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From the Chamber

We were expecting big things for the 40th anniversary of our St Kilda Film Festival this month – and we weren't disappointed.

More than 150 short films were screened in this record-breaking year – many playing to packed houses. An incredible array of special events, networking and professional development opportunities rounded out an incredible event.

The record breaking theme continued when we recently hosted our biennial Design and Development Awards in conjunction with the National Gallery of Victoria's 2024 Melbourne Design Week. As always, the quality of entries was extremely high. We awarded a record 17 projects from our biggest ever pool of 47 entrants and we thank every award candidate for the lasting legacy they have contributed to our amazing City's much-loved streets and open spaces.

We are now focusing on presenting a series of events to celebrate NAIDOC Week (7 to 14 July). It's a fantastic opportunity for everyone to dive into the rich history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

After foreshadowing this report in my previous column, I am happy to share that at the 5 June Council Meeting we decided to extend our private kerbside EV charger pilot for the next four years or until 100 private chargers have been installed. The concept will then be reviewed. This complements our earlier decision in May to support our community's growing demand for



electric vehicles (EVs) by prioritising the installation of public EV chargers, including fast public chargers and pole-mounted chargers, in collaboration with leading providers.

Items considered at the same meeting included a notice of motion responding to community concerns about the amenity and parking impacts caused by long-term parking of caravans, trailers and boats on Alexandra Street, St Kilda East. This has wider implications as, in Victoria, all these items can be legally parked on a public street if they are under 7.5 m in length and less than 4.5 tonnes. Our officers are looking at what options we might have to reduce the impact so we can discuss them at a future meeting.

Topics discussed at our 19 June meeting included a Management Action Plan and a settlement reached with our kerbside waste and recycling contractor Citywide. These both follow an independent review into the significant disruption to our kerbside bin collection service when Citywide took over as the new contractor on 1 July last year.

The detailed Management Action Plan, endorsed by our Audit and Risk Committee in May, reflects the review's feedback by incorporating steps including active risk management and contingency planning if a new contractor isn't ready to start collection. Our Council's Conflict of Interest policy will also be updated under the Plan.

The commercial settlement includes shortening Citywide's contract from seven to three years. This means we can go out to market to retender the contract for this service before making a decision in mid-2025. The only detail we can't, at least currently, provide publicly is the cost of the settlement as this could undermine the tender by providing financial insights into service costs.

Citywide's adjusted contract expressly requires them to provide collection data and transition support to the new contractor and to continue the collections if a new operator finds they need more time to prepare. We have done everything we can to learn from the previous experience and set the next chapter of this key service up for success.

You can find the report here: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/council-meetings/2024-meetings-and-agendas>

There will be a special Council Meeting on 26 June to adopt the draft 2024/25 Budget and Year 4 Council Plan Update. These documents are the roadmap for everything our Council does so your views during the community consultation phase were crucial. Our next edition of Divercity will report back on this meeting.

I'd like to ask for your support on an important issue for many members of our community. We have joined with the Acland Street Business Association and our Older Persons Advisory Committee to advocate for the retention of the St Kilda South Post Office.

If Australia Post continues with its announced closure, it will impact members of our community including traders and older people so we are urging it to look for solutions, such as finding an alternate location at the nearby Acland Court Precinct.

If you wish add your voice to ours, please sign the community petition which can be found here: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-st-kilda-south-post-office-from-closing>

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Cr Heather Cunsolo

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



Celebrate NAIDOC Week

Come and celebrate NAIDOC Week from 7 to 14 July at a fantastic series of Port Phillip events showcasing the talents and rich culture of First Peoples creatives, artists, performers and community leaders.

Start your NAIDOC Week experience at South Melbourne Market on Sunday, 7 July, with some fantastic musical performances by the Maylene Slater Burns Trio and Olivia Meg.

Later that day, you can join Emmy Webbers (Gunai/Kurnai) at St Kilda Library for a fun and creative gumnut jewellery workshop.

Everyone is invited to St Kilda Town Hall on Tuesday 9 July from from 11 am to 12 pm for a special Flag Raising Ceremony. A Welcome to Country will be followed by a Yidiki Performance and a Smoking Ceremony.

That event is followed by an engaging Author Talk with Dr Marguerita Stephens and Boonwurrung Elder Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir OAM at St Kilda Library from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm. They'll be discussing their groundbreaking book 'The Years of Terror/Banbu-deen: Kulin and Colonists at Port Phillip, 1835-1851'.

