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## From the Chamber

As we head towards the end of the year, it's wonderful seeing more key projects being rolled out for our community.

This includes our FOGO program being expanded to eligible Port Phillip apartments and units. Details, including how to get a free handy caddy for your kitchen food waste, are in this issue of Divercity.

Tenants will soon be selected for the 46-unit Marlborough Street affordable housing project in Balaclava, a partnership between us, HousingFirst and the Victorian Government. We donated Council-owned carpark for HousingFirst to develop, and then manage, this wonderful, inclusive project, while retaining the public carparking.

We also extend a very warm welcome to three new traders joining our Carlisle Street Activation Program. Passionate about their products, they are great additions to the fantastic shopping and dining available on Carlisle Street.

The Victorian Government recently announced it was extending its e-scooter trial for a further six months to gain more data during the busy summer months.

At our 4 October Council Meeting, we endorsed our Council's continued participation in an ongoing shared e-scooter scheme, provided councils have the power to manage these



schemes through contractual arrangements that can address safety and amenity. In the meantime, the two private operators in the trial are continuing to operate in Port Phillip.

At the same meeting it was decided to add guidelines to our Local Laws Procedures and Protocols Manual, relating to Clause 59 of our Local Law, to help address amenity concerns linked to some short stay accommodation, such as noise and waste.

This provides guidance for our Local Laws officers on how Amenity Management Plans can be used as a tool to require property owners to take action if neighbours are being affected by amenity issues. Discussions on implementing a plan have already been held with one property owner.

At our 18 October meeting, we decided to release two draft concept bike lane designs for the Inkerman Safety Improvement Project Corridor for community consultation. We are encouraging everyone to have their say about these proposed changes as we will be considering this feedback next year when deciding whether to progress this project.

I want to acknowledge several people who sadly passed away recently. They all made significant contributions to our City and will be greatly missed.

Our Council passed condolence motions on 4 October for Maggie (Margaret) Niall AM, a dedicated community and family member who served as a St Kilda Councillor and Ron Barassi AM, Australian rules footballer, coach, media personality and legend of the St Kilda community.

At our next meeting, deep regret was expressed for the loss of Kevin Donovan who, with wife Gail, established the much-loved Donovans restaurant on the St Kilda foreshore in 1997. After serving more than 1.5 million customers, they sold Donovans on 31 August. Kevin and Gail were fantastic supporters of St Kilda; and participated in many Council initiatives involving the foreshore. This significant contribution to St Kilda will be greatly missed by many.

In a further loss, Port Melbourne's Holy Trinity church family is mourning Father Noel Whale. Fr Noel arrived in Port Melbourne in 2011 for what was intended to be for just a few years. To the delight of his congregation, Fr Noel didn't retire until March last year. A touching obituary by former Mayor Janet Bolitho notes he brought his congregation together "through worship, fundraising and fun". His legacy includes reclaiming the exquisite rose stained glass window from the original church.

Port Phillip is indeed a special place with so many people contributing to our community life. I'm delighted to share with you that the Port Phillip Civic Awards have been brought back to celebrate the groups, people and projects who make us proud, along with a new small business award. Details of the reinvigorated Proudly Port Phillip Community Awards are in this issue.

I'd like to conclude by saying what a privilege it has been to serve as your Mayor over the past 12 months or so. I have learnt a lot and, while there have been some challenges, it's been a tremendously satisfying experience I will never forget.

The Special Meeting of Council at the St Kilda Town Hall to elect the next Mayor will be held from 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 8 November. A livestream will be available for those who are unable to attend.

Proudly Port Phillip

Cr Heather Cunsolo

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



## It's easy being green as FOGO rollout expands to units and apartments

This October we are expanding our FOGO (food and garden organics) recycling services to a portion of apartments and unit blocks in our City. This will increase the amount of organic waste we recycle into compost, resulting in less waste to landfill and a reduced impact on the environment.

In January 2023, we began to deliver kerbside FOGO bins to eligible houses and townhouses. Between now and mid-2024, we will expand this service (free of charge) to eligible apartments and unit blocks.

