Victorian Government Fire Levy, collected by us and passed on to the Government to fund Victoria's fire services. This is not a Council charge and the levy is set by the Government.

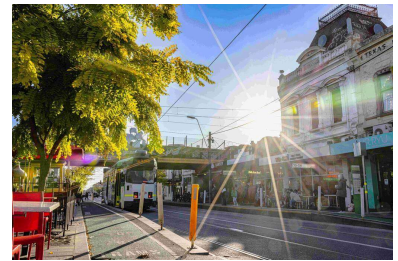
For more information go to:

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/rates-and-valuations>

Balaclava boogies on

Balaclava is abuzz with the return of the popular free Balaclava Boogie event and debut of the Carlisle Street Market.

In good news for music lovers, one of the market days coincides with Balaclava Boogie, which will again showcase local artists at a range of venues from 22 to 24 November.



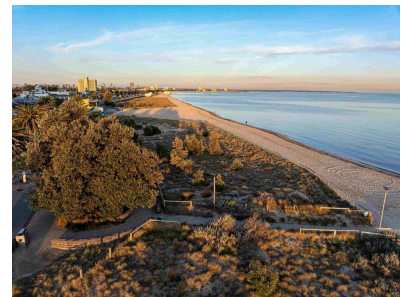
The Carlisle Street Market will be a celebration of community, creativity and connection, right in the heart of Balaclava. The trial market will be held at Dianella Lane Parking from 9 am to 1 pm on 21 September, 26 October and 23 November.

After enjoying the market, why not take the opportunity to explore the Carlisle Street Precinct's diverse offerings? Both events are being held by the Carlisle Street Traders Association. Stay tuned for more details at <https://carlislestreet.com.au/>

Coastal Future photography contest

Showcase your photography talent to capture the beauty of Port Phillip and have the chance of winning a \$200 voucher.

There are four categories: Professional, Amateur, Youth and Children. The overall winner will receive a \$200 gift voucher and each category winner will also receive a \$200 voucher.



Submissions close 15 December 2024 and winners will be announced 19 December 2024.

Full details at <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/our-coastal-future/our-coastal-future-photo-competition>

Major events calendar online

Port Phillip's 2024/25 major events seasonal calendar is now online.

All major events and major road closures can be found on this page, along with contact details for event organisers in case of any queries or concerns about noise or road closures.



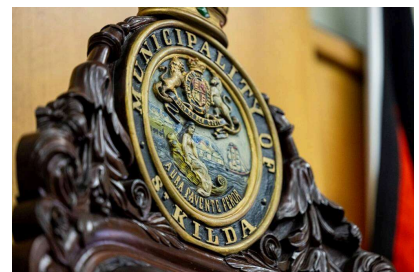
To stay up to date, sign up to all our notifications.

More information can be found at <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/events-venues-and-performers/major-event-notifications-and-road-closures>

Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Actions at our 21 August Council Meeting included:

- Adopting Dog Off-Leash Guidelines and responding to several dog related petitions
- Endorsing the updated Urban Forest Strategy
- Authorising consultation with residents on proposed timed parking restrictions to address long-term caravan parking concerns in Alexandra Street, St Kilda East.



The full details can be found at <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-21-august-2024>

Arts in Focus



World record for MetArt World

Port Melbourne's MetArt World has achieved a Guinness World Record for the largest indoor scrap metal art gallery.

MetArt World is home to an extensive collection of intricate sculptures, all crafted and repurposed from scrap metal.

The gallery features an impressive display of over 200 metal sculptures ranging from metal tankard mugs to larger-than-life dinosaurs and superhero sculptures.

The gallery's second floor displays its fantasy starry sky exhibition in a combination of a world of lights, mirrors and shadows. Visitors can also enjoy the newly expanded virtual reality rooms and art lab.

Visit: <https://www.metartworld.com.au/>



Fusion on Fitzroy Street

Enjoy an afternoon of free jazz on Fitzroy Street, St Kilda on Saturday 31 August.

The Fitzroy Street Business Association is hosting Fusion on Fitzroy Street, an afternoon of jumping jazz in 18 different venues.

Sets will take place from 12.30 pm to 7 pm with plenty of time to grab a drink, bite to eat and shop Fitzroy Street's best offerings.

The lineup features Nina Ferro, Rebecca Barnard, The Shuffle Club, John Scurry's Reverse Swing, Sam Lemann, Raleigh Williams and many more.

Venues include The Fifth Province, Fitzrovia, Ellora, Lady Peacock, and the Victorian Pride Centre.

Visit: <https://fitzroystreetstkilda.com.au/event/fusion-on-fitzroy-street/>

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 Tuesday 16 September

<https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/youth-soundcheck>

Lighting Up Carlisle Street

We're working on making the City of Port Phillip's Activity Centres better. A big part of this is making our shopping areas brighter at night so they are more inviting. Tell us what you think of street lighting in Carlisle Street and inform the Carlisle Street Masterplan as well as future capitol works. Give your feedback by Monday 9 September. <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/lighting-carlisle-street>

Marine Parade Bike Lanes – Victorian Government

It has been two years since the Victorian Government installed temporary bike infrastructure along Marine Parade. The trial is now finishing. Share your thoughts on if it should stay or be removed.

[Your vote counts](#) – they will implement what the community decides. Give your feedback by Sunday 8 September via:

Sustainability

Reduce energy bills as a Solar Saver

Port Phillip has joined the Solar Savers program to give you access to quality solar systems, batteries, heat pump hot water systems and split systems, at competitive prices.