Amos Roach, a proud Ngarrandjerri/Djab Wurrung/Gunditj Mara man, will be performing on Thursday, 11 July from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm at St Kilda Library. Amos's music tells a powerful narrative of healing through song and dance.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, which was the group in the 1990s that organised national celebrations marking a week of remembrance for Australia's First People and their heritage. The group's acronym has since become the

name of the week itself which is commemorated by councils and local communities throughout Australia.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/first-nations-community-information/naidoc-week>

City News

Must-try brunch spots in St Kilda and Southside

There's nothing more important to Melburnians than brunch and that first coffee hit in the morning. From St Kilda to South Melbourne, Elwood to Port Melbourne, save this guide for your next weekend outing.



St Kilda

Sorsi e Morsi, 31 Blessington Street, St Kilda

A charming spot right next to the St Kilda Peanut Farm Reserve, [Sorsi e Morsi](#) does a brisk trade in tasty, Italian-inspired brunches. Think parmesan scrambled eggs, port and fennel salsiccia, and pancetta on the side instead of bacon. It's served with a flourish by owners Dave and Brad, and a friendly team of Euro expats.

The Galleon, 9 Carlisle Street, St Kilda

It doesn't get more St Kilda than this beloved breakfast spot. There's a true community feel at [The Galleon](#), an enduring local favourite for over 30 years, known for its mismatched retro furniture, great coffee, and hearty breakfasts.

Fitzrovia, 2 / 155 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

[Fitzrovia's](#) streetside tables and artisan coffee are a draw for locals. The menu proudly showcases seasonal Victorian produce, with breakfasts stealing the show. The front counter, adorned with an abundance of fresh cakes and baked goods, offers great take-away options.

Looking for more?

Feast on European-inspired favourites and locally roasted coffee at newcomer [Al Naturale](#). Their house-made almond milk is a specialty. Step back in time at [Cowderoy's Dairy](#), a retro gem in the back streets of St Kilda West. Add a stop at [Frankies](#) after a beachside walk - it's a stone's throw from St Kilda West Beach. [Lady of St Kilda](#) is known for their Mediterranean-inspired breakfasts. Try the traditional shakshuka or 'Good Morning Istanbul' - a 'pita sunrise' covered with minced beef, and with tahini or tzaziki.

Albert Park and Middle Park

Jack the Geezer, 99 Canterbury Road, Middle Park

Just across the road from Albert Park, local favourite [Jack the Geezer](#) is a popular spot for takeaway coffees, dine-in breakfasts, lunches and everything in between. There's a distinct UK theme running through the menu, where you can brunch like royalty on epic all-day brekkies like the Buckingham Benedict, the Spice Girls or the Piccadilly Grocer. Peckish for lunch? Tuck into the clucking good Dirty Bird burger. Wash it down with a cuppa, bloody mary, or an

espresso martini fit for a king.

Dundas & Faussett, 111 Dundas Place, Albert Park

Located in the heart of Albert Park, [Dundas & Faussett](#) serves up a diverse menu in a lively atmosphere. If you are craving comfort food, they've got you covered with classics like eggs benedict, ricotta pancakes, steak sandwiches, prawn linguini, burgers, and fresh salads. But the real star is the Asian dishes. For lunch, try the Fried Bao-goer (buttermilk fried chicken, steamed bao bun, Asian slaw, hoisin) or the crispy barramundi with gai lan, five-spice soy dressing, ginger, and chili. Or explore the wok menu, with favorites like pad see ew, nasi goreng, pad Thai, and Penang beef curry.

Ned's Local European, 40 Armstrong Street Middle Park and 123 Bridport Street, Albert Park.

Both an artisan bakery and cafe, [Ned's Local European](#) is a firm favourite with Middle Park and Albert Park locals. Its two locations boast some of the prettiest outdoor frontage in the area - alfresco tables nestled among the greenery of tree-lined Armstrong Street and flower-lined planters on Bridport Street. With all-day breakfast and lunch menus, you're spoiled for choice. Enjoy house-made fruit loaf toast with butter, chili scramble on freshly baked sourdough, or zucchini with goat's curd, egg, and garden herbs. For lunch, savor handmade potato gnocchi with truffled mushroom sauce or rigatoni beef ragu. Don't forget to grab a loaf of their fresh bread to take home.

