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From the Chamber

The 39th St Kilda Film Festival is almost here, with opening night returning to the iconic Palais Theatre on 1 June.

As a city renowned as a thriving, creative hub, we are always very proud to present this much-loved event. This celebration of all things film is back bigger and even better than ever with more than 120 new and archival films ready to astound and amaze audiences.

This jam-packed program truly has something for everyone. As an added bonus, this issue of Divercity has details of a 10 per cent ticket discount for locals and a fantastic festival weekend prize up for grabs.

I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to participate in the extensive community engagement on our draft Council Plan and Budget 2023/24.

Council Officers are now compiling a report based on all the feedback gathered online, in person at pop-ups around our City and via email. This report will be considered at a 20 June Council Meeting held to adopt these important documents for our community.

In the meantime, we were delighted to recently endorse several important policies and reviews.

Extra car share bays across more suburbs are part of our updated Car Share policy, aimed at improving access to this sustainable transport choice while driving down road congestion.

The Positive Ageing Policy 2023-27 sets out our role in achieving six policy goals and 20 commitments to help us better enable residents to age positively. This is crucial to achieving our Strategic Direction of an Inclusive Port Phillip which is "accessible and welcoming for people of



all ages, backgrounds and abilities, and that they can access the services and facilities necessary to support their health and wellbeing". Our wonderful Older Persons Advisory Committee was among the stakeholders providing valuable input as the policy progressed.

We also adopted the one-year review of our Parking Management Policy, to ensure it remains relevant and responsive, and a draft Public Toilet Plan 2023-2033 which we will seek feedback on from our community in June.

I am pleased to share with you that regular joint patrols of Acland and Fitzroy streets by Victoria Police and our local laws officers are underway. This partnership approach reflects our focus on safety and amenity and more details will be provided in an upcoming edition of Divercity.

You may have noticed five fantastic street art murals delivered under the Urban Canvas Mural Festival. Street art is a fantastic way of adding vibrancy to our City while also deterring graffiti.

If you are 55 years or over and prefer to paint pictures with words, why not consider entering our Port Phillip Writes: Seniors Festival Writing Awards? Everyone has a story to tell and we would love to hear yours!

Regards,

Cr Heather Cunsolo,

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



St Kilda Film Festival: Short Films, Big Screens, Bold Stories

St Kilda Film Festival (SKFF) returns to the majestic Palais Theatre on Thursday 1 June for its biggest opening night in years.

Join us for a brilliant evening packed with a selection of the best short films in 2023. Expect rip-roaring comedy, powerful drama, exquisite animation, thrilling horror and magical fantasy.

Presented by **City of Port Phillip**, upcoming highlights include:

The ever-popular **FREE Filmmaker Development Day: [The Big Picture](#)** will continue to help budding creatives hone their craft at **JMC Academy's Park Street Campus**. Audiences can upskill with a unique series of hands-on workshops, forums, panels, exhibitions, screenings and Q&As on a diverse range of filmmaking topics with some of Australia's top emerging and established film talents.

This year's program is stacked with special events and screenings. Expect to laugh out loud with the **[Australian Comedy Showcase](#)**, from surreal mindbenders, absurdist masterpieces, friendly banter, arthouse hysterics and catastrophic slapstick. **Friday 2 June, The Astor Theatre.**

The **[Australian Documentary Showcase](#)** is a festival favourite with a diverse range of topics to uncover. **Sunday 4 June, The Astor Theatre.**

[Under the Radar](#) (presented by the Unsigned FReeZA Crew) celebrates 10 of the best films from Australia's next generation of filmmakers **Thursday 8 June, The Astor Theatre.**

[Pride Without Prejudice](#) is back again after selling out instantly at last year's SKFF, with a wonderful showcase of LGBTIQ+ short films full of heart, strength and vitality. Screening within the walls of the stunning Victorian Pride Centre, audiences will catch some of the top short films of 2023 with a chance to mingle with the filmmakers and grab post show drinks. **Sunday 11 June, Victorian Pride Centre.**

A South Melbourne program highlight is the **[Australian Animation Showcase](#)**, which celebrates the enormously important cinematic history of animation in Victoria. Head to the much-loved South Melbourne Market for this special screening, featuring a DJ, special guests, food and wine. **Wednesday 7 June, South Melbourne Market.**

SKFF is Australia's longest-running short film festival, recognising the genre of short film, including music videos, gaming and immersive forms, celebrating some of Australia's best local short filmmakers and screen artists.

View SKFF screenings and special events: <https://www.stkildafilmfestival.com.au/screenings-special-events>



Urban Canvas unveils five new street art murals for Port Phillip

Port Phillip is home to five larger than life street art murals thanks to the Urban Canvas Mural Festival.

The Urban Canvas Mural Festival saw six inner-city councils commission 30 artists to create large-scale murals on some of Melbourne's most graffiti prone areas between 17-30 April.

Each mural incorporates the theme of Belong/Nugal (a Woi Wurrung translation – pronounced 'Naar-Gaw') and acts as a creative approach to graffiti management and deterring vandalism.

