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## From the Chamber

Many of you will have already seen that we are asking our community to help us shape the St Kilda Triangle.

At our September Council Meeting, we decided to forge ahead with community consultation on a proposed stand-up 5000 capacity indoor live music venue to help activate this under-utilised location.

We believe a venue of this size and flexible design would be a fantastic way of activating this site, previously home to former entertainment drawcards including the Palais de Danse dance hall and Palace Nightclub.

Music industry experts told us during the feasibility study that this concept would help fill a gap in the market.

Now we are eager to hear what our community thinks. Please have your say - online, at pop-up events or drop-in sessions – before this extensive community consultation closes at midnight on 19 October. Your feedback is crucial and will inform a report on potential next steps.

In another significant opportunity for our community, we adopted the Elwood Foreshore Site Plan at September's Council Meeting to renew this popular and much-loved part of Port Phillip.

The site plan will provide guidance over the next decade as we replace aged infrastructure, improve access to this beautiful open space and address climate change risks.



Extensive community engagement resulted in some changes to the draft Plan and we will continue to seek our community's views as we progressively roll-out much-needed improvements.

At the same meeting we adopted our Public Toilet Plan 2023-33. This updated Plan includes more focus on consultation for public toilet projects and detailed information about sites identified for feasibility and investigation studies.

We also endorsed progressing the proposed design for the Elder Smith Netball Courts and Pavilion in Port Melbourne, including providing an extra \$1.7 million for courts and a pavilion.

This is yet another example of our long-standing commitment to helping provide much-need open space for our growing community, especially in Fishermans Bend and nearby northern suburbs. Elder Smith was chosen as the site for the new netball courts as it will connect with the future Prohasky Reserve sporting precinct, part of the Fishermans Bend urban renewal.

In my previous column, I shared our deep concern about the Victorian Government abandoning its delivery plan for Fishermans Bend, from open space to public transport.

I'd like to thank everyone who has contacted me on this issue. By going to our page, [A bright future for Fishermans Bend - City of Port Phillip](#), you can learn more including how you can support our call for Fishermans Bend to live up to its tremendous promise.

I know kerbside waste collection is still on the radar of some of our residents, following Citywide commencing its contract in July.

Missed collections are right down to between 20-30 out of tens of thousands of collections per day. Ninety per cent of those reports are being responded to within 24 hours.

While these results are very encouraging, we know there is more work to do and we are following up every reported missed collection to try and avoid it happening again.

We ask residents to report missed bin collections via the Snap Send Solve app. We are also working with the contractor on proper bin placement after they are emptied. This includes auditing Citywide to ensure this is happening as required under their contract.

This edition of Divercity has updates about the 2024 return of our fabulous St Kilda Festival and amazing St Kilda Film Festival. Pop these dates into your calendar so you don't miss out on these always anticipated events.

More immediately, our biggest ever Seniors Festival kicks off next month. I'm looking forward to seeing "the King" in action at the Elvis Presley tribute launching this jam-packed free program. Please take a look at what's on offer, there really is something for everyone.

Regards,

Cr Heather Cunsolo,

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



## Help us shape the St Kilda Triangle

Everyone can have their say about a proposed 5000 capacity stand-up indoor live music venue at the St Kilda Triangle site.

This follows a decision at a Port Phillip Council meeting to hold a six-week community consultation on the concept.

Closing at midnight on 19 October, the extensive consultation now underway includes a Have Your say survey and five pop-up events. Two drop-in sessions offer opportunities to speak in person to Council Officers about the design feasibility or the project generally and to provide feedback directly.

A report on potential next steps will be considered by Council towards the end of 2023 after the feedback has been considered.

Mayor Heather Cunsolo encouraged residents and music lovers to provide their views and insights about the proposal to activate this premium site.

“The existing carpark provides a ‘blank canvas’ for this concept, which reflects the site’s history as the former home of entertainment venues including the Palais de Danse dance hall and Palace Nightclub,” she said.

A range of music industry experts interviewed for the feasibility study said there is a gap in the market for an indoor venue of this size. The flexible design also allows functions of varying sizes to be held during the day when performances are not booked.

“Our detailed feasibility study included work on preliminary costings to ensure the concept is achievable. We believe it also reflects the spirit of the 2016 site Masterplan developed in consultation with our community.