Elwood

Jerry's Milk Bar. 345 Barkly Street, Elwood

[Jerry's Milk Bar](#) is an Elwood institution known for its eye-catching vintage facade and community-first hospitality. The menu treads perfect line between comfort food and prime brunch fare. Think breakfast tacos, and housemade waffles with vanilla mascarpone, fresh berries, and chocolate salted caramel sauce. For lunch, indulge in Jerry's signature burger made with grass-fed beef and their special sauce, or opt for the mouthwatering minute steak sandwich with Swiss cheese and aioli. Save room for their famous thickshakes, available in eight delicious flavors.

Arlo, 1333 Ormond Road, Elwood

Arlo has been smashing out coffee, breakfast and lunches to enthusiastic crowds since opening their doors in early 2024. Step into the inviting wooden interior, bathed in natural light from the plant-covered feature wall. The Canadian maple toasted granola or the bacon benny are flavour-packed brunch options. But you can't go past the smashed avo. Made with a generous serving of avocado, feta, red chilli and pomegranate seeds on sourdough, it's breakfast perfection. The menu caters to various dietary preferences, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, with adaptability for some dishes.

Plain Sailing, 133 Ormond Road, Elwood

Sitting on one of the most picturesque stretches of Ormond Road, [Plain Sailing](#) offers fresh, thoughtfully crafted dishes paired with excellent coffee and friendly service. Start your day right with Niccolo coffee or a Mork hot chocolate, then progress to apple, cinnamon and date bircher or crowd-pleasers such as chilli scrambled eggs on brioche toast. The outdoor area, nestled under trees with views of Ormond Road, has both ambiance and a sea breeze, with the beach just around the corner.

South Melbourne

ST. ALi, South Melbourne

Renowned for roasting and brewing their coffee on-site, [St Ali](#) has unmatched name recognition in the specialty coffee scene. Plus in classic Melbourne style, it's in a hidden laneway adorned

with street art. There's a lot more here to try than your standard latte - including cold brew, pour-over and a single origin, three espresso flight. The cosy yet spacious interior features colourful tiles, wooden detailing and a marble bar overlooking all the barista action. Try American pancakes with bacon and maple syrup or Mexican-themed eggs with corn fritters and salsa for breakfast. The KFC (Korean Fried Chicken) burger with Korean chilli sauce and red cabbage slaw is a lunchtime standout. House coffee blends and small batch groceries are also for sale in their well-stocked retail shelves.

Kettle Black, 50 Albert Road, South Melbourne

[The Kettle Black](#) does everything well. Housed in an 1880s terrace, just walking in feels special, with stunning interiors that blend heritage with modern design. The coffee is top-notch, using premium beans sourced from the best producers worldwide. The menu takes brunch to the next level with fresh spins on classic dishes, all in expertly-plated Instagrammable style. Think blueberry and ricotta hotcakes, spanner crab chilli scrambled eggs, male bacon benedict or lemon meringue waffles. Don't miss their signature cocktails - they're available all day.

Juniper, 269 Coventry Street, South Melbourne

A newcomer in South Melbourne from the team behind North Carlton's Florian, [Juniper](#) has quickly won over Southside brunch enthusiasts. Located near South Melbourne Market, its cosy dining area seats just 24 diners, with a menu that makes the most of fresh, seasonal ingredients. A large cabinet features a range of sandwiches, baguettes, and rotating salads. In colder months, there's soup with house-based focaccia. Mushroom congee and the egg and crispy bacon rolls are perennial favourites.

Looking for more?

And keep an eye out for the reopening of the cult cafe [Chez Dre](#). Currently closed for renovations, no Southside brunch list is complete without it.

St Kilda East and Balaclava

Wall280, 280 Carlisle Street, Balaclava

Recently celebrating its 25th birthday on Carlisle Street, [Wall280](#) is quintessentially Melbourne. There's the eye-catching street art on its outside wall, lined with minimalist outdoor tables. There's the superb coffee, which Melburnians travel far and wide for (seven million lattes served, and counting) and a menu perfectly crafted breakfast favourites. And if the wood-lined interior looks familiar, that's because it's the work of Six Degrees Architects. Made from recycled materials and featuring one of Melbourne's first communal tables ringed by stools, it was ground-breaking in its time, and still stands up as a perennial example of Melbourne-inspired sustainable design.

Las Chicas

This long-standing neighbourhood favourite is known for its hit-the-spot St Ali coffee and hangover-friendly dishes like Bikini Blowout Benedict and berry-topped buttermilk pancakes. But there's plenty more to explore on the [Las Chicas](#) menu, which also heros local and sustainable ingredients from small batch producers. Don't miss unique options like Moroccan eggs with garlic and thyme-roasted Portobello mushrooms and harissa chickpeas, or the coconut sago pudding. Inside, the warm wooden decor is perfect for chilly days, while the outdoor courtyard and street-side tables are great for sunny weather.