To ensure our kerbside collection services remain as stable as possible, we will be rolling out FOGO recycling in phases:

- Phase one: properties that receive a kerbside service on a Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday will receive one or more FOGO bins from late October. The first FOGO collection will occur in the week commencing Monday 13 November.
- Phase two: properties with a service on Wednesday or Friday will receive their service in mid 2024. Exact timings will be communicated as soon as possible.

Both phase one and phase two residents will receive a letter in mid-October 2023 explaining this phased approach.

Residents who are not included in phase 1 of the FOGO rollout can make use of our communal FOGO hubs in the interim. We have recently installed an additional 21 across the municipality, so there are now over 50 joint FOGO and glass hubs. Any resident can use these hubs, including those that do not receive a Council waste service.

Free kitchen caddies to use with your FOGO bin

Our free kitchen caddies are designed to make it easier to collect food waste in your kitchen before disposing of it in a FOGO bin. We will be delivering kitchen caddies to low rise apartment blocks only (those with four to 12 units), along with a FOGO brochure.

Residents living in larger apartments and unit blocks can either:

- request FOGO caddies and liners be delivered to their building – via their owners corporation or building manager or
- collect a free kitchen caddy and roll of caddy liners from any of our five library branches: Albert Park, Emerald Hill, Middle Park, Port Melbourne and St Kilda.

For more information on FOGO recycling, including detailed information on what can go in your FOGO bin, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/waste-recycling-and-rubbish/dispose-of-your-food-and-garden-organics-fogo>



## More businesses popping up in Carlisle Street

Three new businesses for residents and visitors to enjoy have popped up under our Carlisle Street Shopfront Activation Project in Balaclava.

The project aims to add extra vibrancy by providing flexible short and medium term lease options for entrepreneurial businesses to test the market.

As was the case with other inner Melbourne retail strips, Carlisle Street experienced vacant shopfronts due to impact of COVID-19 lockdowns and changing commercial conditions.

Ideally located near tram and train routes, this village-feel destination is preparing to bounce back through initiatives including this project to encourage exciting new businesses to fill vacant shopfronts.

Adding to the diverse offering already provided by the street's passionate traders, these newcomers are yet another reason to drop by Carlisle Street.

While available properties are limited, interested businesses can still apply via <https://www.carlislestreetpopup.com.au/>

We are particularly keen to hear from a suitable hospitality business keen to take up a vacant shopfront with a fully fitted out kitchen/restaurant.

## **Now open for business ...**

**STOREHOUSE GALLERY, Beller House, 283B Carlisle Street**  
<https://storehousethomasjamesburge.com/>

Storehouse Gallery's intention is to be highly discerning in its selection of unique products which have inherent worth and are created ethically.

Originally established in South Gippsland, the extensive and diverse fine art collection is created by exceptional, internationally recognised and emerging local artists. The close relationships with these artists support strong connections to the works and rare creative collaborations.

Everything offered is intended to become a favourite and loved for a lifetime.

### **Owner Thomas Burge**

"I'm excited to be involved in the Carlisle Street revitalisation program with the opening of Storehouse Gallery. Being a Port Phillip resident for some time, Carlisle Street has long had a reputation for innovative and artisan producer offerings on a bustling high street.

Being part of this supportive and vibrant community seemed like a perfect fit for my gallery, which focuses on local fine art, sculpture and artisan made products. The response from my costumers, new and existing, has been overwhelmingly positive."

**NEISHA CLOTHING, 238 Carlisle Street**  
<https://neishaclothing.com/>

Neisha is a one woman show, from the production of the garments, the content you see on her platforms and the shoots that are curated.

Each collection is lovingly and painstakingly curated in her home studio in Northcote with the utmost attention to detail. She celebrates the diversity of a woman's shape and is able to do customised fittings upon request.

All the pieces tell a story through the fabric, the pattern and the process of putting together a timeless piece to embolden and celebrate women. The beautiful fabrics she uses for her creations are sourced from all over the world.

### **Owner Neisha Smith**

"As an independent fashion designer, having a space large enough to house my workroom and a shopfront to sell my clothing is an absolute dream! It allows me to test new garments on the market and provide on the spot alterations.

My brand has been based in the northern suburbs for over ten years and the Port Philip activation program has allowed me to connect with and grow my bayside audience. In a time where we are seeing many iconic Melbourne brands and boutiques close due to global

recession, these activation programs are giving creative businesses the opportunity to flourish.”

