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From the Chamber

The 2023 St Kilda Festival has come and gone, creating great memories and further consolidating our City's reputation as a live music and creative hub.

This fantastic free event really does offer something for everyone, I had lots of fun visiting Big Festival Sunday with my family and was hugely impressed with the fantastic talent showcased at the First Peoples First event.



I hope you enjoy the behind the scenes feature article in this issue about everything we consider when putting on this massive annual event.

The St Kilda Festival is just one example of how live music helps activate our City's streets – and businesses. We were proud to support the recent St Kilda Blues Festival which provided a wonderful weekend of blues talent in venues and on streets.

Live music truly is an integral part of St Kilda's DNA. This is why we are developing a draft policy for a potential live music precinct in St Kilda, aimed at protecting and supporting live music while balancing the needs of everyone in the community. I urge you to help shape the future of live music in St Kilda by telling us what you think about our draft policy.

A decision at our 15 March Council Meeting to award a lease for the magnificent South Melbourne Town Hall to the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM) is another way we are supporting live music. Many in our community have missed the special experience of often hearing strains of music by talent young musicians while walking through the Town Hall. The lease secures the long-term future of this historic building and provides access and benefits to our community, including free ANAM membership. I look forward to council meetings and

citizenship ceremonies continuing in this incredible building.

We also decided at the meeting to give provisional approval for an event permit for a return of the popular Palace Foreshore live music event in November and March at the St Kilda Triangle. As part of this decision, we have committed to working with the organisers and local traders to do our best to limit any impacts, such as less available parking.

Our new FOGO recycling services have been progressing well since my last column – thanks to your collective efforts we are already making a real difference. Within just a few months of rolling out our FOGO services we have increased our diversion from landfill to 39.5 per cent (February 2023), up from 31.7 per cent in November last year. We have also increased the amount of FOGO material we divert from landfill, with 192.6 tonnes being recycled in February, compared to 22.5 tonnes last November.

I am delighted to share with you that the first residents in the Marlborough Street Community Housing project in Balaclava will move in from April. I attended the official opening of this important residential project last week and was very proud that our Council donated land, including a public carpark, worth \$5 million to help make Marlborough Street a reality. Due to the clever design, a public car park will be reinstated and Balaclava Walk – a new landscaped pedestrian walkway – will improve the connection from Marlborough Street to the Carlisle Street shopping strip.

We are committed to supporting more affordable housing in Port Phillip through our In Our Backyard Strategy and welcome other partnerships to help achieve this because affordable housing is fundamental to ensuring a vibrant and inclusive city. The creative thinking at the heart of this project, where a carpark has been transformed into 46 homes, can truly change not only spaces but lives.

Regards,

Cr Heather Cunsolo,

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



St Kilda Festival brings big crowds back to the foreshore

Ten kilometres of cables. Two hundred and fifty microphones and 375,000 music-lovers over two days.

The iconic St Kilda Festival was back better than ever from 18-19 February and returned in a new two-day post COVID-19 format.

Diversity takes you beyond the stage to learn more about what it takes to host one of Australia's oldest and most beloved free music festivals.

As our Council's biggest annual event, staff work year-round to ensure it's safe and memorable for festival-goers.

An integral part of any live music festival is its acts, and this year, it was rock legends Hoodoo Gurus headlining Big Festival Sunday.

St Kilda Festival Lead Sullivan Patten explains the process of sourcing talent for the line-up.

"Usually, I aim to lock in headliners first as this dictates what budget I have to work with for the remainder of the acts, and the general feel and energy of the stage," Sullivan said.

"Headline acts need to have a performative edge, be well-known to a wide audience and reflect the Festival's values – oh and be affordable!"

St Kilda Festival has a history of celebrating local artists so homegrown acts were selected to appear on the Locals Stage at Acland Plaza.

"Being a Festival that has a commitment to nurturing the local music community, it's imperative that we support the artists on our doorstep," Sullivan said.

"The line-up for the Locals Stage was informed heavily by our [Live N Local](#) database, which is a perfect source for wonderful and diverse artists who are keen to perform."

This year's St Kilda Festival was made possible with the support of the Victorian Government's Live Music Restart Program.