Looking for more?

Recently opened on Chapel Street in the former Garage site on Chapel Street, [Hello Sparrow](#) is quickly becoming a local favorite for coffee, breakfast and fresh takeaway options. [Glass Merchants](#) serves up all-day breakfast and lunch in an eclectic industrial space, that was once

a glass factory. With eye-catching murals on the outside walls, it's hard to miss.

Port Melbourne

Hurricane Handsome

Port Melbourne locals love to start the day at this light-filled spot on Bay Street. [Hurricane Handsome's](#) colourful insta-worthy dishes are as tasty as they are photogenic. The menu traverses the Northern hemisphere, with morning favourites such as the Spanish Scrambler (eggs with manchego cheese, chorizo, fresh chilli, Spanish onion), grilled saganaki and pork belly French toast. Fresh juices and smoothies are also a feature.

Grey & Bliss

[Grey & Bliss](#) is a go-to spot for communal catch ups and great coffee. From the morning avocado smash and blueberry and ricotta hotcakes to lunchtime favorites like Portuguese chicken and wasabi-crusting calamari, the menu hits the spot any time of day. You'll also find rotating specials, fresh smoothies, and a selection of beers, wines, and cocktails.

Hooray: Come see Fred Negro at St Kilda Town Hall

Iconic St Kilda musician and cartoonist Fred Negro will be undertaking an artist residency in the Carlisle Street Arts Space (CSAS) at St Kilda Town Hall from 24 June to 12 July.

As part of his residency, titled Hooray, members of the public can drop in and meet the I Spit on your Gravy frontman as he draws a largescale map of St Kilda that will highlight the storied pubs and venues that make up St Kilda's Live Music Precinct.

The map will be digitised and uploaded to Council's Live N Local website acting as a venue guide for the Precinct.

Fred, admired for his graphic skills, iconoclastic humour and social commentary, will exhibit a selection of works including posters, handbills and his infamous PUB strip cartoons during his residency.

The St Kilda's Alright artist will also take part in a series of free events in Port Phillip. These include:

In Conversation with Fred Negro

12.30 PM, Wednesday 26 July at CSAS

Meet Fred and enjoy a conversation about his artwork, music and his film, *PUB*.

St Kilda Underground Music Walk

2 PM, Sunday 7 July starting at The George Hotel (125-129 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda)

Join Fred and Rob Wellington on a guided walk exploring St Kilda. Hear about the bands, promoters, fashion and artists that made 1979-1987 a significant period in Australian music history.

PUB: The Movie



5.30 PM, Friday 12 July at CSAS

Watch the outrageous true story of Fred Negro. Learn more about the artist, singer and creator of PUB, the cartoon strip that chronicled the history of the St Kilda music scene.

Fred Negro's 3182 ETC. New Band Launch

7 PM, Friday 12 July at Pause Bar (268 Carlisle Street, Balaclava)

Join Fred as he launches his new band, Fred Negro's *3182 ETC.* featuring an all-star St Kilda lineup.

Fred shared his inspiration behind the name of his exhibition and upcoming residency.

"When the City of Port Phillip asked to draw all the venues in the Live Music Precinct, I screamed HOORAY! which has now become the title of the exhibition," he said.

"I never wanted to be a renegade artist. I was just making a record of what was going on. I think that art can be hilarious and entertaining and irreverent and salty and earthy."

Port Phillip Mayor Heather Cunsolo said she looked forward to welcoming Fred to St Kilda Town Hall.

"Fred was one of many artists who played a significant role in shaping St Kilda's creative culture during the 1980s," she said.

"Who better to tell the stories of our live music venues than a much-loved St Kilda identity who is synonymous with many of our historic pubs, bars and music venues."

Fred's Hooray residency comes as part of Council's latest [CSAS exhibition](#) and its declaration of St Kilda as a Live Music Precinct.

The Precinct, the first of its kind in Victoria, reinforces St Kilda as a leader of live music locally and across the globe.

CSAS is open from 8.30 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Fred will be onsite at CSAS from 10 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday during his residency.

To learn more about the exhibition and associated events, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/hooray-fred-negro-to-undertake-an-artist-residency-at-st-kilda-town-hall>

A shout out from Yarra Trams

Leaf season is a busy time of year as our Street and Beach teams work to clear leaf fall from roughly 32,500 trees along 530 streets in our City.