### **VUELO VINTAGE CLOTHING, 234 Carlisle Street**

<https://vuelovintagegoods.square.site/>

The Vuelo team comes from far-flung locations and time zones - Goa, Mumbai, Las Vegas, Sydney, Adelaide and San Francisco. Their combined backgrounds include online media, tech, fashion and graphic design.

After establishing Vuelo Eyewear in 2014, the vintage goods line was created.

The vision for Vuelo Vintage Goods stems from the desire to create a place to shop for ethically sourced vintage goods that embody the functionality and style of yesteryear.

#### **Owner Uily Tiwari**

“We started Vuelo Vintage with a four-week pop-up inside South Melbourne Market in May 2022, which we ended up extending for three months. We really love the Port Phillip area.

From the local cafes, barbers and shop owners around the street, the street has embraced us with open arms, which is something we haven't experienced before or expected. Everyone working in the store is a local and loves being part of the community and is really looking forward to seeing Balaclava grow into a shopping destination for vintage.”

### **STAY TUNED...**

Our next Divercity will feature details of [Balaclava Boogie](#), the Carlisle Street Traders Association's new three day free music festival. The event will be held in the Carlisle Street precinct from 24-26 November 2023.

We will also soon share news of People of Balaclava, an exciting new street art mural project which has seen the everyday faces of Balaclava painted on the upper facade of several Carlisle Street properties.

## **City News**

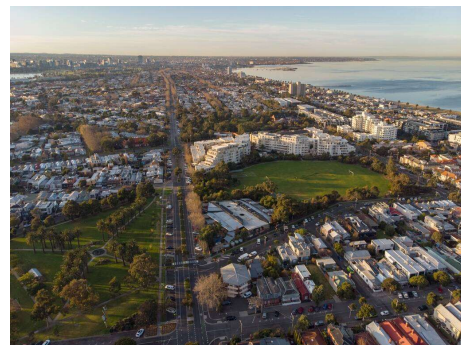
### **Port Phillip Zero: tackling rough sleeping in our City**

Port Phillip Zero is on course to reach 'functional zero'. We believe that housing is a human right.

We know that homelessness and especially rough sleeping homelessness has devastating consequences on the health and wellbeing of those who experience it.

That's why we're working with our partners and the community to increase housing opportunities for people who are sleeping rough.

We're aiming to reach 'functional zero' homelessness in the City of Port Phillip. This means that the number of people entering and experiencing rough sleeping within a month is less than the average six-monthly placement rate into long-term housing.



We know people experiencing homelessness have different needs. That's why we implemented a 'by-name list'.

The 'by-name list' is an up-to-date record of everyone we know to be sleeping rough, in their cars or in abandoned buildings (known as squats). This means we aim to know everyone by name so we can learn how to best support them and their housing needs.

Our approach is getting results. As of March, 37 per cent of people added to the list have now been housed. This puts Port Phillip Zero ahead of all other participating areas when it comes to positive housing outcomes.

We now have the lowest number of people sleeping rough since project started. The active number of people sleeping rough in our City is almost 60 percent lower than the peak of 129 in February 2021.

Port Phillip Zero is on course to meeting the goal of functional zero rough sleeping homelessness by Dec 2024. That means we would become the first large community with a by-name-list of over 100 people to achieve this goal.

## The best pasta in Port Phillip

Gift giving, words of affirmation, acts of service, quality time, physical touch. Talk to loved up people (or those looking for love) and most will relate to one of these 5 'Love Languages'. But for many, there is another language that drips with romance - one that is, arguably, the most loving and universal of them all. I am, of course, talking about pasta. Whether it's gnocchi with pine nuts and pesto, fettuccine in a creamy carbonara or Spaghetti alla Puttanesca, we all have our favourite go to plate that gives us comfort, security and a feeling of deep satisfaction.



In recognition of this sensual icon, we have collated a few of the best pasta spots from around our neighbourhoods.