The 2023 event saw the inaugural First Peoples First showcase of First Nations artists on 18 February. The event was a huge success with a crowd of 25,000 enjoying live music including headliner Christine Anu and Archie Roach's band and special guests paying tribute to the late St Kilda legend.

Then Big Festival Sunday brought the big crowds back to the Foreshore as 350,000 revellers joined in the traditional St Kilda Festival celebration we know and love.

Indie electro pop band Confidence Man featured as a headline act for Big Festival Sunday, while Yothu Yindi, Genesis Owusu, Teen Jesus and the Jean Teasers were among the 70-plus acts performing live across the weekend.

Festival weekend continued to prove a big day for many local traders with surrounding streets buzzing with shoppers and diners. The economic benefit to local business was independently assessed as being \$35 million, all while reinforcing St Kilda's reputation as a cultural and live music hub.

Our Council takes pride in ensuring St Kilda Festival is an inclusive environment with something for everyone to enjoy. Live interpretations were provided for 308 songs by 35 different acts for the first time thanks to Auslan Stage Left.

There was also entertainment for the whole family, including drumming, art and circus

workshops, 3x3 basketball, Latin Quarter music and dance and face painting. Throughout the fun, a giant neon St Kilda Festival sign provided the perfect souvenir selfie opportunity against the backdrop of beautiful St Kilda Beach.

When it comes to planning an event of this magnitude, officers are always mindful of the need to ensure the Festival runs safely with minimal impact on residents, traders and the local surroundings.

This is a big task as two of the entry points to the Festival precinct are about 2.25 kilometers apart. This means a huge 300,000 square meter space must be safely provided for the tens of thousands of people flocking to the Festival on foot.

Vehicle access outside this zone also needs to be managed. Council's Accreditation & Safety Manager Lauren Howes helped implement the traffic management zone plan which provided multiple vehicle access points for residents and traders.

Lauren, who gained experience in similar event roles when working at the Olympics and Commonwealth Games, was responsible for issuing over 6,500 vehicle permits to nearby residents and traders in the months leading up to the Festival.

"It's so impressive to see a local community festival where you have so many people coming through St Kilda for a real celebration of a cultural mecca of Melbourne," Lauren said.

She worked with stakeholders such as McDonalds to ensure its employees would have permits to access the area to work and engaged local churches to ensure Sunday church services could go ahead with minimal disruption.

"With everything that we do for St Kilda Festival, we're considering how will this impact the community and the residents? We can't just shut down the City, so we make sure residents can get to and from their houses and people can come into the area to get to work," Lauren said.

Now the curtain has closed on the 2023 St Kilda Festival, our Council's festival staff are reviewing the event and will take their learnings into making the 2024 rendition even bigger and better than the last.

Part of this includes a community survey to learn about your Festival experience and to use this valuable feedback to plan for the future.

One act is already locked in with indie pop singer Julian Maynard booked for a Main Stage performance in 2024. The 18-year-old was named the 2023 St Kilda Festival New Music Competition winner, earning his place at the 2024 Festival and pocketing \$5,000 in prizemoney.

And save the date for our upcoming St Kilda Film Festival.

Our festival and events staff are finalising planning for this always much-anticipated event.

[Find out more](#)



Doors opening in Balaclava for community housing

Welcome home!

Tenants will start moving into 46 architecturally designed affordable apartments in Balaclava from April.

The innovative \$29 million residential project in Marlborough Street is a partnership between our Council and community housing provider HousingFirst, through the Port Phillip Housing Trust.

HousingFirst, which provided \$4 million, designed and developed the project and will manage the property.

Our Council donated land worth \$5 million and provided extensive support from our officers to help make the Marlborough Street development a reality.

In a further partnership approach, the project was part-funded through a \$19 million Victorian Government Building Works package and the Australian Government contributed \$2 million in grants and loans for infrastructure works through the National Housing Infrastructure Facility.

The project involves a simple car park, donated by Council, being transformed into high quality community housing apartments for local residents experiencing housing stress.

Thanks to the clever design, a replacement public car park is being provided.

And in a further benefit, Balaclava Walk – a new landscaped pedestrian walkway – will improve the connection from Marlborough Street to the fantastic Carlisle Street shopping strip.

The development provides accommodation for up to 129 people drawn from the Victorian Housing Register, including families, older residents and people living with a disability.

Our Council is committed to supporting more affordable housing in Port Phillip through our In

Our Backyard Strategy.