“Now we need to hear what our community, traders and the live music industry think. We know there will be passionate views, from design to parking, and will carefully consider every comment.”

The Council is taking every opportunity to hold discussions with potential partners, including the Victorian

Government, as a venue of this size would require funding support.

“The main focus at the moment, however, is testing the idea with our community and key stakeholders,” Cr Cunsolo said.

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

## City News

### St Kilda Festival set to turn it on in 2024

The St Kilda foreshore again plays host to the iconic St Kilda Festival (SKF) when Victoria’s premier free live music event returns from 17-18 February, 2024.

Proudly presented by the City of Port Phillip, the Festival weekend will kick off with First Peoples First on

Day 1, celebrating First Nations music, art, and culture from morning to night on Saturday.

The event’s traditional Big Festival Sunday follows on Day 2, offering a huge day of festivities and live performances from some of the biggest names in Australian music, taking to stages right around St Kilda.

Mayor Heather Cunsolo said the two-day format, which incorporated First Peoples First on Saturday in 2023, was a huge success in its inaugural year and attracted more than 375,000 live music lovers over the fulfilled weekend.

“We’re delighted First Peoples First is returning in 2024 as we again prepare to hold one of Australia’s oldest music festivals,” Cr Cunsolo said.

“More than 70 artists will be performing over two days at our 43rd SKF, with plenty of activations, community activities and family friendly entertainment also on offer. There really is something for everyone to enjoy.”

The New Music Competition also returns as part of the Festival, giving 10 new and emerging bands and artists the opportunity to play a set of original music at the event. The winning act, as voted by the SKF audience, will take home a cash prize and a slot on the Main Stage at St Kilda Festival in 2025. Entries for the New Music Competition will open at 11 am on Monday 25 September.

EOI submissions for community groups looking to participate in the Festival, including local choirs, dance schools, performance collectives and more, can be made on the SKF website from 11 am on Monday 4 September until 5 pm on Monday 18 September. These will then be considered for the Big Festival Sunday program.

EOI submissions for local traders, including market stalls, food stalls and food trucks, can be made on the SKF website from 11 am on 11 September until 5 pm on Monday 2 October, 2023.

The annual SKF brings both cultural and economic benefits to the City of Port Phillip.

This much-loved event is part of Port Phillip’s Council’s continuing efforts to support economic recovery, especially for local businesses, as residents and visitors flock to enjoy all that St Kilda offers. More widely, the direct attendee impact was \$32.2 million for Victoria in 2023.

SKF also enhances St Kilda’s reputation as a live music hub, further bolstered earlier this year when the Port Phillip Council declared parts of St Kilda as Victoria’s first live music precinct.



Port Phillip's diverse community is also celebrated through the community component. Further details, including the full program, will be announced closer to the Festival.

To stay up to date with the latest news about the Festival, keep an eye on the St Kilda Festival website.

## Find your Santorini Sunset by Port Phillip Bay

Has your social media feed been full of friends on fabulous, European adventures lately?

We feel your FOMO and so, now that we're seeing some warmer sunshine, we've scoured our neighbourhoods to find our very own little pockets of Greece and the Mediterranean.



Now's the time to book that table, sit back and let the aromas of saganaki, souvlaki and sizzling seafood create your very own Santorini Sunset by Port Phillip Bay.

### Get To The Greek

Overlooking the gorgeous Port Melbourne beach (arguably a strikingly similar view to that over the Aegean Sea) sits 'Get to the Greek'. This welcoming and warm restaurant offers traditional Greek dishes, bringing fresh, wholesome cooking from all regions of Greece. They offer an extensive à la carte menu, three set banquets to match your level of hunger, and a takeaway menu offering the full restaurant menu plus a selection of Souvlaki and Gyros packs.

### The Lady Of St Kilda

The Lady of St Kilda offers a Mediterranean fusion menu that celebrates the fresh flavours of this beautiful part of the world. Start your day with the Pita Sunrise, the classic Shakshuka (served mild or spicy) or the full Mediterranean Breaky. The main menu offers Kingfish cooked in a herby, garlicky tomato sauce, eye fillet with cream, garlic mushrooms and tomato, chicken with flavours of Casablanca plus burgers, pizza, fresh salads and plenty to share, all washed down with classic cocktails and a simple selection of wines and beers.