Solar Savers is a local government program that makes it easier for you to start to reduce your energy bills by installing solar panels, batteries, hot water systems and split systems. The program is available to home owners, renters, businesses and landlords.



With solar you can generate your own energy for your home through solar panels on your roof. You are still connected to the mains power grid so when the sun is not shining you still have electricity. On sunny days your excess solar goes back into the electricity grid. This means more renewable energy for everyone.

Installing a split system and electric hot water is a simple and cost-effective way to make your home more comfortable to live in and safer, as you'll be replacing old, potentially unsafe products with new ones that meet current safety requirements.

Heating accounts for 43% of energy costs in the average Victorian home, making it the biggest home energy consumer and a good area to upgrade in.

The Solar Savers program supports you through the whole process by connecting you to accredited installers, offering competitive deals and helping you apply for the rebates, discounts and interest-free loans available. The program offers you the peace of mind that comes with knowing your installers have been independently evaluated on their safety, product quality and value for money.

Join the thousands of residents and businesses across Melbourne who have used the Solar Savers program and register your interest.

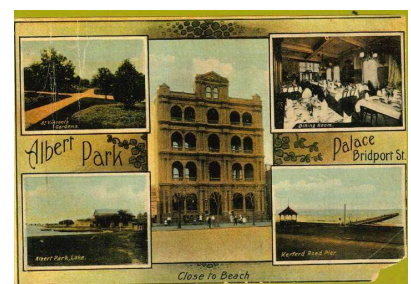
For more information go to <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/start-saving-on-energy-bills-with-solar-savers>

Library Visit

All about Albert Park

Middle Park and Albert Park History Group (MPAPHG) is presenting its new publication, *Albert Park: Bridport Street and Beyond*, with author Meyer Eidelson at Emerald Hill Library on 24 September.

Make a booking to come along to this free session from 6.30 pm to 8 pm for a very special evening of history and community. Copies will be available for sale.



Meticulously researched, the book invites readers to take a self-guided walk to discover buildings' history and heritage. This fascinating publication also explores the history of churches, hotels, theatres and private schools.

You can book by calling (03) 9209 6795 or emailing library-localhistoryteam@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Community Spirit

Precious memory milestone

The Victorian Pride Centre Memory Lane Cafe is celebrating its one year anniversary. Australia's first Pride cafe for members of the LGBTIQ+ community living with dementia also welcomes their families and carers for companionship and social connection over a cuppa.

This inclusive collaboration between Dementia Australia, Victorian Pride Centre and Lifeview Residential Care provides access to Dementia Australia services in a relaxed environment every six weeks.

Dementia Australia's Dr Kaele Stokes says it's important for people from the LGBTIQ+ community with dementia to be able to access a safe space which meets their needs as they can face challenges such as discrimination.

Cafe volunteer Neale Gerlach, a member of the LGBTIQ+ community who has worked in aged care for over 30 years, agrees. "Many LGBTIQ+ people can find themselves at odds with mainstream society, and living with dementia can further add to experiences of social isolation and exclusion," Mr Gerlach says. "It's such a treat to be able to come together regularly to chat, socialise and have a singalong in such a special and welcoming place."

Attendance is free, but reservations are required. For more information or to secure your spot, call 9815 7864 or email vic.memorylanecafe@dementia.org.au



What's On



Festival of Cake (and all things sweet)

Saturday and Sunday 21 to
22 September 2024

10 am to 4 pm
The Timber Yard
351 Plummer Street
Port Melbourne

The Australian Cake
Decorating Network is
sharing its love of all things
sweet.

Dive into a range of delights
at this fun-filled cake and



Acland Precinct Father's Day Car & Bike Show

Saturday 1 September
10 am to 6 pm

The 11th annual Acland Street
Father's Day Car and Bike Show
will again be transforming this
iconic street into a sea of classic
cars and bikes.

There's something for everyone
as hundreds of pristine machines
descend on the street and Acland
Street Village Precinct.



'Time travelling' Deep Time Walk

Sunday 8 September
Port Melbourne
1 pm to 4 pm

Meet at the Port Melbourne
Band Rotunda for a 'time
travel' through the rich
geographical and evolutionary
history of the Earth up until the
present day.

During a 4.6 km walk
organised by facilitator
Tamara, you will travel up the
4.6 billion years of the Earth's

baking weekend.

Highlights include a Vendor Hall, cake decorating stage and creative classroom to elevate your decorating and baking skills.

Top decorators will weave their magic at the Cookie Zone and there's plenty of sweet treats for sale.

Frosting will be flying at the kids' cupcake corner and your experience can be upgraded to allow access to the VIP Lounge.

For full booking details, go to our What's On website.

Face painting, carnival rides, giveaways, live music and dodgem cars will entertain kids and adults alike.

Awards will be presented for the best cars and bikes.

It's a great opportunity to enjoy all St Kilda offers including cafes and restaurants, shopping and Luna Park.

For more information, go to the Acland Street Village Traders Association website.

history, at the rate of 1 million years per metre.

Participants will journey through the Earth's rich and complex history, stopping off at key moments to learn about the evolution of the planet and life on Earth through stories, conversation and reflection.

Part history lesson, part mindfulness session, this walk is about stepping out of our lives and seeing the biggest picture.

For more information, including cost and accessibility, go to the EcoCentre website.

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