And as we farewell leafy autumn and say hello to winter southside, Yarra Trams gave a special thank you to our teams who helped clear leaf fall on Park Street to ensure trams could run without disruption.

Learn more about street cleaning services in Port Phillip.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/cleaning-graffiti-and-infrastructure->



Applications open for Town Hall Hire Subsidy Scheme

Eligible groups and organisations can apply for a subsidy to support the hiring of St Kilda or Port Melbourne Town Hall auditoriums for their next big event.



We're here to help house your next event whether it's a dazzling presentation night, heartwarming school awards ceremony, lively sports breakfast, vibrant cultural celebration or anything else you can dream up.

If you have any questions about the scheme or how to apply, please contact our friendly staff at venues@portphillip.vic.gov.au or call us on 03 9209 6777.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/applications-are-now-open-for-our-town-hall-hire-subsidy-scheme>

Enrol to vote in the Council election

Make sure you are enrolled to have your say in the upcoming Council election.

City of Port Phillip Council elections will be held via postal vote throughout October. Council elections are your opportunity to have your say on the things that matter to you in our City.



If you are enrolled to vote in the City of Port Phillip, you will receive your postal vote forms via regular mail in early October, with instructions on how to vote, and a date in which that vote is due back.

Once enrolled, it is mandatory to vote in council elections.

If you are not sure if you are enrolled, you can use our handy tool to check your enrolment status, and ensure you enrol correctly.

Who is eligible to vote?

If you are aged 18 or over on election day (26 October 2024), you can vote if you:

- Rent a house or apartment in the City of Port Phillip – you need a signed rental agreement and to have lived there for a month or more.
- Own a house or apartment in the City of Port Phillip and live in it.
- Own a house or apartment in the City of Port Phillip and live somewhere else in Australia.
- Are a business owner, who owns or leases a commercial property in the city. You could be sharing the property with another business.
- Represent a company or corporation that owns or leases a property in the city.

How do I enrol to vote?

The eligible voters above fall into two types of voters in council elections:

These are:

- State-enrolled voters: Australian citizens who are 18 years of age or over and live in the City of Port Phillip.
- Council-enrolled voters: ratepayers such as property owners, occupiers or corporations.

You have one vote per council area. If you are a state-enrolled voter, that is the enrolment you use to vote.

State-enrolled voters

If you enrolled to vote in state elections, live in the City of Port Phillip and are an Australian Citizen who is 18 years of age or over, you are automatically enrolled as a state-enrolled voter in council elections. You will receive your ballot pack to vote in October.

If you are not sure if you are enrolled, wish to update your enrolment details or you wish to enrol to vote for the first time, you can check your enrolment on the VEC website.

Council-enrolled voters

If you are a property owner, occupier or representatives of companies within the City of Port Phillip who are not state-enrolled voters for the municipality of Port Phillip, you can enrol as a council-enrolled voter.

For more information, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/enrolling-to-vote>

Plastic Free July is coming

Plastic Free July is a global movement that encourages people to be part of the solution to plastic pollution. Will you be part of Plastic Free July by refusing single-use plastics?



Every day we're inundated with plastic items. While some can be recycled, much end up in our garbage stream or worse, in nature. Once in our environment, they can end up in our water supply, food systems, and even inside us.

Plastic Free July is an initiative that supports people to reduce or even eliminate their use of plastic for a month. It's like dry July but for plastic!

How can I get involved?

You can start small. You can take a pledge to avoid single-use items like a water bottle. Or you can give up all plastic items for the entire month, avoiding things like shampoo dispensers or packaged meat.

This year's campaign focuses on small changes that each of us can make, such as:

- refilling a reusable water bottle from the tap
- bringing a reusable cup or sitting down and enjoying your coffee
- switching from plastic wrap to reusable containers or wax wraps
- taking empty containers to your deli or supermarket when buying food.

Trying to give up single use plastics and avoid other plastics on your own can be challenging. But by joining the challenge, you can get access to support and resources and track your progress.

Sign up to the challenge: <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/campaigns/small-steps-big-difference/>

How we're reducing plastic pollution

On top of our existing recycling services, we're supporting programs and behaviours that discourage plastic production and reduce plastic pollution, including:

- Our new reusable nappy program – We know that switching to reusable nappies can be daunting. This is why we're running two free educational webinars this July. Attendees will receive five free nappies and a wet bag. Bookings are open.
- Our Vape Recycling trial – last year we launched our first-ever vape recycling trial. This service prevents vape waste, including plastic, from entering our environment.
- Port Phillip Repair Café and St Kilda Bike Kitchen – We encourage residents to repair bikes and other household items at these volunteer-led events that pop up at our Eco Centre.
- Sharing schemes – We encourage our community to avoid purchasing brand new items that they may only use occasionally. Elwood's kitchen library and other sharing schemes allow you to borrow everything from glassware to expensive kitchen appliances for a small fee.