### Odyssey Restaurant

Just a short stroll up from Elwood beach sits Odyssey Restaurant. This gorgeous and intimate venue offers delicious Greek specials like slow cooked octopus in red wine and spiced tomatoes with pasta, starters and share plates like grilled stuffed calamari, a selection of Gyros and Souvlaki and sensational salads, fries and 'Epic Platters' to share. Time it right and you might also catch some live traditional music to really transport you to your Greek island fantasy - the perfect way to finish a day on one of Melbourne's most beautiful beaches.

### Theodora's Bar and Grill

Theodora's offers old Greek village charm right in the heart of South Melbourne. The menu boasts a wide selection of authentic flavours, including pickled octopus marinated with fresh chili, garlic and herbs, chargrilled haloumi with chilli raisin sauce and pistachio, grilled meats, delicious dips and more. The family run restaurant offers friendly and welcoming service, great food and a fabulous drinks menu that includes a selection of Greek spirits, beers and inspired cocktails.

### Golden Fleece Hotel

If you are looking to step into your white sandstone Santorini fantasy, The Golden Fleece Hotel is sure to check your boxes! Recently renovated with a chic Greek island aesthetic, the hotel boasts various spaces to dine and dance, with an open-air rooftop offering up city views and the perfect spot to soak up the sunset. This is an energetic and fun venue that offers a mouth-watering Mediterranean inspired menu, fresh cocktails and an extensive wine list served with summer beats and good vibes.

### **Stavros Souvlaki**

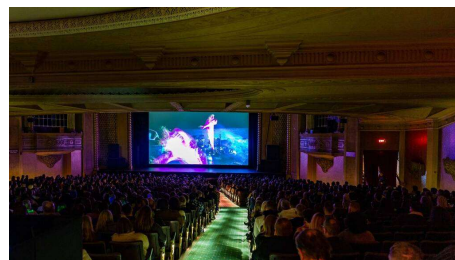
Located on the boardwalk at the Sea Baths on St Kilda Beach, Stavros Souvlaki is your seaside dining Greek experience. Using only the best lamb and chicken (and seasoned to perfection), they offer traditional gyros and souvlaki with freshly made hummus, eggplant, tzatziki, tahini, and garlic sauces, with chips, pita and salads – to be enjoyed in the al fresco dining area or right on the beach with the sand between your toes. After a sweet treat? They also have a selection of homemade Greek sweets and ice cream for those warm summer days.

### **Greek'n Out**

If you're a fan of Greek street food you're in for a treat at Greek'n Out. Flavourful salads topped with either haloumi or lamb gyros carved straight off the spit and topped with a dollop of zesty tzatziki or even a traditional Greek Salad laced with creamy fetta. Gyros are a staple here and you'll find delicious lamb and chicken numbers or Haloumi if you'd prefer. Stuffed with salad, hot chips and tzatziki you'll be instantly transported to Santorini.

## **Lights, camera, action! Entries open for 2024 St Kilda Film Festival**

Film entries are open for the 2024 St Kilda Film Festival, which will be celebrating 40 years of showcasing Australia's premier short filmmaking talent.



Proudly presented by City of Port Phillip, the 2024 St Kilda Film Festival (SKFF) will run from 6 - 16 June, kicking off with an Opening Night screening at the iconic Palais Theatre.

The 2023 Festival saw a record number of attendees enjoy world-class short films and Festival Director Richard Sowada aims to topple the record again in 2024.

“With the paint hardly dry on the record-breaking 2023 edition, we're already throwing ourselves headlong into 2024 for our 40th anniversary event,” he said.

“Venues are booked, special programs negotiations and collaborations are underway, and our expanded anniversary program is set to double as we run two screens simultaneously – all we need now is your film!”

Port Phillip Council Mayor Heather Cunsolo welcomed the 40th anniversary as a significant milestone for this always-anticipated event.

“The St Kilda Film Festival is an important fixture on the Port Phillip calendar. We're inviting established and emerging filmmakers to submit their work for consideration for this celebration of all things film. A milestone anniversary next year gives us even more to celebrate.”

The next iteration sees the Film Festival return to the heart of St Kilda in Fitzroy Street, with The Alex Theatre featuring as a hub for SKFF action alongside events at Hotel Esplanade.