The project featured a dedicated Festival Hub on Carlisle Street, Balaclava, which included an art exhibition, workshops, youth mentoring program and an art apprenticeship program.

Hear from LUCIANO, one half of the artistic duo Queer-ways, about their new mural located near the Victorian Pride Centre and their mission to chart LGBTIQ+ history throughout Victoria.

Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/urban-canvas-mural-festival-meet-the-artist-queer-ways>

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Win the ultimate St Kilda Film Festival weekend!

To celebrate the return of the [St Kilda Film Festival](#), we are crafting the perfect long weekend so you can get the most out of the festival opening and all that St Kilda has to offer.



The best part? You could win it all as we have prize pack valued at \$1696 on offer.

Walk the red carpet and rub shoulders with the film industry at the [St Kilda Film Festival Opening Night](#), then join us at the official After Party. We've got your accommodation sorted too, so you can stroll to the comfort of your nearby hotel at the end of the night. Plus enjoy some of the best arts, food and drink experiences in and around St Kilda.

Read more: <https://whatsonstkilda.com/>

Show your Pride at Play this Pride Month

Let's 'press play' on Pride Month together. Join us as we launch the Pride at Play exhibition, 1-3 pm Saturday 3 June 2023 at Carlisle Street Arts Space.

Pride at Play is a free curated collection of thoughtful queer games made by LGBTQIA+ creators from Oceania and Asia Pacific.



From 3-24 June, 22 videogames and tabletop roleplaying games will be available to play at the Carlisle Street Arts Space at St Kilda Town Hall, with an additional nine games available as part

of an [online showcase](#).

Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/show-your-pride-at-play-this-pride-month>

Car share policy driving change in Port Phillip

Extra car share bays across more suburbs are part of our updated Car Share Policy, aimed at improving access to this sustainable transport choice while driving down road congestion.

Adopted last month after community consultation, Car Share Policy 2023-2028 incorporates ongoing development of a network of easily reached, well distributed, affordable car share vehicles in public streets and Council-managed off-street parking spaces. The policy also supports car share, where appropriate, in new developments.

Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/car-share-policy-driving-change>



Curtain rises for Palais Community Fund Grants

Fresh off record funding awarded to local organisations in Round 8, applications for Round 9 of the Palais Theatre Community Fund are now open.

This round will provide grants of up to \$5,000 to local registered charities, communities and not-for-profit organisations based in the City of Port Phillip.

Projects for creative arts, infrastructure, equipment and community activities are among those sought by the community-minded Fund.

Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/curtain-rises-for-next-round-of-palais-theatre-community-fund-grants>



Reconciliation Week events in Port Phillip

[Reconciliation Week](#) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

We are committed to our role in supporting and advocating for a deeper understanding of reconciliation through building our relationships with First Nations communities and organisations and recognising their invaluable contribution to our City.



Learn more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/first-nations-community->

The right way to dispose of your hard waste

Looking to get rid of your unwanted hard waste?

Learn more about how to book a hard waste collection online to correctly dispose of large items and green waste that cannot go in your bins.

Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/the-right-way-to-dispose-of-your-hard-waste>



Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Read our Council meeting recap to catch up on what you missed from the 17 May meeting and watch the livestream of the event.

Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/council-meeting-catchup-17-may-2023>



Arts in Focus



Getting Rawcus

Rawcus, an inclusive theatre ensemble of performers with and without disability, is seeking Expressions of Interest to audition to be part of this exciting award-winning ensemble.

Based in the City of Port Phillip for more than 22 years, Rawcus supports ensemble performers to participate and develop their arts practice through:

- weekly professional development workshops and rehearsals
- professional employment and engagement



The write stuff

Everyone has a story to tell! Why not showcase your way with words by submitting an entry for the Port Phillip Writes: Seniors Festival Writing Awards.

Now celebrating its 19th year, we have changed how you enter Port Phillip Writes to make it even easier.

The event is open to all City of Port Phillip residents, workers and Library members aged 55 years and over. Entries are open from now until 30 June.

opportunities

- support for career advancement and development opportunities.

Rawcus is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from people who are 18 years and over.

As an equal opportunity organisation, Rawcus welcomes EOIs from people who identify as disabled, First Nations, LGBTQIA+ and people from all cultural backgrounds and genders.

Written EOI forms must be submitted by 5 pm on 25 June.

EOIs may also take the form of a video or audio recording. If you require support with your EOI, please contact info@rawcus.org.au

This will be a workshop audition and no preparation is required. Auditions and call backs will be held across 12, 19 and 26 July, 2023.

For more for information and to access an EOI form, visit:
<https://rawcus.org.au/2023/05/audition-for-rawcus/>

Each writer can only submit one entry. It can be a fictional story, poem or a non-fiction piece – the only limitation is there can't be more than 1000 words.

Entries must be your own original, unpublished work. Images or illustrations will not be accepted.

All entries will be published in the Port Phillip Writes publication and outstanding entries are eligible for awards. All entrants will receive a certificate and two copies of the publication.