Marlborough Street at a glance:

- 46 x 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments, all with private balconies
- residents' car-parking (15 spaces) and bicycle storage
- public car parking (39 spaces) and bicycle storage
- a communal rooftop garden and community space
- a street-level commercial space
- rainwater harvesting system for toilet flushing and irrigation
- a 17.6 kW rooftop solar system
- environmentally friendly internal finishes
- an average energy rating of 8.2 stars by using carefully designed, high-performance windows and solar shading devices.

[Find out more](#)

City News

New FOGO service already making a difference

Food and garden organics (FOGO) recycling bins have been rolled out across Port Phillip recently and you might be wondering, why should we recycle? And is it making a difference?



By recycling our FOGO materials, we are taking advantage of one of the greatest opportunities to reduce our carbon emissions. When we send our lawn clippings, fruit and vegetables, and other FOGO waste to landfill, it breaks down and produces methane, a harmful greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

In Port Phillip, we recognise FOGO materials as a valuable resource and are converting them into compost that we use on land throughout Victoria.

Your recycling is already having a positive impact. Within just a few months of rolling out our new FOGO services we have increased our diversion from landfill to 39.5 per cent (February 2023), up from 31.7 per cent in November last year.

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Not only is our community getting better at recycling, but Australia's recycling as a whole is improving. The latest National Waste Report provides a snapshot of Australia's waste generation and management, along with how much waste is recycled and who is responsible for it.

Here are some key findings from the National Waste Report:

- Australia's recycling rate has increased by 57 per cent over the last 15 years, with 63 per cent of Australia's waste recovered and used again.
- Victoria and New South Wales are tied for the third best resource recovery rate at 67 per cent, following South Australia (80 per cent) and Australian Capital Territory (69 per cent).
- There was a striking increase of about 35 per cent in the recycling of kerbside organics in comparison to 2018-2019 data. This is mostly due to the roll out of new kerbside FOGO

bins.

- However, as our population grows so does the total quantity of waste we are generating.
- When comparing our waste generation with other countries Australia is just behind the USA as generating one of the highest amounts of waste per capita.
- We're very good at recycling certain types of materials like metals (87 per cent recycled), but we're not great at recycling plastics (only 13 per cent recycled).
- Around 14 per cent of what we're putting in our recycling bins can't be recycled and is classified as 'contamination'.

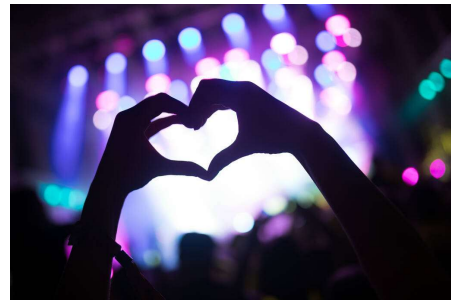
This report highlights the need for all Australians to reduce the amount of waste they produce, focus on reusing materials, and learn about what can and can't be recycled.

If you have any questions about our new FOGO recycling services please find more information on our website or contact ASSIST on 03 9209 6777.

Thank you for doing your part to create a more sustainable future for Port Phillip.

Help shape the future of live music in St Kilda

In 2021, Council endorsed the Live Music Action Plan which recommended the development of a live music precinct. As a celebrated home of live music, St Kilda was selected as the prime location for a precinct.



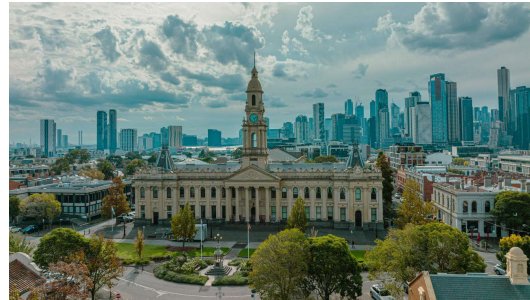
We're currently developing a draft policy for a potential live music precinct in St Kilda.

We want to hear from you. Let us know how we could best support you through this policy.

For more information, visit: <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/live-music-precinct>

New lease of life for South Melbourne Town Hall

South Melbourne Town Hall will again be a jewel in Port Phillip's crown following the decision to award a lease to the Australian National Academy of Music (ANAM).