Festival screenings will once again be held in South Melbourne, following the success of this year's programming at South Melbourne Market, Limerick Arms Hotel, Golden Gate Hotel and Bells Hotel.

The Big Picture: Filmmaker Development Day will provide a fantastic learning and networking opportunity on Saturday 8 June. Presented at JMC Academy, this free event allows budding filmmakers to sharpen their skills and gain exposure and recognition in the film industry, while providing important connections with industry professionals.

As Australia's longest-running short film festival, SKFF recognises the genre of short film, including music videos, gaming, and immersive forms.

Each year, St Kilda Film Festival welcomes submissions to Australia's Top Short Film Competition, an Academy Awards® qualifying event, and Under The Radar, the Youth Short Film category for filmmakers under the age of 21. All entries for SKFF 2024 will close on 31 January 2024.

For the latest announcements and information on how to submit entries, go to the St Kilda Film Festival website.

## Free fun at biggest ever Seniors Festival

Blue suede shoes and ballet slippers are part of a jam-packed free program when the City of Port Phillip's 2023 Seniors Festival kicks off in October.

Rohan Hammit and Band's high-energy I Love Elvis Show launches this popular event on 1 October.



Backed by superb musicians and wearing the famous elaborate jumpsuits of the Vegas years, Rohan will pay homage to the King with songs including Blue Suede Shoes, Suspicious Minds and Burning Love. Come dressed in your best rock and roll look for this fantastic performance.

On 10 October, National Ballet School students will take the spotlight when they perform The Nutcracker in the Meet the Rising Stars of Dance and Drama Show. The show also features National Drama School students in Oedipus Doesn't Live Here Anymore.

These are just some of the acts and activities on offer in Port Phillip's biggest ever Seniors Festival. Croquet, community gardening, rowing, bowling, table tennis, online chair yoga, digital storytelling and art can all be enjoyed.

The Festival (1-15 October) also includes a safety forum, multicultural concert, healthy living seminars presented by the Alba and the Grace Retirement Community, a University of the Third Age Port Phillip seminar and multicultural dance, Beach Boys live music tribute, CaSPA Care annual concert and a joyful celebration of Jewish culture with amazing food, music, videos and dancing.

Writing is again strongly represented with workshops on crafting everything from memoirs to newsletters and the announcement of the 19th Port Phillip Writes awards.

Thanks to the Port Phillip Library Service, Dr Maggie Kirkman will talk about her compelling new book, Time of Our Lives, which challenges the stereotype of the 'helpless old woman'.

Mayor Heather Cunsolo said the annual Festival celebrates and recognises the valuable contribution people aged 55+ have made, and continue to make, to Port Phillip's diverse community.

"This is just one of the ways we promote inclusion in our City. We want everyone to feel valued and welcome," Cr Cunsolo said.

"There's even more on offer so we encourage seniors in our City to take a look at the full program on

our Seniors Festival page and come along and join the fun or pop into a thought-provoking conversation.”

While the Festival is free, bookings are essential.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/seniors/seniors-festival>

## School holiday fun in Port Phillip

Looking for ways to keep to kids entertained these school holidays?

Our [City of Port Phillip Youth Services](#) and [Port Phillip Library Service](#) teams are running free workshops and events including gumnut jewellery making, movie nights, sun printing, circus workshops, self defense, DJ and podcasting workshops and more.

Visit: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on?categories=school-holiday-program>



## Safe and Sound Port Phillip

Join us on Saturday 7 October at O'Donnell Gardens for Safe and Sound Port Phillip, our first annual family fun event about safety in our community where you can meet and chat with local emergency services.

Learn about safety at home, on the road and within our community.

We've developed Safe and Sound Port Phillip to celebrate Community Safety Month, which occurs every October, and we're hoping that this expo will be the first of many more to come.

By attending you'll have the opportunity to meet and chat with local emergency services and Council teams and enjoy a range of activities, including:

- emergency services and Council vehicles on display
- emergency preparedness information stalls and sessions
- interactive CPR demonstrations
- a live mural painting, with free graffiti removal kit samples
- animal management showbags
- a free bicycle name engraving station and bike maintenance workshops
- an SES sausage sizzle
- live music by local musician Ernest Aines.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your family, friends, and neighbours.

