Collective style

$100 million pledged
Ban reduces litter
Mayor talks rubbish again, and again

It’s rare to have good news about rubbish, but I have three and a half good stories to share with you.

First, the latest data from litter collections show that rubbish collected from beaches and foreshore parks in December was down 20 per cent - that’s 100 tonnes fewer than the same time the previous year. We believe the alcohol and glass bans, along with our summer management education campaign, have driven this fantastic improvement.

While talking about rubbish, it’s timely to confirm that Council recycling collections never go to landfill. Despite media reports to the contrary, what you put in our yellow bins continues to be responsibly recycled.

Council is also making it easier for you to recycle household e-waste (electronic items with a cord or battery) through new collection bins located at three libraries. These convenient bins are a free and easy way to recycle any household e-waste.

So what’s the half good story? It’s FOGO. That’s rubbish talk for food organics and garden organics going into landfill. This is a big deal because FOGO in landfill generates methane, which has 23 times more impact on global warming than CO₂. The bad news is that Port Phillip’s garbage contains more methane producing organic matter than any other Victorian council except City of Melbourne. So something must be done.

The good news? Later this year Council will be trialing some clever ways to say no no to FOGO in landfill. Watch this space.

cover story

Collective style

Abuk and Afadang from Twich Women’s Sewing Collective make handmade products infused with South Sudanese culture.

Visit their Balaclava workshop to see, browse or buy.

Twich Sewing Collective
15/285 Carlisle Street, Balaclava
Weekdays, 10.30 am to 4 pm

Supported by Council’s Community Grant Program
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Be Alive Outside

Millions for Port Phillip
Election promises give green light to funding.

Weaving a colourful story
Tapestry creators display their incredible weaves.

Power of perspective
Maths and art meet on the foreshore.

Greetings from Edwards Park
New mural brings people together.

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www.relayservice.gov.au

Please contact ASSIST on 03 9209 6777 if you require a large print version.
Audio recordings of Divercity are available on the City of Port Phillip website and on CD at libraries.

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Editor
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Story suggestions are welcome
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Womin djeka
Council respectfully acknowledges the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boon Wurrung. We pay our respect to their Elders, both past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.
**Reflecting on history**

A reflection pond created by Save Albert Park volunteers is a special place to contemplate the wonder and majesty of the nearby Ngargee Tree, at possibly 700 years of age, the oldest living thing in Port Phillip.

Perilously close to St Kilda Junction, and just metres away from destruction during road widening in the 1960s, the tree is a living link to the rich prehistory of this land.

The pond is a simple affair. Dug by hand and surrounded by native grasses, it has a small solar powered pump to keep the water healthy. It doesn’t have fish, but birds, insects and passing humans are fond of their pond.
Buggy adds to beachside buzz

While most people are enjoying a holiday at the beach, for local laws officers the beach is their office.

Council’s Summer Amenity Officer Jon and Animal Management Officer Andrea have spent the summer using the new all-terrain buggy to bring Council messages about litter, glass and alcohol to beach goers.

‘We used to be pretty much invisible. Now people can’t miss the buggy. Kids wave and people say g’day when we pull up.’

Jon and Andrea are on the lookout for people who don’t obey local laws, including having dogs on dog-free beaches, littering, having alcohol and glass on the beach and overnight camping.

While officers have the power to issue fines and enforce orders, they rarely have to do more than ask people to do the right thing.

‘We’ve got a three step message - ask, tell, enforce. Most people do the right thing as soon as we ask. It’s usually very relaxed.’

Before doing their beach patrol, the officers also check the places commonly used for overnight camping. ‘We know all the likely sites. Today we asked 14 campers to move on - and they did.’

Love Our Bay returns

Council’s Love Our Bay anti-litter campaign, run jointly with the Port Phillip Leader, is back and needs your help.