The 35-year lease will begin after the world-class music academy has contributed \$20.5 million in capital investment to the ageing building. The lease can be extended to 50 years if ANAM provides a further \$19.5 million in capital investment.

Port Phillip Council Mayor Heather Cunsolo said the lease will secure the long-term future of what has been a much-loved landmark for 140 years.

"We're excited that ANAM's presence will further enhance South Melbourne's reputation as a vibrant, cultural hub for both visitors and our community," Cr Cunsolo said.

"The investment required under the lease also means this impressive building can reopen and again provide a focal point for community gatherings and events as well as hosting civic functions such as Council meetings and citizenship ceremonies."

The lease also provides for:

- Spaces to be made available for local community group hire, at a discount rate broadly aligning with the City of Port Phillip's own community rate

- A South Melbourne Town Hall Cultural Fund to be funded by an intended \$1 levy from every ticket sold there costing \$20 or more. This will fund arts and cultural activities in Port Phillip, including subsidising hire charges to use the impressive venue
- Free ANAM annual membership for the City of Port Phillip community
- A booking system to support community hire of the spaces
- Performance targets to encourage increased community use.

ANAM Board Chair John Daley said: “We are delighted that Council and the community have thrown their support behind ANAM’s vision for the South Melbourne Town Hall. By working together, we can rejuvenate this magnificent building. It’s a huge commitment to the future – many of the ANAM musicians who will be training in the Town Hall, and those members of the local community who will be able to enjoy their music-making, haven’t even been born.”

Separately from ANAM’s contribution, Council will soon undertake a multi-million dollar repair and renewal program to ready the building for occupancy.

South Melbourne Town Hall has been temporarily closed to the public since June, 2020, under Council’s restoration and renewal plans for the historic site.

From 1996, ANAM was the major tenant until the temporary closure, sharing the space with a range of other arts, cultural and community organisations.

A community consultation on the proposed lease held by Council attracted 554 submissions and survey responses, with 91 per cent supporting ANAM being awarded the lease.

You're in pole position for the Formula 1 Grand Prix

The Formula 1 Rolex Grand Prix 2023 is back in Albert Park from 30 March to 2 April. The Australian Grand Prix has been confirmed to be held in Albert Park until 2035.

The Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) is offering some residents in the St Kilda, Albert Park and South Melbourne postcodes a free community day park pass.



Residents and business owners within the postcodes 3182, 3205, 3206 and 3004 (only on presentation of a 1-83 Queens Road address) must show a valid photo ID with their address to receive a day pass. This ticket does not allow for guest passes.

We are working closely with the AGPC to minimise the disruption to Port Phillip residents and businesses as well as leveraging opportunities for our local traders.

Stay and play in Port Phillip

Yarra Trams is providing shuttle buses from the ground to the Casino that will stop at Clarendon Street so that visitors and residents can enjoy South Melbourne's wonderful bars, restaurants and shops.

Yarra Trams will also run additional services down Fitzroy Street to Luna Park. This means there will be a more frequent tram service in this area which will make Acland Street more accessible to Grand Prix patrons.

There’s a whole lot for Grand Prix enthusiasts and locals to do after the event. Check out our What’s On website to discover some great pit stops for you to refuel and continue the celebrations.

Parking

In 2023, City of Port Phillip, together with the AGPC, is continuing with the parking management approach first trialled during the 2022 Grand Prix with some adjustments based on the findings of our evaluation (results of the evaluation can be found on our website).

Temporary 90-minute parking restrictions will apply in the Local Parking Area during the four-day event period, from Thursday 30 March to Sunday 2 April. As part of these changes:

- Existing 4P or unrestricted zones will be adjusted to 90-minute zones.
- Existing 2P or permit zones which only operate Monday to Friday (or Monday to Saturday) will be adjusted to also include Saturday and Sunday.
- Existing Loading zones, clearways or Disabled parking bays will not be modified.
- All properties within the Local Parking Area will receive two temporary parking permits in the mail to exempt them from temporary parking changes.

Council's parking enforcement officers will patrol and enforce all signposted parking restrictions. All vehicles must comply with signposted parking zones or display a valid parking permit to be exempt from time limit restrictions. Illegally parked vehicles will be subject to fines and towaways for obstructing access.

Temporary parking restrictions will apply in the highlighted area of the below map.