### Park Street Pasta & Wine

This elegant, friendly neighbourhood pasta and wine bar is a local treasure. There is a mouthwatering selection of handmade pasta, from spaghettoni to ravioli, conchiglie to pappardelle, all oozing with Tuscan inspired flavours. Plus, a tidy wine list featuring Italian, international and local drops to match. The venue boasts an intimate bar and dining room, plus an exterior terrazzo area- perfect for those warm summer nights.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday to Sunday Lunch and Dinner

WHERE: 268 Park Street, South Melbourne VIC 3205

### Ciao Cielo

Ciao Cielo is an Italian fine dining restaurant, with an exquisite selection of house-made pasta, authentic Italian food, and a little frivolity. Located in the old Port Melbourne Courthouse, by day it's inspired by casual beachside eats in Portofino and by night it transforms under a sky of twinkling fairy lights, creating a casual, party atmosphere for fabulous nights out.

OPENING HOURS: Monday 5 PM to Late | Wednesday to Sunday 12 pm to late.

WHERE: 115 Bay Street, Port Melbourne, VIC 3207

## **Gnoccheria by Take Me Home**

Want to create your own at home pasta romance? Take Me Home is a family run business serving a menu of artisan, handmade pastas, sauces, pizza bases and more, all made with love. You can pick up their full range plus handmade gnocchi and pasta made fresh daily from their Gnoccheria in Middle Park (And other locations).

OPENING HOURS: Monday to Friday 9am to 5.30pm | Saturday 10am to 4pm

WHERE: 11 Armstrong Street Middle Park VIC 3206

## **Sorsi e Morsi**

Tucked just around the corner from Acland Street Village, this is local secret worth discovering. The atmosphere is relaxed and cosy, the service is great, and the food is authentic and delicious. With gnocchi that melts in your mouth, sauces rich in Italian flavours plus home-cooked favourites, you'll be saying 'Ciao!' to your own slice of Italy like an old friend.

OPENING HOURS: Monday to Tuesday 7 am to 3 pm | Wednesday to Sunday 7 am to late.

WHERE: 31 Blessington Street, St Kilda, VIC 3182

## **Zanini Pizzeria**

Stepping into Zanini is like stepping into a foodie tour of Italy, from the Alps to Sicily, passing through the Tuscan hillside and onto Rome. With two locations nestled in the heart of Elwood Village and St Kilda East, this is warm and rustic dining serving authentic plates of pasta, pizza and more with a healthy seasoning of comfort.

OPENING HOURS: Pizzeria - Tuesday to Sunday, 5 pm to 9.30 pm

WHERE: 106 Ormond Road, Elwood VIC 3184 | 262 Inkerman Street, St Kilda East VIC 3183

## **Ripponlea Food & Wine**

This Ripponlea staple offers comfort, style and a little bit of fancy without the fuss! The menu is bursting with fresh and rich flavours and, of course, some signature pasta dishes. Fresh seafood with white wine, mushrooms and toasted hazelnuts, confit tomato and vodka - matches made in pasta heaven all wait for you in this chic, friendly neighbourhood haunt.

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday to Saturday 3 pm to late.

WHERE: 15 Glen Eira Road, Ripponlea, VIC 3185

There are, of course, so many more great pasta destinations in our neighbourhoods so get out there and show them some pasta love!

## **The Proudly Port Phillip Community Awards are back!**

Last held in 2011, and previously known as the Port Phillip Civic Awards, the reinvigorated Proudly Port Phillip Community Awards celebrate the extraordinary community contributions that make us proud to live, work and play in our City.

This is your chance to acknowledge the local groups, people and projects that play a key role in shaping our neighbourhoods - and their small, large, individual and collective efforts.

For more information, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/proudly->





## Remembrance Day Services in Port Phillip

Every year at 11 am on 11 November — the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month — we pause to remember those who have served and those who have died in all wars and peacekeeping operations.



Port Phillip residents are invited to attend the following Remembrance Day services to observe a minute's silence dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation in armed conflict.

### Port Melbourne Remembrance Service

Date: Sunday 5 November 2023

Times: 5 pm to 6 pm

Location: Remembrance Garden, Corner Station Street and Raglan Street, Port Melbourne

### St Kilda RSL Remembrance Service

Date: Saturday 11 November 2023

Times: 10 am to 11.10am

Location: Alfred Square, St Kilda

### Victorian Association of Jewish Ex & Servicemen & Women (VAJEX) Remembrance Service

Date: Sunday 12 November 2023

Times: 11 am to 12 pm

Location: Burnett Grey Gardens, Ripponlea

### Shrine of Remembrance Service

Date: Saturday 11 November 2023

Times: 10.30 am to 12 pm

Location: Shrine of Remembrance

## New round of Palais Theatre Community Fund grants now open

With a 50-cent donation for every ticket sold, the Palais Theatre grants up to \$5,000 to local registered charities and not-for-profit organisations within the Port Phillip community.