Use the social media tag #LoveOurBay to share positive messages about reducing litter. Declare your promise to do little things that make a big difference, such as:

- picking up at least three pieces of litter each day
- not taking glass to parks and beaches
- not using plastic straws
- using a reusable coffee cup.

Watch for more Love Our Bay ideas in future editions of the Port Phillip Leader.
A modern multipurpose community room in the new Ferrars Street Education and Community Facility at South Melbourne Primary School is now available for hire. The room is ideal for meetings, events and classes such as laido, an ancient Japanese martial art.

Council has over 35 rooms available for hire across 17 community centres. Hire fees start from $12 an hour for local community groups. Higher rates apply for commercial events and classes.

**Discover rooms for hire**


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**Ancient art in newest room**

Seishinkan laido classes continue a Japanese martial art with a 500 year tradition.

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**Funding boost for grassroots sport**

Work has started on the $3.7 million upgrade to the pavilion at J.L. Murphy Reserve in Port Melbourne. When completed in April 2020, the pavilion will have improved facilities for all users, promoting greater participation by women and girls.

Council has worked with local clubs to design a pavilion that meets their needs. The upgrade is funded by the Victorian Government, Council and the sporting clubs.

**See the plans**


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**Domain Masterplan**

Following community feedback on Domain Precinct’s place identity in late 2018, Council will be seeking the community’s input on a draft Domain Precinct Public Realm Masterplan later this year.

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**e-waste now at libraries**

Council has installed e-waste bins at the Albert Park, Port Melbourne and St Kilda libraries so residents can drop off anything easy to carry that has a cord or a battery for recycling.

**More about e-waste**

Election promises made by the Labor Victorian Government will deliver a pipeline of local projects valued at over $100 million.

The highest value pledge was $50 million to rebuild the St Kilda Pier, with works potentially starting next year. The new pier will retain the kiosk while adding new public viewing areas, water access for swimming and enhanced protection for the little penguin colony.

“Council succeeded in 10 of its 11 advocacy priorities at the recent Victorian Election.”

Mayor Dick Gross thanking Cr Bernadene Voss for her efforts in 2018

Another big win for locals was $27 million to build dedicated bike lanes on St Kilda Road, to be completed as early as 2025 in tandem with the new Domain Metro Station. The new bike lanes will separate cars and bikes on St Kilda Road from the NGV to St Kilda Town Hall.

Education is a big winner too, with a commitment to fully fund a new secondary school in Fishermans Bend. Land has been acquired in Graham Street adjacent to J.L. Murphy Reserve and $3.8 million was allocated in the last state budget for planning.

Also in education, Port Melbourne Primary School will get $7.4 million to upgrade classrooms, and St Kilda Primary School will receive $5 million for new learning areas.

Gasworks Arts Park will be home to a new community and education performing arts centre, with $12.5 million promised for the first stage. The project will be a partnership between Gasworks, Albert Park College and the Victorian College of the Arts.

Other local pledges

- $1 million to improve transport links between Fishermans Bend and the CBD
- $200,000 to help Council plan and design a new Port Phillip EcoCentre
- $200,000 for the Marlborough Street social housing project
- $700,000 to find and build a permanent home for Port Melbourne Scouts
- A new community hospital for Fishermans Bend
- Two brand new pocket parks
- $2 million towards new multi use netball courts
- Funding a business case for a sustainability hub at Fishermans Bend
- Planning for a safer and more accessible St Kilda Junction.
**Espy Moves some more**

Tuesdays, 6.30 pm
Hotel Esplanade

Strap on your dancing shoes for routines inspired by music videos. All ages welcome for inclusive and judgement-free fun.

$27.50 / $16.50
hotelesplanade.com.au/arts-program/

**Craft Beer and Food Festival**

Saturday 2 March, 1 pm to 8 pm
Catani Gardens, St Kilda

Over 300 craft beers complemented by decadent street food.