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



## Council's cutting the grass

Our Council has taken over responsibility for maintaining the grass median strips on main roads in Port Phillip under a new agreement with VicRoads.

Last year we received feedback from residents regarding overgrown grass on median strips owned by the



Department of Transport and Planning.

We worked with the Department to address the level of service for the assets. The VicRoads assets will now be maintained by our parks maintenance contractor in a move that will provide much-improved service and amenity for our community.

The new agreement with VicRoads will see our contractors maintain median strips on main roads such as Brighton Road, Beaconsfield Parade, Fitzroy Street, Bay Street and Williamstown Road.

Our Council receives funding from VicRoads to undertake parks maintenance, tree maintenance and street sweeping on specific land owned by VicRoads, such as median strips.



## Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Read our Council meeting recap to catch up on what you missed from the 6 September meeting and watch the livestream of the event.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-6-september-2023>



## Arts in Focus



### Explore our new Urban Artist Directory

Our new Urban Artist Directory is a treasure trove of talented artists experienced in public art, spanning a wide range of mediums, from street art to sculpture and installations.

Our directory is designed to simplify the artist selection process for developers and other private businesses. You'll find a diverse pool of urban artists here, complete with contact information to connect with them directly. This not only offers artists a platform for local exposure but also opens doors to potentially collaborate on significant development opportunities.



### St Kilda's Alright! panel discussion

Join us for our upcoming St Kilda's Alright! panel discussion with artists Professor Jon Cattapan, Maya Vice and DELSINKI and emcee Maddy Macfarlane.

We're closing out our St Kilda's Alright! exhibition at the [Carlisle Street Art Space](#) with a special panel discussion called St Kilda's Alright! then, now, always.

#### About the exhibition – St Kilda's Alright!

The exhibition was curated to celebrate the endorsement of the St Kilda Live Music Precinct and it showcases a selection of key works by artists who played a significant part in advancing St Kilda's creative culture during the 1980s.

While we encourage artists living in or having prior works within City of Port Phillip, artists do not have to be from the City of Port Phillip to apply. The key criterion is experience in public art.

Our goal is to create a reflection of Melbourne's rich and diverse art scene. So, if you want to be listed, simply fill out our Artist Directory Request Form. You'll be notified once your application is accepted. Feel free to share this application with fellow artists who you think would be a great fit.

This directory primarily serves developers seeking an urban art contribution for projects exceeding two million dollars as part of the City of Port Phillip's percent for art scheme. We understand that developers often seek artist recommendations, and this directory allows us to maintain impartiality by providing them with a resource to explore artists independently. It also enables us to connect artists with upcoming expressions of interest and projects that align with their expertise. CoPP businesses searching for public art on their premises can also benefit from this directory.

To view the Urban Artist Directory or to be listed, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/explore-the-city/arts-and-entertainment/public-art-and-murals/urban-artist-directory>

The exhibition is running between 14 July to 22 September and features a total of 37 artworks.

### **About the panel**

We're hosting a free panel discussion at 6 pm on Friday 22 September at the Carlisle Street Arts Space to conclude the closing of the exhibition.

We'll be joined by three iconic artists - Jon Cattapan, Maya Vice and DELSINKI – to discuss the past, present and future of art and live music in St Kilda. Together they'll reflect on what it was like as an artist in the 1980s compared to today, and what can be learnt from the 80s to ensure that St Kilda continues to be a cultural leader and a sought-after destination for artists.

The panel will be officially opened by Cr Robbie Nyaguy. There'll be an opportunity for attendees to ask the panel questions towards the end.

Following the panel, attendees will be able to enjoy a curated playlist as they view the St Kilda's Alright! exhibition one last time before it closes for good.

To book your place, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1115244>

## **Help Shape our City**



### **St Kilda Triangle**

Our Council is looking into the possibility of a live music venue on the St Kilda Triangle site. Provide your feedback by midnight Thursday 19 October.

Visit: <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/st-kilda-triangle>

### **Help shape the Gasworks Arts Park upgrade**

We'd like your feedback on the draft Concept Plan for this

important park.

Provide your feedback by midnight Sunday 24 September.

Visit: <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au/gasworks-arts-park-upgrade>

## Help shape the St Vincent Gardens playground upgrade

We will soon be seeking feedback on the draft concept plan for the St Vincent Gardens playground upgrades.