The GP is a Victorian Government event run by the AGPC.

For more information, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/traders-residents-and-visitors-in-pole-position-for-the-formula-1-rolex-grand-prix-2023>

Cultural Diversity Week 2023 was tastebud-tastic

Cultural Diversity Week celebrations were in full swing last week.

Southside becomes worldwide as we take you on a culinary trip around the globe without having to leave Port Phillip.

Check out our online map to explore great places to eat that will transport you across the globe.

For more information, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/cultural-diversity-week-2023-is-tastebud-tastic>



Become one of our regular venue hirers

Applications for the regular hire of our community facilities is now open. Do you need a place to hold your weekly or monthly activities, classes or meetings? Then we have the community space for you.



Applications for regular hire of our community facilities between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024 are now open and will close on Sunday 9 April 2023 at 11.59 pm.

We have 12 venues and 23 rooms available for hire.

For more information, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/applications-now-open-become-one-of-our-regular-venue-hirers>

Delays for mixed recycling bin collection

A driver shortage has unfortunately affected our recycling collection contractor's weekly pick-up of some recycling bins.

This means you may experience a day or two's delay in your bins being picked up until the shortfall is resolved. We understand this is frustrating and apologise for any delays. Please leave your recycling bin out until it is collected.



Council's recycling collection contractor is working to address the driver shortage. In the meantime, their waste crews are working overtime (at no extra cost to our Council) to catch-up, including on Saturdays.

Garbage bin and Food and Garden Organics bin collections are not affected.

Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Read our Council meeting recap to catch up on what you missed from the 15 March meeting and watch the livestream of the event.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-15-march-2023>

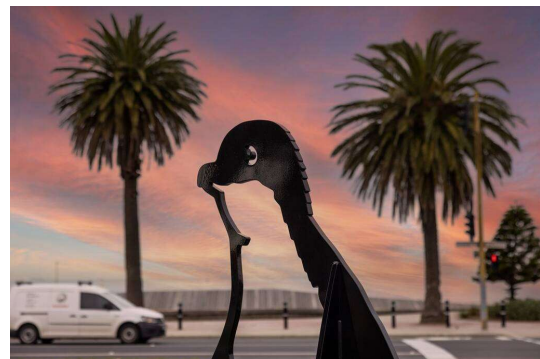


Arts in Focus



Distant Shores bringing our community closer

The Distant Shores exhibition, opening at the Carlisle Street Art Space (CSAS) on 17 March, poignantly conveys the cultural ties



Help name the Acland Street penguins!

The Acland Street Village Business Association needs your help naming its penguin sculptures with two \$400 Acland

of recently arrived migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Port Phillip. The exhibition, presented by CSAS at the St Kilda Town Hall, is co-produced by Melbourne-based photographic artist Morganna Magee and curator Anna Monea, and supported by Space2b.

Port Phillip Council Mayor Heather Cunsolo welcomes Distant Shores as an important part of the Council's Cultural Diversity Week calendar.

"The latest Census tells us that Port Phillip is home to people from over 160 different birthplaces, speaking more than 120 different languages and dialects.," Cr Cunsolo said.

"Celebrating and promoting inclusion is incredibly important to our City and we are proud to support this insightful exhibition, which speaks to our shared humanity."

Distant Shores combines documentary photography, family photographs and written testimony to tell the story of the migrant experience through themes of cultural connection, memory, longing and loss.

The exhibition also features paintings by four of the participants involved in this project. Anahita Diba, Rahila Zeeshan, Tadros Hanna and Abouk Giir will present works reflecting their cultural heritage, interests and concerns.

Ms Monea, a St Kilda resident, said Distant Shores explores the cultural and personal links of each participant to their homeland and how they have created a new life in Australia.

"Migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum leave their homelands for a myriad of reasons, often horrific, and in many cases they have to leave loved ones behind," she said.

"If they are fortunate, they have photographs - small mementos of their loved ones back home. By presenting these images and recreating them within an Australian setting, Distant Shores offers insight into each person's life and how far they have travelled."

The exhibition opens Friday 17 March and can be viewed until Friday 12 May. A launch will be held at CSAS on Thursday 23 March from 6 pm. For more information contact City of Port Phillip Exhibitions and Programs

Village Precinct vouchers up for grabs for the winning entries.