$27+
melbourne.beerfestivals.com.au

**Art for the Ages**

Carlisle Street Art Space
99a Carlisle Street, St Kilda

**Becoming**

Wednesday 6 March to Wednesday 3 April
Becoming by Rawcus celebrates ageing by creatively expressing the experiences of ageing and disability.

**New Perspectives**

Wednesday 10 April to Wednesday 15 May
James Phitha uses mathematical graphics to create images of colour, pattern and intrigue.

**Morphogen**

Wednesday 10 April to Wednesday 15 May
Inspired by brilliantly coloured and unusually shaped microscopic organisms magnified millions of times.

$30 / $45
www.portphilip.vic.gov.au

**The Female Gaze**

Saturdays and Sundays
9 March to 24 March, 10 am to 4 pm
Melbourne Camera Club Gallery
Ferrars and Dorcas streets
South Melbourne

Celebrating International Women’s Day with an exhibition from over 50 women photographers exploring ‘The Female Gaze’.

Free
melbournephoto.org.au

**Park, wine and the Underground**

Gasworks Arts Park
21 Graham Street, Albert Park

**Underground**

Thursday 7 March to Saturday 9 March, 7.30 pm
Codenamed The White Mouse, Australian Nancy Wake evaded the Gestapo in WW2. In a hallucinatory review of her life, Nancy’s story unfolds with humour and pathos.

$30 / $45

**Gourmet in the Park**

Sunday 10 March, 3 pm to 7 pm
Melbourne Food and Wine Festival event with sustainable gourmet produce in the Gasworks parklands.

$30 / $45
gasworks.org.au

**St Patrick’s Day**

Sunday 17 March
10 am to 9 pm
O’Donnell Gardens, St Kilda

Celebrate all things Irish with live music, dancing and food. At 1 pm the event will become ticketed with top Irish performers, including Zeon.

Free (before 1 pm) / $32
melbournestpatricksday.com.au
All Saints’ concerts

All Saints’ Church
2 Chapel Street, St Kilda East
Sunday 24 March, 3 pm
Ensemble Gombert choral music for Lent.
$25 / $15

Sunday 14 April, 3 pm
Calvin Bowman presents an hour of brilliant organ music.
$15 / $10

Sunday 28 April, 3 pm
Solo works by Bach by Baroque violinist Lucinda Moon.
$25 / $15
allsaints.org.au

Theatre that works for kids

Theatreworks
14 Acland Street, St Kilda
Robot Song
Monday 25 March to Sunday 13 April
When 11 year old Juniper May’s life is thrown into complete meltdown solace comes in an unlikely mechanical form.
$47.50 / $39.50 / $27.50

Alphabet Soup
Saturday 6 April to Thursday 18 April
Think Dr Seuss meets The Umbilical Brothers meets Mr Bean in this fun all-ages show.
$47.50 / $39.50
theatreworks.org.au

Linden Art Prize

Until Monday 28 April
26 Acland Street, St Kilda
See entries in the Linden Art Prize for postgraduate artists graduating from Victorian universities.

We’re All Going To Die

Tuesday 26 March to Thursday 28 March, 6.30 pm
11 The Esplanade, St Kilda
We’re All Going To Die is a creative community that uses death to empower you through an immersive art festival.
$45 / $30
hotelesplanade.com.au

Symphony in the South

Sunday 7 April, 2.30 pm
South Melbourne Town Hall
210 Bank Street, South Melbourne
South Melbourne Symphony Orchestra with conductor Lynette Bridgland and Jennifer Yu on the piano.
$20 / $15 / free
smso.org.au

Power of the woven

Ends Friday 9 May
Australian Tapestry Workshop
262-266 Park Street
South Melbourne
An exhibition celebrating last year’s artists in residence. Ceramics, sculptures, video, textiles, drawings and more.
Free
austapestry.com.au
what’s happening in your City