Repairing items and minimizing new purchases reduces demand for 'virgin' materials to be created in the first place, including plastic. This reduces the likelihood they'll end up as pollution.

Personal training in Port Phillip

Following the endorsement of our Commercial Recreation Policy, personal trainers and wellness providers are now invited to apply for either a personal training or commercial recreation licence.



Recreation providers looking to facilitate larger group classes of more than 15 participants can now apply for a commercial recreation licence, providing more opportunities for leisure and entertainment in Port Phillip.

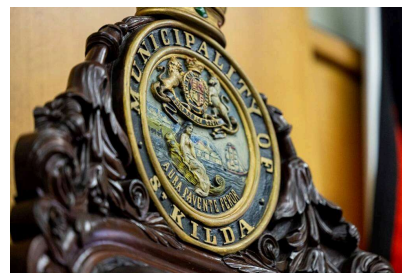
Applications close on 16 July.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/business/business-permits-and-approvals>

Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Actions at our 19 June Council Meeting included:

- Councillors requested Council officers to investigate whether sculptures placed on public land by a Port Phillip resident and artist are permissible under the Nature Strip Guidelines or Public Art Policy and what changes may be required to the Guidelines to allow these artworks to remain.
- A Council Management Action Plan and key terms of a settlement with Citywide which followed disruption to kerbside waste and recycling collection services when Citywide took over as the new contractor on 1 July last year.
- Issuing a notice of decision to grant a permit, subject to conditions being met, for a planning permit application for an adult lifestyle meeting place within an industrial zone at



Arts in Focus



Swans new mural at South Melbourne Market

A new mural has been painted at the South Melbourne Market celebrating the Sydney Swans' 150th anniversary.

Located between York Street and the Market's external food hall, the colourful mural pays tribute to Swans legends from the club's days in South Melbourne.

Bloods legends Bob Skilton and Peter Burns are featured, as well as former captains John Rantall and Ron Clegg alongside the club's first Indigenous player Elkin Reilly and more.

The players are some of the most decorated players to wear the red and white guernsey, with many having a strong connection to South Melbourne, having grown up and lived in the area.

The heritage mural was designed and painted by Gadigal artist Jesse Wright, also known as JESWRI, best known for his large-scale public artworks.

JESWRI, originally from Sydney, now lives in Melbourne – taking the opposite path of the Swans, having relocated from South Melbourne to play in Sydney in 1982.

"It's been nice to see the Swans fans come by when I have been painting and give me really cool feedback and support and lovely things to say," JESWRI said.

"The trickiest part was to wrap all the sides



Celebrating design excellence in Port Phillip

A record 17 projects received awards or commendations at the 2024 City of Port Phillip Design and Development Awards on Tuesday 28 May.

The bi-annual awards, hosted by the City of Port Phillip, saw a record pool of 47 entries considered in a celebration of great design in the municipality.

Hip V. Hype and Six Degrees Architects were recognised as dual award winners for the Ferrars & York project, which was judged the best Mixed Use development as well as earning the Jury's Award for Excellence in Sustainability.

Ferrars & York incorporates a comprehensive array of technologies to improve the environmental performance of the building including a 20.1 kW solar panel system, electric vehicle charging, remote controlled external blinds, an energy recovery ventilation system and a four-stream waste management system. The entire development is gas-free and features recycled materials within the construction.

Searle x Waldron Architecture won the Non-Residential award for Albert Park Primary School's Performance Hub, with the judges recognising its outstanding design that complements the existing architecture of the historic Wesleyan church hall.

The Residential New Build (one to two

of it, it's a very unique canvas so I have mixed a few sides into one to make it a bit more of a melting pot for Swans fans.

“The portraits are some of my favourite parts, particularly of Elkin Reilly, being an Indigenous player. Taking my time and being able to explore it has been really cool.”

The mural project comes thanks to a collaboration between Council, the Sydney Swans Football Club and the Victorian Government's Urban Canvas program.

The creation of new murals under Urban Canvas continues to combat unsightly graffiti vandalism through the installation of street art.

Under Urban Canvas, government agencies and companies have given Council permission and provided funding to commission murals on their assets.