Two penguin sculptures were installed between the St Kilda Foreshore and Luna Park (corner of Jacka Boulevard and Shakespeare Grove) last year thanks to our Love My Place grants program.

Standing at 2.1 metres tall, the penguins frame a gateway from the beach to the businesses on Acland Street.

They are a fitting celebration of St Kilda's iconic penguin colony but the supersized metal penguin silhouettes are yet to be named.

Two winning names will be announced on the Acland Street Village Business Association's social media channels on Monday 27 March.

The project was produced in collaboration with the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council, which provided the name, "barring goyeep djinang yawa", meaning "the trail of the penguin".

The City of Port Phillip has a long history of supporting public art and our Love My Place grants program ensures this tradition continues by helping bring activations, events and unique or experimental ideas to life in our public spaces.

Officer Louisa Scott
at louisa.scott@portphillip.vic.gov.au or via
9209 6777.

Image credit: Morganna Magee, Rahila
(detail), 2022. Digital Print on Paper, 70 cm
x 80 cm.

Council is also supporting Cultural Diversity Week through events and activities presented by its Multicultural Advisory Committee. These include global flavours of the Southside, a tasty online map and social media campaign, promoting local cafes and restaurants serving cuisine from around the world. This program supports local multicultural traders and recognises the important role that food plays in maintaining traditions.

For more information, go
to <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/multicultural-community/cultural-diversity-week-2023>

Help Shape our City



Join the conversation on these projects now seeking your feedback:

- [Art and Cultural Heritage Strategy](#)
- [Hotel South Melbourne Social Significance Study](#)
- [Neighbourhood Batteries](#)
- [New netball courts at Elder Smith Reserve, Port Melbourne](#)
- [Positive Ageing Policy](#)
- [Proposed Local Law 2023](#)
- [Sandridge Bay Trail Safety Upgrade](#)
- [St Kilda Live Music Precinct](#)
- [Tree planting in Woodstock Street, Balaclava](#)
- [Updates to equipment at Skinners Adventure Playground](#)

We're popping up in various neighbourhood during March to chat in person:

- [Discover when we'll be in your neighbourhood](#)

Thank you for your feedback on these projects. Click the links below for more information on what we heard:

- [Moubray St park, Albert Park](#)
- [Pump track in Port Melbourne](#)
- [South Melbourne Town Hall, long term lease to ANAM](#)

Stay tuned to our Have Your Say website for these projects going live soon:

- March: LGBTIQ+ Action Plan
- April: Reviewing the Council Plan and developing the annual Budget

For more information, visit: <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/>

Sustainability

Making a real difference on Clean Up Australia Day

Port Phillip residents of all ages came together to help keep our beautiful City tidy as part of Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 5 March.



There were more than 11,000 Clean Up Australia Day events held, including 16 registered Clean-Up events in Port Phillip. An enthusiastic group of 123 registered volunteers collected 211 kilograms of litter from the streets and beaches of Port Phillip, from the Beach Patrol and Love Our Street groups.

The litter collected included 348 glass bottles, plastic bottles and cans, 79 takeaway coffee cups or lids, 1,420 cigarette butts and 100 microplastics in an incredible effort from our community.

Port Phillip EcoCentre also hosted a clean-up from Port Melbourne Library to the bay and reported only one plastic straw collected, indicating that the ban on single use plastics in Victoria is already having an effect.

The challenge doesn't end here as there are more opportunities to clean up throughout the year by joining one of the [Love Our Street](#) or [Beach Patrol](#) beach clean groups.

Alternatively, you can pledge to avoid single use plastics, opt for reusable coffee cups or head to the [St Kilda Repair Café](#) instead of throwing things out. We can all play a part in keeping our city clean and beautiful.

What can go in my FOGO bin?

It's important to keep contamination levels in our food and garden organics (FOGO) recycling bins low so we can continue to create high quality compost to nourish Victorian parks and grounds. Contaminants such as pet waste or tea bags shouldn't go in your FOGO bin because it can't be composted by our FOGO processor. If contamination levels are too high, FOGO materials are unable to be turned into compost and need to be taken to landfill.



Our FOGO materials are hand-sorted for contamination by staff at our FOGO processor. Contamination may cause damage to machinery and safety issues for staff as they manually pick out any non-compostable items.