Your guide to what’s on, in and around your City

Port Melbourne  South Melbourne  Albert Park  Middle Park  Windsor

ACTIVE

Try croquet
Sundays until 31 March
10 am to 12 noon
Elwood Croquet Club
Head Street, Elwood
Croquet might appear to be a genteel game but really it is a cut-throat affair. Try your hand at 'chess on grass'.
∈ elwoodcroquet.com

Powerhouse Footy
Ross Gregory Oval Power House Football Club, Village Green Drive
Power House is looking for more players at all levels.
∈ Men 0409 008 789
∈ Women 0427 364 447
∈ powerhouse-afc.com

HERITAGE

Hotel in history
11 The Esplanade, St Kilda
Ghosts of the Hotel Esplanade
Wednesday 6 March, 6.30 pm
Explore the 140 year old Hotel Esplanade through the lens of the paranormal.
The Felton Story
Monday 18 and Monday 25 March, 6.30 pm
Tour through the life and times of Alfred Felton, the Hotel Esplanade’s most generous resident.

Heritage talks
Emerald Hill Library & Heritage Centre
195 Bank Street, South Melbourne
Herstory: Women of Port Phillip
Tuesday 5 March, 6.30 pm to 8 pm
Hear about three women who played a key part in Port Phillip’s history.
Full circle on triangle
Tuesday 16 April, 6.30 pm to 8 pm
Explore the history of the infamous triangle site. It’s a tale of art, deceit and a controversy that inevitably comes burning down.
David Wood’s South Melbourne
Until Sunday 30 June
A display of historic photographs of South Melbourne taken in 1888 by photographer David Wood.
∈ Free
∈ heritage.portphillip.vic.gov.au

Forgotten History
Sunday 24 March, 3 pm
St Kilda Baptist Church
9 Pakington Street, St Kilda
Author James Boyce discusses his book 1835: The Founding of Melbourne and the Conquest of Australia followed by a response from local Aboriginal leaders. Singer/songwriter Shane Howard will also perform.
∈ $20, includes afternoon tea
∈ stkildabaptist.org.au

Grave business
St Kilda Cemetery
Dandenong Road, St Kilda East
Mayors of St Kilda Tour
Sunday 31 March
2 pm to 4 pm
Say your prayers for St Kilda’s former mayors.
Anzac Tour
Sunday 28 April, 2 pm to 4 pm
Hear some stories of those who fought in the Great War.
∈ $15, includes afternoon tea
∈ 9531 3648

National Ride2School Day 2019
FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019
∈ ride2school.com.au
COMMUNITY

○ Albert Park Primary School Fete
Saturday 2 March, 9 am to 4 pm
Albert Park Primary School
Bridport Street, Albert Park
A great fete working towards zero waste.
appsevents.com.au
$ Free

○ Solar information evenings
St Kilda Town Hall
99a Carlisle Street, St Kilda
Businesses: Tuesday 5 March
6.30 pm to 8 pm
Apartment buildings: Tuesday 12 March
6.30 pm to 8 pm
Learn about Council’s new Solar Partnership Program for commercial property owners and apartment dwellers.
sustainableportphillip.com

○ Shaking up litter
Saturday 4 May, 10 am
Planetshakers Centre
400 City Road, Southbank
Join an enthusiastic and friendly crew from the Planetshakers as they pitch in to clean up litter. Everyone welcome.
melbourne@planetshakers.com

○ Balaclava’s Laneway Festival
Sunday March 24, 10 am to 3 pm
Lane R1509, (between Rosamond and Nightingale streets) parallel to Chapel Street
The festival includes a design market, food from Somalia, Iran and Afghanistan, African music, plus art and artefacts from many cultures, including Iran, Iraq, India and Indigenous Australia.
$ Free
space2b.com.au

Promote your event today
exploreportphillip.com.au

Diving off Point Ormond, exploring prehistoric St Kilda or helping to protect our local little penguins are some of the free activities offered by the Port Phillip EcoCentre as part of its year-long Alive Outside program.

It's all about exploring local places, getting up close to wildlife and taking action for the local environment.