Visit our Have Your Say website from Friday 22 September until midnight on Sunday 15 October to provide your feedback on the draft concept plan.

# Sustainability

## Port Phillip knows how to FOGO

In May of this year, we commissioned a detailed audit of over 200 kerbside food and garden organics (FOGO) bins and over 200 garbage bins. The results show that on the whole, our community is enthusiastically and correctly adopting FOGO recycling.

In January of this year, we began rolling out kerbside food and garden organics (FOGO) recycling bins for houses and townhouses. Since then, we have seen an enthusiastic response from our community, and we have conducted various bin audits to understand how our residents are using the service.



In May, we commissioned a detailed audit of 'matched' kerbside FOGO and garbage bins – meaning that the FOGO and garbage bin belong to the same household. The aim of this audit was to understand the extent to which the FOGO bin was being used and to uncover any contamination. We are pleased to report very encouraging results that demonstrate that our community is embracing food and garden organics recycling.

### Very low contamination in FOGO bins

Contaminants are items that are not accepted in a particular kerbside bin as they interfere with the recycling of permitted items. These items have to be manually removed in order for FOGO recycling to take place successfully.

Of the bins that were audited in May, contamination was very low, at 1.5 per cent – this is a fantastic result and an acceptable rate for our processor. The audit showed that common contaminants in FOGO bins include ceramics, plastic bags and bio-packaging. These results tell us that while there is still some work to be done, most of our residents in houses and townhouses know how to properly use their FOGO bin.

### FOGO materials recovery

This audit showed that our community has enthusiastically adopted FOGO. Our goal is to get to a point where all food and organic materials go in the FOGO bin, and our community has made a great start.

We learnt that on average, audited householders placed 74 per cent of FOGO materials into the correct bin. The audit also shows that residents are using the FOGO bins for almost all of their garden organics but for just under half of their food waste.

We know that our community care about recycling, so these results show that some people may need more guidance to use their FOGO bin for food waste specifically. We're using these audit results to create further resources to make this as easy as possible.

### A reduction in kerbside garbage

Since the introduction of kerbside FOGO bins for houses and townhouses, we've seen a 58 per cent

reduction in FOGO materials inside audited garbage bins. As a result, garbage bin weight has reduced by 34 per cent on average. We expect this decline in garbage bin contents to continue as people become more familiar with FOGO recycling.

## Sustainability survey - what we heard from you

We recently carried out a survey with the community to better understand the community's expectations of Council in addressing climate change and mitigating impacts, to explore your personal responses and sustainability actions and better understand concern around climate change.



Thank you to everyone who completed our sustainability survey recently. Your feedback is most appreciated and is already so valuable in many ways. The feedback has been shared across a range of departments in Council and is already being used to inform programs and services.

Importantly, feedback will also be incorporated into the final draft of the Act and Adapt Sustainability Strategy and our Climate Emergency plan. It will also be valuable input into other strategies and actions.

Here is a summary of what you told us:

- Overall concern about climate change and its predicted impacts was very high.
- You considered it extremely to very important that Council address each of nine issues relating to addressing climate change and sustainability.
- Many of you in the community are unaware of Council services to support the community adapt to climate change.
- Majority of the community unaware Council declared a climate emergency.
- People report needing more information about how climate change will impact them to make informed decisions.
- Half of the community are already engaging in listed sustainability activities including avoiding single use plastics (93%), sourcing locally grown food (79%), using a special recycling service (73%), modifying heating or cooling to save energy (69%), reducing car use (65%), modifying home to reduce heat loss (62%), changing to renewable energy (51%), and preparing a plan to cope with extreme weather (48%).
- A substantial proportion of the community are considering solar panel/batteries and Electric Vehicle purchases in the next 5 years.
- Half of the community reported they would consider switching from gas to electric appliances.
- People were more focused on efficient use of water to save water, rather than the bigger and more complex interventions such as rainwater tanks.
- The main barriers to undertaking environmental actions were not being the property owner (40%), a lack of interest (21%) and cost (9%).
- Common factors that would encourage involvement in local environmental activities were more information about the activities available (63%), easier access to information (60%), and a better understanding of the local environment (43%).
- A large proportion of people reported reducing their personal car use because of the impact of climate change.
- The main factors encouraging people to use public transport more often were reduced cost, more frequent and better services and increased safety.
- Main factors encouraging people to walk or cycle more often were more cycling paths and tracks and separating cyclists from traffic.

