DIVERCITY

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Welcome to Port Phillip

New parents, citizens and more

Community gardens



Mourning reflection





Mayor Bernadene Voss meets with St Kilda Park Primary School Crossing Supervisors Carmen Winestone and Larisa Pasika to acknowledge their 25 years of service.



Mayor Cr Bernadene Voss

cover story

A new day

Senior Boon Wurrung Elder and Traditional Owner, Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs opened the first We-Akon Dilinja ceremony at dawn on Australia Day.

Read more on page four. Photo: Chris Cassar

After the smoke has cleared

The choking smoke haze from the recent fires powerfully brought home the enormity of the task ahead to rebuild.

While it's been heart-warming to witness the outpouring of support for people and fauna affected by the fires, the challenge now is to maintain that support for the long road ahead.

It's great to hear that the Port Melbourne Business Association has reached out to establish an informal Sister-City relationship with Lakes Entrance, an important Gippsland community hub for bushfire recovery. Council, with support of landlords, is also opening spaces for fire affected businesses from North East Victoria and Gippsland to trade on Fitzroy Street for a couple of months as part of the placemaking program.

Across this year Council will be hosting pop-up consultations four times a year in every neighbourhood. We encourage you to drop by and share your ideas on the way ahead. This might include why we, like most other councils, are raising the sensitive topic of a waste levy for community discussion. We are striving to reduce emissions from household waste as we ask: are we as a community, doing enough to tackle climate change? Council has declared a climate emergency and has a plan to be carbon neutral.

In this **Divercity** we look at how we welcome newcomers to Port Phillip. From citizenship ceremonies to community gardens, from new puppies to bouncing babies, it's all about reaching out to make personal connections.

Next time you meet someone new in the neighbourhood, smile and saying g'day – because we want to live in a community, not a motel.

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St Kilda skyline

Australia's largest portable Ferris Wheel returns.



Women in the frame Camera club celebrates female photographers.



Laneway markets diversity

A bustling Space2b market is part of Cultural Diversity Week.



Designs on display See entries for the Design Awards at the St Kilda Town Hall.



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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.

Boonwurrung and Torres Strait Islander songs were sung by John Wayne-Parsons (centre) accompanied by Michael Julian, as Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs looked on.

We-Akon

A new day begins

As the sun rose on Australia Day hundreds gathered at St Kilda's Alfred Square for the first We-Akon Dilinja (mourning reflection) ceremony.

Presented in collaboration with the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council, the We-Akon Dilinja ceremony recognised the journey and experience of the Yaluk-ut Weelam clan of the Boon Wurrung people and language group or the River People of Port Phillip.

The multifaith event brought the community together to commemorate and celebrate the rich and diverse culture of the First Peoples of this land.

The sombre yet positive ceremony included a Welcome to Country, performances by Indigenous musicians, readings that paid tribute to Boonwurrung elders, multifaith prayers and a traditional smoking ceremony.

"As the first Council in Australia to support an event of this kind we are so proud to be involved with this inclusive ceremony," Mayor Bernadene Voss told the crowd as the new day began.

Learn more about the Boonwurrung

() portphillip.vic.gov.au

"My vision is for all Australians to take pride in our shared history - recognising the important role of the First Australians - and recognising the value and importance of our heritage when celebrating our strengths and achievements as a Nation.

My wish is for all Australians to work towards acknowledging that we have both a diverse and shared history - a history that provides us with both lessons of the past and pride in the future".

Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM

Senior Boon Wurrung Elder and Traditional Owner

Pop in and have your say

Recently you may have seen Council staff pop-up in your neighbourhood.

We want to have regular and meaningful conversations with you. We know you're busy, so we're coming to you, to places where you live, work and play.

We'll be out and about again throughout the City in May, August and November, to ask your opinion on topics and projects that interest you.

We also want to understand what is important for your neighbourhood, as we continue to work with you to keep our City liveable, beautiful and real.

Join a pop-up in your neighbourhood and get involved.

haveyoursay.portphillip .vic.gov.au

Register today!

Sign up to stay informed and have your say on projects and plans that will shape your neighbourhood and our City.





Pavilion completed, school starts at JL Murphy

The redeveloped JL Murphy Reserve Pavilion is now complete, meaning greater access for women and girls to a variety of sports.

The upgraded larger pavilion, which features a number of energy-efficient and water-saving features, includes change rooms and storage for multiple clubs, plus a community room, kitchen and public toilets.

The \$4.7 million project was funded by Council in partnership with the Victorian Government, AFL Victoria and sporting clubs. Next to be upgraded is the playground, due for completion later this year. Meanwhile, along the Graham Street edge, construction has started on the new four storey Fishermans Bend Secondary School (interim name) scheduled to open in 2022. For more information visit www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au

Together these projects will create a new sporting and education hub in Fishermans Bend.

Pictured above: Port Melbourne Colts Football and Junior Football clubs, Middle Park Soccer Club, and Port Melbourne Cricket and Baseball clubs.

Port link to Lakes Entrance

Port Melbourne Business Association has established an informal sister-city link with Lakes Entrance in the wake of the devastating bushfires.

Working at a community-tocommunity level, the Business Association plans to connect local business and community groups with their counterparts in the Lakes Entrance area.

Get involved

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How should we keep the beat?

Live music has long been at the heart of Port Phillip's cultural life. Council has developed a draft Live Music Action Plan to help shape the future of local music in all its forms - performance, education and participation. If you play an instrument, sing in a choir or simply love music, this plan will interest you. Read the draft plan and contribute your ideas before 22 March.



Waste management in our City is changing

LOCAL PROCESSING Recycling can

no longer be sent overseas.

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GROWING CITY More people and more waste puts more pressure on



waste are rising by more than our rate cap.

Join the conversation about the future of our waste now.

our services.



Do you own a pool or spa?

New Victorian Government safety regulations mean that you must register your pool or spa (permanent or portable) with Council before 1 June 2020.

Register online

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

Grand Prix permits

The Grand Prix will be held from Thursday 12 March to Sunday 15 March.

Local access zone permits are distributed by the Australian Grand Prix Corporation by 5 March.

Local access permits

▶ grandprix.com.au▲ AGPC 9258 7100

Temporary parking permits

🕓 ASSIST 9209 6777

Glass recycling trials

To improve recycling, Council is trialling two glass separation services: communal glass separation in South Melbourne and Albert Park, and household glass separation in Garden City.

Both trials will start in March. Glass collected will be locally recycled.

Communal glass bin locations

Little Finlay Reserve Albert Park

Lyell Iffla Reserve South Melbourne

Cnr Park Street and Nelson Road, South Melbourne

Sol Green Reserve South Melbourne Beth Weston, Tim Isaacson, Evy and John Gomo say the community garden helps make Newton Court Reserve a better place for all.

Growing community in our parks

It's not only the herbs, flowers, vegies and succulents that are growing in community gardens, neighbourhood friendships are also blossoming as people come together to care and share around small gardens in public parks.

There is an open community garden near you.

Centenary Reserve

Four plots next to the playground. Centenary Drive, Port Melbourne

Newton Court Reserve

Raised plots in a newly upgraded reserve.

Newton Court, St Kilda (near the adventure playground)

Foundry Park Community Gardens

Organic herbs and vegetables in 12 raised plots. Gardeners meet monthly on a Sunday morning.

Park Place, South Melbourne

Facebook: Foundry Park Community Garden

Lyell Iffla Reserve

Five raised wicking beds. 28 Lyell Street, South Melbourne

Te Arai Community Gardens

Monthly working bee, first Sunday of every month at 10 am.

Rear Alma Road Community House, 200 Alma Road East St Kilda

tearaicommunitygarden. wordpress.com

Moubray Street Community Park

Four raised plant tubs next to the primary school.

Moubray Street, Albert Park

Pakington Street Reserve

Construction starting in March. Pakington Street, St Kilda

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Full list of community gardens

There are many other types of community gardens, some with allocated plots and others organised by community groups.

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

what's happening in your city

COMMUNITY



Messy play day

Sunday 1 March, 10 am to 12 noon Elwood Community Park Reserve 87 Tennyson Street, Elwood

All kids are welcome to come and play and get messy. Parents will get messy too.

\$\$10

🕟 elwoodtoylibrary.org

International Women's Day breakfast

Friday 6 March, 7.15 am West Beach Bathers Pavilion St Kilda

Join in for breakfast and inspiration from speaker Georgie Dragwidge.

\$68.50
livelovework.melbourne

Suitcase Rummage market

Saturdays 14 March and 18 April 10 am to 3 pm South Melbourne Town Hall Forecourt

Eclectic mini-scaled market open to sellers and buyers of second hand, handmade and upcycled wares.

St Patrick's Day parade

Sunday 15 March, 11 am Acland Street at O'Donnell Gardens

A parade of green, a day of fun and music for everyone.

🕟 melbournestpatricksday.com.au

Breast test

Saturday Monday 16 March to Wednesday 1 April

St Kilda Triangle

Breast screening for women aged 50 to 74. Be sure to book.

Free13 20 50

🕟 breastscreen.org.au

The Wheel Deal

Saturday 21 March to Sunday 31 May

South Beach Reserve, St Kilda

The tallest travelling Ferris Wheel in Australia returns.

\$10 / \$8
skylineattractions.com.au

Trivia for Timor-Leste

Thursday 26 March, 7 pm Middle Park Bowling Club Canterbury Road, Albert Park

An evening of fun with great prizes, a raffle and a silent auction.

\$\$35

🕟 friendsofsuai.org.au



Diversity Lane

Sunday 22 March, 10 am to 3 pm Laneway behind Space2b, 144 Chapel Street, St Kilda

Get down for a maker's market, cultural dance, live music, art and food.

🕟 space2b.com.au

SUSTAINABILITY

My Sustainable Kitchen

Saturday 7 March, 10.30 am Port Phillip EcoCentre 55a Blessington Street, St Kilda

Learn practical ways to make your kitchen more sustainable.

\$\$ \$10

🕟 sustainableportphillip.com

Dharmaland

Sunday 29 March, 9 am to 9 pm St Kilda Town Hall 99a Carlisle Street, St Kilda

A festival of meditation, sound healings, inspirational talks, workshops on sustainable living practices and great food.

\$\$\$9

🕟 dharmalandfest.com.au

Spot check for nature

Saturday 4 April to Friday 10 April

Spot the animals and plants that live in Port Phillip for NatureSpot. Submit your own sightings online.

(\$) Free

♥ ecocentre.com/naturespot

Practical vertical gardens

Thursday 16 April, 6.30 pm St Kilda Library 150 Carlisle Street, St Kilda

Learn the basics of vertical gardening and how to do it at home.

- Free
- 🕟 sustainableportphillip.com

ACTIVE



Free to see at Rippon Lea

Until 30 June, Rippon Lea Estate, 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

Take advantage of the free entry for Port Phillip residents to use your smartphone to search for the Gruffalo lurking in these magnificent 5.6 hectare gardens.

- (\$) Free with local ID
- 🕟 ripponleaestate.com.au

Ride2School Day

Friday 13 March

Last year Port Phillip topped the state in school participation, let's do it again.

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

Port's Day of Wellness

Sunday 15 March

A massive day of beauty, physical, health and financial wellness.

(\$) Free

🕟 3207port.com.au

This Girl Can Week

Monday 23 March to Sunday 29 March

A week of activities, including Kanga training, rollerblading and more.

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

Beach Warrior

Sunday 5 April Port Melbourne Beach

A big day of challenging yet fun obstacles to overcome – looks like beach ninja heaven.

♥ sls.com.au/beach_warrior

what's happening in your city

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Framed by women

254-56 Ferrars Street South Melbourne Saturday and Sunday

29 February and 1 March

Saturday, Sunday and Monday 7, 8 and 9 March

10 am to 4 pm Exhibition showcasing female photographers to celebrate International Women's Day.

 Free
melbournecameraclub. org.au

Gasworks

🔘 gasworks.org.au

The Best and Fairest

Thursday 5 March Studio Theatre 21 Graham Street, Albert Park

Off the field, sportswomen continue to face inequality, but on the field, they are shining.

Rebel Highwire

Wednesday 15 April to Saturday 18 April Gasworks Theatre 21 Graham Street, Albert Park

Your Bowie fantasies realised in a breathtaking circus and spectacular rock'n'roll sideshow.

\$\$45 / \$30

Rise and shine at ANAM

South Melbourne Town Hall 210 Bank Street South Melbourne

🕟 anam.com.au

Awakening

Saturday 7 March, 7.30 pm

Scintillating arrangements of classics by Beethoven, Bizet and Stravinsky.

The Lark Ascending

Saturday 28 March, 7.30 pm

World-renowned violinist Anthony Marwood leads an exceptional strings program.

\$ \$62 / \$35 / \$30

All Saints' sounds

All Saints' Anglican Church 2 Chapel Street, East St Kilda

🕟 allsaints.org.au

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Cook'n'Organ/ Phantom of the Organ

Sunday 8 March, 3 pm

Christopher Cook returns with a program in memory of Robert Heatley, a leading Australian organ builder.

\$ \$15 / \$10

Aequales Ensemble

Sunday 26 April, 3 pm

A recital of Mozart and Brahms string quartets. (\$) \$25 / \$15

Port Phillip to Timor

St Kilda Town Hall

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

Vista

Thursday 12 March to Wednesday 15 April

An exhibition that depicts the changing environment, topography and iconic structures of Port Phillip.

Art of Friendship

Wednesday 22 April to Wednesday 20 May

A celebration of the vibrant 20 year friendship between the communities of Port Phillip and Suai/Covalima in Timor-Leste.

(\$) Free

Melbourne Tramways Band

Sunday 15 March, 12 noon 50 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

Saturday 28 March, 11 am Albert Park (near the primary school)

Saturday 18 April, 2.30 pm Catani Gardens Rotunda

A very brassy showband continues a century old tradition.

🕟 lovemyplace.com.au

Theatre Works

14 Acland Street, St Kilda

theatreworks.org.au

WellBless

Wednesday 18 March to Saturday 28 March, 7.30 pm

Wellness guru sisters' wisdom knows no bounds. They offer everything from yoga pole dancing to crystal healing.

\$\$\$20

Jungle Bungle

Monday 6 April to Saturday 11 April, 11 am An exciting musical safari in a magical

adventure for the young at heart.

\$\$ \$20 / \$15

Ocean weekend

Friday 27 March to Sunday 29 March Hotel Esplanade 11 The Esplanade, St Kilda

A three-day festival exploring the unusual ways people are connected to the ocean.

Art trifecta

Ends Sunday 17 May Linden New Art 26 Acland Street, St Kilda

Three powerful exhibitions that explore Australian Indigenous culture, a female perspective of the Kelly gang, and environmental conservation.

(\$) Free

🕟 lindenarts.org

sheBuilt Exhibition

Thursday 2 April to Sunday 5 April 307 Clarendon Street South Melbourne

A collaborative exhibition, supporting upcoming and local female artists and designers.

lovemyplace.com.au



HERITAGE

Women of Port Phillip

Tuesday 3 March 6.30 pm to 8 pm

Emerald Hill Library & Heritage Centre, 195 Bank Street South Melbourne

Discover little known stories about notable Port Phillip women.

le heritage.portphillip.vic.gov.au

Best in design

Monday 9 March to Friday 27 March St Kilda Town Hall foyer

View the 27 shortlisted projects in the Port Phillip Design and Development Awards.

Winners announced on 19 March.

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

Christ Church Memorials

Sunday 22 March, 3 pm Christ Church St Kilda 14 Acland Street, St Kilda

Launch of the book that tells the story of the church and the Great War memorial, among other tales.

\$\$40

Free launch entry

🕟 christchurchstkilda.org.au

Find lost St Kilda

Tuesday 28 April, 6.30 pm to 8 pm Linden New Art 26 Acland Street. St Kilda

Join architect Peter Johnson for a fascinating talk about some of St Kilda's forgotten mansions.

() heritage.portphillip.vic.gov.au

Mayor Bernadene Voss presented citizenship certificates to the newest Australians who were then welcomed by local MPs. Later, on the front lawn it was time for photos and BBQ.



Citizenship a joyous welcome

People from 42 countries were welcomed at the traditional Australia Day citizenship ceremony.

In a packed St Kilda Town Hall, 120 new citizens were joined by hundreds of friends and family for the formal final step in their journey to citizenship.

Welcomed to Country by Senior Boon Wurrung Elder Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs and entertained by the Low Rez Melbourne Male Choir, the future citizens heard from a variety of speakers who invited them to fully embrace the freedoms and responsibilities of citizenship while bringing their heritage to their new home. After taking the oath, the newest citizens received a certificate and native plant. Many moved to the front lawn to observe a traditional smoking ceremony and enjoy a sausage sizzle.

Welcome.

Join the club

University of the Third Age and Life Activities Clubs are a popular way for new residents and retirees to get involved.

U3A, which operates locally from the Mary Kehoe Centre in Albert Park, provides an impressive list of classes and seminars, while the LAC offers a variety of group activities: card games, films, walks and mah jong.

Get involved

w3app.org.aulifeportphillip.org.au

Be a good sport

Life Saving clubs invite new members of all ages and whole families too. Dotted along our foreshore, each club has many ways for members to get involved.

The life saving clubs are amongst the over 120 sporting clubs at over 100 facilities locally. The Sports Club Contact List spans from A for anglers to Y for yachties

Get the list

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

Neighbourhood houses

Port Phillip has two bustling neighbourhood houses that host activities, classes and other community events.

SouthPort Community Centre

🕟 southportcc.org.au

Elwood St Kilda Neighbourhood Learning Centre Sesnlc.com.au



Charlie the greyhound

Meet Charlie the greyhound, an Albert Park resident since November. A graduate of the Greyhound Adoption Program, Charlie is the latest addition to the

Warm waterfront welcome

With over 100 cruise ships docking at Station Pier each year, Waterfront Welcomers, the enthusiastic team of volunteers, have plenty to do.

The welcomers help connect passengers to local activities and sites, complementing the many other services geared up to annually welcome in excess of 300,000 passengers.

Join the welcomers

waterfrontwelcomers@ southportcc.org.au Chambers household. Proud owner Lucy said it didn't take too long for Charlie to claim a spot on the couch. 'Greyhounds like to relax,' she said. Sporting the GAP green collar and always on leash, Charlie and her human family are often seen walking.

Consider adopting a greyhound

🕟 gap.grv.org.au

Pet registration

While Port Phillip welcomes new companion animals, every local dog and cat three months of age and over must be registered with Council. If you move to the area with your already registered pet, you can easily transfer the registration to Port Phillip. Remember, registrations need to be renewed by 10 April each year.

Register online

🕟 portphillip.vic.gov.au

Our newest newbies

When a baby is born, a birth notice is sent to Council's Maternal and Child Health Service. A Maternal and Child Health Nurse then visits the home to introduce the program.

Specialist staff guide families through the early parenting years from birth to school age, providing support for children's development, growth, nutrition and general wellbeing. Maternal and Child Health also offers families information sessions on starting solids or supporting your child to sleep.

Connect with the MCH team

- 9209 6766
- mchadmin@portphillip. vic.gov.au

First Time Parents Group at Bubup Nairm starts with babies just weeks old.



Worms on the move

St Kilda Town Hall's worm farms have been rehomed to support the sustainability efforts of ten community sites, such as primary schools and early learning centres (ELCs), including Elwood's Lady Forster Kindergarten.

Allison Prasser, LFK director, said the worms have settled in well and are already contributing to their sustainability education and waste minimisation goals.



2020 courses guide out now (*) portphillip.vic.gov.au

'The worm farm, a welcome addition to our new kitchen garden and composting stations, enables children to experience the entire garden to plate journey.'

Find out more about food and garden waste

sustainableportphillip.com

Grants for community

Applications for a range of community grants are now open. The grants are:

- Community Grants
- Cultural Development Fund
- Ageing and Diversity
- Local Festivals Fund
- Town Hall Subsidy

Learn more about the application process, information sessions and closing dates

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Join the 50 YEAR CELEBRATION

^s Kılda Esplanade MARKET

• est 1970 •

Come and celebrate the St Kilda Esplanade Market turning 50 years this March.



Live performers

Live entertainment and music and from local performers.



Fun for the kids

Free face painting, street performers and mini art workshops for the kids.



Specialty foods

Enjoy specialty food trucks, and local and exotic treats.