The Awards Presentation will be on Friday 13 October at the St Kilda Town Hall.

From 1 July, this link will also allow you to access an application form for 2023 Seniors Festival Events Grants.

We will share full details of another jam-packed Seniors Festival (1-15 October) in an upcoming edition of Divercity.

Read more:

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/the-write-stuff>

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Help Shape our City



Join the conversation on these projects:

- [Accessibility Action Plan](#)
- [Sol Green Reserve park and playspace upgrade](#)
- [Proposed changes to basketball facilities at J Talbot Reserve, St Kilda](#)
- [Managing weeds in our open and urban spaces](#)
- [Port Phillip Sustainability survey](#)

Have Your Say projects going live

soon:

- Urban Forest Strategy
- Act and Adapt
- Public Toilet Plan
- Spatial and Economic Framework
- Upgrades to Pakington St Reserve, St Kilda
- New playground at Gasworks Arts Park

Learn more about the community feedback we received on these projects:

- [Car Share Policy](#)
- [Proposed traffic changes in St Kilda West](#)
- [Planting in Woodstock St, Balacava](#)

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

Sustainability

Go electric!

If your home is like many Victorians, you probably have lots of gas appliances. A healthier, cheaper and more environmentally friendly option is moving your home to all-electric appliances.

Learn more about how you can go electric, make the most of government rebates and read commonly asked questions.



Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/sustainability-and-climate-change/sustainability-for-residents/go-electric>

Library Visit

Gardening for renters

Growing a flourishing garden in a rental is possible! Join this free online Zoom session held by [Sustainable Gardening Australia](#) to hear expert tips on how to make the most of your rental garden.

The webinar will take place Tuesday 20 June at 7 pm.



Read more: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/gardening-for-renters-expert-webinar>

Community Spirit

Mending broken parts

Do you have a broken or damaged household item that would break your heart to throw away?

St Kilda Repair Café offers free monthly repair sessions for those wanting to keep an item that's seen better days - or are simply dedicated to diverting as much as possible from landfill.



Read more: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/mending-broken-parts>

Golden opportunity

If you have a passion for fashion and are looking to volunteer, a Red Cross shop opening soon at 231 Bay Street, Port Melbourne, is a great opportunity to help support our community.

By joining the team, you'll get the chance to help raise funds for those in need by creating window displays, sorting donations and pricing products.

No experience is necessary and all training is provided.

Read more: <https://careers.pageuppeople.com/831/cw/en/job/499397/new-store-red-cross-shop-volunteer-port-melbourne>



What's On



Accessible transport and footy event

Tuesday, 30 May

Yarra Trams and the AFL are teaming up to present a free event featuring accessible public transport and inclusive footy at the **Acland Street Tram Terminus** (near Barkly Street, St Kilda).

Try before you ride events aim to build the confidence of passengers with disabilities and accessibility needs to travel on public transport.

Passengers can practice boarding and alighting from trams in the safe and controlled environment of a parked tram. Customer service teams are on-hand to answer questions and share information about how to plan for an accessible journey.

Try before you ride event participants can also try playing Wheelchair and Blind



Sights and Sounds in the Gardens

Sunday 28 May

Join the Friends of St Kilda Botanical Gardens (FOSKBG) and Elwood Community Choir for Sights and Sounds of St Kilda Botanical Gardens.

This event will see the launch of a photography exhibition, a flash mob choir at various locations, and the premiere performance of a new song for St Kilda Botanical Gardens.

10 am - Launch of Photography Exhibition

12 pm - Flash mob choir in various locations

1 pm - Public rehearsal of a new song for St Kilda Botanical Gardens

2.30 pm - Launch and premiere performance of a new song for St Kilda Botanical Gardens



Lit Fest

9-10 June

Albert Park College's annual Lit Fest is a mid-winter celebration of the written word, with world-class authors coming to share their work with the school community, sparking ongoing passion and debate.

Lit Fest is fast approaching with another stellar lineup featuring some of Australia's leading writers, including Sarah Krasnostein, Laura McPhee-Browne, Natasha Sholl and singer-songwriter Hannah McKittrick.

Each writer will offer engaging and thought-provoking depictions of the beauty, melancholy, and intricacies present in our interconnected world.

Lit Fest will take place at the Albert Park College

Footy on 30 May.

AFL clubs have Wheelchair and Blind Football Teams, who play a modified version of this much-loved game.

For more information, visit the [Yarra Trams](#) website.

This event is proudly supported by the City of Port Phillip's Love My Place Project.

For more information about FOSKBG, visit their [website](#).

Library and also features the annual Rotary Club Book Fair with thousands of pre-loved books for sale.

For more information, visit the Albert Park College [website](#).

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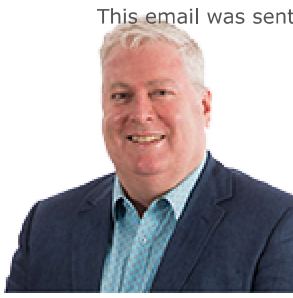
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