Since its establishment in 2017, the Community Fund has already made a significant difference, distributing over \$438,000 in donations.

For more information, visit: <https://bit.ly/communityfund-palais>

## Play your part this summer

Summer is here and so are summertime restrictions, here's what you need to know.

Our foreshore and parks continue to be some of the most popular summer destinations in Victoria. To manage the yearly influx of visitors, we introduced a range of annual restrictions that run from 1 November to 31 March.



These restrictions help us keep our community safe and provide a coordinated response to minimise anti-social behaviour and the negative impacts of large crowds.

It's important for you to know where and when restrictions apply so that you can play your part in keeping our City safe, clean and fun for everyone and avoid incurring any penalties that may dampen the summer fun.

The summer restrictions include:

- Alcohol bans – We have a range of alcohol bans in place across the City. Apart from the year-round alcohol bans, we also have St Kilda foreshore (1 November to 31 March), public holiday and event-specific bans.
- Glass ban – We have a year-round glass ban, which means glass of any kind is not allowed along our foreshore. To keep our foreshore safe and glass-free, we ask that you leave all glass at home.
- Dog restrictions– Dog off-leash areas change between 1 November and 31 March, especially on our beaches. There are also restrictions against letting dogs wander at large and not picking up after them.
- No camping - Camping is not allowed on any Council land or public space, in any vehicle, tent, caravan or any other form of temporary accommodation.

Note: Restrictions will be enforced all summer long by Victoria Police, Local Law and Animal Management officers and non-compliance can result in the confiscation of prohibited items and fines of between \$192 and \$385.

There are a range of signs about these restrictions located in key areas across the City, to help you identify where and when they apply.

Over summer you can also play your part by helping keep our beaches and parks clean and looking after yourself and others. Remember to:

- dispose of rubbish responsibly
- be sun smart when you're enjoying the outdoors
- take steps to beat the heat
- stay water safe when swimming in our beautiful bay.

Don't worry, it's not all rules and restrictions this summer. There are some amazing activities and events coming too. Make sure you check our What's On page and follow us on social media to stay up to date on all the latest events. You might also want to mark 17 and 18 February 2024 on your calendar for St Kilda Festival which will offer an epic weekend of

programming.

## St Kilda Amplified Busking Trial

We're bringing more music to our Live Music Precinct with a new amplified busking trial.

Across 12 locations throughout St Kilda, we will now approve busking with amplification, bringing more buzz and music to the local area.

To apply, visit: <https://bit.ly/3MafYWc>



## Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Actions at our 18 October Council meeting included:

- updating how we maintain our popular sports ground playing surfaces
- authorising two bike lane draft concept designs for the Inkerman Safety Improvement Project Corridor to be release for community consultation
- endorsing the City of Port Phillip's 2022/23 Annual Report which details the value and services we provide for our community.



Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-18-october-2023>

## Patrolling the City with Victoria Police

We've been receiving great feedback from our community when seeing Victoria Police alongside our Local Laws officers, out and about across Port Phillip.

As well as helping to reduce or prevent crime, the patrols are a good opportunity for traders and residents to ask questions or just say hello.

Watch the video to learn more: <https://youtu.be/8een4Kwq71I>

## Arts in Focus



## Housing First: 10

Celebrating a decade of inspiring art that defies stereotypes

Developed by residents in 2013, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the first HousingFirst Annual Art Exhibition.

Over the past 10 years, the exhibition has evolved into a zero-cost community art program providing a free platform for marginalised residents to hone their artistic skills. Each year the program culminates in an exhibition to showcase participant's final artworks.

The program provides all materials and equipment necessary for participants to develop their own works as well as financial support to help complete, present or transport their art.

This year's exhibition, 10, celebrates a decade of defying stereotypes through art and offers a unique glimpse into the lived experiences of those residing in social housing.

Artworks will be available for purchase, with 100 per cent of sales going directly to the artists.