The selected locations are high profile sites identified as illegal graffiti hotspots. The idea is that taggers are less likely to deface public spaces featuring street art.

The new mural was celebrated with a launch event on 22 May with the Swans hosting a kiosk at South Melbourne Market.

dwelling) award went to Clare Cousins Architects for the Courtyard House. The house skilfully reinterprets the spirit of the corner store that once stood on the site, earning its name from the central courtyard around which the house is structured.

Bourke and Bouteloup Architects won the Small Scale award for the design of the South Melbourne Market's External Food Hall as a multipurpose area that enhances the market experience. Taking its cues from the market's timber packing pallets, the structure uses sustainable materials and prefabricated, modular construction in a considered and sophisticated way.

Joint winners were named in the Residential Alteration or Addition (one to two dwellings) category. The jury felt that the Middle Park House by Robson Rak Architects and Interiors brought new life to a prominent corner site, while Studio mkn and Eliza Blair Architecture's Hidden House is a dramatic concrete and glass addition that is entirely concealed from the street.

Robson Rak Architects and Interiors celebrated another win in earning the Jury's Award for Excellence in Heritage for the St Kilda Hill House. The project was noted for the extent of reconstruction and restoration works undertaken to reinstate the house's original Victorian character, which had been marred by years of neglect.

MA + Co was recognised as the winner of the Residential (three or more dwellings) category and the Jury's Award for Excellence in Urban Design for its Inkerman + Nelson project. This development provided a sophisticated response to its site and is a noteworthy model for medium density housing.

The Jury's Award for Excellence in Cultural and Community Benefit was given to the City of Port Phillip's Dickens Street Activation Project for its simple but impactful transformation of an underutilised parking area into a new multi-purpose public space.

Port Phillip Mayor and jury panellist Heather Cunsolo said she was impressed with the quality of the record number of entries this year, which represented a 25 per cent increase in the number of submissions compared to the 2022 Design and

Development Awards.

“These awards help raise awareness of what quality design looks like in our community, while recognising the great homes and infrastructure that makes our City such a vibrant place to live,” Cr Cunsolo said.

The Design and Development Awards were hosted in conjunction with the National Gallery of Victoria’s Melbourne Design Week. The awards have been hosted by Council since 1998, with this year marking its 17th iteration.

Help Shape our City



Help model Councillor code of conduct and training

The Local Government Amendment (Governance and Integrity) Bill 2024 was passed by Parliament on 19 June. The Bill makes a series of amendments to the Local Government Act 2020 to support better council integrity, accountability, and governance across the local government sector ahead of the 2024 council general elections.

Local Government Victoria (LGV) is seeking feedback on the making of Regulations that will give effect to the reforms in the Bill that will:

- introduce a Model Councillor Code of Conduct for all 79 councils across the State
- require councillors to undertake annual professional development training
- require mayors and deputy mayors to take mayoral training upon being elected to those positions.

Visit the Local Government Victoria website and provide your feedback before Monday 15 July.

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/local-government-reforms-2024>

Continuing the adventures at St Kilda Adventure Playground

We are getting ready to upgrade the St Kilda Adventure Playground. A draft concept design for the playground has been co-designed with children, with input from their carers and playground staff. Read what we heard from children and give your feedback by Wednesday 3 July.

Help shape Our Coastal Future

We want to hear what you love about our coast. Your stories and ideas will help shape how we manage and adapt to our coastal future. Find out more and have your say by Sunday 30 June.

Have your say on our draft Urban Forest Strategy

Last year, we asked our community what our urban forest should look like in 2040. Since then,



we've outlined how we will increase the quantity and biodiversity of greenery in our City. Now, we're seeking your feedback, so we know we've got it right. Review the draft strategy and [give your feedback](#) by Sunday 7 July.

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

Sustainability

Supporting the switch to reusable nappies

Reusable nappies are cheaper in the long term. Join a webinar to learn more and receive a free cloth nappy pack.

After food waste, disposable nappies are the most common material found in our garbage bins. Once in landfill, they take up space and take hundreds of years to breakdown.

In comparison, reusable nappies are a far more sustainable option. This is because they can be used many times and for more than one child.

When it comes to reusables: it doesn't have to be all-or-nothing. It's about using more reusables, more of the time. If you use one reusable nappy a day you will save 365 disposable nappies from going to landfill each year.