To see the full results of the survey, visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/sustainability-and-climate-change>

If you have any feedback or suggestions you can email us [enviro@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:enviro@portphillip.vic.gov.au) we would love to

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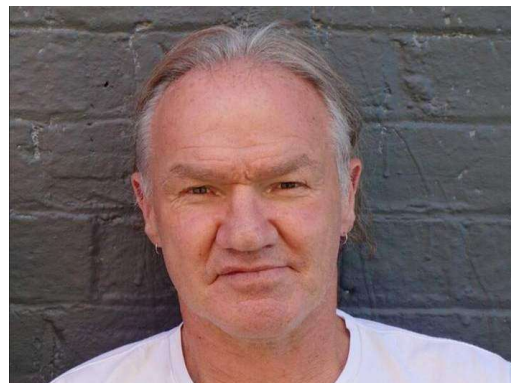
## Library Visit

### Author Talk: Tony Birch

Acclaimed First Nations author, activist, and historian Tony Birch will be at St Kilda Library on 28 September to discuss his latest collection of short stories *Dark as Last Night*.

Released in 2021, this powerful new collection won the 2022 NSW Premier's Literary Award and the Queensland Literary Award for Fiction.

Visit: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/author-talk-tony-birch>



## Community Spirit

### Get ready for the Garage Sale Trail in Port Phillip

Garage Sale Trail is Australia's festival of pre-loved stuff. Across two weekends in November, thousands of garage sales will pop up across the country.

For store holders, it's a chance to turn their stash into cash – and for shoppers, it's an opportunity to buy unique pieces at retro prices.

As part of our commitment to reducing waste, we are bringing this festival to the City of Port Phillip this spring. The Garage Sale Trail is all about extending the life of our pre-loved gems while giving our community the chance to unearth trinkets and treasures.

Registering to host a garage sale is free, and hosts receive support to make their sale as successful as possible, including:

- free promotional resources
- free online workshops covering tips and tricks for secondhand selling (Trail Tutorials).

300,000 Australians joined forces in 2022 as part of Garage Sale Trail, saving over 3 million kilograms of would be waste from landfill. And this year, our City will be part of the action.

For more information and to register for free, visit: <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/Port-Phillip>

Key dates:

- Registrations open: 13 September
- Trail Tutorial workshops: 28 to 29 October
- Garage Sale Trail weekend one: 11 to 12 November
- Garage Sale Trail weekend two: 18 to 19 November



# What's On



## Healing the Spirit Peace Festival

Sunday 24 September

Planetary Healing Artists' Association of Australia invites you to their 'Healing the Spirit' Peace Festival.

Held at O'Donnell Gardens, the festival will also be an opening to their 'Healing the Spirit' art exhibition.

There will be live multicultural performances, a peace march and fun for everybody at the event.

Planetary Healing Artists extend a warm welcome to new guests as well as all past participants, supporters, and volunteers.

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



## Melbourne Fringe Festival at Gasworks

3 - 22 October

Melbourne Fringe Festival, one of the city's most eagerly anticipated cultural events, is set to make its return to Gasworks Arts Park from 3 - 22 October.

This iconic festival will once again transform the park into a vibrant hub of creativity, featuring a diverse range of performances and interactive experiences that celebrates Melbourne's rich artistic spirit.

Gasworks will come alive with the sights and sounds of Melbourne Fringe Festival, providing a dynamic platform for artists to showcase their talent and innovation.

For more information, visit the [Gasworks Arts Park](#) website.



## Around the Bay

Sunday 8 October

Melbourne's iconic bike ride, United Energy Around the Bay is set to take place on Sunday 8 October.

Road users in and near Port Phillip Bay are asked to take care on the roads as thousands take on Australia's biggest bike ride.

At times there will be road closures, speed reductions, the presence of traffic controllers and police.

Rides start and finish at Albert Park Lake where an event village will provide a range of entertainment to help celebrate everyone's achievement.

Riders will be on roads after leaving Albert Park Lake from 5 am until 7 pm.

For more information, visit the [Bicycle Network](#) website.

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