The exhibition is open until 3 November from 8.30 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday at the Carlisle Street Arts Space.

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



## Rain Room reopening

Following a sell-out season in 2021, Random International's unmissable Rain Room will reopen for its third season at the Jackalope Pavilion in St Kilda.

Privately owned by Jackalope hotelier and arts patron, Louis Li, the installation, part of the Jackalope Collection is the only location in the southern hemisphere where art lovers can take part in this immersive rainy experience.

Rain Room is a 100 square metre expanse of continuous rainfall as a world-famous contemporary artwork.

Allowing visitors to take centre stage in a mesmerising merging of art, technology and nature, this downpour responds to your presence and movement, resulting in an experience of being consumed by an intense rainstorm, all the while being completely protected from its forces.

"Having launched the first season in 2019, Rain Room continues to be our most ambitious curation to date, a highlight in the Jackalope Art Collection," Li said.

"It is completely immersive and allows you to remove yourself from the outside world for a brief period, engaging in a visceral and emotive experience."

The Rain Room reopens 1 November with tickets on sale now.

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

## Help Shape our City

### St Kilda Triangle

#### Help improve road safety on Inkerman Street

Inkerman Street has a high number of crashes compared to other Council-managed roads, with 33 recorded crashes between St Kilda Road and Hotham Street in the five years to June 2022.

Concept designs have been developed to improve safety on Inkerman Street, and we'd like to hear which design option you'd like to see delivered. [Provide your feedback](#) before 23 November.



## Proposed Lease of the Port Phillip EcoCentre

The redevelopment of the EcoCentre Facility in the St Kilda Botanical Gardens is underway and due for completion in mid-2024.

Once completed, it's proposed that the EcoCentre Facility be leased to Port Phillip EcoCentre Incorporated for no more than 15 years. [Provide your feedback](#) before 6 November.

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

## Upcoming consultations

- Help shape our plans for upgrading the St Kilda foreshore
- Upgrades to Pakington Street Reserve, St Kilda
- Review of the heritage controls in the Elwood Heritage Precinct

## Neighbourhood Engagement Program returns

The Neighbourhood Engagement Program (NEP) is popping up across Port Phillip in spring.

We'll be in your local area in the coming weeks to seek your in-person input on key Council projects. We use your feedback to inform decision-making, engage with the community and provide an opportunity for general feedback or enquiries on topics of interest.

Our pop-up schedule includes all major neighbourhoods in our City to ensure we are directly engaging with the views of a broad range of residents. This means we are better informed about what our community wants and ensures we are responding to your needs.

Come say hello to learn more about proposed upcoming projects and help shape the future of our City. Our Council officers will be on hand to answer any queries or discuss any concerns.

To view the timetable, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/neighbourhood-engagements-are-popping-up-in-your-local-area>

# Sustainability

## Spring is here and so is flood season

Storms and floods can affect anyone at any time.

Dangerous flash flooding is a particular risk in the City of Port Phillip with some areas including Elwood, St Kilda, Balaclava and South Melbourne, at a higher risk. Most people have less than an hour's warning before a flash flood, so it pays to prepare ahead of time.



To keep yourself, your family, your pets and property safe, follow these five life-saving emergency steps:

1. Be aware of your risk and check your local area's SES flood guide.
2. Be prepared by making a plan, checking your insurance cover, storing items off the ground and cleaning drains and gutters.
3. Be neighbourly, check in on vulnerable neighbours during extreme weather.
4. Be smart, don't drive during storms – it only takes 15 cm to float.
5. Be informed, sign up to the Vic Emergency app

During an emergency, you can contact:

- VIC SES for support on 132 500.
- For any life-threatening emergencies Triple Zero (000).
- Vic Emergency hotline 1800 226 226.

Our role in a weather emergency

Council is responsible for managing resources and coordinating relief and recovery for affected community members.

Watch our video with a local SES volunteer: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_GiMhQqcVC4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GiMhQqcVC4)

For more information, please visit our severe weather preparation webpage: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/health-and-safety/severe-weather-preparation>

## Library Visit

### Halloween at the Library

Grab your costume and head to St Kilda Library this Halloween for a SPOOK-tacular afternoon of craft and fun!

Design a trick or treat bag, craft an eerie face mask or get your face painted, ready for a fright!

Suitable for ages 5 - 12 years

#### When and Where

Tuesday 31 October  
3.30 pm to 5.30 pm  
St Kilda Library

This event is free, no bookings required!

Visit: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/halloween-at-the-library>



## Community Spirit

**Celebrating 50 years of community support**

Port Phillip Community Group (PPCG) will celebrate 50 years of driving social change when the welfare organisation reflects on its golden anniversary at St Kilda Town Hall on 9 November.



PPCG has flourished as a leading welfare, financial counselling and education provider. Each year the group enables more than 20,000 people to achieve their goals and improve their lives through services that provide greater connection to the Port Phillip community.

Our Council enjoys a strong partnership with PPCG, working closely to respond to and prioritise the needs of residents.

Diversity spoke with PPCG Chair and Board of Directors, Gina Fiske, whose involvement with the organisation spans back to when she was a Councillor of the former City of St Kilda.

“We are proud and excited to recognise and celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of enduring and empowering services to the community,” she said.

“Our journey started in 1973 as a small St Kilda umbrella group, now delivering multiple services across Port Phillip’s many suburbs and to a greater population.

“As a local community member I find it rewarding working with people with a shared responsibility and willingness to achieve better outcomes. Together with Council and local partners we work to ensure all residents benefit from belonging to an inclusive and vibrant community with access to dedicated support services.”

Gina said there were many highlights in PPCG’s 50 year journey, but was particularly fond of how the organisation adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide much-needed care to community members facing hardship during lockdowns.

PPCG’s Share the Food Program was developed as an agile and responsive initiative to support the community during the strictest of COVID-19 restrictions.

The food relief program provided food staples, fresh food, toiletries and hygiene products as well as COVID-19 information and personal protection items to people facing financial hardship, and for those forced into isolation.

“We saw first-hand the need for people to feel welcome, safe and able to get basic relief of material goods at our Share the Food facility in Port Melbourne,” Gina said.

“More than 50 local groups, business, churches and services all banded together to collect, stock, pack and transport food packs for isolated residents in lockdown.”

Our Council proudly supported the Share the Food initiative by providing \$180,000 between 2020-2022 as part of a COVID-19 Relief and Recovery package.

In addition, we have allocated:

- More than \$33,000 in grant funding this year for food relief across Port Phillip from the Victorian Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Region under a research project.
- \$40,000 from our 2023/24 budget for the provision of food relief in Port Phillip while providing the provision of warehousing storage to operate the food hub in Port Melbourne.

Gina looks forward to celebrating the 50 year anniversary as a way to recognise the collective efforts and generosity of PPCG's volunteers over the years.

"To endure, excel and sustain our community work as a small not-for-profit charity is no mean feat.

"Fifty years signifies the value PPCG provides to the Port Phillip community and the continued support of our partners is a testament to the benefits and the service we deliver."

PPCG's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations will take place at St Kilda Town Hall on 9 November. PPCG is encouraging past members to share their stories and photos ahead of the event.

For more information, visit Port Phillip Community Group's website. As a registered charity, PPCG relies on the generosity of donors to continue their great work. Visit PPCG's donation page to learn how you can help someone in your neighbourhood.

## Bowel cancer screenings at Port Phillip pharmacies

Cancer Council Victoria has partnered with six pharmacies in Port Phillip to increase bowel screening participation to help save lives.

**Over 90%** of  
**bowel cancers**  
can be treated successfully if  
**found early.**

The pharmacies will have bowel cancer brochures for customers to take home and displays with bowel screening test kits. Staff have been trained to discuss bowel screening and will be able to help customers re-order bowel screening test kits on the spot.

Locations include: Priceline Pharmacy in Balaclava, Your Chemist Shop in St Kilda, Chemist Warehouse, Port Bay Street Pharmacy and Beacon Cove Pharmacy in Port Melbourne and Chemist Warehouse in South Melbourne.

For more information, visit: <https://www.cancervic.org.au/bowel>

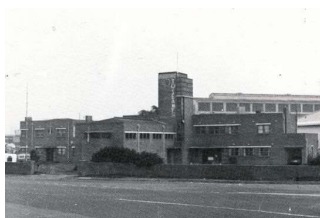
## What's On



### Induction cooking demonstration

Friday 27 October

Are you considering an electric induction cooktop but not sure if it's right for you?



### Angels and Battlers Port - Guided Walk

Sunday 12 November

Take a walk exploring the history of places and people in Port Melbourne that supported the vulnerable through crises



### St Kilda Esplanade Market

Sunday 29 October

In its idyllic beachside location, the St Kilda Esplanade Market is an icon



[Open Table](#) is hosting a cooking demonstration at South Melbourne Market to teach you how to prepare delicious meals on an induction cooktop, the benefits of moving to an all-electric home and how to reduce your food waste.

They'll be making fritters from leftovers for you to try, and will be demonstrating pickling, so bring a jar if you'd like to take some home.

For more information, visit the [South Melbourne Market](#) website.

such as housing, poverty, pandemics, war, natural disaster and economic depression.

Guided Walks is a free program of monthly walks that explore the heritage treasures of the City of Port Phillip.

Join our knowledgeable walks leaders as they share the cultural, architectural, art and social histories of the places that we call home and tell the amazing stories of the people who have lived here.

Bookings are limited. More upcoming Guided Walks can be found on our [website](#).

For more information about this Guided Walk, visit our [What's On](#) website.

of St Kilda and Melbourne.

A world-renowned art and craft makers' haven, the market has been the destination of choice for those seeking high-quality and authentic Australian products since 1970.

Find a range of arts, crafts and other original creations to take home every Sunday from 10 am.

For more information, visit the [St Kilda Esplanade Market](#) website.

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Εγγραφείτε δωρεάν για να παίρνετε το Divercity στα εισερχόμενα του email σας και να ενημερώνεστε για τα νέα της Πόλης και του Δήμου σας στη διεύθυνση [portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://portphillip.vic.gov.au)

Divercity सटीम ऑफ पोर्ट फलिपि का आधिकारिक सामुदायिक ई-न्यूज़लेटर है। काउंसिल के समाचार और मीडिया वेबपेज पर जाएँ और अपनी पसंदीदा भाषा में Divercity कहानियाँ पढ़ने के लिए पेज के शीर्ष पर अनुवाद सुविधा चुनें। अपने ईमेल इनबॉक्स में Divercity प्राप्त करने के लिए निःशुल्क साइन अप करें और वेबसाइट [portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://portphillip.vic.gov.au) पर अपने शहर और काउंसिल के बारे में समाचारों से अवगत रहें।

Divercity to oficjalny środowiskowy biuletyn informacyjny City of Port Phillip. Odwiedź stronę internetową News and Media City of Port Phillip i wybierz preferowany przez siebie język w funkcji Translate w górnej części strony, by przeczytać różne doniesienia Divercity. Zarejestruj się za darmo, by otrzymywać Divercity drogą mailową i być na bieżąco w sprawach dotyczących twojego City oraz Council na stronie [portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://portphillip.vic.gov.au)

Divercity является официальным общественным электронным бюллетенем района Порт Филлип. Посетите веб-страницу Муниципалитета, называемую Новости и СМИ, и выберите модуль перевода наверху, чтобы прочесть статьи в Divercity на вашем языке. Подпишитесь на бесплатную рассылку Divercity по электронной почте, чтобы получать последние новости по вашему району и муниципалитету по адресу [portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://portphillip.vic.gov.au)

Divercity 是菲利普港市的官方社区电子新闻通讯。访问市政府的新闻及媒体网页，在顶部选择翻译功能，您便能用中文阅读 Divercity 里面的故事。免费登记用电子邮件接收 Divercity，上网跟进本市和市政府的新闻，网址：[portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://portphillip.vic.gov.au)。

Divercity es el boletín de noticias electrónico oficial de la comunidad de City of Port Phillip. Visite la página de Noticias y Medios de Comunicación (News and Media) del ayuntamiento y use la función "Translate" ("Traducir") en la parte superior del menú para leer las historias de Divercity en el idioma de su elección. Suscríbase de manera gratuita para recibir Divercity directamente en su buzón de correo electrónico y manténgase al tanto de las noticias de City of Port Phillip y su ayuntamiento en [portphillip.vic.gov.au](http://portphillip.vic.gov.au)

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