Alive Outside sessions are open to all 12 to 25 year olds who live, work or play in Port Phillip. The program provides organised sessions, where you register and turn up, or activities for a group such as schools, youth groups, Guides or Scouts.

It's all free, but bookings are required.

Be Alive Outside
ecocentre.com/aliveoutside
Supported by the City of Port Phillip
In the 1800s local artist Elizabeth Parsons painted the St Kilda foreshore. A contemporary of more recognised artists Streeton and Roberts, Parsons lovingly captured the local beaches and people of her day.

Now, using chalk and a mathematical trick of perspective called anamorphosis, four of her paintings will be re-imagined near where Elizabeth would have worked.

If you stand in the right place, the recreations will appear to rise from the pavement.

**Beyond the Power of Memory**

minds.com/HaroldWilliam

St Kilda foreshore
Various days, 6 to 27 April.

Supported by the Port Phillip Cultural Development Fund.

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**50 years of Park Towers**

Do you have photographs, film or video footage of Park Towers and neighbouring streets?

Port Phillip Heritage Centre and Park Towers Tenant Management are preparing an exhibition to mark the 50th anniversary.

Park Towers was opened by Governor Sir Rohan Delacombe in October 1969. It was then the tallest residential tower in the Southern Hemisphere.

The exhibition is seeking photographs and film footage of the towers and neighbouring streets before or after construction.

**Contribute to the exhibition**

Heritage Centre 9209 6795
art&heritage@portphillip.vic.gov.au

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**Grants big and small**

Council offers grants up to $10,000 to support community events, programs and services.

The grants cover a variety of categories, each with a different funding process and deadline for submissions.

The Community Grants, Community Meals Subsidy and Seniors Festival Grants applications close Monday 8 April. Cultural Development Funds close on Tuesday 29 March. Local Festivals grants are made quarterly and Town Hall subsidies are granted as required.

First time applicants are encouraged to attend free grant writing workshops in March.

**Get more information**

Community Grants and Funding Officer 9209 6777
grants@portphillip.vic.gov.au
Red Stitch Actors Theatre. This actor-managed outfit brings stories to life in an intimate 80 seat venue opposite the Astor. It also fosters local talent through INK, a writer’s development program.

Red Stitch is one of six local companies to receive on-going support from Council. Other beneficiaries are Rawcus, The Torch, Theatre Works, Australian Tapestry Workshop and BalletLab.

Dance Nation
Red Stitch will present Dance Nation, a comedy about dance culture in the next Comedy Festival.

Tuesday 12 March to Sunday 14 April
redstitch.net
comedyfestival.com.au

Susan Provan and Ella Caldwell are local women and creative leaders.

Susan Provan has helped audiences laugh as Director of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival for over two successful decades. Last year she was recognised with an Order of Australia.

Ella Caldwell is an actor and Artistic Director of local ensemble Local leaders in laughs
Port Phillip just got greener

Port Phillip is part of an innovative wind power project that will reduce Council emissions by 87 per cent. Since 1 January electricity for all Council infrastructure, from street lights to Council buildings, has been powered from renewable sources.

The electricity comes from the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project, an Australian first with 14 organisations buying 88 GWh (gigawatt hours) of electricity annually. The energy comes from a new 80 MW wind farm at Crowlands, north of Ararat.

Mural adds pride

The Make Your Mark Youth Art program has transformed a tag prone wall in Edwards Park into a celebration of local pride. Led by Port Melbourne Neighbourhood Centre and supported by a Department of Justice Anti-Graffiti grant, the community-led street art program welcomes new artists.

Make your mark for good
facebook.com/streetartentrepreneurs/

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For general enquiries contact:
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PORT PHILLIP MUSSEL & JAZZ FESTIVAL
A SEAFOOD STREET PARTY

Sat 9 March  12-10pm
Sun 10 March  12-8pm

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FREE ENTRY, MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT