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From the Chamber

Our Council's biggest event of the year is almost here – and everyone is invited!

The St Kilda Festival offers two days of free, fabulous live music and fun for all ages, including plenty of children's programming.

The Festival kicks off with First Peoples First on Saturday 18 February. This celebration of First Nations music, culture and community features fantastic established and emerging First Peoples' artists performing at O'Donnell Gardens and the St Kilda foreshore Main Stage, including Christine Anu.

On Sunday 19 February, some of the biggest names in Australian music, including the Hoodoo Gurus and Yothu Yindi, take to seven stages to bring the party to the streets of St Kilda. There really is something for everyone and I hope to see you there.

St Kilda Festival is the latest in a series of recent events for our diverse community.

The We-Akon Dilingja (Mourning Reflection) dawn ceremony held on 26 January by the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council, in partnership with our Council, was attended by about 600 people at Alfred Square. It was an honour to be invited to participate in this unique and inclusive service and learn more about this rich culture.

We-Akon Dilingja was followed by our Australia Day Citizenship ceremony at the St Kilda Town Hall. I became an Australian citizen at the St Kilda Botanical Gardens nine years ago, so presiding over this ceremony and meeting the new conferees felt even more special.



It was also a huge privilege to participate in the annual Midsumma Pride March along Fitzroy Street to Catani Gardens. Our Council has been a major sponsor since the very first March as this event exemplifies the spirit of inclusion our City is known and loved for. The ceremony at the St Kilda Town Hall to raise the pride flag ahead of the March is another very visible way we acknowledge and celebrate our rainbow community.

Our Council meetings resumed this month and it was my pleasure to welcome Lake Ward's Robbie Nyaguy as our newest Councillor.

Cr Nyaguy was elected after a vote countback to fill the vacancy created by former Councillor Katherine Copsey's departure to the Victorian Parliament.

We thank Katherine for her hard work for our community and look forward to Robbie attending in person at Council meetings when he returns to Australia in mid-March. Until then, he will be participating in meetings online as he wraps up a short-term work contract in Canada.

Many of you will have received a FOGO bin in the January rollout of one of our Council's biggest ever service changes – with more to be delivered later this year. Whether or not you have a kerbside FOGO bin now, everyone is able to collect a kitchen bench FOGO caddy and roll of bin liners from the St Kilda Town Hall or any of our Port Phillip Libraries. This is an easy way to start separating out your food waste at home.

I encourage you to read the FOGO update in this edition of Divercity – we are already receiving terrific feedback and are very excited to be providing an option for everyone to play their part in diverting waste from landfill.

Regards,

Cr Heather Cunsolo,

Mayor, City of Port Phillip



FOGO: Your new food and garden organics recycling service

Across two weeks in January, approximately 14,600 kerbside food and garden organics (FOGO) recycling bins were delivered to eligible houses and townhouses across the City of Port Phillip.

Our new kerbside FOGO service commenced on 23 January allowing Port Phillip residents in houses and townhouses to conveniently recycle their FOGO materials, making a serious impact on the quantity of waste we're sending to landfill.

Food and garden waste makes up around 46 per cent of the waste our households send to landfill, and produces methane, a greenhouse gas that is approximately 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Recycling our FOGO materials is an important step in helping our environment. FOGO materials collected through our new recycling service are turned into nutrient rich soil conditioner which is used to rehabilitate land throughout Victoria.

Apartments and MUDs

Apartment buildings did not receive a FOGO bin in the recent rollout due to increased complexity in introducing kerbside FOGO bins to apartments and unit blocks. Some of these challenges include Council trucks being unable to access bin rooms and higher contamination rates in apartments and unit blocks.

When recycling FOGO materials, it is essential that we keep contamination rates below 5 per cent, therefore education on what can and can't go in your FOGO bin is vital. In apartments and unit blocks this can prove challenging as residents are more transient, and with multiple people sharing a bin, it is harder to direct education to community members that may need it.

Despite this complexity, we are determined to give all residents an opportunity to recycle their food waste. Therefore, mid-year we will start rolling out kerbside FOGO bins to eligible apartments and unit blocks.

Communal food organics recycling

In addition to introducing kerbside FOGO bins, we will also be expanding our communal food organics recycling hubs, with the goal of providing a food organics recycling hub within 300 metres of properties that were ineligible for a kerbside FOGO bin.

Port Phillip's combination of kerbside and communal recycling services reflects our unique housing demographic, with approximately 90 per cent of our dwellings being medium or high density. This is compared to 33 per cent for Greater Melbourne. Many of our standalone houses also have limited outdoor space for an additional kerbside bin. This poses a challenge when introducing new waste and recycling streams as additional kerbside bins are not suitable for every household. We know that almost every household will generate food waste, and we are dedicated to helping our community recycle these valuable materials.

FAQs

If you live in a house or townhouse and didn't receive a kerbside FOGO bin but would like one, you can register a request through My Port Phillip. Please note there is an associated cost to the kerbside service, and due to a high number of FOGO related requests and queries, there is an extended wait time for a response. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

To help you start recycling your food waste we are handing out free kitchen caddies and caddy liners at our libraries and the St Kilda Town Hall.

Thank you for recycling your FOGO materials and creating a more sustainable future for our City.



St Kilda Festival is back bigger than ever

The wait is almost over! St Kilda Festival - Australia's biggest free music and cultural event - returns even bigger and better on 18 and 19 February.

There is something for everyone with the jam-packed program including family friendly activities and programming such as face painting, drumming workshops and a RampFest Skate demo zone.

New for 2023, Saturday 18 February offers a full day of First Nations music, *First Peoples First*, on the Main Stage and O'Donnell Gardens, featuring headliner Christine Anu and A Tribute to Archie Roach.

Then it's on to Big Festival Sunday on 19 February, with artists across seven stages including Hoodoo Gurus, Yothu Yindi, Confidence Man and Genesis Owusu.

The diverse program also features dance performances, workshops, sports demonstrations, community group activities, food and market stalls, extended business trading, roving entertainment and a dedicated family-friendly stage.

And don't forget to drop by our stall for a free FOGO caddy.

Renowned as one of Australia's largest and longest running free music and cultural events, the Festival brings significant economic benefits to St Kilda while celebrating and promoting Australian talent.

St Kilda Festival has been made possible with the support of the Victorian Government's Live Music Restart Program.

Grab your free FOGO kitchen caddy

We are handing out free kitchen caddies and rolls of compostable caddy liners to help you recycle your food waste.

Caddies, compostable caddy liners, and meal planners can be collected from the St Kilda Town Hall and any of our five library branches: Albert Park, Emerald Hill, Middle Park, Port Melbourne and St Kilda. You can also come and visit us at our market stall at St Kilda Festival on Sunday 19 February to grab a caddy and roll of liners.



When you collect your caddy, you're welcome to pick up a free meal planner magnet to put on your fridge at home. Planning your meals and creating a shopping list is a great way to ensure you only buy the food you will use, helping to save money and reduce food waste.

Empty the contents of your 7L caddy into your kerbside FOGO bin or in our communal food organic recycling hubs to recycle your food waste into nutrient rich soil conditioner and compost.

If you have accessibility requirements that prevent you from collecting a kitchen caddy, please contact ASSIST on 03 9209 6777 to discuss delivery options.

If you would like to purchase additional caddy liners, you must ensure you use lime green certified compostable liners and look for the AS 4736 or AS5810 logos.

These can be purchased from most supermarkets and hardware stores or from online retailers such as Biogone, MyEcoBag and Compost-A-Pak.

New citizens welcomed in Australia Day ceremony

About 126 Port Phillip residents from 46 countries become Australian citizens on 26 January at a citizenship ceremony at the St Kilda Town Hall.

The ceremony was officiated by Port Phillip Council Mayor Heather Cunsolo, who became an Australian citizen herself in St Kilda nine years ago to the day.



The excited conferees were presented with their citizenship, a wattle pin and a native Australian plant, while enjoying a performance from the low rez choir and a sausage sizzle on the lawns of the Town Hall.

Among the new citizens were Albert Park resident Sandra Desjardins, her partner Frederic Roubineau and their children Alix and William.

The family of four moved to Australia from France in 2017 in what was originally intended to be a short stay to experience life in a new country and a different culture. Australia was chosen by Ms Desjardins due to her love for wildlife and an affection for watching Crocodile Dundee.

"What was supposed to be just two years, became an opportunity to stay a bit longer and now we're Australian citizens," Ms Desjardins said.

"We're happy to raise our children here and be part of the Port Phillip community. It's now a large part of our family's story."

Ms Desjardins said Australian citizenship is a strong symbol for her family.

"It means we will always be part of the country. Our roots may be in France, but our hearts are in Australia," Ms Desjardins said.

"It is a real chance for our children to now be part of two cultures."

Fellow conferee Javier Bobadilla Jaen said that becoming an Australian citizen was a goal he wanted to achieve since arriving from Spain seven years ago.

"It feels like my life has come full circle now. I have been living here for so long and now I can say I am an Australian and truly feel like I am part of the country," he said.

Mr Bobadilla Jaen has spent time living in Port Melbourne and St Kilda. He enjoys Port Phillip's thriving multicultural population which he attributes to helping him call Port Phillip home.

"It's a very nice place to be and the people are very kind and social. There are a lot of communities where you can find many people who are not originally from Australia, so you never feel like a stranger here and they make you feel like you belong."

Mourning Reflection

About 600 people gathered at Alfred Square, St Kilda, on 26 January for the fourth We-Akon Dilinja (Mourning Reflection) ceremony.

This was the biggest attendance so far for the moving dawn ceremony presented by the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (BLSC) in partnership with our Council. The event is supported by the National Australia Day Council.



The 2023 theme, "honouring the past and realising a new united vision for our shared future", was presented from the perspective of First Nations musical performers and speakers.

View the livestream from the event, which includes musical performances, a smoking ceremony and readings.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/people-and-community/first-nations-community-information/we-akon-dilinja>

Image: James Henry

Meet our newest Councillor

Robbie Nyaguy is the City of Port Phillip's newest Councillor.

Cr Nyaguy attended his first Council Meeting remotely on 1 February after taking his Affirmation of Office. He will be returning to Australia in mid-March.

To watch Cr Nyaguy's Affirmation of Office and his first statement as a Councillor,



Builder's legal argument demolished in court

A building company convicted of illegally demolishing a Port Melbourne house has been fined \$25,000 and must also pay Port Phillip Council \$23,000 in legal costs.

While the incident happened in 2019, the deed of settlement for payment of the legal costs was finalised in December last year.



The win for heritage protection rules follows our Council launching legal action in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court after becoming aware of this Port Phillip Planning Scheme breach.

Council Officers received a tip-off that a weatherboard home, subject to a Heritage Overlay, has been almost completely demolished - far exceeding what was allowed in a planning permit.

When Officers inspected the property, they were dismayed to discover the façade on the south eastern side of the property was almost entirely gone. The entire north facing weatherboard side, walls, flooring and roof abutting had also been demolished.

Due to the seriousness of the contravention, charges were brought against the land owner and the company of the builder who was occupying the land when the demolition happened. The planning permit was amended requiring reconstruction of the original dwelling to its existing specifications, including the same footprint, front façade fenestration (arrangement of openings such as doors), external materials, roof height and internal layout.

The land owner received a 12-month good behaviour bond and was ordered to pay our Council's legal costs of \$5,813 after pleading guilty to all charges.

The builder pleaded not guilty, submitting they acted on grounds of reasonable necessity (for reasons of imminent threat to health and safety of persons or property).

The Magistrate was not satisfied it was reasonably necessary to act contrary to the conditions of the planning permit by demolishing parts of the building not identified within it. He determined there was no reasonable basis on the grounds of health and safety to have contravened the planning permit in this way and found the company guilty on all charges. A criminal conviction was recorded.

During the sentencing in 2022, the Magistrate reiterated the seriousness of the offence and acknowledged the importance of heritage within the City of Port Phillip. He also noted the flagrant disregard for the planning process.

The house was graded as a Contributory Heritage Place inside the Heritage Overlay. These are places which contribute to the cultural heritage significance of a precinct and have been given this status in a heritage study. While not considered to be individually important places of state, municipal or local cultural heritage significance, when combined with other significant and/or contributory heritage places, they play an integral role in demonstrating the cultural heritage significance of a precinct.

Failure to comply with a permit applying to land is an offence under s126 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. As the Responsible Authority, Council has a duty under the Act to enforce the provisions of the planning scheme, planning permits and s173 agreements applying to land.

In the last six years, our Planning Compliance Team has undertaken three prosecutions over illegal heritage demolition with a 100 per cent success rate. Another prosecution is in progress.

New motorised beach wheelchair trial

An eight-week motorised beach wheelchair trial is rolling into St Kilda Beach.

For the next eight weeks an all-new motorised beach wheelchair will be available for hire from the St Kilda Life Saving Club.



The chair will be on-site from Saturday 11 February, and the trial itself will assist us to review the feasibility of making the chair a permanent fixture.

During the trial users will be asked to provide optional feedback about their experience and suggest improvement for the service.

Use of the motorised beach wheelchair is free and last for 1.5 hours. Booking in advance is essential and can only be made during lifesaving patrol times over weekends.

Trial participant Jason (pictured) enjoyed being able to get out onto the sand at St Kilda Beach:

"I haven't really wanted to go to the beach for such a long time, it's amazing to be able to go on the sand," he said.

We believe that everyone should be able to enjoy our beautiful foreshore and we're committed to providing accessibility supports, such as the motorised beach wheelchair, to make that a reality for all community members.

The motorised function of the wheelchair, combined with the ability for user control means this service is designed to be relatively self-sufficient. However, it is required you are accompanied by a carer at all times - and it never hurts to bring a friend or two to the beach with you.

The motorised wheelchair is just one of many programs we run to make our beaches more accessible, we also have an accessible beach wheelchair that can enter the water, beach matting and more.

You can make a booking for the motorised beach wheelchair and find out more about some of our other accessible services via our accessible beaches webpage.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/explore-the-city/beaches-parks-and-playgrounds/accessible-beaches>

Mayor meets with new MP

Port Phillip Mayor Heather Cunsolo met with newly elected Albert Park Member Nina Taylor for the first time at the St Kilda Town Hall on Friday 10 February.

The Albert Park MP was presented with a FOGO caddy as part of recent changes to our waste services.

Learn more about how Council works with the Victorian and Federal Governments to benefit our community.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/governance-performance-and-advocacy/advocacy>



Help shape positive ageing in our City

Older people make up a significant, valued and growing proportion of our population.

The needs and experiences of older people are diverse. Consistent with Australia-wide trends, our population is ageing. In 2021, there were more than 19,000 people aged 60 years and older residing in the City of Port Phillip representing 19 per cent of our population.



Our draft Positive Ageing Policy will guide how Council promotes ageing well in our community for people aged 60 years and older (and First Nations people aged 50 years and older), as well as their families and carers in the City of Port Phillip over the next four years.

We have already engaged extensively with stakeholders and community members to develop this draft policy. This has included interviews with service providers, a survey of community members and input from our older persons, multicultural and LGBTIQ+ advisory committees.

The draft policy sets out the following six goals to promote positive ageing in the City of Port Phillip:

- All people have access to opportunities for social and intergenerational connections as they age
- Effective communication and duration to ensure people are aware of, and can access services to maintain their health and wellbeing
- The contribution of older people from all genders, backgrounds, identities, and abilities is respected and valued across our community
- Accessible, affordable, and quality services are available to meet changing needs to support health and independence as people age
- Secure, affordable and accessible housing enables people to 'age in place'
- Well-designed neighbourhoods enable easy access to services, and connection to friends, family, and community life.

Each goal is supported by commitments of what Council will do. For more on how we propose to implement these commitments and to provide your feedback, visit our Have Your Say page.

Our commitments will guide Council decisions about the programs and services it will provide to promote positive ageing in our community. The full draft Positive Ageing Policy is available on Council's website. We invite your feedback on the draft Positive Ageing Policy by Monday 20 March 2023.

You can do this on our Have Your Say page or via a paper survey.

Please contact ASSIST on 03 9209 6777 to receive a paper survey if required.

Never too late to vaccinate

Catch-up immunisation sessions are now available for secondary school students.

Every year, our Council runs the Secondary School Immunisation Program which provides free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students.

The program is coordinated by our Immunisation Department and administered through secondary school institutions located throughout Port Phillip.



It is important for secondary school students to keep up with their vaccinations because the protection provided by some childhood immunisations reduces over time and needs to be boosted in adolescence.

In addition to the regular program, this year, Council will also be offering catch-up immunisation sessions for any students who missed their vaccines during 2020 to 2022.

There are two rounds of immunisations planned for secondary school students in 2023 (including catch-up sessions)

Parents and guardians should expect to receive an email from their child's school one week before an upcoming session, informing them about the program with a link to the necessary consent form. If you do not receive an email a week before your school's planned session, please contact your child's school directly.

Secondary school students who are unable to have the vaccines at school or who attend school outside the City of Port Phillip are welcome to attend the community sessions instead. Bookings for the community sessions should be made via the immunisation webpage.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/family-youth-and-children/immunisation>

If you have any questions related to the Secondary School Immunisation Program or catch-up sessions, please email schoolimmunisation@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Guided Walks 2023: Discover the stories behind our City

Our Guided Walks program is back. Discover the stories of Port Phillip with our free, all ages sessions.

Our walks will give you fascinating insights into the events, lives and legends that built this City. Whether you're a local or visitor, the streets, buildings and gardens of Port Phillip are rich with history and stories that make this City vibrant and unique.

The 2023 program has something for everyone as we navigate everything from industrial Port Melbourne and Gold Rush era South Melbourne to St Vincent Gardens and a history of the many notable women of St Kilda. Our highly knowledgeable facilitators will give you insights that will make you see the City with fresh eyes.

Our February to June program includes the following walks:



From Piers to Pickles Street: Industry in Port Melbourne: Sunday 26 February - 2 to 4 pm:

Fabulous St Vincent Gardens: Sunday 5 March - 10 am to 12 midday:

Notable Women of St Kilda: Wednesday 8 March - 10 am to 12 midday

Montague Reborn: Sunday 30 April - 2 to 4 pm

See Yup Society and Temple Talk and Tour: Saturday 6 May 2 to 4 pm.

We will update you with even more walks in the second half of the year, but for now, enjoy our February to June sessions.

Bookings are essential. For more information and to book a walk visit: www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/guidedwalks

Did you miss our last Council meeting?

Read our Council meeting recap to catch up on what you missed from the 1 February meeting and watch the livestream of the event.

The 1 February 2023 Council meeting was held at St Kilda Town Hall and marked the first meeting for the new year.



At this meeting, an Affirmation of Office was administered for Councillor-elect Robbie Nyaguy, who replaces Katherine Copsey as a Lake Ward Councillor.

Councillors raised a motion to acknowledge the service of outgoing Councillor Katherine Copsey.

Councillors also raised a condolence motion following the passing of Paul Dahan, former Mayor of South Melbourne, who sadly passed away on 16 January 2022.

Council expressed its deep regret on the passing of Paul Dahan, offered its sincere condolences to his family and placed on record its appreciation for his service to the City of Port Phillip.

Arts in Focus



Midsumma fun in St Kilda

The Midsumma Pride March saw an estimated 50,000 strong crowd flock to St Kilda on Sunday 5 February for this colourful celebration of the LGBTIQ+ community.

A Council contingent, including Councillors and members of the staff Pride Network, were among the 13,000 registered marchers travelling down Fitzroy Street to Catani Gardens, along with Council's distinctive local laws beach buggy.

Our council was again proud to be the major sponsor of this inclusive event.

Port Phillip played host to 30 Midsumma Festival events at Gasworks Arts Park, Theatre Works, Temperance Hall and the Victorian Pride Centre.

View the best photos from the day to share the joy and festivities.

If you're interested in learning more about the history of the LGBTIQ+ community in Victoria, you can visit the Victorian Pride Centre's 'The Making of the Pride Centre' exhibition.

Visit: www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/midsumma-fun-in-st-kilda

The sun is setting on Summer Sessions

The summer fun can't last forever. But it's not too late to enjoy some live music near you thanks to our Live Love Local summer activation program.

The outdoor fun has been extended to seven locations across our City and the fantastic performers featured this month include Darren Clinch, Synthotronica and Charlie Needs Braces.

We are proud that First Nations performers make up more than 50 per cent of the participating acts.

More than 75 per cent of Summer Sessions artists are local to Port Phillip with many selected from Council's Live N Local Featured Artist Database.

Come for the free music and entertainment and stay to enjoy a drink or a bite to eat at a nearby restaurant.

Visit: <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/explore-the-city/arts-and-entertainment/summer-sessions-2022-23>

Help Shape our City



Join the conversation on these projects now seeking your feedback:

- We're developing a Positive Ageing Policy
- We're updating the guidelines for Business Parklets
- We're upgrading the basketball facilities at J Talbot Reserve, St Kilda
- We're upgrading the play equipment and other amenities at Hewison Reserve, St Kilda.

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

- We asked for your vision for housing to inform our Housing Strategy
- We asked for your feedback on changes to Lagoon Reserve, Port Melbourne

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

- February: Arts & Heritage Strategy
- March: Safety upgrades at Sandridge Foreshore, Local Laws Review and LGBTQIA+ Action Plan
- April: Reviewing the Council Plan and developing the annual Budget

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

Sustainability

Breaking the cycle of youth unemployment

Our Council is using pedal power to help maintain public assets across Port Phillip.

A partnership with social enterprise, Good Cycles, is providing youth employment pathways for a trio of workers who travel around our City on e-cargo bikes to perform repair jobs.



Kalman, Andrew and Liam work to maintain around 1,000 roadside assets including picnic tables, chairs and bench seats.

Getting around on e-cargo bikes rather than a maintenance utility vehicle is proving to be an eco-friendly alternative which is saving about 4.4t of Co2 emissions a year. The bikes offer added flexibility for the young workers to navigate the City and can safely carry up to 350 kg of tools and materials.

“People stop us all the time and ask us about what we’re doing,” Andrew said. “When we explain it to them, everyone just thinks it’s great.”

Good Cycles delivers the services on behalf of our Council’s infrastructure maintenance services contractor Fulton Hogan.

“They provide an excellent service working in the parks, sanding and staining seats, tables and benches – ultimately transforming these kinds of assets which then positively shapes how the community use these public spaces,” Fulton Hogan Operations Manager Tim Rodier said.

Good Cycles reinvests 100 per cent of its profits into providing young Victorians with employment opportunities and pathways to improve their future while minimising the risks of disengagement and long-term unemployment.

For more information about Good Cycles, visit www.goodcycles.org.au.

Library Visit

Storytimes at the library

Storytime sessions returned across Port Phillip library branches from 6 February.

We have a wide variety of Storytime sessions available for newborns through to preschoolers.

Bookings are no longer needed, walk-ins are welcome.

Visit: <https://library.portphillip.vic.gov.au/what-s-on/storytimes-at-the-library>



Community Spirit

Be part of the change for a cigarette butt free bay

Did you know that cigarette butts are the most littered item on the planet? In 2020, cigarettes butt represented 16 per cent of all recorded items in Port Phillip EcoCentre's Rubbish Report?



On 22 February, a group of volunteers will meet in St Kilda to collect and count discarded cigarette butts to assess the extent of the litter problem and track changes over time.

The data collected will help to understand and inform litter reduction strategies with prizes for the 'butt champion' who collects the most butts!

Visit: <https://www.ecocentre.com/cigarettebuttfreeday/>

What's On



Port Phillip Mussel & Jazz Festival

Saturday 11 & 12 March
11 am to 9 pm
South Melbourne Market

After a two-year hiatus, the much-loved Port Phillip Mussel & Jazz Festival will return in March.

Cecil Street will be closed to traffic and the Market will come alive with a two-day



Wine and Cheese Fest

Sunday 5 March
11.30 am to 8 pm
351 Plummer Street, Port Melbourne

Have you thought of visiting 50 wineries, cheese, and artisan producers in a day?

Well, you don't have to drive because the Wine and Cheese Fest will bring them



Get on your bike with confidence

We're promoting all things bikes with monthly bike-riding skills sessions at Peanut Farm, St Kilda and monthly bike repair hubs at South Melbourne Market.

Bike riding is a great way to get around our City. It's an easy way to keep fit, beat the traffic and be kinder to

seafood street party celebrating our favourite mollusc, set to a soundtrack featuring the City's best in jazz and soul musicians.

The Festival will feature a great range of street food vendors, a main stage of live music, a bar, workshops, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities, roving performances, giveaways and more.

For more information, visit the South Melbourne Market website.

all to you under one roof for the tastiest day of the year.

The Wine and Cheese Fest is celebrating its 10th festival and will be promoting the best local producers, including small boutique wine makers and cheese producers who may not have a cellar door or a shop but offer the tastiest cheeses and unique wines.

For more information, visit What's on St Kilda and Surrounds

the environment. And with 38 kilometres of on-road bike routes and 21 kilometres of off-road routes, there's never been a better time to enjoy all our City has to offer.

That's why we're making it even easier for you to ride with more access to free bike repairs, tune ups and information sessions on how to be a confident and safer rider.

For more information, visit our Council's website.

Sign up to What's On

Your Councillors

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Cr Peter Martin
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Cr Marcus Pearl
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Lake Ward



Cr Andrew Bond
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