Nappy webinars

We know that the thought of using reusable nappies can be daunting. This is why we're partnering with Evia Collective to host two free online webinars for Port Phillip residents:

- Session 1: Thursday 18 July 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm
- Session 2: Saturday 27 July 10 am – 11 am

The webinars will cover nappy basics, including an explanation of:

- different types of modern cloth nappies
- fitting and washing disposable nappies
- additional benefits like adjustable absorbency levels and how they can be used by several children.

You will also receive a free nappy pack to help kick-start your nappy stash as you build up a collection over time. The pack will include 5 modern cloth nappies and a wetbag.

Register for a webinar by visiting: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1228821>

Become an environmental leader

Do you want to build your skills to become an environmental leader? Influence climate leadership in your community? Are you concerned about the planet we are leaving to our



children?

Join our free Environmental Leaders course to earn from experts, receive one-on-one coaching and join an incredible network of people responding to the biggest challenge of our time.

This course is aimed at everyone who wants to become an environmental leader. There are no pre-requisites and no skills required.



The course will be challenging, consisting of 2.5 hours per week in class, around 2-4 hours per week of homework, and further team-based project work which will take place both during and after the completion of the course. Aspiring leaders will be supported throughout the training with easy and regular access to facilitation staff.

In terms of executing a project, don't worry. You don't have to have a project idea to take part. And it does not matter if you are a seasoned environmental project manager or someone at the beginning of your environmental journey. Your ideas, enthusiasm and openness are what we require. We will be working in project teams and we will walk the path together, so you don't need to know or be everything.

The project work must be undertaken within the City of Port Phillip. Priority will be given to applications from Port Phillip residents and employees of businesses within Port Phillip. Applicants outside of the City of Port Phillip will need some justification as to why they should take part in this training, together with a clear undertaking to participate in environmental project work within the City of Port Phillip.

The training will be a mixture of in person and online interactions and it is essential that you have access to a computer and an internet connection.

If you're ready to learn more about yourself, meet other people and take action on climate change, then this is the course for you! Send us an email to tell us you're interested in finding out more at enviro@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/sustainability-and-climate-change/take-action/environmental-leadership-course>

Library Visit

Try Taoist Tai Chi at the library

There's something for everyone at Port Phillip's libraries - including the gentle turning and stretching movements of Taoist Tai Chi.

The Taoist Tai Chi Society of Australia hosts weekly exercise sessions at Middle Park Library and South Melbourne Community Centre - including an upcoming introductory half day program on 21 July.



Join fellow community members in the ancient practice aimed at improving circulation, balance and posture, increasing strength and flexibility and reducing stress.

Visit: <https://www.taoisttaichi.org/>

Community Spirit

Beacon for the community

The Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association (BCNA) has been a trusted voice for residents within this unique part of Port Melbourne for more than 30 years.



With a focus on protecting and improving the amenity of Beacon Cove and surrounding neighbourhoods for residents, BCNA activities include:

- engaging in planning, development and maintenance processes, including liaising with governmental bodies, developers and other stakeholders on responsible land use practices
- preserving local heritage sites and cultural landmarks, nurturing a sense of identity and heritage within the community
- promoting social cohesion and interaction, fostering a robust sense of belonging and friendship among residents
- collaborating with allied groups and associations, amplifying BCNA's impact in advancing shared objectives.

More information about current advocacy projects can be found at www.beaconcove.org.au

Visit the BCNA website for details on how join the BCNA and be an active participant in its advocacy and community activities. Membership, including for renters, costs \$10 annually (or \$35 for a five-year term), directly supporting initiatives including maintaining the website.

What's On



The Great Moscow Circus

The Great Moscow Circus returns to Victoria with an extreme show at JL Murphy Reserve.

This Australian owned



Sincerely Yours

Little Pine Tree Productions presents Sincerely Yours, a tribute to Dame Vera Lynn.

Come and celebrate the incredible life and music of



Community Planting Days

We're hosting several community planting days, and you're invited.

By planting more biodiverse plants we can cool our

circus features Australia's top BMX and scooter riders, as well as the Extreme Wheel of Death, Globe of Death, breathtaking aerial performers and more.

Showing from 28 June to 14 July, see the circus at its best in climate conditioned comfort these school holidays.

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

the Forces Sweetheart at St Kilda RSL on 28 June.

With all the classics, and a few surprises, you'll be swept back in time with this sublime musical delight.

This free event is supported by the City of Port Phillip's Live N Local fund.

For more information visit the [Try Booking](#) website.

streets, protect our wildlife and make our city more enjoyable.

We're looking for passionate volunteers to help us achieve our vision of a shared urban forest.

Join us at one or more of the following planting days this winter. For more information, visit our [website](#).

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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。

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.

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