We've put together the below list to help you familiarise and learn what can and can't go in your FOGO bin.

If you are unsure about a particular item, please contact ASSIST on 9209 6777 and leave it out of your bin until you receive a response.

What can and can't go in your FOGO bin

Your FOGO bin accepts:

Food organics:

- fruit and vegetable scraps including citrus and onion
- meat and seafood
- uncooked bones
- baked goods including bread, pastries
- grains and cereal
- mouldy and expired products
- loose tea leaves and coffee grounds.
- Garden Organics
- grass clippings and weeds (free of soil)
- garden prunings
- leaves

Other items:

- lime green compostable caddy liners (AS 4736 and AS 5810)
- small amounts of tissues, paper towel and shredded paper.

Your FOGO bin does not accept:

- tea bags
- coffee pods
- pet waste and cat litter
- compostable food packaging
- liquids including cooking oil
- soft plastics and plastic bags
- soil
- rocks and pebbles
- plant pots
- cooked bones and shellfish shells
- rubber bands and string
- bamboo cutlery

Library Visit

Bare Bones of True Crime

In partnership with Sisters in Crime Australia and Port Phillip Libraries, journalist Karina Kilmore speaks with five crime writers and investigators about their research and writing.

Why do people kill? Do women do it better? What happens to the victims? Can the wrong person be convicted? Is toxic masculinity really a thing? Find the answers to these questions and lots more in the true crime series, Bare Bones of True Crime.



For more information, visit: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/bare-bones-of-true-crime>

Community Spirit

Recognition for our multicultural seniors groups

As part of Cultural Diversity Week celebrations, Council hosted a special event to acknowledge the ongoing work of our multicultural seniors groups at St Kilda Town Hall on Wednesday 15 March.



Framed certificates were presented to 22 multicultural seniors groups from across the City at a morning tea which featured choir and dance performances.

These groups represent over 1,000 residents over the age of 65 whose experiences and contributions are valued by the City of Port Phillip.

This year's Cultural Diversity Week theme was 'Our Past. Our Future: Celebrating and reflecting on the contributions of Victoria's multicultural communities'.

Multiculturalism is an integral part of our City's history and success, with Station Pier the first landfall in Australia for many new arrivals. Some of the groups that participated in the event have been operating in our community for over 70 years – each playing a pivotal role in supporting social and cultural connection.

Georgina Tsolidis, Chair of Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC), said: "We are pleased to participate in this event which recognises the considerable contribution of our multicultural seniors groups who enable and support a dynamic diverse community. I also commend the staff who support these groups."

Council is proud to support each of the community groups in a variety of ways. This includes through subsidised community facilities, funding opportunities with Diversity and Ageing Support grants and Seniors Festival grants.

These community groups help ensure Port Phillip is rich with cultural diversity and an inclusive space for all.

What's On



Sounds on the Terrace

Friday 24 & 31 March
5 pm to 8 pm
Gasworks Arts Park

Sounds on the Terrace is a series of free outdoor music concerts on the terrace of Gasworks Arts Park.



Port Phillip Family Cycling

Wednesday 12 April
2 pm to 4.30 pm
Peanut Farm Reserve

This practical cycle skills training session caters for adults and children and aims to develop riding skills so



Last chance to ride the KIIS Eye Ferris Wheel

Catani Gardens

Take yourself to new heights with the KIIS Eye.

The KIIS Eye Ferris Wheel returned for

Audiences can enjoy music, food and drinks every Friday night. Musicians based in Melbourne will have the opportunity to highlight their music in a lovely environment with food trucks and drinks.

The event includes diverse music for audiences from young musicians, DJs, singer-songwriters, acoustics, First Nations musicians and more.

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

families can ride together.

The first part of the session allows adults and children to develop their bike handling skills in separate groups, followed by a short, combined group ride on shared paths and quiet streets to practice riding as a family.

This course is commissioned by the City of Port Phillip and facilitated by Bike it Better, for people who live, work or study in Port Phillip.

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

another year to light up Catani Gardens, but it won't be around for much longer.

After taking in the best views of St Kilda and Port Phillip Bay, enjoy a game of nine-hole mini golf on the Straya Mania Mini Golf course featuring crocodiles, kangaroos, sharks, and the great Aussie barbecue!

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